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**The Cover: Spectators
and tight mark roundings
at the Copa Vela in Brazil.**
photo by Will Carrera

The Count: 35 new numbers
have been issued: 9 BRA, 1 ITA, 3
ESP, 2 CHI, 15 JPN, 4 USA and 1 to
a builder.

Numbered Snipes: 31585
Chartered Fleets: 904

NEXT DEADLINE
July 1

Snipe Worlds 2019

*Mark your calendars
for 2 epic events:*

Junior Worlds: Oct 1-5

Senior Worlds: Oct 7-12

Ilhabela, Brazil

Registration open for qualified entries

www.snipeworlds.org



Snipe Women's European Championship



The Commodore's Log Book

Hello Snipe Sailors!

The 2019 season began with the first important regattas. Later in the spring, two regattas will be very interesting: the Master European Championship in Valencia, Spain, and the South American Championship in Algarrobo, Chile. In Valencia it is foreseeable that we would have a very high number of boats, proving that the masters events, especially on the Iberian peninsula, are very attractive. In Algarrobo, as often happens with the South American Championship, the level will be very high since this is the year of the Pan American Games.



At the end of June the Snipe Women's Europeans will be in Antwerp, Belgium. This regatta for many years has not been sailed. Finally, thanks to SCIRA Belgium, we will have a continental regatta dedicated to female teams. This is a great opportunity to focus on women's sailing in Europe and to visit the small lake in Antwerp, where our Belgian friends usually race. We all know their hospitality will be memorable.

I would like to update you all about the Snipe SSL Ranking. This was a project that I really cared about and that finally came true. After two visits to Lausanne / Montreux and many hours of work together with the SSL team, we were the first class (after the Star) to be included in the global ranking project. In fact, within the Star Sailors League, the Snipe Class now has its own ranking and participates in the global ranking. The rankings are divided between skippers and crews. Certainly the system can be perfected and refined, for example by solving problems in the duplication of names and the coefficients to be attributed to the different events. I hope that the Snipe SSL Ranking will grow to include more and more Snipe sailors.

By becoming part of the SSL ranking before many other classes, we have been recognized as a truly international class in many countries, both for the number of countries, sailors, and regattas, and for our organization.

Obviously there are not only rankings and top regattas; there are also local regattas and promotional initiatives. During the winter the Snipe Class took part in boat shows in Poland and Finland. I hope that in the upcoming months each fleet will organize at least one Snipe Open Day to introduce new people into our class.

See you soon, on the race course!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Piero Fusi'.



From the Technical Committee

In the winter issue of the Bulletin and on SnipeToday Commodore Pietro Fantoni pointed out a potentially dangerous problem who is affecting the class: too many new boats delivered without any MDS.

After reading the annual report by Jerelyn, the Board deeply investigated the reasons of this situation, finding that the most common problem is the lack of instructed and experienced measurers, especially in those countries with high production of new snipes. This causes a huge effort for the measurers, who typically go to the boatyard and measure several boats in a bunch, sending the completed MDS to the SCIRA Office once a year... Meanwhile sending the necessary data for issuing a Measurement Certificate to the National Secretary.

When realized what above, the Board sent a letter to measurers, boatyards and National Secretaries, warning them to follow the Class Rules and the Builders' Certification Rule when delivering a boat or issuing a new Measurement Certificate. A deadline was established to deliver all the missing MDS and no new number was issued to those builders not complying until all the MDS have been sent and recorded in the Office.

I'm proud to say that almost all boats are now regular, those very few still missing are underway to be regularized and new numbers are issued again to all boatbuilders.

Thanks to all those that effortlessly cooperated in fixing the situation: measurers, boatbuilders, National Secretaries, Board members and also Snipe friends who made researches and contacted owners to find out all the boats which needed to be regularized.

Two final notes:

the Class, especially in countries with a high boat production, needs instructed measurers to guarantee that all the Class Rules are followed – also World Sailing appointed measurers can verify a Snipe (the new Class Rules are written with this purpose) – and with this goal in mind the Rules Committee is updating the Measurers' Handbook who will be ready in a few weeks; a Snipe can be delivered only if an MDS is filled out, either complete (if the boat is sold with the full equipment) or incomplete (if some parts are missing): never buy a boat without her MDS, it's not a Snipe.

Is there a lesson we can learn from what happened?

I think so. The Builders' Certification Rule was established to protect both manufacturers and sailors as it guarantees that the boat delivered is a Snipe. The Class doesn't want to step beyond to a past, either recent or distant, in which the reliability of the boat purchased was uncertain. To achieve this, measurers, builders, sailors and National Secretaries must cooperate, each one in his role.

Builders who are manufacturing from a certified mould don't need to measure every boat in full - they simply shall ask the measurer to check the parts of the boat who may be different due to the manufacturing and assembling process.

Measurers must fill in the MDS sheet for every boat - but shall measure in full one boat any ten or one per year, which is shorter, to certify that the boat is a Snipe, sending the data to the National Secretaries and to the SCIRA Office.

National Secretaries must collect the information sent by the measurers and issue the Measurement Certificate only once the MDS is completed with the information required.

National Secretaries shall also oversee that builders comply with all the requirements of the Builders' Certification Rule, not issuing Measurement Certificates to boats without the appropriate MDS completed.

In addition, National Secretaries must also guarantee that an adequate number of measurers are appointed to cover the needs of his Nation. Few measurers in a large country with several builders who produce a large number of boats cannot guarantee that the Builders' Certification Rule is respected.



Snipe Worlds 2019 - Entry Quotas

Racing begins: October 8

Racing ends - October 12

	2017	2018		base quota	entry quota	addit'l	world or other	addit'l	qualified
	Boats	Boats	total	2019 Worlds	2019 Worlds	entries	champ	requested	champion
Argentina	48	55	103	52	5				
Austria	1	1	2	1	1				
Bahamas	4	8	12	6	2				
Belgium	39	39	78	39	4				
Brazil	71	133	204	102	6	3			Jr World -1st: Tiago Brito; Fleet Rep; Country re
Canada	7	17	24	12	2				
Chile	3	17	20	10	2				
Colombia	12	8	20	10	2				
Croatia	9	8	17	9	2				
Cuba	5	5	10	5	1				
Denmark	1	9	10	5	1				
Ecuador	16	15	31	16	3				
Finland	25	30	55	28	3				
France	22	18	40	20	3				
Germany	6	8	14	7	2				
Italy	98	128	226	113	6				
Japan	275	485	760	380	8				
Norway	41	57	98	49	4				
Peru	1	11	12	6	2				
Poland	18	17	35	18	2				
Portugal	31	44	75	38	4	1			Jr Worlds 2nd: Mafalda Pires de Lima
Puerto Rico	4	5	9	5	1	1			World Champ: Raul Rios
Spain	144	212	356	178	6	1			European: Gustavo del Castillo
Sweden	12	11	23	12	2				
United States	250	366	616	308	8	2			WH&O: Ernesto Rodriguez; Women's: Carol Crc
United Kingdom	10	21	31	16	3				
Uruguay	10	10	20	10	2				
Total	1163	1738		87	87	8	0	0	additional requests for entry
				add ons	8				
				former world champions	18				
				possible competitors	113		#REF!		

Per the Deed of Gift, the host country is allowed one additional entry providing it does not have among it's other representatives the Jr, Sr, Euro or WH&O Champion. Brazil holds the Jr World title.

Former World Champion skippers automatically qualify if they are a current member of SCIRA. They are not included in the country base quota.

The actual champions must be the entry and it is non-transferable.



SCIRA's new Online Database for Dues renewal

The Board approved direct membership for SCIRA last year, which went into effect January 1, 2019. We have been busy converting to the new system.

The SCIRA Website has the link to direct membership posted and several members have already registered for the year. To access, go to www.snipe.org and hover over "Class" and you will see a dropdown for "Pay Dues" or use this link. <https://theclubspot.com/join>

Several countries have opted to set-up their own system to also collect local dues. If you live in one of these countries, please contact your National Secretary:

Finland Italy Japan Portugal Spain GBR USA

All other members can go directly to the Snipe website and join individually. Many National Secretaries also have decals and can give you a decal once they verify payment. Otherwise please contact the Snipe office and we'll make sure decals are mailed for 2019.

Going forward, you will be able to renew easily next year as well as have automatic verification for major Snipe event registrations.



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53rd Annual Don Q Rum Keg

After two days where endless windshifts left competitors and race committee wondering what would happen next, the 53rd DonQ Rum Keg Regatta in Miami closed out with 12-16 knots of solid easterly breeze. Ernesto Rodriguez/Hallie Schiffman won all three races, but everyone enjoyed the mix of reaches and runs in classic Biscayne Bay conditions, a great reminder of how well Snipes fit the short chop.

Saturday night's Cuban dinner was capped off by a debrief that helped everyone—newbies and veterans—learn some new speed tricks. We also discussed how to increase participation at this and other regattas. The bottom line is this: we need to do a better job of reaching out to other sailors and sharing how much fun we have together. Serious Sailing, Serious Fun! Miami in March provides both.

By Carol Cronin

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club together with the Serralles Company (Don Q) and the Miami Snipe Fleet organized and run this 2019 (53rd ANNUAL) Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta. The weather was excellent and the Race Committee lead by PRO Jaime Ramon and SCIRA Rep Brainard Cooper produced 8 races in 3 days. On Friday and Saturday we had winds from NW to N very shifty 5 to 15 mph and then 3 final races on Sunday with steady winds from the East 15 to 18 mph. Upwind with downwinds and triangles. Good hiking out winds!

Saturday afternoon the traditional daiquiries Don Q Party took effect with Club Ladies (and racing crews) bringing the daiquiries to the sailors arriving to the floating dock. And after the party they served a very nice Cuban dinner including black beans(also very traditional).

During the dinner the sailors delivered several speeches, followed by a races debriefing.

Special thanks go to Susan Walcutt, Jaime Ramon and Brainard Cooper for the organization and conducting the races. Also special thanks to Cathy and Mark Buller for the use of their boat "Otra Cuba Libre" for the Signal Boat and their participation in the Race Committee. Club members that also helped in the regatta: Ron and Dottie Rostorfer, Susan Eddings, Martha Ledesma, Jo Ann Mathews, Denise Schneider, Helen Phillips, Paul Plump, Lovell Luparini, John Kandara, Luis Rodriguez, Bill Becker, Allen Cox, Kathy Gunst, Steve Herman, Julie Hanrahan, Liz Balbin and Paul Plump.

By Gonzalo Diaz



Snipe Winter Circuit - 2019



2019 53rd DON Q SNIPE REGATTA Coconut Grove Sailing Club | March 21-24, 2019

[View in Media Format]

Snipe (22 boats) (top) Series Standing - 8 races scored

Information is provisional and subject to modification

Regatta results last updated: Monday, March 25, 2019 9:26:56 AM CDT

Click on race number to view detailed race information.

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	31337	Ernesto Rodriguez/ Hallie Schiffman	Ernesto Rodriguez/	[8]	1	1	1	3	1
2	30288	Augie Diaz/ Margaux Bacro	Coconut Grove Sailing Club/	1	[5]	3	3	1	4
3	31114	Enrique Quintero/ Katy Hannan	Coral Reef Yacht Club/	7	3	2	2	[10]	3
4	31441	George Szabo/ Diana W	SDYC/	6	6	5	[8]	2	6
5	31424	Andrew Pimental/ Megan Place	Sail Newport/	3	[19]	4	6	13	2
6	31442	Peter Commette	Lauderdale YC/Mantoloking YC/ /	[23/OCS]	13	8	4	4	5
7	31295	Carol CRONIN/ Kim Couranz	Severn Sailing Association/	5	4	7	10	6	[13]
8	15790	Pietro FANTONI/ Arianna Buzzetti	Yacht Club Adriaco/	2	9	6	9	8	8
9	30629	Gavin OHare/ Erika Seamon	Eastport YC/	11	7	[18]	5	5	7
10	30983	Fabio Rochelli/ Daniela Semec	Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano/	10	[11]	11	7	7	11
11	31304	Lee Griffith/ Nikki Bruno	Surf City Yacht Club/	9	2	[15]	14	9	12
12	31313	Alex Pline/ Lisa Pline	Severn Sailing Association/	13	12	10	12	11	[15]
13	29511	Taylor Scheuermann/ Isabella Du Plessis	Coral Reef Yacht Club/	15	17	14	[19]	12	14



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14	31357	Eric Reinke/ Lauren Schoene	SSA/	16	14	13	[17]	15	17
15	31325	Christopher Hains/ Alexandre Tinoco	Guelph Community Boating Club/	14	10	9	16	17	9
16	29572	Charlie Bustamante/ Michele Bustamante	Miami Snipe Fleet/	12	18	12	15	14	10
17	30888	Blake Cabassa/ Tiffany Fernandez	CRYC/	[17]	16	16	13	16	16
18	30759	Patrick Rynne/ Fiona Rynne	n/a/	4	15	17	18	[23/OCS]	18
19	30336	Gonzalo DIAZ/ Albert Gaspari	CGSC/	19	8	19	11	20	20/DN
20	30236	Kenneth Voss/ Tara Lobo	CRYC/	[23/DNC]	23/DNC	21	20	19	19
21	28702	Gabriel Porzecanski/ Daniel Porzecanski	USSC Miami/	18	20	20	21/DNF	18	[23/DI]
22	8653	Hal Gilreath/ Brendan Feeney	Florida/	[23/DNC]	23/DNC	23/DNC	23/DNC	23/DNC	23/DN

Ron Payne Memorial US Pan Am Trials

Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA, April 5-7, 2019.

The US Pan Am Trials were run concurrently with the annual Ron Payne Regatta in Fort Lauderdale, FL over three glorious days of sailing. To be eligible for the Pan Am Games, teams had to include one male and one female and be US citizens. To win, your name had to be Ernesto or Hallie; after they dominated all three races on day one, the regatta quickly became a battle for second place.

From Lauderdale Yacht Club's docks (on a protected canal off the Intercoastal Waterway) to the race course was a 45-minute sail out through Port Everglades, a commercial port that always has cruise ships, container ships, and fishing boats of all sizes and abilities entering and exiting. Escorted by a fleet of LYC safety boats, the reward was the excellent sailing outside: 75 degree water, 80 degree air, ocean swell, and—of course—Florida sunshine.

The first day's conditions were picture perfect for Snipe sailing with a 10-14 knot southeast breeze and great surfing waves. After a conservative start in race one, Ernesto/Hallie rounded first and developed a significant lead by the finish—a pattern that would become familiar. Regatta organizers Peter/Connie proved that they'd left all the shoreside details where they belonged, surfing across the line in second place; after another second and a fourth, they finished the day in second overall.

Ashore, we were greeted with rum punch and snacks so the fleet could socialize while rinsing boats and making a few repairs. Dinner was a delicious pasta bar, as well as an impressive choice of protein and vegetables. Over dessert, a debrief by World Champion coach Paul Cronin encouraged everyone to share ideas about

what worked (and what didn't).

Day two's breeze never filled above 11 knots and dropped down to 8 at times. With plenty of chop and swell, teams who could spot the lines of pressure and figure out how to stay in them (especially downwind) dominated. Augie Diaz/Margaux Bacro won two of the three races, moving into second overall—and closing to within a few points of Ernesto/Hallie, who could “only” manage a 3-2-4 for the day. Enrique Quintero/Kathryn Hannan moved into third with a 2-1-2.

Once again, sailors got back to LYC where rum punch and snacks were on offer, followed by a great Caribbean buffet on the poolside Lauderdale Yacht Club patio. Paul led another debrief, sparking discussions about avoiding clumps of boats downwind and how to steer around the waves, and we also celebrated Sharon Johnson's birthday. After that, most made it an early night partly due to a ten AM start scheduled for the final day.

Sunday's 10-14 knots provided yet another day of fantastic Snipe sailing, and another chance for Ernesto/Hallie to prove their dominance by winning the last two races. Even with an OCS the last race (one of six boats caught, out of 15), Augie/Margaux held onto second overall. Enrique/Katie finished with a third to cement third overall.

While teams packed up for the drive home, food and drink were provided once again. Lauderdale Yacht Club (and Team Commette) have developed a winning formula for combining Serious Sailing with Serious Fun; “We like to keep people together,” Peter explained. “And to do that, you have to feed them.” Sunshine, great breeze, and fantastic competition all help too.

BY CAROL CRONIN



Snipe Winter Circuit - 2019

2019 SNIPE BACARDI CUP – FINAL RESULTS					R1	R2	R3
1	BAH	28811	JIMMIE LOWE	CAMERON SYMONETTE	4	2	1
2	BAH	30360	ROBERT DUNKLEY	GABRIEL NEWBOLD	3	1	3
3	BAH	30511	COCHISE BURROWS	LORI LOWE	5	3	4
4	CAN	31325	CHRIS HAINS	TRISTAN ELDON	1	7	5
5	BAH	30202	GAVIN McKINNEY	ADAM BOORMAN	7	4	2
6	BAH	27800	PETER BRUCE WASSITSCH	ANA WASSITSCH	2	6	6
7	BAH	29616	FERNANDO de CARDENAS	SAOIRSE DUFFY	6	5	8
8	USA	31023	STEVE LANG	NADIA DAGGETT	8	9	9
9	BAH	29899	THOMAS PHILLIPS	JOLIKA BUCKNER	9	8	10
10	FIN	30833	HANNA LEHTINEN	JUHA LEHTINEN	DNS	RET	7

2019 SNIPE GAMBLIN					R1	R2	R3
1	BAH	30360	ROBERT DUNKLEY	JOSHUA WEECH	1	1	1
2	BAH	30511	COCHISE BURROWS	LORI LOWE	6	3	2
3	BAH	28811	JIMMIE LOWE	TYLER McSWEENEY	3	5	3
4	BAH	29616	FERNANDO de CARDENAS	SAOIRSE DUFFY	5	2	7
5	BAH	27800	MAX WASSITSCH	PB WASSITSCH	7	6	8
6	FIN	30833	HANNA LEHTINEN	JUHA LEHTINEN	4	7	6
7	BAH	30202	GAVIN McKINNEY	ADAM BOORMAN	2	4	4
8	CAN	31325	CHRIS HAINS	CAMERON ELDON	8	8	5
9	BAH	28144	ADAM BOORMAN	ANA WASSITSCH	DNS	DNS	DNS
10	BAH	29899	THOMAS PHILLIPS	JOLIKA BUCKNER	9	9	10
11	USA	31023	STEVE LANG	NADIA DAGGETT	10	10	9



Ron Payne Memorial Regatta US Pan Am Games Trials April 5-7, 2019



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2	30288	Agustin Diaz / Margaux Bacro	Coconut Grove Sailing Club/	3	5	3	1	3	1	2	[16/OCS]	18	2
3	31114	Enrique Quintero / Kathryn Hannan	Coral Reef Yacht Club/	6	6	[10]	2	1	2	6	3	26	3
4	31442	Peter Commette / Connie Commette	Lauderdale YC/Mantoloking YC/	2	2	4	[16/OCS]	6	7	3	4	28	4
5	30506	Ramón González Bennazar / Tiare Sierra	Puerto Rico/	5	3	2	[16/OCS]	5	3	4	16/OCS	38	5
6	31441	George Szabo / Dianna Waterbury	San Diego Yacht Club/	8	7	[9]	4	7	8	5	2	41	6
7	31295	Carol Cronin / Jeff Eiber	Severn Sailing Association/	4	8	5	9	4	5	11	[16/OCS]	46	7
8	31304	Lee Griffith / Nikki Bruno	Surf City Yacht Club/	7	10	6	7	[14]	10	7	6	53	8
9	31313	Jim Bowers / Julia Rabin	Winchester Boat Club/	11	4	7	[16/OCS]	8	6	9	16/OCS	61T	9
10	31300	Celia Houston / Watt Duffy	Lakewood Yacht Club/	[13]	9	8	5	10	9	13	7	61T	10
11	29966	Evan Hoffmann / Chloe Constants	San Diego Yacht Club/	10	[12]	11	6	12	11	8	5	63	11
12	30571	Sharon Seymour-Johnson / Tara Lobo	Lauderdale Yacht Club/	12	11	12	8	11	13	10	[16/OCS]	77	12
13	BAH 30511	Lori Lowe / Sarajane McMahon	RNSC/	[14]	14	14	10	13	12	14	8	85	13
14	29511	Taylor Scheuermann / Liam Munzenmaier	Coral Reef Yacht Club/	9	13	13	[16/OCS]	9	14	12	16/OCS	86	14
15	30027	John Dixon / Graceanna Dixon	Lauderdale Yacht Club/	[16/DNC]	16/DNC	16/DNC	16/DNC	16/DNC	16/DNC	16/DNC	16/DNC	112	15



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Antwerp Snipe Cup 2019

March is Antwerp Snipe Cup time. The popularity of the event is growing year after year. The 2019 edition was the most international ever with teams from Spain, Italy, Norway, Poland and the UK. They were joined by a good turnout from our local fleet. This was certainly boosted by the coming SWEC 2019 (Snipe Women's European Championships). The event has raised interest from women sailors from other classes in Belgium. This year, triple Olympian Min Deziellie had her first taste of Snipe sailing after she retired from competitive sailing 15 years ago.

The conditions were particularly challenging. On Saturday, after some deliberation, the RC decided to give it a go with a triangular course. For a number of sailors as well as for the gear it proved to be a bit too much and after one race the committee wisely decided to call it a day.

This meant the serious fun started a bit earlier than planned. There had actually already been a practice run on Friday evening. The sailors were served the traditional local fare: chips and stew. This was followed by a tombola for which the organisers managed to get lots of nice prizes.

On Sunday the wind had softened enough to be able to run a full program, i.e. 4 races + a medal race. There were still plenty of capsizes but fortunately no major gear damage. The wind was shifty as it often the case on lake Galgenweel. This made the sailing very tactical with lots of position changes. One of the peculiarities of the event is that there is no discard, which some people found out to their detriment.

After 4 races the top 10 exhausted crews sailed a short 3 leg up and down course to settle the final result. In the end our president Yannick Laumans and his crew Dirk De Bock prevailed. Victor Perez (ESP) and Dries Crombé came second, ahead of Robert Drontman (also an ex Olympian) and his crew Valérie Suy.

Big thanks to local Snipe sailors Jan Peeters and Maxim Van Pelt for organizing. Next year they dare to hope for 50 entries.



Copa Vela

“Serious Sailing, Serious FUN!

Snipes have been part of his life since 1984 when 5 year old Alberto sailed with his father Frederico Hackerott for the first time.

Today, 35 years later he continues to sail Snipes, “in his opinion the best sailboat for Brazilian reality: competitive, technical, democratic (for the whole family) and locally produced (completely feasible for a normal guy)”.

Family spirit created by the snipe class is sincerely present in weekend regattas at the Guarapiranga dam in São Paulo, Brazil. “In 10 years we could boost our Snipe fleet from 5 boats to 30 regular boats joining weekend regattas”. The recipe? Simple:

1) a fleet coordinator who was passionate for his duty (Mr Pedro Quezada), who taught many inexperienced sailors and stimulated them to join the Snipe Class between 2008 and 2013. His successor since 2014, Mr Alonso Lopez, was capable of keeping the good momentum.

2) the 311's Snipe fleet led by Alonso Lopez, Leonardo Prioli and Paola Prada, whose proactive spirit brought important championships to our location, like Southeast Regionals in 2017, Brazilian Nationals in 2019, and Women's World Championship (to be held) in 2020.

3) The willingness of a yacht club to recognize its genuine purpose to organize regattas and host events which could bring up sailors together: between 2014 and 2017 Copa Vela YCP hosted at YACHT CLUB PAULISTA offered around 80 events for 18 different sailboat classes.

Can you think of which class grew quickly and sustainably with this move? Yes, the Snipe class.

“In 2014 we thought about an event format which could bring sailors together for some hours, aiming to make them socialize and recognize things in common besides saying “hello” at sailing course or shaking hands at prize giving, when everybody is rushing to leave quickly”, says Alberto.

“We found out that just regattas are not enough to sustain a good momentum and expectations of “what's next”. Not everybody will win a regatta or a prize. 80% of Sailors in general sail for fun. And fun means competition, integration, socialization and knowledge transferring”.

The ideal sailing event should combine above ingredients, plus good food prepared to sustain the event's image and a spokesman who will teach other sailors about his abilities to sail Snipes.

That means usually subscription fares are not enough to cover event's marginal costs: “the events are responsible to keep yacht clubs alive. If clubs think an event must be profitable, they are not thinking BIG”, states Alberto. “20 additional Snipes mean 40 additional sailors which will support to sustain the heavy fixed costs usually a reality for yacht clubs in Brazil.

“We are conscious that the Snipe Class was responsible for saving our club's economy in 2015 when a terrible economic crisis hit our country. Today we have at Yacht Club Paulista the biggest Snipe fleet in São Paulo with 35 boats and 20 regularly active”.



BY ALBERTO HACKEROTT
PHOTOS BY WILL CARRERA



4ª TAÇA JEFFREY SHAW DE SNIPE

Iate Clube de Brasília

Resultado Final

Overall

Sailed: 4, Discards: 0, To count: 4, Entries: 12, Scoring system: Appendix A

Col.	Timoneiro (a)	Proeiro (a)	Clube	Numeral	Barco	Total	1ºR 30/3	2ºR 30/3	3ºR 30/3	R4 31/3
1st	FELIPE RONDINA	JÚLIA SAMPAIO	ICB	31425	CARRACA	5	1	1	2	1
2nd	GUSTAVO MACEDO	GUILHERME POLETO	ICB	31318	HUAYRA	9	4	2	1	2
3rd	CEZAR CASTRO	JEFFREY SHAW	ICB	30365		20	2	5	8	5
4th	GUILHERME RAULINO	FERNANDO	ICB	29631	MIZUCA	20	9	4	3	4
5th	PEDRO STRAATMANN	ANNA LUIZA MONTENEGRO	ICB	30528	MANDINGA	21	7	3	5	6
6th	MAURICIO ALBUQUERQUE	MAURICIO MANCUSO	ICB	31011	NJORD	23	8	6	6	3
7th	BRUNO LOSSIO	LUIZ FELIPE	ICB	31426	BAYMAX	27	3	7	4	13 DNC
8th	SÉRGIO MULLER	JENI SIMÕES DE SOUZA	ICB	30640	SEM NOME	30	6	8	9	7
9th	LUCIO MACEDO	MARCOS HENRIQUE DOS SANTOS	ICB	30446	ACARÁ	34	10	9	7	8
10th	MIKE RONCHI	PATRICIA SOUZA		30769	BOUNDARY	38	5	10	10	13 DNC
11th	EDUARDO COSTA	GUILHERME CARRIJO	ICB	31118		52	13 DNF	13 DNC	13 DNC	13 DNC
11th	ROMMEL CASTRO	ARTHUR DINIZ	ICB	30773	FUMETA	52	13 DNC	13 DNC	13 DNC	13 DNC



Snipe Day Tupiniquim - Niterói - Rio de Janeiro

The 368 fleet, Baía da Guanabara, has its base at Clube de Regatas Guanabara, at a very privileged location inside Enseada do Botafogo between the “Pão de Açúcar” (Sugar Loaf hill) and Corcovado.

At our hangars we have space for only 24 boats and we predict to keep at least 12 of them in good terms with Scira. The other boats have been abandoned by their previous owners and that now belong to the club, and are going to be restructured to serve for the sailing school and chartering. A couple of them belong to some non competitive sailors only interested in the serious fun.



On February 17th our rich neighbor the fleet 159 promoted a 6 hour regata “6horas da Baía de Guanabara”, a very festive regata where each boat has 2 different crews that take turns each making a complete round between Urca and Botafogo, always passing in front of the two clubs.

The 368 fleet took advantage of the tranquil waters and great visibility of this event to promote its SnipeDay. Opti sailors, opti parents, new not experienced Snipe owners were invited, one week prior to the regata there was a clinic where the boat was presented, the basic regulations explained as the way of sailing a snipe. A boat was assembled and all the present could sail and get to know the Snipe.

The next weekend, on Saturday prior to the regata all the teams were divided, two boats and 8 sailors, being 2 of them experienced skippers.

It was a lot of fun, the one that was on serious sailing mode got a 5th place and the other crew that was on the serious fun mode got the last place. objectives fully achieved, to understand and appreciate the snipe sailing. As a result: more people interested in joining the Snipe class.

BY MARIO EUGENIO TAVARES





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Snipe Women's European Championship



Antwerp,

Belgium, June 28-30, 2019

Belgium confirmed to host Women's European Championship June 28-30 in Galgenweel, Antwerp, Belgium.

Scira Belgium is proud to announce it has been asked to organize the Snipe Women's European Championship 2019. The event hasn't been run for a number of years and it was therefore the plan of the people who came up with the idea to make it a low threshold event. A 3 day regatta is planned from 28 to 30 June 2019.

The venue will be lake Galgenweel in the city of Antwerp, home of the Snipe in Belgium. Although small, less than 1 km long, it sports five sailing clubs and houses several hundred boats in covered yards. It's one of the most active sailing hubs in Belgium from its creation as part of an urbanization plan in the 1940's.

The size of the lake is a challenge, both for organizers as for sailors. Courses are short and guarantee close racing that is easy to follow from the clubhouse. The start line is max. 5 minutes away from the bank and crews can come ashore in between races as there are plenty of jetties. Scira Belgium is also known for its socials.

Women's European Championship Deed of Gift

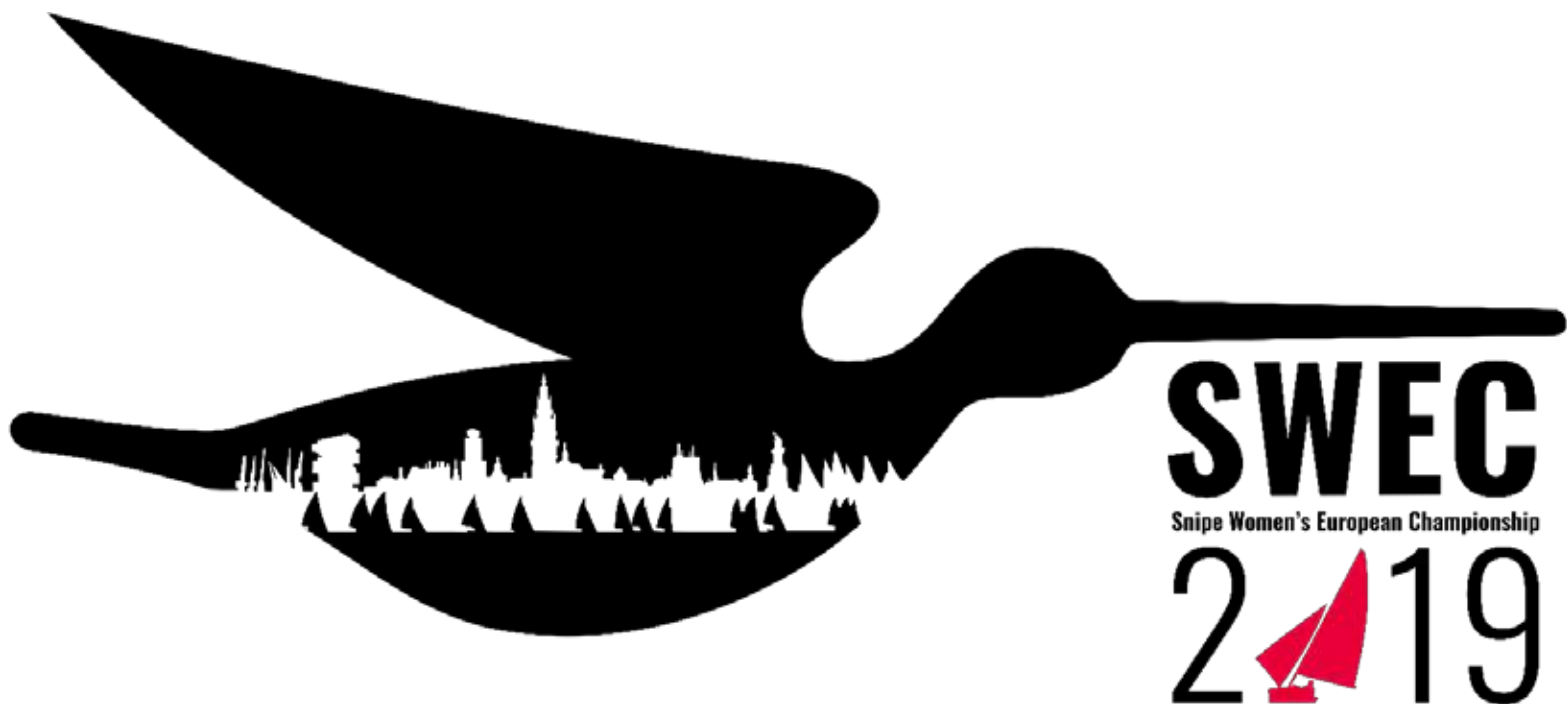
More practical information about the championship is coming soon. There will be charterboats available for sailors who prefer to come by plane. If necessary we will help you with housing.

We would like to invite the national secretaries to ask around in their countries and inform female sailors about this event.

Do you think about participating? Please let us know if you will be there by leaving your name in the doodle on our website (<https://swec2019.com/>) or by sending me an e-mail (swec2019@gmail.com)

You can find more information about the event on the event-website: <https://swec19.com/>





2019 Snipe Racing Calendar

for more information on Snipe regattas, see the calendar on www.snipe.org

Circuito Guarapiranga - 4 ^o etapa	May 1	YCP, Guarapiranga, Sao Paolo, BRA
European Masters Championship	May 1-4	RCN de Valencia, ESP
Ammersee Cup	May 4-5	Sailing Club Utting, Germany
VarSnipa	May 4-5	Baerum Seilforening, Norway
Taca dos Lagos	May 11	Guarapiranga, Sao Paolo, BRA
Southern Tournament	May 11-12	Clube de Vela de Lagos, POR
Copa Vela YCP - 3 ^o etapa	May 18-19	YCP, Guarapiranga, Sao Paolo
Birger Jansen Cup	May 18-19	Baerum Seilforening, Norway
UK South Eastern Champs	May 18-19	Blackwater Sailing Club, UK
Copa de Espana	May 23-26	Marbella, ESP
Campeonato GNECU	May 24-26	Salinas Yacht Club, Ecuador
Sipar International+	May 25-26	Moscenicka Draga, Croatia
Navy Day Regatta, Portugal	May 25-26	CN Oficiais e Cadetes da Armada, POR
Kotka Ranking, Finland	May 25-26	Kotka, FIN
Mistrzostwa Miasta Poznan	May 25-26	Poznan, Poland
Copa Master	June 1-2	late Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Memorial M. Jankowskiego	June 8-9	Poznan, Poland
NB Snipe Cup/Open Danish	June 8-10	Espergaerde, Denmark
German Open/East European Cup+	June 14-16	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
Hanko Ranking	June 15-16	Hanko, FIN
UK Stone Open	June 15-16	UK
Regata del Portolano	June 16	CVCE Porto Ceresio, Italy
Taca Octanorm	June 20-23	late Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Semana de Vela de Sao Paulo	June 20-23	Guarapiranga, Sao Paolo, BRA
Regata Nazionale, Italy	June 22-23	Bracciano
Ladies European Championship	June 28-30	Galganweel, Belgium
Regaty na Powitanie Wakacji	June 29-30	Powidz, Poland
Helsinki Ranking	June 29-30	Helsinki, FIN
Leste Brasileiro (Cabo Frio)	July 5-7	late Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
UK Bough Beech Open + *	July 6-7	UK
Semana de Vela de Ilhabela	July 6-9	Ilhabela, Brazil
Summer Tournament, Portugal	July 13-14	Clube Nautico dos Oficiais e Cadetes da Armada
Rank 7 (Copa SYC 2/2)	July 13-14	Salinas Yacht Club, Ecuador
XXV BI Wstega Zalewu J	July 13-14	Jeziorsko, Poland
CYA, Chile	July 20	Algarrobo
Taca Recon Beer	July 27-28	YCP, Guarapiranga, Sao Paolo
Puchar Starosty Poznanskiego	July 27-28	Poznan, Poland
Open de France	July 28-August 3	Loctudy, FRA
PanAm Games Lima	July 31-August 10	Paracas, Peru
Airisto Regatta	August 10-11	Turku, Finland
Puchar Prezesa AZS	August 10-11	Poznan, Poland
MP Slonka Masters	August 17-18	Poznan, Poland
BeNeLux	August 17-18	Grevelingenmeer, The Netherlands
Norwegian Womens Champs	Aug 30 – Sept 1	Baerum Seilforening, Norway
Piada Trophy	Aug 30 – Sept 1	Rimini, ITA
North Americans	September 6-8	San Diego, CA, USA
Semana de Vela do Rio de Janeiro	September 6-8	late Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Regata Mensual Snipe	September 7-8	Club Nautico Muna, Colombia
Regaty Pamieci	September 7-8	Poznan, Poland



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VikingSnipen	September 14-15	Baerum Seilforening, Norway
Golfo del Sole	September 15	CVA Agno, Switzerland
Mistrzostwa Wielkopolski	September 15	Poznan, Poland
Coupe Viking	September 21-22	Le Havre, France
Snipe Short Track	September 22	Jarvenpaa, FIN
Puchar PKM LOK	September 28-29	Poznan, Poland
Helsinki Fleet Open	September 29	Helsinki, FIN
Snipe Jr World Championship	October 1-5	Ilhabela, Brazil
Int. Tournament of Maria Guedes	October 5-6	Clube Naval de Cascais, POR
Snipe World Championship	October 7-12	Ilhabela, Brazil
Marlin spike Rum Cup	October 19-20	Galgenweel, Antwerp, BEL
Campeonato Paulista Master	October 19-20	YCP, Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, BRA
Snipe a Paris	November 3	CVBM, FRA
Campeonato Paulista	November 15-17	Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, BRA
Juegos Bolivarianos de Playa 2019	November 22-30	Vargas, Venezuela
Campeonato Paulista Feminino Snipe	November 23-24	YCP, Guarapiranga, Sao Paulo, BRA
Semana Olimpica	December 5-8	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, ESP
Trofeo Armada Espanola	December 6-8	Santiago de la Ribera, ESP

+South European Summer Circuit

+ *Yves le Bour Cup 2019

2019 National Championships

Spain	July 25-28	La Coruna
Japan Master	June 7-9	Gamagori
Portugal	June 7-10	Clube Naval de Cascais
Denmark	June 8-10	Espergaerde
France	June 8-10	Le Der
Norway	June 27-30	Milde Batlag Bergen
Poland	July 5-7	Gdansk, Poland
Italy	July 11-14	Monfalcone
United States	July 18-21	Beverly, Massachusetts
Great Britain	August 2-4	Lake Bala, Wales
Sweden	August 10-11	Stockholm
Norwegian Master	August 17-18	Baerum Seilforening
Japan	August 26-Sept 1	Gamagori
Italian Masters	Aug 31 – Sept 1	Rimini
Finland	September 6-8	Espoo
Finnish Masters	September 21	Jarvenpaa
Belgium	September 21-22	Galgenweel, Antwerp
Chile	December 6-8	
Colombia Nationals		
2 nd Copa Mariana Isaza	June 29-July 1	Club Nautico El Portillo
3 rd Valida Nacional	November 2-4	Club Nautico El Muna
Ecuador Nationals		
1 st regatta	August 17-18	Salinas Yacht Club
2 nd regatta	September 14-15	Salinas Yacht Club
3 rd regatta	October 26-27	Salinas Yacht Club



DUES 2019 as of April 30

Country	Members
Argentina	4
Austria	2
Bahamas	14
Belgium	70
Brazil	238
Canada	3
Chile	3
Colombia	0
Croatia	6
Cuba	6
Denmark	6
Ecuador	2
Finland	10
France	11
Germany	8
Guatemala	1
Italy	193

Japan	0
Lithuania	0
Mexico	0
Norway	11
Peru	0
Poland	20
Portugal	65
Puerto Rico	3
Spain	134
Sweden	6
Switzerland	3
United Kingdom	30
United States	232
Uruguay	9
Venezuela	0
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Snipe Ranking Guidelines

SCIRA has an agreement with the SSL (Star Sailors League) whereby if we provide regatta results, they will calculate an international ranking system for us. In order to have a great ranking system, we need the cooperation of all regatta organizers and National Secretaries to encompass as many events and sailors as possible.

Read the guidelines to the right to help gather the information. Use this link to download the excel template (save as a csv file) and then send to the SnipeToday editor or the SCIRA office. It's that easy!

[Results Template](#)

Guidelines for sending regatta results for the International Ranking

The purpose of these guidelines is to facilitate the loading of results into the SSL database.

- It is necessary to fill in all fields in the attached file.
- In particular it is important to fill in the "Sailor ID" field.
- Sailor ID means SCIRA memberID number.
- The SCIRA member ID can be found by entering the name of the sailor and checking the corresponding number at this [link](#):
- The SCIRA member ID is used to avoid duplications or errors with the names of sailors (for example: Martin Bermudez or Marin Bermudez de la Puente or Martin Bermudez de la Puente Gallego).
- Using the SCIRA member ID also makes it possible for SCIRA to check that the sailor is a member in good standing.
- Fill in the number of races, correctly indicating the DNC or DNS boats in the individual races.
- Send the file to editor@snipetoday.org
- The file will then be forwarded to the SSL Team, which will upload it to the "machine", a complex excel file, on which the International Ranking regattas are loaded.
- Results in .jpeg format are absolutely to be avoided.

Thanks for your collaboration!

