

Meet the Pan Am Participants!

Argentina: Luis Soubie & Diego Lypszyc

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

I sailed 99 Pan Ams at Winnipeg with Cecilia Granucci getting bronze, an 2011 at Guadalajara finished 6th in one of the worst sailing I ever did.

What has been your preparation for the Games?

We had a few regattas here in Argentina and went to Don Q and Clearwater for some international sailing. We also race and won the South American last months and we plan to go to Toronto in mid June for training but we are not sailing right now because I broke my hand and I am resting it.

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

I really expect to sail well, regardless of the outcome. Many great sailors will be there and it will be hard. I will try to keep it fast and clean and do the math at the end. I am prepared. I only expect not to make the huge mistakes of 4 years ago.

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

I will try if I get some support

Brazil: Alexandre Paradedá & Lucas Hyere Aydos

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

Mar Del Plata 1995 – 4*

Winnipeg 1999 – 2*

Rio de Janeiro 2007 – 1*

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Lose weight.

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

Yes.

Canada: Evert McLaughlin & Alexandre Damley-Strnad

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

Yes

What has been your preparation for the Games?

My crew and I only began sailing together in January of this year, but each time we sail we get better. The training plan includes training with the Canadian Snipe sailors as well as visiting Pan Am competitors leading up to the Games in Toronto. We will also compete in the Snipe Canadian National Championships and my crew will sail the North American Championships. Unfortunately I cannot compete in the North Americans as I will be sailing the Laser World Championships at the same time in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

I am looking forward to representing Canada and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club while sailing in my home waters. I think the competition will be very tough but a good challenge for my crew and I.

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

I have no plans to attend the Worlds this year.

Chile: Antonio Poncell & Pedro Vera

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

We attended The Panam in Rio 2007 and we finished 6th I think!!!

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Regattas – training with fleet – other

We have been sailing in Algarrobo the weekends and we attended South Americans Mar del Plata, we sail next week in San Nicolas Argentina and we pretend to sail the northamericans

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

We would be happy with the 3rd

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

I don't think so, it is a lot of money to go to Italy

Colombia: Esteban Echavarria & Juan Esteban Restrepo

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

Yes, first time appearance

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Mostly regattas:

- 2015: Miami Snipe Invite, GASPAR Florida state champs, Comodoro Rascoe, Snipe Midwinters, Don Q, Snipe Clinic Salinas Ecuador (Ricky Fabini)

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

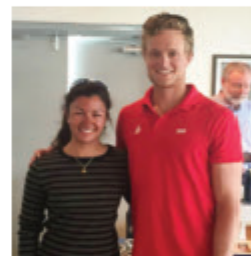
When we won Colombian National games back in 2012, we target the goal to qualify to Toronto, we have been sailing together since then in this amazing class, our goal for Pan Ams is qualifying to the medal race.

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

We don't know yet, because we have limited budget and depend on government sport authorities.



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Cuba: Raul Diaz & Rafael Garcia

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

This is our first Pan Am Games

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Regattas – training with fleet – other

Training with fleet in Habana, Cuba (with 3 boats)

Regattas in South American Champion ships

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

Showing continent, Cuba have snipe sailors, we also want to participate on Medal Race

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

We don't know up to now



Ecuador: Edgar Diminich & Iberth Constante

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

Yes

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Regattas, training at home with coach and sparring.

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

I'm looking forward to fair racing and high level competition, also good organization.

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

Hopefully



Peru: Diego Figueroa & Alonso Collantes

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

As a sailor is my first time. I went as a coach for the Peruvian Team at 2011 Pan Am Games.

What has been your preparation for the Games?

South Americans 2015 in Mar del Plata and sailing in the North Americans prior to Toronto 2015

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

First of all have fun, try to make the most out of the experience, while trying to achieve the best result for my country.

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

Not sure at the moment, unfortunately this coming September looks very hectic for me, but I would like to for sure. The venue looks fantastic.



Puerto Rico: Raul Rios & Fernando Monllor

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

No, Guadalajara 2011 (4th)

What has been your preparation for the Games?

There are multiple ways we have been preparing ourselves for the game from College Sailing, Don Q, North Americans and different training styles on the water. All of these are exposing us to different scenarios that will benefit every type of sailing we can encounter.

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

One of the biggest things in these regatta is the opportunity to enjoy such a competitive fleet. Even

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

No



United States: Augie Diaz & Kathleen Tocke

Is this your first Pan Am Games appearance?

1971- Silver

2007- 4th

2011- Silver

What has been your preparation for the Games?

Sailing in important Snipe regattas

What are you looking forward to when you reach the Pan Am Games in Canada?

A good fair and fun competition

Will you be attending the Worlds in Italy this summer?

Yes

