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The Cover: Junior sailor
Gonzalo Grun from Uru-
guay preparing his cen-
terboard for racing.

The Count: 18 new numbers
have been issued: 1 ITA, 2 BRA, 2
ESP, 4 CAN, 9 JPN

Numbered Snipes: 31664
Chartered Fleets: 904

NEXT DEADLINE

October 1

Snipe Bulletin in the time of Covid-19

In this unprecedented time of a global pandemic, SCIRA is working hard to keep you informed and connected.

Even though we are unable to sail, race and socialize with our fellow Snipe sailors, SCIRA felt the importance of keeping connected.

A few countries has restrictions lifted and you'll see a report from Poland and an invitation to Belgium!

We asked each country to tell us how they've survived through the pandemic and the reports received are in the coming pages.

The Snipe Hall of Fame is open for nominations - please see the Snipe website for further information.

Treasurer Sue Roberts gives us an update on SCIRA's financial condition and highlights some great happenings!

Still looking for a distraction - see the Sailing Apps section.

We offered all Snipe suppliers to advertise for free this issue and we hope you will support them as they have supported SCIRA.

Enjoy this issue and the postings of SnipeToday. Stay safe, healthy & we hope to see everyone back on the water soon!

Jerelyn Biehl
SCIRA Executive Director



From The Commodore

Hello friends,

3 months have passed since our last communication and in some countries, like mine, we still continue with a strict quarantine since more than 130 days ago.

I am sure it has been very difficult for everyone, but we look forward to the future and we see with joy and hope how in some countries, the restrictions are being lifted.

Some notices of training days, regattas or even National Championships are circulating on social media and with a little luck in a few months this nightmare will be just a bad memory for us all.

In SCIRA it is our job to ensure the safety of our members and the future integrity of the Class, preparing the structure that will allow us to return to normalcy as soon as possible when this all ends.

In recent months we have had numerous e-meetings and communications with the organizers of the most important regattas and we have managed to set a calendar for next year, which had been unanimously voted and approved by the Board.

Also, at our last meeting we voted on all the proposals presented in 2020, and although we did not reach a consensus regarding the age of the juniors (proposal pending from 2019), there is a tacit agreement by the members of the Board that any proposal for 2021 (which will be valid in 2022 at the time of Jr. World's), will contemplate the exception so that those who turn 22 in 2022 can compete (due to the global pandemic).

We have also worked hard to balance our budget for 2020, and we have done so largely by reducing numerous expenses that the absence of racing allows us to eliminate. However, our deficit is large, and we need the help of all of you, our members, so that by paying your yearly dues and decals, you help sustain YOUR class.



Something very important to mention is that for the second year we will carry out the initiative of the "Snipe Hall of Fame" started by Commodore Fantoni in 2019. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate our greatest champions or collaborators of the past.

I have appointed a committee that includes members from CAN, ESP, USA, BEL, JPN and ARG that will help me in the process of choosing the 10 inductees this year. I invite you, class members worldwide to collaborate through your National Secretaries, and send to SCIRA any suggestion in this regard.

That is all for now, I hope that our next communication will find us with many regattas in the near future.

I wish you health and a wet hull!

Luis Soubié
ARG 31701
SCIRA Commodore



Will it be SCIRA RIP 1931-2021?

We are half way through this difficult year for everyone. Some countries are starting to manage to get back out on the water whilst others are still in complete lockdown. Whatever your situation we still need you to re-join SCIRA to keep your association functioning.

Your own Snipe Association also needs you to join! The entry quota as per the deed of gift for the Worlds Hub Isaacs trophy is based upon membership for the 2 years prior. If the Worlds are held in 2022 (as planned) then the 2020 & 2021 figures will be used to average the quota. Your own Snipe sailors, who will be wanting to represent their country at the Worlds, are reliant on you joining SCIRA to enable them to compete.

You will be able to see comparison figures on page 22 showing number of members and boats who renewed in 2019 compared to 2020 by country. Although we are only half way through 2020 the figures are looking bleak.

Whilst some countries have no members at all for 2020, others have a good number of members but with few boats registered. We need both helms, crews and boats to renew to make the difference. So far only 44% of members have joined and 34% of boats.

You are only able to display a decal if you have registered and paid for both yourself and your boat. All unused decals will need to be sent back to the SCIRA office at the end of the year to ensure they have all been paid for along with the accompanying membership fees.

The first plans for building a Snipe were issued in 1931. Covid-19 is deadly to humans but it may also end the existence of your class association.

Without your continued support you will not have an association.
Please support your association by re-joining.

Sue Roberts
SCIRA Treasurer

THANK YOU SCIRA ARGENTINA!

SCIRA Argentina have been very proactive in persuading people to re-join SCIRA. They sent the following out to their members:

“Fundamentally, the SCIRA must pay the annual fee for WORLD SAILING and the fees of the manager who carries out the operation of the class worldwide. This year if the class members do not fulfil their obligation with the mother entity (SCIRA), it will not be able to raise enough to meet them, since SCIRA is not for profit and works “at cost”.

The direct consequence if WORLD SAILING is not paid is to lose the world class for which the leaders have fought so hard, therefore we will NOT have valid championships; Furthermore, if managers are not paid, it will be very difficult for SCIRA to move

forward.”

The AAS have waived their own association fees for 2020 enabling sailors to be able to compete in their Nationals by just paying SCIRA fees (\$15 senior membership / \$10 junior plus \$10 boat decal) with a deadline payment date of the end of July. This is to really encourage their members to pay their SCIRA dues and pay them promptly.

Should the Nationals in Argentina not be able to take place, anyone who has paid their SCIRA fees by end of August 2020 will not have to pay the Argentine Association fees in 2021.

Thank you for your support and maybe other countries can follow your great example of helping SCIRA stay afloat.



SCIRA Hall of Fame - 2020

The Snipe Class has a long history of which very few other classes can be boast.

It is a history of people, sailors, champions, enthusiasts, promoters, sailmakers, builders and organizers.

The past is strongly linked to the present: all these people have helped to promote and grow our Class in

many countries and continents; many of these people are still strongly linked to the Class or have been, when they were alive, to form a large family, the Snipe Family, from great-grandparents to grandchildren. Past and present are strongly united in the Snipe Class.

Nominations are now open for the Class of 2020

information and the nomination form can be found on www.snipe.org

Committee:

Chairman: Commodore Luis Soubie - ARG

Gweneth Crook - CAN

Pepe Perez Morales - ESP

John Rose - USA

Andre Callot - BEL

Shinichi Uchida - JPN

Hall of Fame Categories

Sailing: achievements on the water by a sailor

Technical/Design: Significantly contributed to technical aspects as a builder, sailmaker

Contributors: made significant contributions to the Snipe Class such as a coach, – administrator, officer, promoter, organizer.

Please tell us (using the sample nomination form) and ask your fellow members to tell us why your Candidate merits election to the Snipe Class International Hall of Fame in the category (or categories) you selected.

Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees

Carlos & Jorge Vilar Castex
William Crosby
Id Crook
Gonzalo Diaz
Earl Elms

Hub E. Isaacks
Bibi Juetz
Jan Persson
Axel & Erik Schmidt
Ted Wells



Getting started for the racing season

How to get your boat compliant with the rules

Membership

To enter any race, you **MUST** be SCIRA member and display the sticker on the starboard side of the hull. You can join directly with SCIRA or, in some countries, through the National Secretary.

Measurement Certificate

Your boat must have a valid Measurement Certificate to be presented to the regatta organizers.

Boat weight

The minimum weight is 172.8kg

Weight includes

- Mast with standing rigging and fittings
- Boom
- Whiskerpole
- Rudder, tiller, extension
- Main and jib sheets
- Compass
- Running rigging and fittings
- Corrector weights

Weight does not include tow line, paddle, buoyancy aids

Corrector weights

Corrector weights must be fixed and visible wherever placed

Max amount 15kg

Position to comply with the MOI and marked on the Measurement Certificate

Jib tack

The pin hole shall be max 6mm dia.

The center of the pin shall be

- Max 279mm from the Hull Datum Point
- Max 45mm above the sheer

Mast partner

Minimum distance from the HDP is 1494mm

Mast step

The position is free

Only one transverse pin is allowed

Sliding steps must be blocked with a screw or bolt and nut

Not adjustable while racing

Shrouds adjusters

Any system is allowed

Not adjustable while racing

Daggerboard

The stripe must be 350mm long and 25mm wide

When the stripe is even with the top of the deck, the board must extend out the bottom max 350mm

The retaining system shall be either a tablet and/or a hook

The retaining line shall be max 610mm long, from the top of the daggerboard case to the inner part of the shackle or carabiner

The shackle or carabiner shall be metal

Rudder

Min weight 2.72kg including fittings

Correctors weight allowed up to

- 250gr if after 1.1.2015
- 450gr if before 1.1.2015

If the boat was built before 26.2.2018, any allowed rudder design can be used

If the boat is built from 26.2.2018, the design approved in 2015 can only be used

Boom and pole

Check the stopper at the boom end

The vang must be attached to the boom and the mast under the gooseneck and can only pull the boom down.

The whiskerpole shall be max 2642mm long

Mast

Check the stopper at the top (not requested if the halyard stopper at the top is used)

Spreaders cannot be adjusted while racing

The pole launcher block shall not extend from the forward side of the mast

Minimum weight 9.1kg, including rigging and fittings

Corrector weights allowed up to 100gr, to comply with CG

Sails

Must be measured and stamped before racing

Shall display the SCIRA royalty

Max two suits can be measured at an event

Nationality to be the one where the boat is registered

Numbers shall be of a registered boat

Letters and numbers of the same color

Digital or universal numbers not allowed

Use of carbon

Carbon is allowed in the following equipment

- Running rigging
- Fittings
- Compass support
- Tiller ExtensionPolisS



Sokolowski/Sokolowski Win 2020 Polish Nationals

With excellent weather, good wind (10-15kt) and temperature (24-27 C) we held Polish Nationals 2020 on the Lake Kiekrz.

We sailed nine races. The wind with big gusts did not blow in the direction typical for Kiekrz (West) but from the South and SW, which made it difficult to set a venue.

The lockdown ended on June 1 and classes on the water did not start until about mid-June. However, we decided that the regatta would take place. Thanks to the successful and efficient cooperation of the Snipe class, the Yacht Club AZS and Race Committee, we managed to organize a very successful and unforgettable event very quickly. We did our best to observe all C-19 restrictions during our meetings. For this reason, this Championship was different than usual. Teams from other countries did not turn up, but I think we will meet at the Eastern European Cup 2020. Everyone is cordially invited to Kiekrz on 7-9 August 2020.



M-ce	Numer na żaglu	Nazwisko	Imię	Rok urod	Klub	Miejsca w wyścigach									Punkty Suma
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1.	POL 29894	SOKOŁOWSKI SOKOŁOWSKI	LUKASZ PIOTR	78 00	ZŁKS POZNAŃ	3	*4	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	14.0
2.	POL 29475	JARUGA ŚLUSARSKA	MICHAŁ NAWOJKA	74 03	KZ MEWA POZNAŃ	4	*12	4	9	5	1	1	2	5	31.0
3.	POL 28221	MARCZAK PEDZINSKI	DAWID BARTOSZ	78 81	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	1	1	3	7	4	8	8	*9	4	36.0
4.	POL 29165	POLACZYK POLACZYK	SZYMON GERARD	70 03	KZ MEWA POZNAŃ	*12	7	5	3	3	9	6	3	8	44.0
5.	POL 29973	KULESZA KULESZA	JAKUB EWA	77 77	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	2	3	7	5	*10	7	7	7	7	45.0
6.	POL 30334	ZAKRZEWSKI WIERCINSKA	RAFAL AGNIESZKA	57 00	JKW POZNAŃ	7	6	*14	4	9	4	2	13	3	48.0
7.	POL 29474	KACZMAREK PRUSINSKI	MAREK ALEKSANDER	96 00	JKW POZNAŃ	8	5	2	10	8	*13	9	8	2	52.0
8.	POL 30537	KLUZA MADON	KRZYSZTOF KACPER	87 00	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	6	2	6	6	2	5	*DNC	DNC	DNF	59.0
9.	POL 30535	SIBILSKI FRACKOWIAK	JAN GRZEGORZ	99 00	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	9	10	*11	2	7	11	10	6	6	61.0
10.	POL 30708	ŚLODECKI RAKOCY	TOMASZ ZBIGNIEW	60 60	PKM LOK POZNAŃ	5	13	8	8	11	10	4	4	*DNF	63.0
11.	POL 29352	ROSZYK SKOWRONSKI	HUBERT PRZEMYSŁAW	05 62	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	*14	14	12	13	6	2	5	5	10	67.0
12.	POL 30644	MADALINSKI POLACZYK	ADAM HUBERT	71 01	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	10	8	9	*DNF	12	12	12	10	9	82.0
13.	POL 29510	SULEJEWSKI KUNCEWICZ	KRZYSZTOF JERZY	58 55	ZŁKS KIEKRZ	13	11	10	11	15	6	13	12	*DNF	91.0
14.	POL 29531	GROCHOLEWSKI GROCHOLEWSKA	ANDRZEJ JOANNA	02 75	AZS POZNAŃ	11	9	*UFD	12	14	15	14	14	12	101.0
15.	POL 30698	ZIELAZEK BUKAŁA	TOMASZ EMILIA	60 60	JKW POZNAŃ	*15	15	13	14	13	14	11	11	11	102.0
Kierunek wiatru : NE						NE	NE	NE	W	W	NW	NW	SW	SW	
Siła wiatru [m/s] :						3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-5	3-5	



New Rules Approved for 2021

Junior Age - postponed from 2019 - **Not Approved**
The Junior maximum age is unchanged (21 years)

20-1 Number of Races and discards - Approved **What will change?**

The maximum number of races scheduled in major events is dropped to 9. Only one race shall be excluded after the 7th race is completed.

The number of races scheduled in the South European Championship is dropped to 6.

Only two races shall be sailed in one day. Three races only if behind schedule or to recover lost races.

The proposal included the option to use different courses or a different schedule than the standard SCIRA. This will be allowed only for local conditions upon approval of the Board of Governors.

What documents are affected?

The Rules of Conduct and the pertinent Deeds of Gift will be updated accordingly.

Comment

This change was requested by the sailors at the 2019 World Championship open forum.

20-2 Black Flag - Approved

What will change?

Race Committees can use the Black Flag, but not before 2 general recalls and ONLY in fleets larger than 45 boats.

What documents are affected?

The Rules of Conduct will be updated accordingly.

Comment

This change was requested by the sailors at the 2019 World Championship open forum.

20-3 Rules Committee duties - Approved

What will change?

Section 28 of the Constitution is updated

To establish the actual number of the appointed members of the Rules Committee

To extend the possibility to make recommendations to the Board not only on the Class Rules but also on the Rules of Conduct

To establish that the Rules Committee appointed members shall not also be members of the Board of Governors to guarantee independence.

What documents are affected?

The Constitution will be updated accordingly.

Comment

The most valuable change is the extension of the Committee's duties, which remain within the technical area.

20-4 Hub E. Isaac Deed of Gift - Approved

What will change?

The Open World Championship DoG is changed to establish that the SCIRA Chief Measurer shall be the chief of the Measurement Committee at the Worlds.

What documents are affected?

The Hub E. Isaac Deed of Gift.

Comment

This change will guarantee the best measurement procedures at the highest level class event.

20-5 Boat weight - Withdrawn

Word Sailing already clarified that the current rule wording includes the jib sheet in the total weight of the boat.

20-6 Corrector weights - Not Approved

What will change?

Nothing. Corrector weights can be fixed everywhere in the boat in a visible position. If inside a tight compartment they must be visible through the inspection port.

Comment

If inside the cockpit, corrector weights must be all the time visible, even if under the central carter as in many boats. If not visible, hole(s) must be drilled in the carter to make the weights visible. If inside a tight compartment, the weights must be visible through the inspection port and not hidden (i.e. under the cockpit floor...)

Final comment

Following the Board's decisions, no changes have been approved to the currently adopted Class Rules. The new document (Snipe Class Rules 2021-2024) will be in force from January 1st, 2021 with the same text than the current version.

According to the Constitution, no change in the rules is allowed during the 4 years of effectiveness unless of extreme urgency.

This will not prevent that clarifications or explanations might amend the text, upon the approval of World Sailing, to improve the wording or to clarify the rules.



ARGENTINA

In 2020 Argentina was hit by COVID-19 like most of the world.

According to this situation our Government on March 19th established a very strict quarantine, since then Sailing and most other sports are suspended almost all over the country. This includes amateur and professional sport activities.

During last June and early July some states, of certain areas in the center and north of our country such as Salta, Cordoba, Santa Fé and Rosario, the state Governments allowed sailors to go back to the water for just sailing or training, but NOT RACING.

In the central and south areas of our territory sailing and racing are totally forbidden.

SCIRA ARGENTINA & ARGENTINIAN SNIPE ASSOCIATION submitted to this government's executive orders, this meant the temporally interruption of our National Grand Prix.

We kept in contact with the different fleet and regional captains of our country through ZOOM meetings. This allowed us to share experiences about how to deal with this lockdown. All official races scheduled in 2020 calendar are suspended by the moment and we are waiting for new official executive orders in order to re-schedule the remaining regattas of this year, this includes our 2020 Nationals.

Martín Alonso
Vice NS , Argentina



BELGIUM

Clearing skies, sunny periods

We kicked off the season with the Antwerp Snipe cup (MAR 07-08). It was already in the air at the time, but a few days later we and our boats went back to behind the doors (lockdown, MAR 18). Release and relief as we got back on the water starting from mid of June. The summer period is usually rather a relatively quiet period in our calendar due to holidays and big championships. This year is different, the aforementioned will not take place. Hence we introduced a Summer series in which we have low profile races every two weeks. In addition, every Wednesday we have our midweek 'round the lake' races. 'All hell broke loose' when we could organize our first post lockdown regatta around mid of June. the challenge Spoot. Everyone craved for air and water, we had up to 25 boats on the starting line - or maybe the (craving for!) beer had something to do with it too as the famous and notorious Duvel was the sponsor :)



A (not so??) bright future

We have very nice events tuned up. The

upcoming weekend the first edition of the 'Family cup' will take place. Most of our members have (Snipe) sailing family, fathers/mothers - brothers/sisters - 'hubbies/wifies' - sun/daughters - even grandchildren or cousins/uncles/aunties. You get the point, it's all related. We thought it would be fun to get in the boat together for a day and make a nice 'family BBQ happening' in the evening. Unfortunate



and coincidental, it fits in today's circumstances where contacts have to be reduced to close family bubbles. Will the bubble hold or burst :)



More brightness on the horizon, a training weekend with Damian Borrás (AUG 08-09), BeNeLux championship (AUG 15-16), Womens Belgian nationals (SEPT 05), Belgian nationals (SEPT 26-07), and the MarlinSpike Rum Cup (OCT 17-18).



However, dark clouds are on the horizon. Today, at the end of July - one month and a half after opening the bars and restaurants - 20 days after our COVID-19 minimum - The alarm is sounding again. The figures are going up across the country. It is clear that we haven't won the battle yet and we shouldn't rest on our laurels. The people fear a new lockdown and do everything possible to avoid that. So do we, we're going to have to severely restrict contacts on the shore. We need to avoid an outbreak on our lake to avoid closing it down. We miss our international Snipe friends, we hope to catch you all the next one!!

Yannick Laumans
SCIRA Belgium



BRAZIL

How is our year so far? Here in Brazil, in retrospect, we were lucky to hold our Nationals in the last week of January, before this big mess began.

By February we were all going back home, dealing with the start of the school year, and we usually don't have regattas during Carnaval. Some of us were also planning to go to Uruguay for the South Americans.

In the beginning of March we had the Campeonato Paranaense (Paraná State Championship) and that was the last regatta before the quarantine was imposed.

Since then we had to postpone several championships and cancel lots of regattas.

What we did during quarantine? Well... stayed at home, mostly! But we also engaged in...

Lots and lots of live sessions! Let's highlight some of them:

With former commodore Ricardo Lobato (BLU) about racing rules every Friday night;

With Roberto Paradedá about sail trimming and tuning;

With former world champs Bruno Bethlem (Bebum) and Xandi Paradedá about how they became world champions;

We also sang and made our own "sing at home" video: "Como uma Onda", which was a blast;

In parallel, we took advantage of sailors staying at home and asked

them to find old regatta results, also asked them to find their podium photos so that we could create the "Brazilian Hall of Fame" at our website (we didn't have one).

The last action started a month ago with a series of live talks about Brazilian Snipe builders telling us their history, and this series of lives is

helping us to register a part of our history that was not lost, but was very scattered in a lot of places... we now have the stories of Brazilian Snipes Pierre de Mattos, Lineburger, Bruder, Carajás, Torben and Lemão, that are largely responsible for the strength and success of the Snipe class in Brazil.

In the middle of July a lot of Brazilian states started to allow for sailors to go back to their yacht clubs. And we will start holding our first regattas by the end of July.

Oh, we also had several members relieving their tensions and honing their tactics in virtual regattas, but nothing beats stepping back in our Snipes and do that serious sailing thing again. Let's hope we can resume serious fun too in the not too distant future.

Paola Prada
SnipeDiva and SnipeBRA
National Secretary



CANADA

Snipe Fleet 877 has been active since Late May as soon as boating clubs were allowed to open in Ontario. Though we were not allowed to race officially (provincial regulations prohibited sporting events), by our reading of the regulations, there was nothing preventing us from dropping marks in the water every Tuesday night, and blowing a few whistles when all of us happened to be near the start line. So that's what we've been doing every week ever since. Throughout June we saw some of the best "non racing" we've seen in years.

There was a collective cheer when the provincial government in Ontario announced last week that sporting events could resume in Late July, and so we are eagerly planning some regattas to happen later in the season. We'll be running the Palm Do'r and the Canadian Nationals on the first and Second weeks in September. Both on Guelph Lake.

Unfortunately for our newest Canadian Fleet - 259 in Montreal - the pandemic has derailed plans somewhat. Fabio Bojlesen, who moved to Canada from Brazil last year, is the fleet captain,

and had ordered 2 Lemao Snipes to be delivered in the spring with the aim of starting the fleet. Production and shipping delays on the Brazilian side have been ongoing, and we are still eagerly awaiting the shipment of new Snipes. Four boats in total are scheduled to arrive in Canada which will provide a boost to fleet 877 as well. (When they finally get here!)

We've also been planning an online seminar on sail tuning in the coming weeks. As soon as we get some English translations done on the original Portuguese transcript, we will be delivering it. The biggest blow for everyone in Canada though is the closure of the US border. The fleets on both sides of it are tightly linked. It's hard to imagine a summer where we don't head down to the Briody regatta in Rochester, or to North Cape, and we don't welcome our American friends to the Palm Dor or Ontario open, but that's what we are facing. Longer road trips like Annapolis or Boston are also off the table. In Canada we are all looking forward to the time (hopefully next summer) when we can cross the border and sail together again.

Julian Inglis
National Secretary



AFFORDABLE

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OUR BOATS' LAST TITLES:

2019 Snipe Worlds
7 out of the top 10 including
Champion and Runner Up

2020 Brazilian Nationals
9 out of the top 10

Winner of the last 16 Brazilian
Nationals



SPAIN

In Spain, the Snipe sailing activity is strongly recovering after the lockout, having organized several significant regattas, like the Madrid Championship where 27 boats participated (max allowed were 30) and Carlos del Castillo at Gijon with 50 entries (max allowed) with a waiting list of 5-6 boats. Both regattas were very successful in participation and organization putting in place all the measurements to guarantee the safety for sailors and people in general (face masks, distance, etc).



During the lockdown, several videoconferences were held with several for the Spanish Board and another for the General Assembly where many topics were discussed.

The forecast for the next months is also promising with big events ahead, like the Spanish Masters in Valencia by 24th-27th September and the Nationals in Vigo by 9th-12th October. On top of this, there are several events counting the Spanish ranking (Almería in August and Cádiz in September) where the clubs are actively promoting the participation. Finally, it is encouraging to see that for the European Juniors (September 17-20) there are 36 entries (and growing), being a clear evidence that our Snipe Class is really attractive for our younger crews.



Fernando Celdran
SCIRA ESP
National Secretary

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FINLAND

In Finland spring and early summer Snipe activity was quiet. With only mental sailing, couple of virtual regattas, boat preparations, and remote SCIRA Finland yearly meeting. Two ranking series regattas were cancelled together with planned Try Snipe-events.

First reliefs on COVID-restrictions allowed the start of sailing in mid-June, still with masks and social distancing.

The racing season started finally in the last weekend of June with Helsinki Regatta.

Nine teams competed just outside one of the Helsinki City parks. Hot and sunny weather had attracted also many motorboats cruising on the same area, and their waves made sailing a bit challenging. Second day added the challenge with brisk easterly wind, still hot and sunny.

Young team of Riku Vaariskoski and Salla Vadén was the clear #1 with five out of six race wins. Mikkonen & Mikkonen was second and Saarhelo brothers third. We were also happy to welcome a new team, Petteri and Juhani Lehmuskallio, to their first race and as members of the Snipe Family.

Next race is the Finnish Nationals in mid-August with



a training camp on the previous weekend. We are looking forward to seeing over 20 boats racing again.

Reino Suonsilta
SCIRA FIN
National Secretary



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GREAT BRITAIN

The UK fleet are as far as I know all fit and in good health.

There is no fleet racing for double handed boats in the UK that I have heard of and certainly not at the Snipe Fleet clubs.

Our members have been getting together for "Virtual Regattas" in place of the missed open meetings afterwards using Zoom to socialise.

There was a broad acceptance early in the season at our Skype Committee meetings that the regional open meetings would not take place, but hope that our UK Nationals in August could take place in the historic harbour of Plymouth in Devon. At a recent meeting with Sue Roberts it was clear that the venue were keen to keep the event and that if the

current easing continues it will be safe and sensible to run the regatta as planned 14-16th August. Although there are a few who can no longer attend it's likely that there are plenty who are keen to compete. We are about to canvass the fleet fully in order to make a decision.

Best wishes
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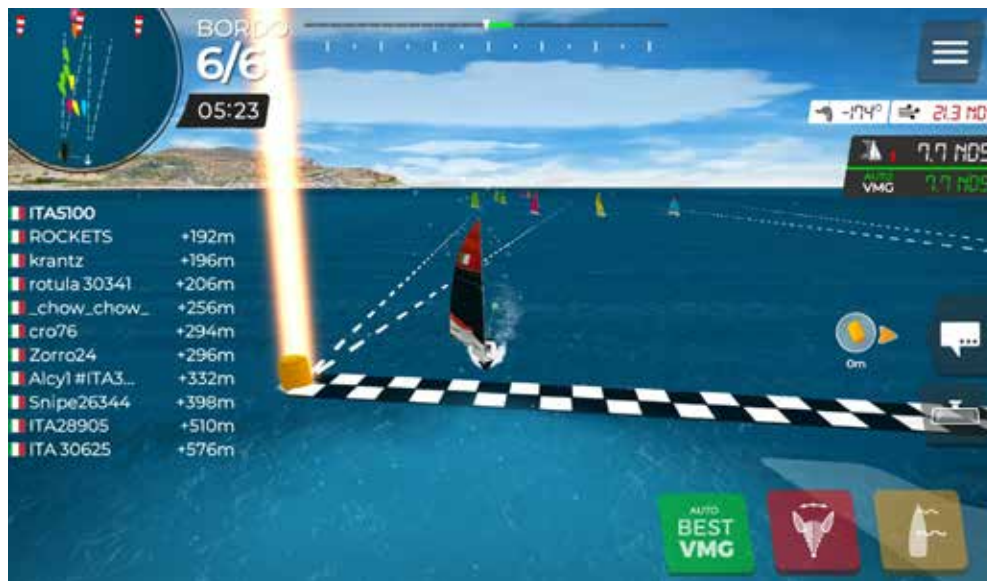
ITALY

During the long period of the lockdown in Italy some fleets met several times on the Zoom platform and, always using the same platform, we made two assemblies to reorganize the national calendar according to the Protocols imposed by our federation: we decided to move the nationals regattas scheduled until August 1, 2020 at the same period of 2021 by redesigning the Italian Championship, scheduled for Anzio in early July, in Pescara at the end of September. The same also for the Italian Master Championship, which will be sailed in Talamone on October 31st - November 1st instead of in Ledro on August 1st.

We have organized some virtual regattas, with a good participation ... it's not like being in the water but they have found a good success.

This weekend, always observing the anti-Covid rules, the zonal regattas have finally restarted: it has raced in Bracciano and Riccione, regattas are scheduled next week in Riccione and Molveno and in early August in Ledro.

Daniela Semec
SCIRA ITA
National Secretary



JAPAN

We held several web conferences.

And we decided to change the All Japan Championship from August to November and started preparing.

Not everyone, but some teams have started sailing little by little.

Yosuke Watabe
SCIRA JPN
National Secretary

NORWAY

Norway closed down 12th of March. Government started early strict regulation for all activities including sport. In May they started up sailing for one-person dinghies and larger boats with a maximum 3-person crew including captain. For all other two persons dinghies or one design keel boats the lockdown was not lifted. This due to the minimum one meter between each person. The national Snipe championship that should have taken place start of July at Hankø had to be cancelled.

We still do not know when we will be allowed to sail regattas again but hope that at the end of July there will be a lift of the restrictions. SCIRA Norway has applied for a new national championship mid-August.

As all sailing clubs have been effectively closed for activities so the situation has not been easy up North.

On the positive side the mortality in Norway has been low and hospitals never overloaded. But we now need a opening and good second half of the season to get the National Snipe class back on track.

Gier Bjarne Myre
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POLAND

The Polish Championships are starting today. We are all incredibly happy about that. After the lockdown period, finally on the water. Through our work and many, many conversations and calls to members of fleet 855 Slonka (POL) we have 30 active members (last year 40). I hope that at the end of the year there will be 40, because we are still ahead of the Masters (22-23 August) and East European Cup (7-9 August). Unfortunately, this year no guests from abroad came to Poland, and the event takes place with the restrictions of COVID 19.

Zbigniew Rakocy
SCIRA POL
National Secretary

URUGUAY

Here in Uruguay we came back to the water a couple of weeks ago, we had our first race this Sunday, but the weather is so cold and is hard to go out more than an hour, plus, we still have the lockers room and showers unavailable so we come out of the water cold and wet and we cannot take a nice warm shower to get the blood pumping again. But we are happy to be sailing anyways :)

Anahi Benitez
SCIRA URU
National Secretary



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Overall

Sailed: 1, Discards: 0, To count: 1, Entries: 8, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Class	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	R1	Total	Nett
1st	SNIFE	29826	YCU	Roberto Fabini	Maria Pia Fabini	1.0	1.0	1.0
2nd	SNIFE	28026	ACAL	Gonzalo Grun	Mateo Novo	2.0	2.0	2.0
3rd	SNIFE	31562	ACAL	Pablo Amorin	Rodrigo Rossi	3.0	3.0	3.0
4th	SNIFE	31546	YCU	Simón Fabini	Manuel Barnech	4.0	4.0	4.0
5th	SNIFE	28193	ACAL	Andrés Pellegrino	Gonzalo Gamio	5.0	5.0	5.0
6th	SNIFE	29251	ACAL	Rodrigo González	Anahi Benítez	6.0	6.0	6.0
7th	SNIFE	28633	ACAL	Ramiro Cabezas	Victoria Tachino	7.0	7.0	7.0
8th	SNIFE	0	YCU	Fernando Alfaro	Sebastián Fernández	9.0	9.0	9.0



UNITED STATES

While many regattas have been postponed until later in the year or outright cancelled, Snipe sailing is still happening across the US. The Annapolis fleet hosted the first major regatta, their annual Colonial Cup in late June which drew 20 teams from as far as Miami. Regatta co-chairs Lisa and Alex Pline did a wonderful job of planning for a safe regatta, then documented what they did in a SnipeToday article (<http://www.snipetoday.org/articles/exchange-views/best-practices-for-running-a-covid-compliant-regatta/>), which is a must read for regatta organizers. The midwest's first post-C-19 regatta, the Norm Tanner, was sailed out of the Bow Mar fleet in Colorado on July 11-12.

2020 Norm Tanner regatta competitors, Bow Mar fleet, Colorado

Meanwhile, Snipe fleets across the country are racing locally, including fleets from California, Texas, Kansas, Ohio, Colorado, Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland and others. Local guidelines are forcing sailors to be creative in when, where, and who they sail with. We have observed an increase in same-family teams. On the lake that I sail on in Winchester, outside Boston, we have had 7-10 Snipes on the line for weekend club racing – the most we have seen in many years. All have been family teams, and on multiple days, half the boats have been skippered by juniors. Pretty cool.

Membership is down from last year: 71% that of 2019 for membership and 88% that of 2019 for registered Snipes. To help minimize the negative impact on the US class finances, we are encouraging members to upgrade their membership from any of the grades (“regular” to “gold”) to any of the three “Premium” grades (silver, gold, platinum). (<https://snipeusa.com/donate/>)

Art Rousmaniere
SCIRA US
National Secretary



9-yr old Flora Cole (skipper) with Dad Andrew (crew) at the 2020 Colonial Cup in Annapolis, MD



Chris & Porter Wright from the Mission Bay Fleet



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	2020	2020	2019	2019
Country	Members	Boats	Members	Boats
Argentina	41	28	53	23
Austria	1	0	2	1
Bahamas	2	3	17	4
Belgium	71	19	82	49
Brazil	182	97	295	183
Canada	5	9	14	19
Chile	0	0	48	22
Colombia	0	0		10
Croatia	2	1	16	8
Cuba	0	0	11	5
Denmark	0	0	9	5
Ecuador	0	0	4	11
Finland	43	23	49	24
France	4	4	31	20
Germany	3	3	9	9
Guatemala	0	0	2	1
Italy	134	72	280	125
Japan	312	133	1018	569
Lithuania	0			
Mexico	0	0		
Norway	27	17	27	29
Peru	0	0	5	11
Poland	30	13	40	18
Portugal	55	34	82	30
Puerto Rico	1	4	4	8
Spain	238	99	503	203
Sweden	15	9	22	13
Switzerland	3	2	3	0
United Kingdom	41	22	54	18
United States	310	261	434	297
Uruguay	12	8	34	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.
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- Results in .jpeg format are absolutely to be avoided.

Thanks for your collaboration!

