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The Cover: An incredible display of sportsmanship as 2nd place finishers Luis Soubie/Diego Lipszyc (ARG) congratulate World Champions Mateus Tavares & Gustavo Carvalho (BRA). Matias Capizzano photo.

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The Count: 43 new numbers have been issued since the last Bulletin: BRA 8, USA 7, ITA 2, NOR 3, JPN 17, POR 1, ARG 1 and 4 to a builder

Numbered Snipes: 31331

Chartered Fleets: 896

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DECEMBER 1

From the Commodore

The Snipe Worlds have just finished in Talamone, Italy. It was a fabulous example of what our Class is. A true *Serious Sailing, Serious Fun* event. Of course, the approach to the Worlds is more to the serious side. 83 boats at the same start line for the Senior Worlds and 36 for the Juniors provide a great tactical race. The Snipe class is probably the last one-design class adopting the classic format. Even the Star class is playing with short courses! Our target time is 60-75 minutes



sailing windward/leeward, Olympic or Triangle courses. This is sailing! Our Rules of Conduct (available at snipe.org) requires a minimum quality for the races. The first upwind leg cannot have a sustained wind shift of more than 20 degrees. We have also wind limits seriously controlled not only by the Race Committee, but also by a SCIRA representative aboard.

Talamone was a good test for our rules. High winds, no winds, shifty winds, and very good races over the two week duration. After the Worlds in Denmark, the general thinking was that better races are better than too many races. The ideal schedule seems to be nine races (just at the minimum required by Deed of Gift) over 5 days. However, I received some feedback that it would be better to have more racing and less waiting this year. This included the use of U flag. I like the rules as they are now, but it can be a challenge in a difficult week. Another question is having or not a free day during the event. It was a big question especially during the Women's and Junior Worlds. Please send your feedback to the SICRA office.

Another point of attention was the measurement. We have a strict one design rule that works very well. The last three World championships were won by three different builders: Zeltic in Denmark, Diemar in Brasil and DB Marine in Italy. Since the famous 12000 series, there is no magic boat. This year's Worlds were won by a chartered boat. However, the feedback was that the measurement during the championship was too long. The chief measurer, Antonio Espada, did a great clinic discussing recent issues, but also introducing very good proposals for simplifying the measurement.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody involved with the World championship. It was a great event. All the staff worked very hard to deliver a superb championship. Starting at the front desk, passing to the measurement team, race committee, jury and the entire city who gave us a very warm reception. Congratulations to the new World Champions! Both Antonio Lopez Montoya and Gregorio Belmonte Cuenca from Spain in the Juniors and Mateus Tavares and Gustavo Carvalho from Brazil in the seniors sailed magnificent regattas beating tough competition.

Ricardo Lopez



Remembering Horacio Garcia Pastori

The Snipe Class is sad to report the loss of Horacio Garcia Pastori, SCIRA Commodore in 1994. Below are some memories....

The great loss of a dear friend-I always was impressed with Horacio's love and commitment to the Snipe class. One of our many super snipe leaders that made the class so strong internationally.

Wayne Soares – Commodore 1986-1987

Extremely sad to understand that Horacio is no longer with us.

I had the opportunity to meet him several times at World Championships sailed around the world.

Giorgio Brezich – Commodore 1996

I always remembered that Horacio was a strong voice in the Board meetings. Even though his country was not as large, number of Snipes, as some other South American countries, he was a large force for growth of the Class. I wish his family well.

Doug De Souza, Commodore 1983

I wish to deeply express my condolences to the passing of Mr. Horacio Pastori. He was SCIRA Commodore in 1994. In 1994, SCIRA Japan held 3 World Championships --World Masters, Junior World and the first Women's World.s So, I have special memories and thanks to him. Especially, I competed with him at the Masters class of World Masters.

Luckily I was the first and he was the second with his son and Jerry Thompson was the third with Jerelyn Biehl.

Attached is the photo on prizegiving ceremony. Furthermore, I clearly remember that he contributed for 2001 Snipe World as the Commodore of Punta del Este Yacht Club.

I will miss him and may he rest in peace."

Jiro Yamamoto, Commodore 2004

Commodore Pastori was a strong, wise, and elegant man. My favorite memory of him was when I first met him. He was the Immediate Past Commodore in Rimini, Italy in 1995 and I was attending my first SCIRA International Board meeting as a rookie to SCIRA governance and politics. At that time there were 18 Board members and on the first day we spent 4-5 hours in an exhausting session with multiple contentious issues, and I was still trying to figure out how SCIRA's version of Roberts Rules of Order worked. Discussing any subject meant translating between English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, and even some Russian thrown in there. I'm sure several Board members, including myself, cast votes against what they really intended just because of translation confusion. It

was nuts trying to figure out what was going on

and my head was spinning. Horacio just sat there in a calm and relaxed pose, cool as a cucumber, offering wise

guidance when it was his turn. Afterwards, he asked Karla and me to join him for dinner and I readily accepted thinking that this wise Past Commodore would explain to me several complex issues from the meeting. As we sat down in the restaurant, I immediately started peppering him with my SCIRA questions. He held up his hand and, with dripping sarcasm, said "Lee, we are not going to discuss 'important' SCIRA business over dinner please". He then proceeded to turn to my wife and inquire about our family, daughters, backgrounds, and other pleasant and fun topics, not much about sailing or SCIRA. Needless to say, the dinner was a very satisfying and peaceful one to remember. Horacio clearly had strong opinions, but he was obviously a balanced man with strong family values and a full life beyond SCIRA and the sailing world. He represented Uruguay with class and dignity, and he was a very good Snipe sailor. He will be missed immensely, but remembered fondly.

RIP Commodore Pastori.

Lee Griffith, Commodore 1999

It is certainly a big loss for Snipe Class and even bigger for us from SA. We will always be grateful to Horacio for everything he has done to the continue growing of Snipe not only in Uruguay but all over the world. He was a hard worker for the Class and together with his long time friend Flavio Caiuby (also a deceased Past Commodore) the Class in Brazil and Uruguay was sent sky high giving us top sailors and certainly stimulating other countries in the region as Argentina, Chile and Paraguay to have also their own strong fleets and top sailors.

Good sailing to Horacio.

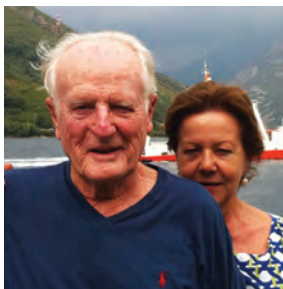
Henrique O. Motta, Commodore 2005

I am deeply sorry for the loss of Horacio Garcia Pastori. We have many lovely memories in Japan, South American countries. I feel sorry and loneliness because many of our Snipe friends have passed away (and are waiting for me in the heaven).

I extend to his family my heartfelt condolences.

In deeply sympathy,

Fujiya Matsumoto, Commodore 1992



Snipe Clinics a Success in Oslo & Belgium

In 2013, the SCIRA Board approved Class sponsored clinics to help fleets and nations grow by facilitation a coach for a 3-day clinic. In 2014 successful clinics were held in COL, ARG, POL, ITA. In 2015, clinics have been held in PER, BRA, NOR, ECU, BEL, CRO. If your fleet or coutry are interested in the program visit www.snipe.org/class/clinics or contact the office: scira@snipe.org.

Oslo Snipe Clinic - 2015

Los días 29, 30 y 31 de Mayo se realizo el clinic en el Sailing Club "Baerum Seilfolleng" de Oslo con la participación de las tripulaciones Junior pertenecientes a la flota de Snipe Num. 195, contando con la participación y colaboración de muchos de los regatistas del club.

Siendo unas jornadas muy productivas para los más jóvenes de cara las competiciones que tienen previstas esta temporada incluido el Campeonato del Mundo Junior de "Talamone" Italia en Septiembre.

Realizamos, Timming de barcos, maniobras en balizas, mejoramos viradas y trasluchadas, hicimos comparaciones de velocidad y finalizando con una sesión táctica y fotografía de los diferentes aspectos tácticos y técnicos.

Tuvimos un tiempo primaveral con diferentes intensidades de viento y dirección, comenzando con vientos del SW de 1-2 ms siendo el segundo día de SE de 4 ms.

En el brifing táctico realizamos un planteamiento de regata para afrontar las siguientes jornadas donde se disputo el prestigioso Trofeo "Musto Cup", en la que los integrantes del clinic pudieron comparar sus progresos.

Buen ambiente entre los participantes durante todas las jornadas y gran colaboración por parte de todos los integrantes del club.

Un saludo Damián Borrás Camps.-

The 29, 30 and 31st of May was a Snipe Clinic in the sailing club "Baerum Seilfolleng" in Oslo with the participation of junior crews belonging to the Snipe Fleet number 195, with

Snipe clinic- Belgium

Scharendijke, August 22-23, 2015

Seven Belgian teams gathered at Scharendijke (the Netherlands) for a two days sailing clinic. Among the participants 4 teams will attend the worlds in Talamone, 2 junior and 2 senior teams.

The clinic was held on August 22 and 23, just before the Belgian Nationals. Damian Borrás was our coach and had prepared an intensive low-wind training session.

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Day one started with a very intense trim session. Damian



the participation and collaboration of many sailors of the Club. They were very productive days for the young in the face of competition that they have provided this season, including the world junior championship in September at Talamone, Italy. We perform tuning boat, mark roundings, improved tacks and gybes, we made comparisons of speed and tactics and finished with a photo shoot of different tactical and technical aspects. We had spring weather with different wind strengths and direction, starting with SW winds of 1 meters per second, the second day of SE 4 meters per second.

At the tactical briefing we conducted a regatta approach to prepare for the prestigious trophy "Musto Cup" It was a good atmosphere among the participants during all days



and great cooperation from all members of the Club.

Damian Borrás Camps

introduced to us the secrets of mast trimming, setting of the jib leads, sail trimming etc. After a short briefing, we went on the water to put all the theory into practice. We did a lot of short races

with special attention for the trimming of the jib on downwind and reaching courses. We ended the day with a debriefing, in which videos and photos taken during the day, were analyzed. Day two was quite similar. As the wind was very light in the morning, we started again with a trim session, made some more improvements on the mast trim and had a short briefing. By noon, we went on the water and had another very nice and instructive sailing day about jib trim, boat position and main leech trim.

All teams highly appreciated the training session and learned a lot about downwind sailing. For the juniors, it was their first time they had the chance to attend such a high level training clinic. This training increased our level and consolidated our love for Snipe Sailing.

Many thanks to Yannick Laumans for the initiative and organization, to SCIRA for the support and to Damian for the excellent coaching.

**Jan Everaert
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Tavares & Carvalho Win the Worlds

Brazil Wins wins 4th Worlds

Day 1

The Snipe World Championship in Talamone, Italy could have not started in a better way. Blue skies, crystal blue water, the Islands of Giglio, Elba and Montecristo etched against the horizon served as a beautiful backdrop. The Mistral wind at 13-15 knots for race 1 increased to 17-19 knots for the second race creating ideal conditions for the 83 teams from 18 nations. Damian Borrás & Carlos Bats Años (ESP) led after the first day with a third and a first. Race 1 was won by Andalusian Raul de Valenzuela and Antolin Alejandro de Oña. Given the wind and sea conditions, both races were extremely physically demanding. Crews returned ashore exhausted but at the same time exhilarated by the breathtaking sailing conditions on Snipe Bay.

Day 2

Once again on Snipe Bay Tuscany delivered great racing conditions this time with flat seas, sunny skies and a 9-12 knot westerly breeze. An extremely tactical race day, with wind shifts that challenged not only the Race Committee but the sailors. Race 3, was led for four of the five legs by the Japanese Sasai-Ishikawa, but was finally won by the Spaniards Jordi Triay Pons/Luis Mas Barceló who were able to roll the Japanese from the left side

of the course in the final upwind leg. For Race 4, the wind increased to 11-12 knots, with 18 year old Brazilian skipper Felipe Santa Rita with 19 year old Luis Felipe Meirelles as crew. The two ranked 2nd overall in the previous week's Junior Worlds.

Day 3

Heavy duty sailing and good seamanship were called for on day 3 of racing. Race 5 was completed with Mario Calazans-Daniel Seixas (BRA) crossing the finish line 1st. For safety reasons, race 6 was abandoned when a gale swept through Snipe Bay with winds on the race course reaching 26-30 knots.

A good call by the Race Committee chaired by Fabio Barasso who could also count on the on-the-water safety team of the Circolo della Vela Talamone to ensure all 83 crews from 18 nations could return safely

to shore. Spaniards Soto Valero-Belmonte

Cuenca dismasted and were towed into port.

Day 4

After 6 races and one discard, Luis Soubie-Diego Lipszyc (ARG) had as 26 point lead (4-6-8-3-(11)-5). However, four teams followed in a two-point range: Alvaro Martinez-Gabriel Utera (ESP) at 43 points. (16-(84 OCS) - 15-6-5-1), Manu Hens-Victor Perez Campos (BEL) also with 43 points. Augie Diaz - Kathleen Tocke (USA) with 43 points whereas Mateus Tavares-Gustavo Carvalho (BRA) were in 5th place at 44 points.

"We came here to race as well as we possibly can and must be able to handle every situation," stated Luis Soubie

Hard day on the water for the Race Committee, chaired by Fabio Barasso. Due to the wind shifts that oscillated between northerly Tramontana in the morning and northwesterly Mistral that could not settle in the afternoon, only one race was completed.

"The Race Committee did a commendable job today under



very trying conditions. The wind was not only oscillating 10-20 degrees, but also changing in velocity during the race from 10-20 knot puffs. After several attempts for a second race, it was decided to postpone to ensure the sailors would all have better conditions tomorrow”

Day 5

The Race Committee attempted to start several races, but the fleet stormed the line over and over again resulting in numerous general recalls. Notwithstanding the sunny skies, flat seas and nice breeze, only one race was completed. Former Snipe World Champion Alexandre Tinoco won Race 7. Tinoco-Grael (BRA) led the first three legs of the windward-leeward course but was rolled by Tavares-Carvalho (BRA) on the second downwind leg. A wind shift to the right in the last upwind leg allowed him to make up the distance and take the lead once again, crossing the finish line ahead of Jordi Triay-Luis Barcelo (ESP) and Raul de Valenzuela-Alejandro de Ona, third.

Day 6

Brazilian Mateus Tavares & Gustavo Carvalho are the 2015 Snipe World Champions with 51 points having managed to close the gap with Louis Soubie-Diego Lipszyc (ARG), who had led the standings for the entire week and finish second at 59 points. Third on the podium, Alvaro Martinez-

Gabriel Utrera (ESP) at 61 points. “This is an incredible joy” stated Mateus Tavares still on the water with 17-year old Gustavo Carvalho. “Our goal in Talamone was to finish in the top ten and we never expected to win the World Championship! The week was quite challenging, but at one point, the provisional scoreboard showed an opening and we realized we had a chance. Today in the final race, keeping our opponents in check or attacking was very difficult. We decided to give it all that we had and when we saw that Louis Soubie was buried in the second half of the fleet, we focused on stretching our lead, hoping that he would not be able to close the gap. It all worked out and neither Gustavo nor I can believe we are 2015 Snipe World Champions!” Immediately after crossing the finish line in 23rd position, Argentinians Louis Soubie-Diego Lipszyc heartily congratulated Tavares-Carvalho on their victory while the Brazilians were celebrating with fellow compatriots by diving in the crystal clear waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. A mark of true sportsmanship.” The fact Luis came over to shake our hand meant a lot to



us”, stated Tavares.

The Race - The final race, Race 8, was sailed with a westerly breeze between 7 and 9 knots that later in the day shifted to the left. Soubie-Lipszyc had to defend the 12-point lead but after sailing on the left side of the course, the Argentinian duo rounded mark 1 in 14th position while Tavares-Carvalho were fourth at the end of the beat. Down the first run, the Brazilians move into the lead while the Argentinians lost boats, rounding the left mark at the leeward gate more or less 20th. The rest of the race was all about Tavares-Carvalho controlling the fleet on the one hand and about Soubie-Lipszyc desperately attempting to recover positions to cross the finish line in 13th place or better, which would have ensured their victory of the World title



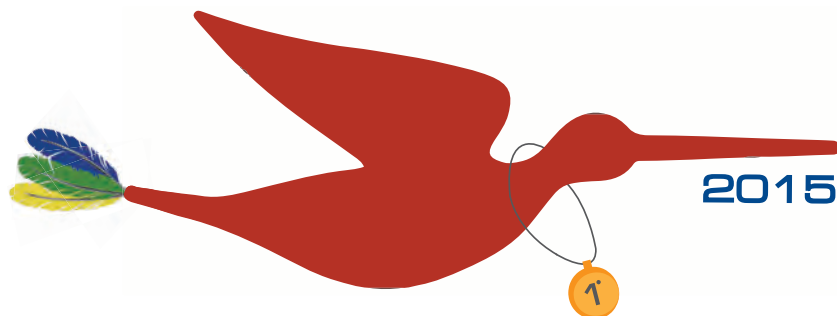
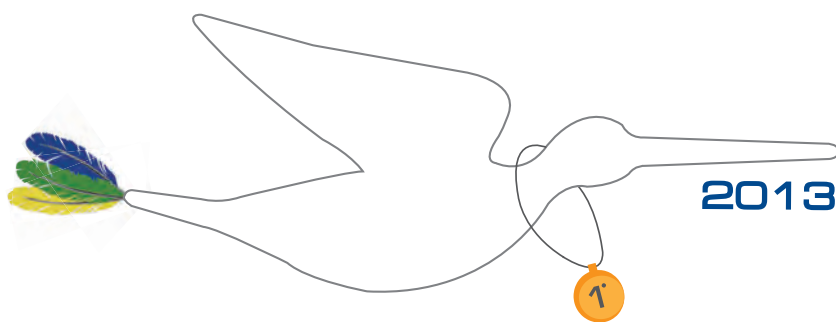
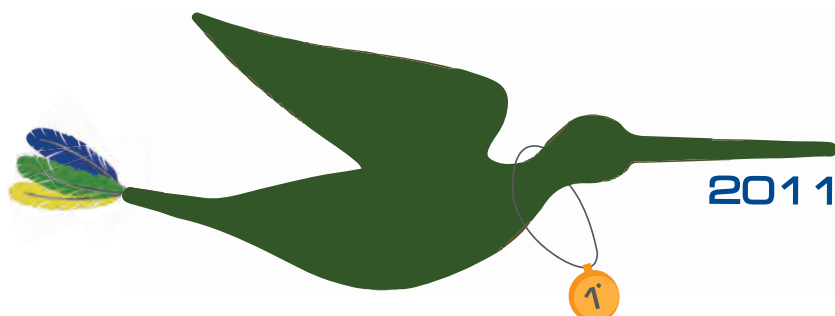
after a week spent at the head of the leaderboard. Game over for Argentina with Brazilian Tavares-Carvalho who crossed the finish line in 2nd place and started counting the number of boats between them and Soubie-Lipszyc. Two, three, ten, fourteen... Soubie-Lipszyc (ARG) crossed the finish line 23rd and Tavares-Carvalho (BRA) became the 2015 Snipe World Champions.

Thanks to all those who managed a fantastic event....A regatta that was organized with passion and great care by the Circolo della Vela di Talamone chaired by Admiral Sergio Biraghi with Vice President Alessandro Testa as Regatta Chairman. The Mayor of Orbetello Monica Paffetti, Giuseppe Lallai representing the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) and many authorities attended the official closing of the Regatta. The Race Committee was formed by: Fabio Barrasso (President), Andrea Bimbi, Bruno Iazzetta, Giovanni Capitani, Alessandro Testa, Filippo Soffici and Fabio Andreuccetti.



Left: Enrico Solerio/
Paolo Lambertenghi (ITA).
Below: almost all the
female competitors gather.
Bottom: 2015 competi-
tors
All photos: Matias
Capizzano





World Champions for the third time in a row.
Thanks to Mateus Tavares & Gustavo Carvalho



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2015 Snipe World Championship

Talamone, Italy
September 19-25, 2015



1.	Mateus Tavares/Gustavo Carvalho	BRA 31066	5-11-(33)-16-3-9-5-2	51
2.	Luis Soubie/Diego Lipszyc	ARG 28701	4-6-8-3-11-5-22-(23)	59
3.	Alvaro Martinez/Gabriel Ultrea	ESP 30768	16-(ocs)-15-6-5-1-8-10	61
4.	Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Gomes	BRA 31208	6-10-(35)-29-8-2-9-1	65
5.	Mario Urban/Daniel Seixas	BRA 31091	8-3-38-(45)-1-4-4-8	66
6.	Jordi Triay Pons/Lluis Mas Barcelo	ESP 29698	(25)-25-1-4-20-11-2-7	70
7.	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA 30288	12-5-7-15-4-18-(42)-13	74
8.	Manu Hens/Victor Perez Campos	BEL 31274	9-2-25-10-19-3-7-(31)	75
9.	Yuichi Oi/Noriaki Sakai	JPN 31267	18-29-9-2-2-(30)-15-3	78
10.	Masakazu Sasai/Shingo Ishikawa	JPN 31071	(32)-8-2-25-16-22-16-6	95
11.	Alexandre Tinoco/Nicholas Grael	BRA 31302	(34)-9-3-33-10-26-1-14	96
12.	Damian Borrás/Carlos Bats	ESP 31247	3-1-(32)-24-15-24-20-20	107
13.	Carlos Soto Valero/Gregorio Belmonte Cuenca	ESP 29989	2-19-22-12-13-10-10-(56)	108
14.	Randy Lake/Kate Sheahan	USA 28854	2-23-11-19-14-17-28-(dnf)	114
15.	Enrico Solerio/Paolo Lambertenghi	ITA 31265	14-7-21-22-7-33-11-(51)	115
16.	Raul de Valenzuela/Antolin Alejandro de Ona	ESP 312437	1-14-16-39-45-8-3-(47)	126
17.	Edgar Diminich/Iberth Constante	ECU 31027	27-15-24-5-(52)-25-34-4	134
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19.	Kenji Abe/Hiroshi Yamachika	JPN 31128	15-12-19-47-9-27-(68)-18.5	147.5
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26.	Ricardo Fabini/Florencia Parnizari	URU 28026	23-24-50-(dsq)-35-12-26-15	185
27.	Marc Terrasa/Ivan Moreno	ESP 28269	17-26-29-8-22-54-(60)-37	193
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29.	Dario Bruni/Caro Collotta	ITA 30706	21-33-14-13-43-(58)-38-35	197
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58.	Filippo Perdisa/Marco Rinaldi	ITA 30922	48-50-46-37-(dsq)-39-61-67	348
59.	Marco Pantano/Francesco Fontana	ITA 39722	57-46-(64)-32-57-62-54-52	360
60.	Miguel Cid Montoya/Carmen Mateo Suarez-Pumariego	ESP 30869	47-47-65-53-29-47-79-(dnf)	367
61.	Per Edwall/Simon Edwall	SWE 30068	33-59-(81)-57-18-78-76-50	371
62.	Guy Celis/Ann Van Daele	BEL 31174	61-51-56-17-54-45-78-(dnc)	372
63.	Josep Migel Pons Faner/Arturo Barranco Salamanca	ESP 29715	46-40-59-63-65-(dnf)-44-64	381
64.	Wim Ghys/Thierry Den Hartigh	BEL 31226	64-30-61-64-71-40-59-(dnc)	389
65.	Don Bedford/Willem Perry	USA 30618	60-57-48-40-70-63-55-(df)	393
66.	Stefano Longhi/Elonora Zuzic	ITA 30774	68-56-58-55-49-(80)-52-zpf	394
67.	Giuseppe Prosperi/Marco Ceccarelli	ITA 30224	44-64-70-74-42-53-49-(dnf)	396
68.	Alberto Schiaffino/Gianpietro Pasquon	ITA 29050	(dns) 48-57-77-51-61-53-55	402
69.	Rene Le Bour/Stephanie Casareggio	FRA 29937	73-69-36-(75)-72-72-27-69	418
70.	Rick Arneson/Diana Waterbury	USA 30800	49-67-62-62-64-50-72-(dnc)	426
71.	Juan Manuel Cajade Frias/Jose Losada Doval	ESP 29327	69-63-72-68-(dsq)-70-47-40.5	429.5
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74.	Jorn Haga/Ignacio Rodriguez	NOR 13923	(79)-71-51-71-73-52-65-60	443
75.	Piotr Manczak/Prezemyslaw Blaszk	POL 30644	(dnf)-dnc-67-56-67-42-74-68	458
76.	Andrew Klein/Jessica Claflin	USA 31309	74-(dnc)-69-61-61-64-50-dnf	463
77.	Giuseppe Morano/Giuseppe Borrelli	ITA 30879	70-68-77-60-74-59-71-(dnf)	479
78.	Andrea Pesci/Lorenzo Baldi	ITA 29869	65-70-73-73-55-(81)-73-72	481
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81.	Andy Gibson/Carol Gibson	GBR 29977	66-(dnc)-79-81-76-65-58-dnf	509
82.	Milko Volaric/Dean Pavlak	CRO 30983	72-(dnc)-80-78-77-74-67-71	519
83.	Mats Gothlin/Marten Gothlin	SWE 30050	76-73-78-(80)-78-79-77-70	531



Snipe Worlds in Talamone - a Sailor's View

By **Pietro Fantoni**

Maybe I am partial, but I think that the Worlds just ended was a very memorable event. And everyone who was there – I believe – agrees with me.

I have sailed in Talamone for about 15 years and I have many friends at the Circolo della Vela. I live in the northeast of Italy, a 7 hour drive from Talamone. It is strange that maybe I have sailed more in Snipe Bay than in the Gulf of Trieste, which is much closer to my home. Why do I drive all this way for go sailing? Actually there is a reason. And perhaps it is more an emotion, a mood than a rational reason. The mood is the happiness that I feel when, arriving by car, I pass the hill and suddenly see the promontory of Talamone, the village, the castle and all around Snipe Bay. A breathless view.

Yes, now, for all Snipe sailors who sailed there, the Bay of Talamone is simply "Snipe Bay"! And with good reason.

How was the idea of hosting a Snipe Worlds born?

In 2012 the Piada Trophy was hosted in Talamone. I still remember, walking to the clubhouse (which in Talamone is a lighthouse), perhaps somewhat as a joke, Augie Diaz said: "This would be a great place to host a World Championship". The idea was immediately supported by the CVT and SCIRA Italy and in 2013 Talamone was chosen.

From Rio 2013 to Talamone 2015

The idea was quite a bet. As I said to our SCIRA Commodore Ricardo Lobato: "Talamone is smaller than your late Clube do Rio de Janeiro." In Talamone all is tiny: the club, the lighthouse, the town ...

However I can say that, for this World Championship, the club has been great, as have the town and all the volunteers. It was not only the World Championship of the Snipe Class but also of the village of Talamone, where all the people were all involved, from the mayor, to the police, to the Commodore of the Club Admiral Sergio Biraghi, and of course Alessandro Testa, deus ex machina of the event, Paolo Cardoni, and all the volunteers.

The effort of the organizers was huge. They built a tent just for the occasion, with a big room for the social events and smaller rooms for the secretary, protests, and media. Two temporary ramps were prepared, in addition to the main ramp at the harbor. This allowed (with the help of many volunteers) the launch of 83 boats in a relatively short time each race morning.

"Unbelievable" was the word for the service offered by DB Marine with Enrico, Daniela, Fulvio, Andrea and Antonia, who in addition to providing many charter boats (high quality boats) also guaranteed technical assistance and repairs. And considering the



numbers of boats and windy conditions they had a lot of work.

Media coverage

The event was covered in an excellent way, thanks to the work of the exceptional Argentinian photographer Matias Capizzano, as well as the press office with Paolo Cardoni, Michele Tognozzi and Tessa Wiechmann and videographer Alberto Origone. The news was always updated and published on this website, on our FB page and on Twitter, on the site snipeworlds2015.org and then on the main sailing sites and magazines. The spectacular photos, videos and reports from the race course made an exceptional advertisement for the Snipe Class and they can be considered as an example to follow for future major events.

Races

For reports, photos, rankings and video please check the news of each day (on www.snipetoday.org)

Junior Worlds

36 boats from 11 nations. It is a record for the Junior Worlds. This is a good result for the future of the Snipe Class. The races were hard fought with the top four teams within only 3 points (ESP Antonio Lopez Montoya & Gregorio Cuenca, BRA Felipe Rondina & Luis Felipe Boani, ITA Michele Meotto & Alberto Cassandro).

Open Worlds

83 boats and 18 nations. This is a record too. A Brazilian team won for the fourth consecutive time. In the last race, Mateus Tavares and Gustavo Carvalho, Argentinians Luis Soubie and Diego Lipszyc, who had led the fleet for much of the series. Third were the Spanish Alvaro Martinez and Gabriel Utrera. There was a very close regatta for the top ten teams, where we find three Brazilian boats, two Spanish, two Japanese, one Argentinian, one from US and one from Belgium.

The weather conditions, as it almost always happens for a World Championship, were unstable, mainly windy. For the Junior Worlds, only 6 of the 9 scheduled races were completed; only 8 out of 11 were completed for the Open Worlds.

The race committee chaired by Fabio Barrasso, did a good job, considering the challenging weather conditions. Fabio, who previously followed the Snipe class in other regattas in Italy and who has extensive experience in the professional sailing circuit (Melges 24 and 32), does not avoid dialogue with the sailors and he is open to suggestions. In my opinion in Talamone he was



maybe a little 'too much perfectionist'. It is true that it is difficult to give a start with 83 boats pushing the line and a wind that shifts back and forth 30 degrees, but waiting on the water 7 hours (on day 4) and 8 hours (on day 5) for only a race completed was quite frustrating. In my humble opinion, it would be better to use the Zulu flag more effectively. And, as connoisseur of Snipe Bay, I would have positioned the race course closer to the shore, both with the NW wind and with the N and with the NE wind. The geography of the coast guarantees in these cases a more stable wind. However, overall, the work of the race committee was very good, and the decision to cancel a race when bad weather approached during for both the Juniors and the Open Worlds was wise.

The measurement was very scrupulous and severe (MOI was checked for each boat) and this resulted in a bit of delays on the program and some complaints from the sailors.

Social events

During the Junior Worlds and the Open Worlds there were cultural events or concerts almost every evening. The opening ceremonies and prize giving ceremonies were full of charm. We even had an Italian Navy Frigate in the Bay to salute the sailors. But perhaps what made this Worlds unique was the friendly atmosphere that only a small town can give: it was easy to meet other sailors at the restaurant or at the bar, have a coffee, a drink or a beer with friends ... and spontaneous parties were born ...

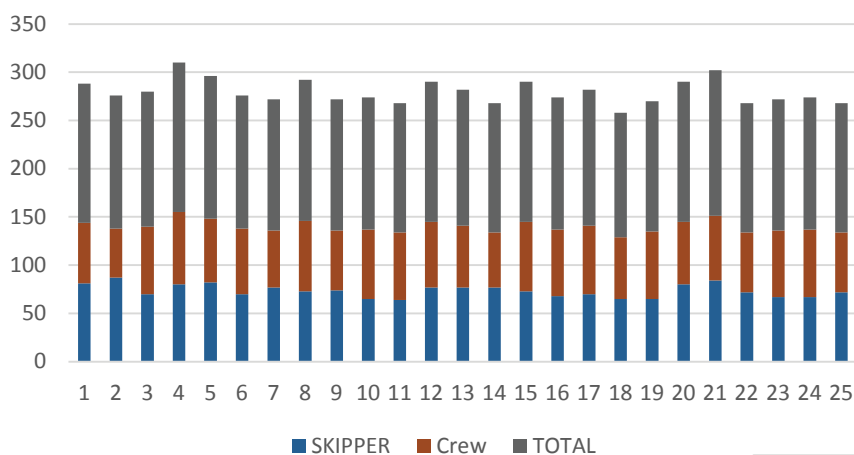
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I have been at 7 Snipe World Championships. This for me was very difficult and tiring (I was already tired before the start of the first race!). However I had fun and eventually I was proud of being one of the authors of the idea of organizing the Worlds in Talamone.. I hope that all Snipe sailors have spent a good time in Snipe Bay. Thanks to them for the good times we had together. And thanks to all old dear friends of Talamone. This regatta will remain among my fondest memories.

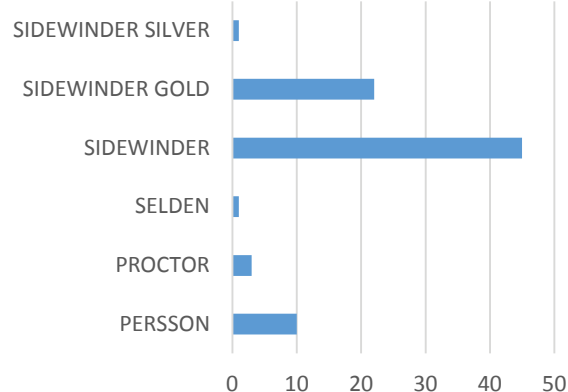
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Equipment Choices - Snipe Open Worlds 2015

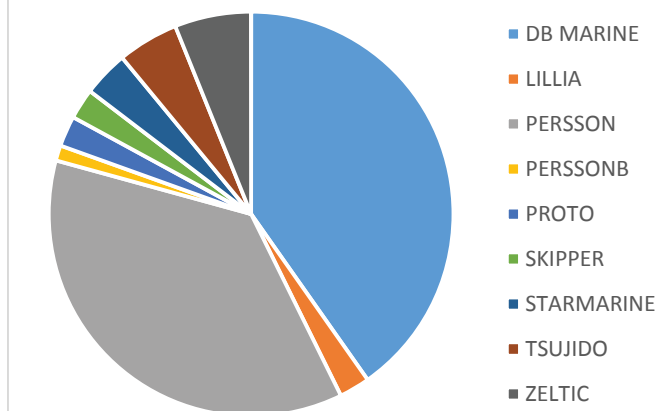
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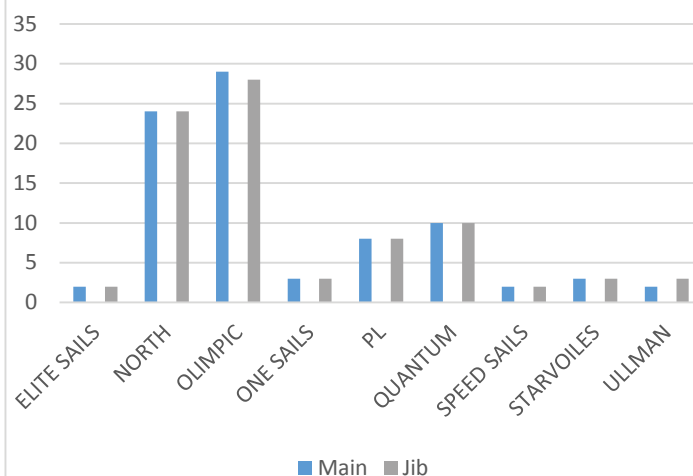
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Main & Jib selection



Spain's Lopez Montoya & Belmonte Cuenca Claim 2015 Junior World Title

Day 1

Thirty one teams showed up in Talamone to compete for the title of Jr World Champion. Winning the opening 2 races was Brazil's Nicholas Pellicano Grael & Fabio Kohler Harkot. However, their next 2 did not go as planned, as they placed 11th and 12th in the remaining two races of the 2nd day. Eventual winners Antonio Lopez Montoya and Gregorio Belmonte Cuenca of Spain won race 3, securing their place as overall leader after day 2. The team of Kenta Nakagawa and Yoshinori Oka

from Japan had a consistent day with finishes of 8th, 2nd, and 6th to end the day in second overall with 21 points. Close behind with 23 points after today, Felipe Rondina and Luis Felipe Boani finished the day with a first, landing the team from Brazil in third overall.

Day 3

Cloudy skies, heavy seas and winds gusting well above 20 knots set the scene of the 4th day of racing. In the morning, after checking the sea and weather conditions the postponement flag was flown and the sailors waited patiently for the wind to abate, lounging at the race village, inspecting equipment and walking along the pier of the ancient Etruscan harbor in Maremma. When all hope of racing for the day seemed lost, at 4:30 p.m. the crews were called onto the water. PRO Fabio Barrasso fired the gun for Race 5 of the Snipe Junior World Championship at 5:30 p.m. with wind measured at 18-20 knots.

The first windward leg was quite a bouncy affair with a short 1.5 meter chop to tack through as the split fleet weaved its way up to mark one. On the first reach Italians Meotto-Cassandro led followed by Vergara-Alvarez (ESP) and by Pittani-Crevatin (ITA) and increased their margin at the leeward mark just off the walled town of Talamone. Up the second beat, the fleet favored the left side of the course. Italian crew Meotto-Cassandro were firmly in the lead when they capsized at the end of the reach. Sugiyama-Oki managed to overtake them and cross the finish line first, winning race 5. Italian Meotto-Cassandro recovered quickly and finished in second. The soaking, exhausted, grinning young sailors returned to shore a little before 8 p.m., just in time to shower and change for the Junior Gala Dinner organized by the Circolo della Vela Talamone. After five races with no discard, the scoreboard stood with Montoya-Cuenca (ESP) in the lead at 19 pts, followed by Meotto-Cassandro (ITA) at 27 points and by Noguera-Vallespir (ESP) in third place at 28 points. Winners of the day Sugiyama-Oki from



Japan were 5th overall with 30 points.

Day 4

Strong wind was the true winner of day 4. In the morning, the 36 crews from 11 nations were greeted by frothing seas with winds 27 knots gusting to 37 knots from the southeast.

Given the weather conditions, the Race Committee the AP onshore in the morning, then lowered the postponement flag shortly after 4 p.m. and the young sailors set out towards the racecourse under sunny skies, a 19-21 knot breeze from the east south east and rolling waves. The race began but at the end of the second reach,

the wind had increased even more and the Race Committee announced that racing was abandoned for the day at 6:05 p.m.

Day 5

On Friday morning everyone sailed onto the racecourse under sunny skies with very light wind from the west. During the first beat, the sky became completely overcast and the wind shifted sharply to the right. The Race Committee abandoned the race just before 2 p.m. and lay the course again once the wind had stabilized again in intensity and direction. Around 3 p.m., the sky opened and the long-awaited thermal breeze settled in from the northwest at 12-15 knots.

The final race was won by Nicholas Grael and Babio Kohler followed by fellow Brazilians Felipe Rondina -Luis Boani who also closed the Championship second overall. Third across the line was Noguera-Vallespir (ESP).

Meanwhile, in the middle of the fleet Montoya-Cuenca (ESP) and Meotto-Cassandro faced off in a private match race. Meotto-Cassandro crossed the finish line in 12th position but without enough margin to beat the Spanish team Montoya-Cuenca who won the Snipe Junior World Championship title.

After five days of racing and six races with one discard, Antonio Lopez-Montoya and Gregory Belmonte Cuenca (ESP) are the 2015 Snipe Junior World Champions with 19 points.

Second, Felipe Rondina- Luis Felipe Boani (BRA) with 21 points and third Michele Meotto-Alberto Cassandro (ITA) only one point behind.

A pivotal and very technical day on the water. Pivotal, because the decisive sixth race would have allowed competitors to discard their worst result and therefore had the potential to change the rankings completely. Technical, due to unstable and shifty weather conditions.

Congratulations to all the Junior World competitors – we look forward to seeing you on the water again!

Photos by Matias Capizzano.





1.	Antonio Lopez Montoya/Gregorio Belmonte Cuenca	ESP 29989	6-5-1-3-4-(14)	19
2.	Felipe Rondina/Luis Felipe Boani	BRA30773	(11)-2-9-1-7-2	21
3.	Michele Meotto/Alberto Cassandro	ITA29554	3-(17)-3-2-2-12	22
4.	Enric Noguera/Marc Vallespir	ESP29443	7-3-6-(9)-3-3	22
5.	Nicholas Pellicano Graef/Fabio Kohler	BRA31117	1-1-11-12-(dnf)-1	26
6.	Kenta Nakagawa/Yoshinori Oka	JPN30308	5-8-2-6-(9)-8	29
7.	Kouchirou Sugiyama/Shota Oki	JPN30010	4-7-4-14-1-(15)	30
8.	Mafalda Pires de Lima/Tomas Pires de Lima	POR28767	2-12-(24)-11-6-5	36
9.	Carlos Ordonez Vergara/Maria Mendoza Alvarez	ESP30950	8-10-12-4-11-(dnc)	45
10.	Lucas Tavernard Gama/Matheus Augusto Silva Steyler	BRA30667	11/rdg-4-16-7-(19)-11	49.5
11.	Gustavo Andrade Macedo	BRA31127	(17)-6-17-8-15-7	53
12.	Marco Rochelli/Llaria Rochelli	ITA30983	9-18-8-(22)-10-13	58
13.	Lodovico Pittani/Ashik Crevatin	ITA30683	10-(34)-27-18-5-6	66
14.	Christian Filter/Declan Lombard	USA30552	12-14-15-10-(16)-16	67
15.	Jesus Bailon/Marcelo Vera	ECU31028	18-15-5-(29)-18-17	73
16.	Harry Waskow/Carrson Pearce	USA29645	(20)-19-20-17-14-4	74
17.	Lucas de Almeida Abreu Faria/Caio Queiroz Uchoa	BRA31316	(24)-9-14-21-23-9	76
18.	Lapo Savorani/Federico Milone	ITA29571	15-22-(29)-5-17-18	77
19.	Andre Guaragna/Johnny Fewell	USA30288	(ocs)-11-21-13-8-24	77
20.	Lucia Tamani/Bianca Tamani	ARG29830	(dsq)-31-7-19-12-10	79
21.	Rafael Newlands Fontoura/Bernardo Shogo Okada Ahmed	BRA31264	13-13-18-16-(dnf)-20	80
22.	Diogo Machado Pinto/Goncalo Ferro dos Santos	POR29994	(ocs)-21-10-31-13-26	101
23.	Raul Fernandez Martinez/Jose Gomez Vizcaino Escudero	ESP29634	14-(30)-23-15-28-25	105
24.	Jan Everaert/Sam Peerlinck	BEL30265	21-16-(31)-20-21-27	105
25.	Matthew Wolstenholme/William Maguire	GBR28541	19-26-19-32-20-(33)	116
26.	Yannick Bongaerts/Nick Lambrechts	BEL31226	22-23-26-23-(dnf)-22	116
27.	Tullio Nutta/Marco Mazzaroli	ITA28771	16-(29)22-26-26-29	119
28.	Pablo Gutierrez Galvan/Ignacio Gutierrez Galvan	ESP28913	23-24-(28)-27-25DPI-21	120
29.	Marco Maria Onorato/Luca Valentini	ITA30209	(ocs)-20-13-ocs-30-30	130
30.	Jenna Gibson/Ellie Gibson	GBR29374	27-(32)-25-28-24.5-28	132.5
31.	Davide Libardi/Marcus Froesa	ITA28961	28-(36)-34-34-22-19	137
32.	Santiago Donati/Marco Rigobello	ITA28817	26-25-30-30-27-(31)	138
33.	Ole Martin Moen/Christiane Moen	NOR28452	25-27-(ocs)-24-32DPI-dnc	145
34.	Marco Dei Rossi/Luca Catarozzi	ITA26324	29-33-32-(35)-29-23	146
35.	Alizee Del Gizzo/Arianna Buzzetti	ITA28477	(dns)-28-ocs-25-31.5-32	153.5
36.	Esteban Games Grimald/Kiko Arbizu Barragan	ESP28897	30-35-33-33-(dns)-34	165



Junior World photos

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Open World photos



Interview with Mateus Tavares, 2015 Snipe World Champion

By Pietro Fantoni (SnipeToday)

How did you prepare for the Worlds? Did you train a lot and where? Wich type of preparation did you do? Did you sail and train with other brazilian teams?

I had a very intensive preparation for the last two Worlds before Talamone (Rungsted and Rio). For Talamone I had less preparation, just 02 major events in Brasil and some local regatas in Salvador, my home town.

In the last month before the Worlds I sailed once a week. I'm a Stand Up paddler since 2013 and also compete in this sport.

I'm sure this also helped me stay physically strong.



How many years have you sailed the Snipe? How long have you sailed with Gustavo? Did you sail with Gustavo or also with other crews?

Snipe since 2008 and with Gustavo since january 2015. This year only with Gustavo, but with many other crews since I began in Snipe Class.

Did you sail only Snipe or also others boats?

Before 2008 I sailed Optimist, Europe Class and Laser, but now only Snipe.

Do you have a coach in Brazil and did you have a coach or a local expert in Talamone?

In Brasil we have an Argentinian coach in our Yacht Club, Ricardo Robiano. In Talamone we had Henrique Haddad, brazilian 470 expert sailor that supported all Brazilian team on water.

Bahia and Talamone: what are the differences?

We usually don't have light winds in Salvador-Bahia, but when the wind went up (+12 knots) race conditions were very similar. A huge difference is that we have a lot of current in Salvador.

Did you use in Talamone a DBRI? Can you tell us something about this Snipe?

Yes I used DBRI. An excellent boat, fast in all conditions. Despite the world title I consider that I have still have a lot to learn about Snipe Class boat. I can say I felt the boat was very fast downwind and on reaches.

You sail with Olimpic Sails. Did you develop new sails for the Worlds? What is your feedback regarding Olimpic?

Yes I used Olimpic Sails. No, I just asked Xandi Paradedá for new sails for the worlds! Olimpic and Pro Nautic always supported me and helped me develop my understanding about the Snipe, a very peculiar boat to sail in my opinion.

"Secret numbers"?

I don't think they are secret, but there they go: 6m50cm strong wind / 6m53cm medium wind / 6m56 light wind / 21 tension

What was the most important factor for the victory of the Worlds? Can you describe your week in Talamone and how did you manage this long week of sailing?

Me and Gustavo were very strong physically. I put a lot of pressure on myself in the last two Worlds and this was not good at all. I went to Talamone to have fun, sail the best I could and the result would be a consequence.

Even at the last day I put in my mind that I just had to do what I normally do in weekend races. Gustavo with his youth and good vibe, helped me a lot! I think this was the formula to sail calm. The finish overall was a consequence of all this.

Do you have a person to whom dedicated your victory at the Worlds?

There are so many people to thanks. Everybody who helped me in all my sailing career. But I choose dedicate this Title to my grandfather, Helio. He's no longer here with us, but I'm sure he could feel our victory where ever he is!

Your program for the future (Snipe, sailing in general ... your life ...)?

I just hope I can keep sailing Snipe in a competitive way for a long time! Just like the "monster" Augie Diaz, a great example for me!



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HOW TO IMPROVE FAST - 3rd in a series of 3 articles

HOW TO SET-UP THE RIG

BY LUIS SOUBIE

Always remember that if you finish, for example, 200 m behind the 1st place boat, maybe 20 meters is lack of speed and the other 180m is due to common errors. Yet most people occupy their time in solving these 20m ...

With that said, we proceed.

Let's start directly with a "million dollar tip": THERE IS NO MAGICAL UNIVERSAL TUNING SETTING. There are only opinions and different ways to sail.

It is obvious that if there are many boat manufacturers, various forms of sails, variations in weight between 120 and 150 kg, and different physical and skills to sail, one tuning will not suit everyone.

What I will try to provide is a starting BASE point that everyone can then adapt for themselves with small variations. The following measurements were taken with this equipment: Persson, Sidewinder Gold, shrouds 1/8" wire (not Dyform).

On my boat I like everything very simple. Everything must be easy and work well. I am against systems that fill the boat with rigging and ropes that are little or no use at all, and doubtful or at least not proven results. I travel a lot and sail rental boats all the time, so I need a setting to be quite "universal" and translatable from boat to boat.

Another important thing is to understand that there are setups that are faster only after much training, as they require fine helming and finer and constant trimming by the crew. If you use this setup without enough training or coordination with your crew, not only will it not make you faster; it will make you slower. For example, the first part of the year, after several months without sailing, I use a setup more relaxed, similar to this one I will tell you about in a moment. By the end of the season I'm generally using a more extreme and difficult setup, with a lot of tension. If I set up very critically at the beginning of the season after 3 months without sailing, I have to concentrate more on the helming.

That forces me to take some of the focus out of the tactics, so I prefer an easier setup, which is still fast although perhaps not the fastest.

Everyone copies everyone else's setup. I cannot understand why people who sail only 4 or 5 regattas a year copy the setups of (for example) the Brazilian Champions—who sail all the time, sometimes weigh 10kg less or more, and sail without ever cleating the mainsheet or jib sheet. Most Brazilians carry the sheets in the hand, moving them and trimming them 100% of the time. How can anyone who doesn't sail this way expect to have the same speed as them, just by copying their setup? I do not get it.

I recommend you find a top sailor who has good speed, and a sailing style that is closest to yours. Do not copy someone who weighs 10kg more or who sails much more (or much less) than you do, because all you will accomplish is to sail slower and with more frustration.

To tune up the mast you will need a metal tape measure and a tension

"HOW TO IMPROVE FAST" is a series of short articles to the sailors who usually end up outside the first third of the fleet in most races.

They are sailors who week after week try to improve, try to repeat what they did in that race in which they finished better. They try to stay in front when they round the first mark near the leaders, but most of the time they fall back without knowing why....

The goal of all this is to provide some technical elements to help them stop committing some recurring errors immediately, so they can see results right away.

Of course, and this needs to be said, this is just my humble PERSONAL opinion, and others will have an equally valid different one. This is what I've learned or observed in the 35 years I've been racing sailboats, 26 of them under the "fat bird", and what I try to do or avoid every weekend.

gauge (silver or black). The following setup will go very well for crews of between 130 and 140kg (286-308 pounds).

The measurements I start with are:

1. Length of spreaders: A reasonable measure is 42.5cm (16 3/4") measured from the face of the mast to the shroud. Heavier crews can lengthen the spreaders 1 to 2cm more.

2. Opening of spreaders: with spreaders pulled back against their stops, measure between the shrouds. Between 75 and 77 cm (29 1/2" - 30 1/4") is a good measurement. If your main sail is very flat or

you have a soft mast, you can open the spreaders to 78 or 80cm. Heavier crews can also use the wider setting.

3. Step the mast and attach the shrouds and the jib luff wire. The shrouds should be attached at the most forward position allowed by class rules. Make sure the mast forward/aft adjustments are loose so the mast can float in the partners.
4. Raise the tape on the main halyard and lock off the halyard in its sailing position. Tension to the jib halyard.
5. We must find a way to set the shrouds so the measurement from mast tip to transom is between 6.55 and 6.57m (21' 6" - 21' 6.5") and the tension is 27 (on the silver gauge) or 21 (on the black gauge). There will always be a setting of the shroud adjusters that allows this range. This range is used as BASE. This one is the starting point for the other set-up. The boat is more easily sailed if the BASE tension is 25 (silver) or 19 (black) instead of 27 and 21.
6. Once this is done, put the measurement tape parallel to the mast and hold it at the gooseneck, in order to check mast bend at the height of the spreaders; it should bend forward about 3 to 4cm. If the mast has too much bend, perhaps the spreaders are too long or too closed... and vice versa. This is an important control measurement to know that all is well and that the rigidity of your particular mast is working in harmony with the setup.
7. With this set up and this tension we must verify how much gap forward we have between the mast and the deck at the partners. It should be between 1 and 1.5cm. If the mast touches in the front, take everything off and move the mast step back until you have a 1 to 1.5cm gap. If there is more than 1.5cm move the bolt forward. If the boat is an old Persson, then the bolt may still be in the 60 inches position (old measure) and must move a hole ahead of that. The mast step location is very important, because it will allow us to move the mast as far forward as possible while still leaving a little gap to prebend the mast for light wind. There are many opinions regarding the position of the step, but if you are not



going to move it all the time, I find it better to have it in this position as an “all purpose” setup.

8. With the rake, the tension and the mast now in position, we will make 2 marks so we can repeat this setting. The first is on the jib halyard (where it lies on the mast) and the second is to mark the mast position on the deck. (Make a line on the mast and one on the deck).

These marks indicate our “neutral” position or “base” (point 1). This base setting works from zero wind until the time you start hiking and have to ease the main sheet sometimes to keep the boat flat, about 10/12 knots or so if you are light. The only change I make is that when the wind is under 7 knots and the leech is hard to open, I prebend the mast forward to the maximum. That flattens the main, which helps open the leech. The same can be achieved with more jib tension but the boat will be more difficult to sail. Otherwise for up to 12 knots, the mast is locked at the mark on the deck.

When there is more wind (over 10 knots), all I do is to lower the shroud a half hole (half hole lower than “point 1”) on the shroud adjuster (now we are on point 2) and tension to the same mark on the jib halyard. This goes well between 10 and 15 knots, when we can sail with a flat boat without easing the main. (Editor’s Note: Luis doesn’t use Sta-masters turnbuckles, but the traditional shrouds adjusters).

With more wind, when the main has to be eased a little all the time, go down another half hole again (point 3), and if it gets very windy, more than 20 knots, tighten one more half hole (point 4). Always tension the halyard to the same point. The mast will be raked aft gradually and tension will increase as well.

The jib and main cunninghams will remain loose, with small wrinkles, until sailing at “point 3”, where you pull a little. At “point 4” they will be fully tensioned. If it is choppy, we pull these on later, and if it is flat water we pull them on sooner.

I keep the mast at the neutral mark to counteract some of the bend produced by using the vang. Many people do the opposite, letting the mast forward when it is windy, but I feel the boat loses a lot of power and I prefer having a powerful sail, sheeting in a little less.

The jib trim is difficult to explain. Basically we seek to have the jib sheeted in as much as possible without losing too much power. It’s easier to say than to do. Experience is everything here. Use the telltales on the leech to avoid pulling in the jib too much. **THIS TELLTALE MUST FLY ALL THE TIME.** A good basic visual reference is that the leech of the jib will roughly parallel the curve in the back side of the main. As the wind increases, the jib goes

farther out. When it’s windy, the jib is definitely going out and the leech will be outside the spreader tip.

Having the jib sheeted in too much and not easing the main sheet enough are the number 1 and 2 errors of those who are slow when it is windy.

If it is too windy for you and you feel that the boat is in control and not you, the first thing to do is ease off the jib halyard at least 1 cm or 2 cm. This will make the boat lighten, the jib will open more, and will be easier to sail. I do it all the time when I am tired above 20 knots.

If sailing in flat water you can closet the spreaders a little, and for choppy places open them more.

If you are very light you can pass to points 2, 3 and 4 a couple of knots before indicated. If you are heavier you will go to these settings later.

For example, if I’m in a lake without waves, I go from point 1 to 2 as soon as I ease the main a couple of times. However if it is choppy, I like to maintain point 1 as much as I can (until I ease the mainsail more than half of the time). If I want to have the mast rake a little aft, I ease just a little of jib halyard. This means less tension on the jib wire, but with 12-14 knots, I am able to trim the main and pull the boom down. So the tension that I need on the jib wire comes from the main leech.

It is an infinite topic, what you can say about Snipe tuning, and we will come back later with much more details. But this should give you a good foundation, with the ultimate goal of having REASONABLE boat speed in all conditions.

From this base, you just have to sail, get use to it, and try things. Everyone develops their own style, so go sailing!

Photo by Matias Capizzano



British Nationals




















Ian Gregory/Mike Kerr win Serious Sailing-Serious Fun

LLYN BRENIG SAILING CLUB

Results are final as of 1400 BST on 23 August 2015

Overall

Sailed: 7, Discards: 2, To count: 5, Entries: 19, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Nat	SailNo	HelmName	CrewName	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st		28451	Ian Gregory	Mike Kerr	Blue Circle SC	(4.0)	(4.0)	4.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	17.0	9.0
2nd		30316	Alan Williams	Liz Pike	Broadstairs SC	(5.5)	1.0	1.0	(14.0)	4.0	3.0	3.0	31.5	12.0
3rd		29367	Maxim Romaine	Lloyd Roberts	S R Havre	1.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	(12.0)	(13.0)	7.0	42.0	17.0
4th		29611	Sue Roberts	Steve Roberts	Blue Circle SC	2.0	7.0	6.0	(10.0)	2.0	(9.0)	4.0	40.0	21.0
5th		30226	Mark Antonelli	Tracy Antonelli	Budworth SC	(5.5)	5.5	5.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	(6.0)	34.0	22.5
6th		27106	Guy Welch	Peter Wolstenholme	Blackwater SC	7.0	5.5	(9.0)	(15.0)	6.0	5.0	2.0	49.5	25.5
7th		29970	Richard Marshall	Debbie Marshal	Blackwater SC	(9.0)	2.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	(10.0)	47.0	28.0
8th		29374	Jenna Gibson	Ellie Gibson	Hythe & Saltwood SC	(20.0 RET)	8.0	(20.0 RET)	2.0	7.0	1.0	11.0	69.0	29.0
9th		28541	Matthew Wolstenholme	Will Maguire	Bough Beech SC	3.0	9.0	8.0	(11.0)	9.0	(12.0)	5.0	57.0	34.0
10th		29977	Andy Gibson	Carol Gibson	Hythe & Saltwood SC	8.0	(10.0)	3.0	9.0	(10.0)	6.0	8.0	54.0	34.0
11th		30617	Phil Hackney	Emma Hackney	Budworth SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	10.0	6.0	8.0	11.0	14.0	89.0	49.0
12th		28276	Will Williams	Stephen Williams	Budworth SC	10.0	(20.0 RET)	12.0	(16.0)	14.0	8.0	12.0	92.0	56.0
13th		30315	Brian Gregory	John Bright	Blue Circle SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	8.0	11.0	15.0	9.0	103.0	63.0
14th		30227	James Prestwich	Miles Buckley	Budworth SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	12.0	15.0	10.0	13.0	110.0	70.0
15th		29538	Robin Mister	Morgan Mister	Budworth SC	11.0	11.0	11.0	18.0	(20.0 DNC)	(20.0 DNC)	20.0 DNC	111.0	71.0
16th		29408	Roger Gardner	Paul Gilmour	Budworth SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	3.0	18.0	16.0	17.0	114.0	74.0
17th		29163	Pauline Penny	Michelle Ditchburn	Budworth SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	13.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	115.0	75.0
18th		20690	Malcolm Tipler	Doodie Robertson	Stromness SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	17.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	128.0	88.0
19th		24704	Peter Tipler	Chris Rodd	Stromness SC	(20.0 RET)	(20.0 RET)	20.0 RET	19.0	17.0	18.0	16.0	130.0	90.0

2015 saw the UK hold an inland nationals for the first time in living memory. This was a departure for the fleet but it is a serious challenge to find new and interesting venues at which to hold events for a fleet the size of ours. The event at Llyn Brenig in Wales was a huge success and it was great to be joined by Jerelyn at the regatta!

Editors note: I was able to stop by the British Nationals held on a stunning Welsh lake. The British definitely have the Serious Fun down - I encourage everyone to put the British Nationals on your regatta bucket list!



European Masters Championship Santander, Spain

September 4-6, 2015

By Jaime Pires

With the originally scheduled European Masters regatta cancelled in Sweden, Spain quickly took the challenge and held the championship over 3 days with 2 races per day. Unfortunately due to the lack of wind, no races were held on Friday. Saturday was a 2 hour wait and in the afternoon the wind picked up to 6 knots, enough to complete two races. The wind was a bit difficult as there were different pressures and lots of wind direction changes but always coming back to original 350° direction. In the first race, the start was clear at the first time. Fernando Rita and Juan Magro won the race with Birger Jansen & Janet Krefting in second place, Jean Jacques Frebault third, Jaime Piris 4° and Javier Gutierrez 5th.

The second race started a bit later because the race committee changed the situation of the course. There was a general recall in the first start but the second start was all clear. In this time Fernando Pereda & Santiago Fiochi took the lead at the first mark and they managed to keep the lead until the finish line, with Damian Borrás & Carlos Bats crossing in second place, Fernando Rita in third, Jaime Piris 4th again and Birger Jansen 5th.

After the races, the 40 boats had a nice dinner time at the club. On Sunday, we had a wonderful wind of 15 knots. The racing was really tight in the top 5 positions, so everything was open. Damian Borrás & Carlos Bats won the day with two 1sts, Fernando Rita & Juan Magro were 2nd overall with a 2 point difference scoring a 6 and 2, and in third place was Jaime Piris & Pablo Santurde with scores of a 10 and 3.

Crews from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, France, Italy, Finland, and Spain were all in attendance.

The organization was really surprising with lots of gifts; there was a floating boat in the start area with cold drinks, Volunteer's to help the sailors to launch & retrieve the boats on land, breakfast and dinner each day, and a good prize-giving ceremony. All provided free by the organization.

The first five competitors were junior/apprentice sailors. The Master division was won by Patricio de Haz and Juan Estevez from Spain (12th overall), with the Grand Master division was won by Norway's Birger Jansen and Janet Krefting and the Masters Legend Division won by Frenchman Jean Pierre Etcheber & Marianne Beaudouin with a remarkable championship in 29th position overall ..They had the biggest WOW in the prizegiving !!

Rios/Monllor Win Pan Am Gold

	skipper/crew	country	finishes	medal race	total points	total net
1.	Raul Rios/Fernando Monllor	PUR	2-2-2-(7)-1-1-1-1-4-1-2	2	27	20
2.	Luis Soubiel/Diego Lipszyc	ARG	1-1-(9)-2-3-5-2-3-2-5-3-3	8	47	38
3.	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA	(7)-5-1-1-6-3-3-2-7-2-2-4	10	53	46
4.	Esteban Echavarria/Juan Restrepo	COL	5-6-3-8-2-8-6-4-3-1-(10_5	4	65	55
5.	Evert McLaughlin/Alexandra Damley-Strnad	CAN	3-3-6-5-(9)-4-8-5-6-7-7-8	6	77	68
6.	Alexandre Paradedal/Georgia Rodrigues	BRA	8-(11)-5-6-8-7-5-7-4-9-4-1		75	64
7.	Raul Diaz/Rafael Garcia	CUB	4-4-4-4-5-6-9-6-(ocs)-10-9-9		81	70
8.	Diego Figueroa/Alonso Collantes	PER	9-8-8-3-(10)-10-7-9-5-3-5-7		84	74
9.	Antonio Poncelli/Pedro Vera	CHI	(10)-7-7-10-4-2-10-8-9-6-8-10		91	81
10.	Edgar Diminich/Iberth Constate	ECU	6-9-(10)-9-7-9-4-10-8-8-6-6		92	82

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South European Championship held in Slovenia – Sergio Michel Trophy



Portoroz, June 6-7, 2015.

The 2015 edition of the South European Championship was held in Portoroz, Slovenia, organized by Jahtni Klub Portoroz.

Slovenia is a young country, independent since 1991, with only about 20 nautical miles of coastline but a strong interest in sailing. In 2014 Portoroz hosted a Snipe regatta and sailors experienced the hospitality of the club and the excellent race area. So for 2015 SCIRA Italy proposed the bid (and then got the support of the European National Secretaries) for Portoroz to host the South European Championship, even though there is not yet a Snipe fleet in Slovenia. The choice was apt because the bay of Portoroz is an ideal race area for the Snipe, both with the sea breeze and the “bora” (offshore wind).

On Saturday the first race, in light winds, was won by the juniors Michele Meotto and Alberto Cassandro. Then the wind strengthened to 12 knots and the two subsequent races were won by Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto, with Fabio and Daniela Rochelli second.

Back on land, after many hours on the water under a blazing sun, the competitors were able to rehydrate with good fresh Slovenian beer. Then the evening continued with a dinner of fish (accompanied by music from a string sextet).

On Sunday, the wind blew from the land (Bora) with gusts, lulls and big shifts. Each race could be considered finished only on the finish line. Three different teams won the three races (with wind from 8 to 15 knots): Stefano Longhi and Eleonora Zuzic, Tom Stahl and Jacopo and Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto.

The winners of the trophy, which has been held since 2009 in memory of Sergio Michel (winner of six Italian Nationals), were Pietro and Marinella, who finished just ahead of Stefano Longhi and Elenora Zuzic. Fabio and Daniela Rochelli Semec were third.

Thanks to Jahtni Klub Portoroz and all the volunteers for their excellent work on the sea and on land.

Final results after 6 races (1 discard)

1.	Pietro Fantoni & Marinella Gorgatto	8
2.	Stefano Longhi & Eleonora Zuzic	14
3.	Fabio Rochelli & Daniela Semec	16



Piada Trophy – Campionato dell'Adriatico

Chioggia, June 27-28, 2015.

The Club Nautico Chioggia celebrated in style for the 60th anniversary of the Campionato dell'Adriatico (Adriatic Sea Championship), successfully combined with the Piada Trophy, which emigrated out of Romagna for the second time in its history. Both the weather and the sea conditions were excellent, as was Race Committee's course management, with perfect courses and quick starts between races.

After nine regattas and countless outstanding performances on the podium, finally, Pietro Fantoni won the "Piada" and the same was for the US champion Kathleen Tocke, who, sailing in the previous regattas with Augie Diaz and even with Pietro, was very close to the victory five times. The Italian -American team won three of the six races, discarding, as worst finish, a third place! A performance due to great speed and perfect reading of the race course, which was very difficult due to strong current and wind shifts.

High performances were also experienced by Fabio and Daniela Rochelli. The "Rockets" achieved two first places in the first and fourth race of the series in sensational form. Manu Hens and Victor Perez Campos, one of the favorites on the eve, struggled more than usual, yet the victory in the last race allowed them to get on the lowest rung of the podium.

The multi Italian champion Enrico Michel, with his young crew Antonia Contin, finished fourth overall, while Longhi, Pantano, Perdisa jr and Prosperi alternated good performances with others less brilliant.

The team Corrado Perini -Daniela Berto, fifth in the overall standings, deserves a separate comment. Corrado, a descendant of a family who is linked with the history Italian Snipes, cousin of Roberto and Anna Rosa, is the tireless organizer of the Campionato dell'Adriatico. He doesn't sail too often now. However, when he comes to the starting line, his experience and class allow him to always fight with the best teams for the

victory, thanks to the skill of Daniela ... famous for being a long time the president of the "Italian Crews Union," and likeable entertainer after the race at the club and during the bingo on Saturday night when, in addition to the traditional awards and fine wine, competitors receive fun gadgets made by Dani and her friends.

The Piada is confirmed as an international regatta due to the presence of the aforementioned Kathleen Tocke, Manu Hens, Victor Perez Campos and Greg Saldana, crewing for Johnny Estrella (Giovanni Stella). The sympathy of our American friend is equal to the love for our country. Greg, this year, renowned architect from Michigan State, came to Italy not only for racing, but also for a long vacation with his wife Monica and little Simon and Beatriz.

Pietro Fantoni, with Marinella Gorgatto and Kathleen Tocke, was also awarded with the prestigious challenge trophy of the Summer Circuit, donated by SCIRA Italy, thanks to the victory in both stages of Portoroz in Slovenia and, of course, in Chioggia.

But Piada is also "after – race" and since in Chioggia there aren't Kart's tracks, sailors have ventured into the Venetian rowing. It was impossible to race, given the technical difficulty of competing with these particular rowing boats, but improbable and clumsy rowers gave "show". The best at the discretion of a small jury, were Giuseppe Prosperi, Krantz Fontana and Alberto Perdisa.

Alberto Perdisa

Final results after 6 races (1 discard). Regatta report by Alberto Perdisa

1.	Pietro Fantoni & Kathleen Tocke	7
2.	Fabio Rochelli & Daniela Semec	14
3.	Manu Hens & Victor Perez Campos	16
4.	Enrico Michel & Antonia Contin	21
5.	Corrado Perini & Daniela Berto	26



Above: Start of the Piada. Photo by Laura Sambo.



Right; Stefano Longhi pulls hard in the Venetian Rowing part of the regatta



US Snipe Nationals - Rios/Voss Rock in Mission Bay

By John Fretwell

The 2015 US Snipe National Championship was held at Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego, CA, and was far more than simply another Nationals. The week-long schedule included the Junior, Special Junior, and Women's Nationals, as well as the main event, plus a constant flow of great social events, live music, and camaraderie that have made the Snipe class and Fleet 495 famous for Serious Sailing, Serious Fun! San Diego is known for excellent, albeit mild sailing conditions, and the venues inside and outside of Mission Bay delivered exactly

as advertised, with seven consecutive great days of perfect Sniping conditions of 6-12 kts of breeze and sunny skies, allowing each event to reach its full race count, and teams of all shapes, sizes, and ages to be competitive. Pair those conditions with the local culture of volunteerism, plenty of San Diego's famous microbrews, and finish it all off with the unprecedented pairing of the legendary GFU "24 Hour" Regatta, and you've got a Snipe event that won't soon be forgotten.

The Junior, Special Junior, and Women's championships kicked off the opening weekend, with sailing inside Mission Bay. The flat water of the bay allowed for "surgical" boathandling, but not without its own fun challenge posed by the throngs of recreational sailors and boarders of all types, also out to enjoy the bay in August. Luckily, powerboats are restricted to no-wake speeds across the sailing area. In the Junior fleet, hometown sailors Scott Sinks and Greer Wattson ran away with this one, posting four bullets and a 3rd over five races, for a six point margin over fellow Snipe regulars, Ryan Hopps and Andre Guaragna (San Diego/Miami). An impressive performance came from new Snipe sailors, Jack Joslin and Emma Batcher, also of San Diego, who finished 3rd in the fourteen-boat fleet. In the Special Junior fleet, which started and was also scored with the Juniors, top honors went to skipper Shane Tillson with papa Dave, just three points ahead of older brother, Cole Tillson, sailing with "uncle" Eric Heim.

In the Women's fleet, eleven teams made up the lauded roster, which included six past National champs and 2002 World champs, Carolyn Krebs and Julie Redler. Competition was intense, with five different race winners through the six-race, one throwout series. Defending 2014 champs Aine McLean and Claire Riedman scored first with a 1-3-2 Day One and the overnight lead, but gave way on Sunday when Krebs, Lisa Pline, and Barb Tillson, each grabbed bullets. As usual, consistency paid, and the mother/daughter team of Lisa and Lexi Pline from Annapolis kept a 2-4-3-2-1 to win by a four point margin, and claim the title of 2015 US Women's Snipe Champions.

The Nationals proper kicked off Monday morning, with 43 teams entered, and ten races overall scheduled, to be sailed in the ocean off Mission Beach. Both the sailors and Race Committee upgraded their equipment and supplies for full days on the ocean, as the weather continued to serve up near-perfect conditions, with light swells, and steady, medium breeze with crew on the



rail or hiking, for all but the heaviest teams. The big story of the first day was the flowing, long blond hair of young Jensen McTighe sailing with Nikki Bruno, who found himself tied for the lead, despite having been in Florida with no plans to sail the event, just 24 hours earlier, the benefactor of work complications and the generosity of Dick Davidson! Meanwhile, lately-undefeatable skipper Raul Rios, sailing with Kara Voss (recently moved to SD from Miami) were off to an equally potent start, and on a pace they would maintain through the week. The other story that delighted the fleet was that of Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz, 84 years young,

sailing with Patti Bess, not just surviving on the ocean course, but passing boats upwind and finishing as well as 16th; truly an inspiration for us all! Monday night featured a great MBYC taco dinner chaired by past SCIRA Commodore Don Bedford, and featuring live music, hosted by the Krebs family.

As the week went on, the consistency of the great conditions only added to the typical blur as a regatta unfolds. Three races were sailed on Day Two, setting up a potential one-race final day, which occurred, and also seeing a 2-1-3 from Rios/Voss, further accelerating the event. Other Day Two bullets were grabbed by familiar names, Augie Diaz and George Szabo. Wednesday featured an anticipated bullet from past champs Doug Hart/ Jon Rogers, along with another for Rios, and a fun, off-site outdoor dinner at San Diego Yacht Club, with bocce ball to keep the our competitive group enthralled. On Thursday, Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke turned in a perfect 1-1 to vault up the leaderboard, but Rios/Voss offered them no hope, turning in a 3-4 that was enough to secure Rios a third consecutive National championship, despite a race to go.

Friday saw Hart/Rogers win the final race of the regatta, to finish 4th overall, led by Rios/Voss (1st), McTighe/Bruno (2nd), Diaz/Tocke (3rd), and followed by winners of the Nute trophy for a married team, Dave and Barb Tillson (5th). As the plan fell perfectly into place, the early afternoon arrival back to shore led to a nearly immediate start of the world famous GFU relay race around nearby Vacation Island, with all that entails. The GFU was paused in the evening for a spectacular trophy dinner organized by Carolyn Krebs, and live music from yours truly's 2 Bit Liquor sextet, before resuming sailing through morning, ultimately won by Aine Fretwell and her young team, Prestige Worldwide. As regatta Chairman, I'd like to thank PRO Stan Betts and his entire team, SCIRA US Executive Administrator Danielle Richards, Chief Measurer Gus Wirth, Charter Captain Bob Bowden, Beer Czar Chris Wright, Trophy Photographer Judy Tillson, Technical Aid David Tillson, Photographer Bob Betancourt, and our sponsors Geaux Fast Sailing, North Sails, Bedford Boats, Quantum Sails, DigitalStyle, and Sailing Supply, as well as all the members of SCIRA Fleet 495 who made this event a success that will be hard to top.



US Nationals - Results

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Place	Fleet	Skipper	Crew	Pts
1	591	Raul Rios	Kara Voss	17
2	7	Jensen McTighe	Nikki Bruno	22
3	7	Augie Diaz	Kathleen Tocke	23
4	495	Doug Hart	Jon Rogers	28
5	495	David Tillson	Barb Tillson	45
6	495	George Szabo	Daisy Holthus	49
7	495	Chuck Sinks	Emma Batchner	51
8	495	Randy Lake	Maddy McGrath	59
9	7	Enrique Quintero	Vera Mariani	75
10	495	Scott Sinks	Bruno Mello	75
11	495	Nick Kaschak	Krystal Treiberg	85
12	495	Aine Fretwell	Claire Reidman	94
13	532	Gavin O'Hare	Holly O'Hare	99
14	495	Eric Heim	Melissa Denman	105
15	495	Rick Arneson	Diana Waterbury	112
16	495	Ken Redler	Julie Redler	118
17	495	Seth Siegler	Jesse McKnight	119
18	495	Don Bedford	Willem Perry	120
19	256	Lee Griffith	Hillary Noble	143
20	495	Chris Wright	Lauren Wright	145
21		Packy Davis	Julie Calvert	146
22	218	Jack Jorgensen	Marissa Golison	152
23	495	Gene Ratliffe	Blaire Herron	158
24	7	Andre Guaragna	Johnny Fewell	171
25	495	Bob Bowden	Gus Wirth	173
26	495	Akane Nakagaki	Nobufumi Nakagaki	189
27	495	Matt Cappetta	Austin Tipp	189
28	495	Scott Dalin	Meghan Dalin	193
29	495	Matt Hecht	Marianna Shand	198
30	495	Stuart Robertson	Cassandra Shand	222
31	495	Ed Machado	Jon Robertson	228
32	495	Aimee Heim	Julie Servais	230
33	D4	John Coolidge	Christian Cyrul	235
34	495	Albert Pleskus	Molly Pleskus	240
35	705	Stefan Irgens	Monica Irgens	248
36	7	Gonzalo Diaz	Patti Bess	259
37	1	Gene Soltero	Laura Dahl O'Leary	259
38	495	Jeff Lenhart	BThompson/BLenhart	269
39	495	Lanny Coon	Katharine Bowman	270
40	444	Cliff Wright	Kira Wright	279
41	495	Craig Storms	James Ozaki	291
42	2	Keisha Meyer	Josh Meyer	320
43	495	Dale Bull	Jason Brooks	326

Juniors

Place	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Points
1	28687	Scott Sinks	Greer Wattson	7
2	29197	Ryan Hopps	Andre Guaragna	13
3	28858	Jack Joslin	Emma Batchner	15
4	30359	Jesse McKnight	Amanda Majernik	20
5	30550	Matt Cappetta	Austin Tipp	29
6	24702	Sawyer Gibbs	Hailey Thompson	32
7*	30109	Shane Tillson	David Tillson	37
8*	28679	Cole Tillson	Eric Heim	40
9	30262	Christian Cyrul	John Majernik	43
10	28857	Taisei Hatter	Jack Plavan	51
11	29356	James Ozaki	Cameron Cage	55
12	29242	Johnny Fewell	Diego Escobar	56
13	28444	Guy Thomas	Katharine Bowman	64
14	23970	Stephen Schibler	Zachary Richards	67

* indicates a Special Junior Team



Left: Dave Tillson crews for son Shane to win the Special Jr trophy.

Middle: Scott Sinks & Greer Wattson win the US Juniors.

Photos by Bob Bettancourt

Below: Top 3 women's teams gather: Lexi & Lisa Pline, Carolyn Krebs & Julie Redler, Blaire Herron & Mandy Sackett
Photos by Bob Bettancourt



Women

Place	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Points
1	31313	Lisa Pline	Lexi Pline	12
2	28225	Carolyn Krebs	Julie Redler	16
3	29439	Blaire Herron	Mandy Sackett	16
4	29248	Aine Fretwell	Claire Reidman	18
5	30109	Barb Tillson	Jenny Lyons	20
6	30337	Stacey Szabo	Diana Waterbury	21
7	29672	Molly Pleskus	Daisy Holthus	28
8	29646	Aimee Heim	Julie Servais	31
9	30113	Marianna Shand	Cassandra Shand	37
10	30629	Holly OHare	Molly Vandemoer	49
11	30510	Keisha Meyer	Lauren Schoene	52



Italian Nationals--

Brazilians Alexandre Tinoco and Nicholas Graef win the Open Championship.

Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto take the Italian title.

Rimini, July 9-12, 2015

The seventy-third edition of the Snipe Italian Nationals, magnificently organized by the Club Nautico Rimini, also celebrated, in the best way, the forty-ninth edition of its historic trophy "Coppa Tamburini." These are impressive numbers that few other sailing classes can match and that is the measure of the importance of the Snipe in Italy and worldwide. A boat that, like the older sister Star, seems timeless.

The Italian Open Championship was preceded by the Junior Championship and the victory of Michele Meotto and Alberto Cassandro from Lignano, as well as excellent participation. This was a success for those who believe that the Snipe can give opportunities for young people, after (and during) the youth and Olympic classes, for racing at a low cost and high technical level. The regattas were the last selection trials for both juniors and seniors, qualifying the ten teams that will represent Italy in the World Championship to be held in September on the waters of Talamone.

After weighing boats and measuring sails, led by the chief measurer Gino Costantini and supported by Giuseppe Dimilta, Gian Marco Pepe and Marco Prosperi, the forty-four teams had to wait until the second day of racing to take to the water, because of the strong wind from the northeast with high waves and breakers that characterized Thursday.

In the following days the excellent wind and sea conditions made it possible to complete all the races in the program.

The races were technical and difficult with strong current and short confused waves. The strategy was never easy to understand and never the same, because the wind, different from the typical sea breeze of this season, was influenced by the residual effects of the front that crossed northeast Italy in the evening Wednesday and throughout the next day.

In addition to the best Italian teams, some foreign champions were present: Belgians Bart Janssens/Eva Jacobs and Ben Van Cauwenberg/Nadia Deferm, and Brazilians Alexandre Tinoco/Nicholas Graef.

It was the Brazilian Tinoco, world champion in 2011, who won the regatta, well supported by a young crew with a famous family name, Nicholas Graef: son of Lars, nephew of Torben. The Brazilians won three races through an excellent reading of the race course.

A few points behind the Brazilians, Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto, second in the overall standings, are the Italian Champions, always at the head of the fleet and also winners of three races. Pietro has spent many years at the top of the Italian regattas, and also serves as SCIRA Secretary; he has been very close to winning this title on several occasions but, for various reasons including bad luck, never managed until now.

Pietro and Marinella are members of Fleet Romagna and are well known in this region having sailed in many regattas. The skipper from Moruzzo has won the Coppa Tamburini four times. This is a magic year for Pietro; he won the South Europeans in Portoroz with Marinella and the Piada in Chioggia with Kathleen Tocke at the end of June. Then he saw his young pupils Meotto and Cassandro excel at Junior Nationals as if it were a prelude to his triumph at the Senior championship.

In third place in the standings but second Italians, tied on points with the new champions but "penalized" by only one race win, were Enrico Solerio - Paolo Lambertenghi. Enrico is an eight time Italian champion and one of the best helmsmen in Europe and worldwide, while Paolo is also a great helmsman. Together they make a very strong team for the 2015 Worlds in September.

Fourth were the Belgians Bart Janssens and Eva Jacobs. They are very skilled sailors and we remember them as winners of the 2010 Piada Trophy, just in front of Fantoni - Gorgatto.

Fifth but on the podium of the Italian Nationals were Fabrizio Onofri and Jacopo Di Giuseppe from Ancona. Both are newcomers in the class, but they adapted quickly to the Snipe and showed great consistency confirming their good results in the previous Regate Nazionali in Livorno and Talamone.

Giampiero Poggi and Eugenia Vanni were sixth, after an excellent first day when they were leading the fleet and winners of the third race of the series. After that something did not go the right way, but this team has been among the best for years and I have to emphasize their third place at the European Championship in Cervia in 2012.

Enrico Michel and the young Antonia Contin were seventh (fifth Italians). The skipper from Trieste is the most successful with nine titles. He is also the builder of Db Marine boats which are often at the top of the standings around the world.

The first local team finished eighth. Stefano Marchetti and Paolo Sangiorgi had several good races despite sailing only a few regattas. Stefano, former helmsman of 470, has been for years the coach for the 420 class and Paolo has a long experience in dinghies and on the various "Moro di Venezia" of Raoul Gardini.

Rounding out the top ten were Alberto Schiaffino/Giampietro Pasquon and Dario Bruni/Carlo Collota. The "Rockets", Fabio and Daniela Rochelli, took eleventh place with some good races. But this great championship will be especially remembered for the ten young teams, junior and under 30, all aggressive and competitive. In particular evidence were Lapo Savorani/Federico Milone, Filippo Perdisa/Marco Rinaldi, Michele Meotto/Alberto Cassandro, and the young team from Rimini formed by Riccardo Mellina/Aurora Mignani. Also Alessandro Bari had a great regatta with his expert father Antonio as crew.

At the prize giving ceremony the Italian National Secretary



Francesco Fontana, along with the Romagna Fleet Captain Alberto Perdisa, emphasized the extraordinary hospitality of the Club Nautico Rimini. The commodore of the Club Pietro Palloni hoped that the cup Tamburini is confirmed always as one of the main events of the Snipe in Italy, especially since next year will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the regatta. Giancarlo and Giovanni De Carolis, Snipe sailors, poets and artists, rewarded the winners of the championship Pietro and Marinella with a beautiful ceramic plate based on a design by Giovanni. Another special award, always a ceramic plate with a different subject each time, went to the young Stefania Padoan, only fifteen years old,

who helmed the Snipe of his father Giorgio.

I think the whole Italian Snipe Class should be grateful to the Club Nautico Rimini, who welcomed us warmly and offered a sumptuous dinner and plentiful snacks at the opening ceremony and at the prize giving; to its commodore and all the staff on land and sea; to the Race Committee with the PRO Fabio Traini and members Davide Dalla Rosa, Giuseppe Dimilta, Roberto Boschetti and Walter Fabbri; and also to the jury chaired by Dario Caroti, with Marco Alberti and Edo Stramazzo.

Alberto Perdisa

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No	Numero	Nome	Punti	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	BRA 31302	TINOCO ALEXANDRE, GRAEL NICHOLAS, RCRS Ribera / RYC	14	3	4	-22	2	1	1	-dsq	2	1
2	ITA 15790	FANTONI PIETRO, GORGATTO MARINELLA, 351-13-CIRCOLO VELA MUGGIA ASS	22	-11	1	4	1	7	2	1	6	9
3	ITA 31265	SOLERIO ENRICO, LAMBERTENGHI PAOLO, 017-01-Y C SANREMO ASS SPORT D	22	1	5	-24	4	2	4	3	3	-18
4	BEL 30897	JANSSENS BART, JACOBS EVA, RYCB	33	(ocs)	(ocs)	2	5	6	6	11	1	2
5	ITA 30673	ONOFRI FABRIZIO, DI GIUSEPPE JACOPO, 297-10-S E F STAMURA ASS SPORT	40	5	7	7	-13	10	3	5	-11	3
6	ITA 31285	POGGI GIANPIERO, VANNI EUGENIA, 161-04-ASS. VELICA BRACCIANO SP	43	2	10	1	-14	4	7	7	-12	12
7	ITA 31284	MICHEL ENRICO, CONTIN ANTONIA, 350-13-SV COSULICH ASS VELICA	45	-21	-12	10	6	5	12	2	4	6
8	ITA 30222	MARCHETTI STEFANO, SANGIORGI PAOLO, 334-11-C V PUNTA MARINA ASS SP	48,5	-13	6	5	8	3	10	8	-14	8
9	ITA 31294	SCHIAFFINO ALBERTO, PASQUON GIANPIETRO, 408-14-AS VELA LAGO LEDRO ASS	65,5	4	2	14	11	-17	17	8	9	(ocs)
10	ITA 30706	BRUNI DARIO, COLLOTTA CARLO, 402-14-C V CREMONA - ASS SPORT	66	12	(ocs)	13	10	11	5	(ocs)	5	10
11	ITA 30983	ROCCHIELLI FABIO, SEMEC DANIELA, 354-13-S.V.BARCOLA GRIGNANO AS	69	(ocs)	18	6	-20	8	15	4	13	5
12	GER 30311	BEN VAN CAUWENBERGH, NADIA DEFERM, ROYAL Y.C.B.	71	9	11	9	9	-16	9	14	10	(dns)
13	ITA 30774	LONGHI STEFANO, ZUZIC ELEONORA, 349-13-SOC.TRIESTINA VELA ASS	74	10	(ocs)	-19	19	14	11	6	7	7
14	ITA 29082	BARI ALESSANDRO, BARI ANTONIO, 397-14-C.V.TORBOLE SOC COOP SP	83	14	8	-28	3	15	14	10	19	-21
15	ITA 29571	SAVORANI LAPO, MILONE FEDERICO, 085-02-C VELA TALAMONE ASS SPO	85	6	9	16	-24	9	16	16	-17	13
16	ITA 30922	PERDISA FILIPPO, RINALDI MARCO, 330-11-C.N.CERVIA AMICI VELA A	93	18	(ocs)	12	7	12	-26	25	8	11
17	ITA 29554	MEOTTO MICHELE, CASSANDRO ALBERTO, 353-13-YACHT CLUB LIGNANO ASS	104	16	17	8	16	20	-24	12	-23	15
18	ITA 29510	ROSSI FRANCESCO, FILIPPINI GIANFRANCO, 648-11-C.U.S. BOLOGNA ASS SPOR	107	17	(ocs)	3	17	21	18	17	-24	14
19	ITA 30403	GEMINI ANDREA, GANGITANO GIOVANNA, 160-04-CIRCEO YACHT VELAC ASS	108	7	(24	-29	12	23	13	19	18	16
20	ITA 29568	PERDISA ALBERTO, ONORATO MARCO, 330-11-C.N.CERVIA AMICI VELA A	117	-30	14	30	15	13	8	21	16	(ocs)
21	ITA 30224	PROSPERI GIUSEPPE, CECCARELLI MARCO, 1578-11-ASS.SPORT.DILCENTROVEL	125	(ocs)	3	18	21	25	32	(ocs)	22	4
22	ITA 29976	STELLA GIOVANNI, BUZZETTI ARIANNA, 334-11-C V PUNTA MARINA ASS SP	132	22	16	15	-25	19	25	15	20	-29
23	ITA 29722	PANTANO MARCO, FONTANA FRANCESCO, 328-11-C V RAVENNATE ASS SPORT	135	19	-22	20	22	18	22	-23	15	19
24	ITA 30209	FUZZI PIER PAOLO, MUCCIOLI STEFANO, 1578-11-ASS.SPORT.DILCENTROVEL	140	8	13	11	18	-31	28	-31	31	31
25	ITA 27130	ZUANELLI SILVANO, GIRAUDDO FLORIANA LUISA, 388-14-A VELICA TRENTINA-ASD	153	25	15	(26	-26	26	23	22	25	17
26	ITA 30303	GATTULLI IVO, PASSARIELLO PAOLA, 161-04-ASS.VELICA BRACCIANO SP	176	28	21	25	28	-37	19	29	26	(ocs)
27	ITA 30848	STEFFE' FABIO, LA MONARCA CHIARA, 348-13-Y C ADRIACO ASS SPORT D	185	-39	28	27	27	-34	29	24	28	22
28	ITA 29869	PESCI ANDREA, BALDI LORENZO, 058-02-C.N.CASTIGLIONCELLO ASS	186	29	29	21	-36	22	20	(ocs)	32	33
29	ITA 28771	NUTTA TULLIO, MAZZAROLI MARCO, 353-13-YACHT CLUB LIGNANO ASS	187	23	23	(dns)	23	32	34	(ocs)	29	23
30	ITA 29936	CECCARONI GUGLIELMO, CERNUSCHI VITTORIA, 1823-01-CIR. VELICO CAPOVER	190	24	30	17	-41	35	27	30	-37	27
31	ITA 30879	MORANI GIUSEPPE, ROMANI MARCO, 136-04-R.C.C. TEVERE REMO ASSS	199	15	34	33	29	27	21	(ocs)	40	(ocs)
32	ITA 28817	DONATI SANTIAGO, RIGOBELLO MARCO, 408-14-AS VELA LAGO LEDRO ASS	201	20	32	31	34	-40	-38	18	30	36
33	ITA 26818	MELLINA GOTTARDO RICCARDO, MIGANI AURORA, 326-11-CLUB NAUTICO RIMINI	201	26	25	32	35	28	(36	(ocs)	27	28
34	ITA 28537	ARIOLI TIZIANO, PIRONI FABIO, 606-15-C V CERESIO ASS SPORT D	207	32	26	37	(40	-41	40	13	33	26
35	ITA 30194	SCHIAFFINO ANDREA, ANNONI ALBERTO, 408-14-AS VELA LAGO LEDRO ASS	210	27	20	(ocs)	31	30	30	(ocs)	38	34
36	ITA 29079	RICCI UMBERTO, ALTOBELLI LAURA, 146-04-C N TECNOMAR ASS SPORT	212	-36	27	36	30	33	-39	27	35	24
37	ITA 29107	D'ORAZIO GIUSEPPE, NUZZI ERMANNIO, 316-09-GDV LNI PESCARA	213	35	19	(ocs)	32	-38	35	26	34	32
38	ITA 28863	PEPE GIANGIACOMO, PROSPERI MARCO, 328-11-C V RAVENNATE ASS SPORT	214	34	(ocs)	23	-39	29	37	20	36	35
39	ITA 29053	D'AMBROSIO MARCO, ANDREANI NINO, 316-09-GDV LNI PESCARA	216	31	33	-35	33	24	33	32	-43	30
40	ITA 30412	PADOAN STEFANIA, PADOAN GIORGIO, 348-13-Y C ADRIACO ASS SPORT D	222	33	36	39	37	36	(41	(ocs)	21	20
41	ITA 30756	GUADAGNI CLAUDIO, RIZZI CHIARA, 328-11-C V RAVENNATE ASS SPORT	225	38	31	34	38	-39	31	28	-41	25
42	ITA 30683	PESCI STEFANO MARIA, BALLARANI MASSIMO, 058-02-C.N.CASTIGLIONCELLO ASS	268	37	35	38	43	-44	43	33	-44	39
43	ITA 30755	CASARINI ROBERTO, ROSSI FLAVIO, 388-14-A VELICA TRENTINA-ASD	273	40	37	40	(42	-42	42	35	42	37
44	ITA 27118	CASTELFIORI MARCO, NICHETTI CESARE, 442-15-U V MACCAGNO ASS SPORT	288	(dns)	(dns)	dns	44	43	dns	34	39	38



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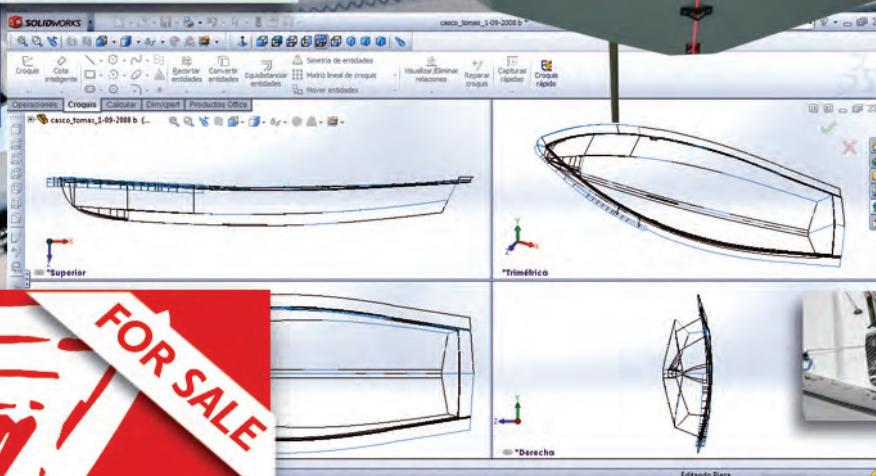
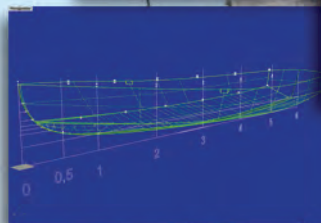
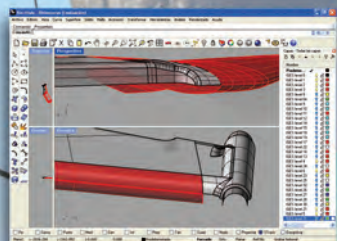
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2015

Major Regattas

Trofeo Armada Española December 5-6 Santiago de la Ribera, ESP

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Colombia Nov 8-16 Chocó
Argentina December 4-8 Rosario

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Major Regattas

Comodoro Rasco January 30-31 Miami, FL, USA
Winter Circuit
 Bacardi/Gamblin/Kelly March 9-12 Nassau, Bahamas
 Don Q Keg March 18-20 Miami, Florida, USA
 Midwinters March 22-24 Clearwater, Florida, USA
South Americans Easter Brazil
Ron Payne Regatta May 7 Lauderdale, Florida, USA
WH&O Championship June 25-31 Cabo Frio, BRA
European Championship September 22-25 Santiago de la Ribera, ESP

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Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	37	70
Bahamas	4	2
Belgium	52	71
Brazil	149	176
Canada	15	30
Chile	7	11
Colombia	13	22
Croatia	7	17
Cuba	6	11
Denmark	7	12
Ecuador	15	6
Finland	31	60
France	29	45
Germany	9	14

Italy	142	281
Japan	140	235
Mexico	0	0
Norway	45	58
Peru	10	15
Poland	26	27
Portugal	23	51
Puerto Rico	12	5
Spain	157	269
Sweden	11	17
United Kingdom	20	32
United States	135	177
Uruguay	8	15
Venezuela	0	0
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