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The Count: 50 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Japan 15; Belgium 2; Portugal 1; Brazil 13, France 3; Italy 4; Norway 2; Spain 2, USA 3 and 6 to builders
Numbered Snipes: 30945
Chartered Fleets: 887
Albufeira, POR is the newest fleet.

Cover photo: The future of the Snipe Class looks good --here are Junior sailors in the first Polish Junior Nationals held this August. Photo: Andrezej Neyman

Pan American Games 2011

Country qualifiers on page 13. Snipes will have 10 entries - with host Mexico having an automatic entry. For more information: www.pasaf.org



Next Issue deadline:
December 1

From the Commodore -

Dear Snipe Sailors,

2010 has been a year of great activity and great Championships. Among many local and international events, 34 crews attended the Junior European Championship in Almeria Spain, 51 the European Championship in Oslo, Norway and 40 the Western Hemisphere & Orient in Lake Erie, Canada.

Congratulations to the United States and Spanish teams that dominated these events.

It was an honor for me to attend all these International Championship's and having participated at the National Secretaries Meeting's. It was an important opportunity to communicate and exchange ideas for our Class with all the National Secretaries and sailors.

I'm also glad in seeing and feeling that the "Serious Sailing, Serious fun" was present in all these events.

Obviously, to arrange events like these takes a great deal of time, talent and hard work. So let me to take a moment to thank all of you who have contributed so much on the organizational side of our class.

New General Secretaries will be electing for the next 2 years. With them, we will establish a Work Plan and Objectives for each Hemisphere.

In the meanwhile, it's the time to start preparing the new season, so once again I would like to encourage all National Secretaries and Fleet Captains to be more involved with the promotion of the Snipe Class within their areas and Clubs.

I also challenge all Snipe sailors to commit themselves in the Class development, promoting our boat within exiting worldwide fleets and near friends of other classes, aiming to get more sailors converted to our "Serious sailing, Serious fun" Class.

All these steps are very important to the Class *health* and continue to be actively worked on.

Having said this, we certainly recognize the efforts of our National Secretaries and Fleet Captains throughout the World and, at this time, would like to express our appreciation for all you have done and all you are doing. You still are the ones in the best position to help develop our fleets.

By the end of the year, others events will be organized, nevertheless I would like to encourage all of you in the promotion of the next Snipe Women's Worlds which will be held in St. Petersburg, Florida in November.

Happy Sailing!



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Around the Snipe World



The photo below is the January 1941, 6th meeting of SCIRA held at the Hotel Shelton in New York. This was the last meeting before WWII began.

We're still trying to identify some of those in the photo - here are some we have identified:

- Standing: far right: Henry Schuette (PC, 1940)
- Standing: far left: George McGown (PC,38); 5th from left, Perry Bass (PC,41); 6th from left Bill Crosby
- Right table, right side: 3rd from right (dark hat): Helen Jarvis (40 Women's champion crew); 6th from front (light hat) Ruth Becker, 1940 Snipe Womens' champion.
- Center table, right side: 2nd from head table (leaning out) Ralph Heinzerling. 4th from head table with glasses & bald head, Charles Heinzerling (PC, 46), 5th from head table, Cliff Heinzerling.
- Bottom most person: Terry Whittemore (PC, 57)

Courtesy of the Heinzerling Family archives.



Winter Circuit Dates for 2011

Never too early to plan a great sailing trip!

75th Anniversary of the Midwinters

Clearwater, Florida

March 14-16

Don Q Rum Keg Regatta

Miami, Florida

March 18-20

Bacardi, Gamblin & Kelly Series & crowning of the Zimmerman Champion

Nassau, Bahamas

March 23-26





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European Championship Goes to Spain

Snarøya Snipe Club welcomed to this year's European Championship sailors from Europe who met in Oslo, Norway, in August to compete for the big prizes in this year's European championships. Spaniards, Italians next Norwegians were well represented by a total of 51 boats. There were seven races of a maximum of 11. The conditions ranged from total calm to good wind.

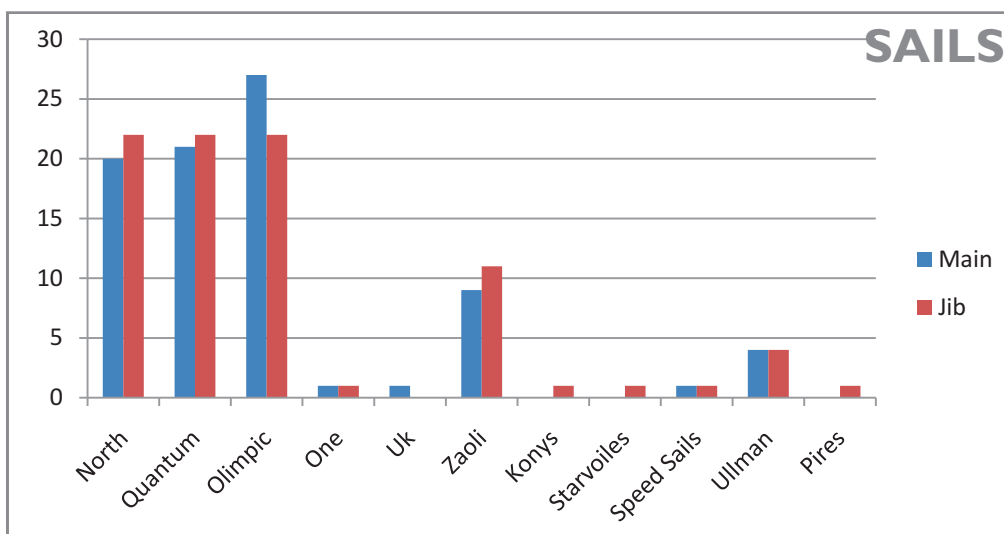
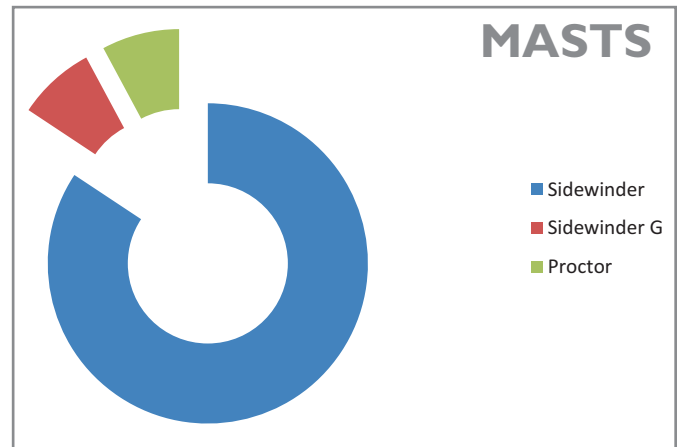
Sailing took place in conditions from 2-3 m/s and up to 6-7 m / s. The Spanish, Belgians and Italians fighting for those precious spots, where Marina and Francisco Sanchez Ferrer were the ultimate winners in front Manu Hens and Enrico Miche from Belgium. In third place came Tabaré Rayco Alvarez and Gonzalo Morales Quintana from Spain. The Spanish team managed to concurred 4 out of top 5, which tells us how well they sailed throughout the week. The Italians managed 3 out of top 10, and Norway had 2 boats within top 10.



Socially, it was after sail every day, where sailors got food and drinks and not least to discuss today's races. The ending was formidable great and good sailing party. The organizing committee would like to thank all the sailors for their participation and especially to thank everyone who helped during the event. Many had also used the day off sightseeing in Oslo, from Viking ships to new the Holmenkollen, where next year's World Cup skiing will be held.

We wish the same time Denmark good luck with next year's world championships and hope that everyone will get to Denmark, another great European country

Photos and information : www.snipeuropeans2010.com



Photos below: Marina Jimenez & Carmen Bonilla of Spain. Pg 7: top 3 & a start
All photos by Meggy



European Championship - final results

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Francisco Sanchez Ferrer/Marina Sanchez Ferrer	ESP29724	1-9-1-1-1-2-(17)	15
2. Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL30714	7-(30)-8-5-2-1-4	27
3. Rayco Tabares Alvarez/Gonzalo Morales Quintana	ESP30805	2-8-4-6-3-4-(16)	27
4. Aurelian Negrin/Oliver Herrera	ESP29145	(17)-5-7-7-4-5-10	38
5. Raul de Valenzuela/Antolin Alejandro	ESP30728	6-(25)-3-4-11-3-14	41
6. Jostein Grodem/Asbjorn Grodem	NOR30186	15-7-14-(23)-12-6-3	57
7. Enrico Solerio/Sergio Simonetti	ITA30269	11-(21)-6-10-16-8-7	58
8. Paolo Cattaneo/Vittorio Zaoli	ITA30701	8-22-2-2-7-(24)-22	63
9. Birger Jansen/Lise Gehrken	NOR30910	16-(33)-10-11-6-9-18	70
10. Giampiero Poggi/Eugenia Vanni	ITA39685	4-16-13-19-8-19-(27)	79
11. Jaime Miranda Osset/Pablo Rios Yanez	ESP30892	(31)-17-12-14-5-16-15	79
12. Martin Bermudez/Carmen Vergara	ESP38020	3-12-20-12-13-23-(36)	83
13. Gustavo del Castillo Palop/Felipe Llinares	ESP29718	(ocs)-11-11-8-dnf-7-1	90
14. Paolo Lambertenghi/Nicola Ceccarelli	ITA30009	10-26-16-9-(27)-13-19	93
15. Jan Peeters/Nathalie Janssens	BEL30008	(34)-4-23-13-25-21-12	98
16. Lucas Orn/Axel Edwall	SWE29418	18-10-19-18-17-(32)	102
17. Ulrik Sandvig/Tanya Ferner Heglund	NOR30498	9-37-18-(40)-14-20-9	107
18. Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA30683	14-(42)-21-17-21-28-8	109
19. Christian Andersen/Andrea Loewenborg	DEN29916	27-14-28-15-(ocs)-12-13	109
20. Thierry den Hartigh/Greet Jansen	BEL30265	23-11-15-22-9-(33)-31	111
21. Ola Nygard/Kari Lockert Lie	NOR30069	(raf)-3-30-28-10-20-12	112
22. Stefano Longhi/Marina Senni	ITA30774	13-27-24-24-24-(36)-5	117
23. Dirk DeBock/Philippe Strobbe	BEL30400	25-24-9-(30)-20-17-23	118
24. Pietro Fantoni/Nicola Gerin	ITA15790	5-32-17-20-34-15-(35)	123
25. Bart Janssens/Eva Jacobs	BEL30897	19-25-22-26-15-25-(38)	132
26. Magnus Hedemark/Anette Melsom Myhre	NOR30312	20-(40)-39-27-23-10-16	135
27. Mads Truelsen/Tina Kopseng	DEN30613	24-6-32-(34)-28-18-33	141
28. Wim Saeys/Katia Royer	BEL29977	28-(30)-27-21-18-22-30	146
29. Jose Guerrero Macias/Andres del Riego Navarro	ESP29292	21-(ocs)-25-129-24	151
30. Giuseppe Prospero/Marco Prospero	ITA30224	22-39-36-25-29-11-(43)	162
31. Dries Crombe/Margot Audenaerdt	BEL30474	12-35-29-4-(ocs)-37-28	185
32. Per Edwall/Simon Edwall	SWE30068	(36)-23-26-31-30-52-dne	193
33. Federica Wetzl/Erica Ilaria Ferraris	ITA30705	26-19-(dsq)-33-35-43-39	195
34. Bjorn Sandberg/Linnea Petersson	SWE30637	30-(44)-31-36-32-41-25	195
35. Carlo Prati/Stefano Selleri	ITA30213	39-(46)-37-35-22-31-41	205
36. Johan Mejlaender/Jannicke Knudsen	NOR30813	29-28-33-41-37-(dsq)-37	205
37. Steffen Skjonberg/Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen	NOR30660	33-44-43-(46)-19-34-34	207
38. Siri Kamfjord/Kristine Andersen	NOR30029	37-46-35-(dnf)-26-45-26	215
39. Dawid Marczak/Bartosz Pedzinski	POL29004	35-29-34-42-40-38-(44)	218
40. Alberto Corneli/Francesco Filippi	ITA30375	38-38-40-32-41-(raf)-31	220
41. Alberto Schiaffino/Andrea Schiaffino	ITA30194	32-45-38-29-dne-27-(dsq)	223
42. Rafal Zakrzewski/Adam Zakrzewski	POL30334	45-31-(50)-37-33-35-47	228
43. Marina Jimenez Navarta/Carmen Bonilla Vera	ESP29780	(47)-13-45-43-42-47-40	230
44. Kristine Schussler/Marita Christensen	NOR29725	41-47-44-38-30-44-(48)	244
45. Gustavo Ribbe/Sofa Appelskog	GER30067	44-42-41-(47)-43-42-32	244
46. Øyvind Parken/Hilde Hovik	NOR29896	42-18-48-(49)-46-49-46	249
47. Tobias Chroner/Charlotta Chroner	SWE30697	40-43-43-(45)-45-39-45	254
48. Jorn Haga/Linda Andersen	NOR13923	46-(ocs)-49-48-44-40-29	256
49. Hanna/Juha Lehtinen	FIN30502	43-48-47-(50)-38-46-42	264
50. Bert Van Cauteren/Alec Van Cauteren	BEL30686	48-49-46-39-36-48-(dnc)	266
51. Alvaro Martinez Iribarne/Gabriel Utrera Thompson	ESP30768	dsq-dsq-dsq-dsq-dsq-dsq	364



Ernesto & Mary DOMINATE Western Hemisphere

In his acceptance speech, new Western Hemisphere & Orient champion said that he was told the Snipes would be sailing in “heaven on earth,” and that is exactly what the Buffalo Canoe Club served up for the 40 teams representing 10 countries & 4 continents for the 2010 Championship.

Let’s start with the venue; situated just across the border from Buffalo, NY, the Buffalo Canoe Club is in Ontario, Canada. A beautiful club situated on a big sandy beach beneath a sheltered point, but with a 10-minute sail out to Lake Erie. Fresh water and warm breezes that ranged from 8-20 knots during the week and at times, served up a wicked chop and swell. These conditions challenged the teams and what emerged was the dominant team of Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Hall of Miami, USA who ended the 9 race series with 9 points.

The volunteers were like so many that we are grateful to for running races and putting on regattas while we sail. Yet the family aspect and hospitality of the BCC was over the top. Members housed the majority of the sailors who just had to walk down the beach to their boats. BBQ’s and the bar were always friendly. Members were seen bringing beach toys for sailors children to enjoy or inviting various teams over for dinner. The RC was superb making the courses fair and just the right length for the conditions. And ALL races were sailed!



Maybe the regatta was special because the weather was, well – perfect; warm temperatures and great breeze the entire week. The only stall was on the first day and yet 2 races were sailed with just a bit of a delay as the breeze built.

So now we get to the racing. Alexandre Tinoco and Gabriel Borges of Brazil started off with a bang and led after day 1. The conditions were just to their liking with the lighter breeze. Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke were just behind in second, a position where they would end at the conclusion of the event.

Ernesto and Mary started off sailing their discards (7 & 6), but after day 1, they only posted all first place finishes with 2 seconds. This is despite one race where they felt they might be early to the start, re-started, took the entire fleets transoms and still won the race. And then there was the last race of the event in 18-20 knots and big seas. The duo was flagged for pumping, did their circles and still managed to win the race. Untouchable.... As Augie Diaz said after the 2nd day of racing, “Ernesto and Mary have made a statement and that is “Come and get us” - and they were right.

Diaz & Tocke sailed a consistent event to secure second but the result shuffling came in the next tier were there was more jostling of positions. Current Snipe World Champ Bruno Bethlem seemed to still be recovering from his worlds crew, Dante Bianchi’s wedding that took place the few days before the Championship in Brazil. Although always fast, Bethlem and Rodrigo Lins had all top 10 finishes, but it wasn’t enough for them to win this event. Tinoco and Borges were able to find their groove back after slipping for a few races to finish 4th. Also sailing fast were Japanese sailors Junichiro Shiraishi and Koji Saito. The other notable team was Puerto Rican juniors Raul Rios and Marcos Teixidor who had earlier in the summer represented their country in the ISAF Youth Worlds in Turkey.

Federico Waksman and Paolo Sass of Uruguay were the top youth team with 3 other junior teams sailing in the event as well as crews of 11, 12 & 15 year olds with their dads – all whom completed all 9



Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship - final results

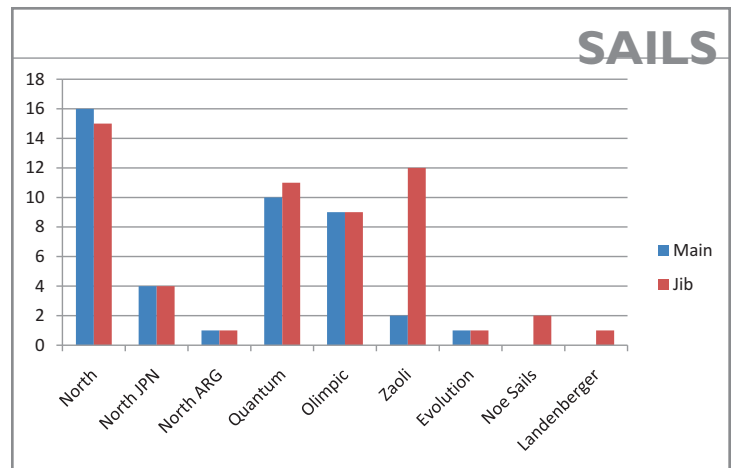
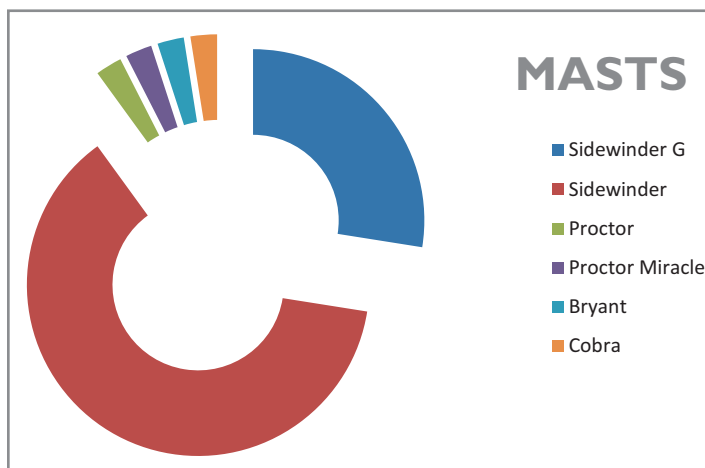
racers. The future of the Snipe is good with these strong junior teams sailing at such a high level.

Two all female teams were also in the mix with sisters Trixy and Yuyu Agusti of Argentina taking top honors. Americans Carol Cronin and Kim Couranz also sailed a respectable series.

Hats off to regatta chairman David Starck who made sure every detail was covered and the sailors were happy. The Snipes are hopeful we'll be back again at Buffalo Canoe Club!

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Finishes	Total
1. Ernesto Rodriguez/Mary Hall	USA30473	(7)-(6)-2-1-1-1-2-1-1	9
2. Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA30288	2-4-(9)-(11)-3-4-1-8-2	24
3. Bruno Bethlem/Rodrigo Lins	BRA30546	5-(9)-8-3-(10)-6-9-2rdg-3	36
4. Alexandre Tinoco/Gabriel Borges	BRA30703	1-5-3-6-(23)-8-13-2rdg-(17)	38
5. Junichiro Shiraishi/Koji Saito	JPN30233	8-2-7-2-(11)-10-6-(13)-6	41
6. Raul Rios/Marcos Teixidor	PUR30338	6-1-13-7-5-(15)-(16)-7-12	51
7. Luis Soubie/Diego Lipszyc	ARG28701	3-13-1-(18)-15-7-(ocs)-12-9	60
8. Felips Schaefer/Alex Juk	BRA30661	(17)-(31)-18-8-6-11-11-3rdg-5	60
9. Peter Commette/Taylor Scheuermann	USA30741	(21)-8-6-14-9-17-4-(28)-8	66
10. Andrew Pimental/Julia Marsh	USA30928	(18)-7-11-9-12-13-3-(15)-13	68
11. Rafael Gagliotti/Andrew Ubinha	BRA30513	15-19-5-5-(28)-2-(ocs)-20-4	70
12. Masakazu Sasai/Kazuhiro Ito	JPN30850	11-7-4-(dsq)-2-19-14-(22)-11	78
13. Federico Waksman/Paolo Sassi	URU30464	(dsq)-14-(27)-26-4-3-12-14-7	80
14. Paolo Santos/Rodrigo Inacio	BRA29818	4-(dsq)-18-4-8-9-(ocs)-10-dnf	94
15. Ricardo Vilas Boas Rezende/Phillipe Sobral	BRA30656	23-21-(24)-10-13-5-18-5-(ocs)	95
16. Tomas Hornos/Daniel Hurwit	USA29610	9-10-17-15-(26)-23-8-19-(ocs)	101
17. Shinichi Uchida/Michiko Uchida	JPN30634	19-3-(32)-12-14-18-(24)-24-15	105
18. Trixy Agusti/Yuyu Agusti	ARG29340	10-11-21-13-(29)-22-(25)-9-23	109
19. Henry Filter/Christian Filter	USA30552	14-26-10-21-17-12-(27)-18-(ocs)	118
20. Rick Arneson/Diana Carter	USA30800	16-12-20-16-20-(29)-15-(ocs)-19	118
21. Michel Leiva Perez/Yudil Suarez Mederos	CUB29518	22-(35)-15-20-15zfp-24-5-27-(ocs)	128
22. Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	USA30860	(31)-16-22-27-27-25zfp-7-6-(ocs)	129
23. Gonzalo Crivello/Enrique Quintero	USA30762	20-23-14-19-24-(34)-21-(30)-10	131
24. Gaston Vedani/Edgar Diminich	ECU29778	25-15-19-22-22-(28)-17-11-(ocs)	131
25. Mariana Arroyo/Nicolas Coppari	ARG28984	12-18-(26)-(30)-18-26-20-21-16	131
26. Wataru Mochizuki/Shintaro Sugiura	JPN30677	13-(27)-25-24-19-25-(26)-16-22	144
27. Emanuel Aghem/Luciano Pesci	ARG30604	16-20-23-17-31-21-10-(ocs)-(ocs)	148
28. Eric Reinke/Adrea Nilsen	USA30391	24-29-12-25-(30)-35zfp-19-23-20	152
29. Hirohito Kato/Mitugu Nakajima	JPN30085	28-24-(30)-223-16-(33)-22-26-14	153
30. Marcos Fuentes/Carolina Vergaca	CHI30590	(30)-28-28-29-21-20-(ocs)-17-21	164
31. Lee Griffith/Bryan Stout	USA30904	(33)-25-(31)-28-25-14-30-25-18	165
32. Harri Palm/Mike Ostler	CAN29317	(34)-(36)-34-33-32-30-23-31-24	207
33. Alejandro Triggiano/Victoria Marie Courtade	ARG30492	27-32-29-(dnf)-(37)-35-29-35-25	212
34. Marcelo Araujo/Leonardo Patane	BRA28650	29-30-(ocs)-32-33-32-28-29-(dnf)	213
35. Patricia Middleton/Maria Jose Middleton	CHI28643	32-33-33-31-(34)-31-31-32-(ocs)	223
36. Hugo Muller Neto/Valeria Schneider Vidal	BRA26906	35-22-(41zfp)36-35-39-32-33-(dnc)	232
37. Christopher Hains/Barb Mann	CAN27055	37-34-37-35-36-(38)-35-36-(dns)	250
38. Ed Vander Beek/Cassidy Vander Beek	CAN28654	(39)-39-39-37-38-(40)-36-37-26	252
39. Kyle Dakin/Francisco Perez	CAN28780	38-38-36-(dnf)-(dnf)-36-33-34-ocs	256
40. Colin May/Lilly Sargent	CAN26399	36-37-38-34-(dnf)-37-34-(dns)-dnc	257

Photos: Page 8: upper - Postponement on day I with the boat-house. Lower left: Ernesto and Mary lead the fleet. Right: Start of the WH&O Championship. Photos by Ives Spritzer.



Treasurer's Report

The Snipe Class International Racing Association is in good financial condition with a strong cash balance as of December 31, 2009. An increase in cash over the 2008 ending balance is a result of operations for the year 2009 and member contributions to the Association. Member contributions consisted of \$7,752 from the Schenck Estate and \$10,000 from Commodore Yamamoto. Income increased over 2008 mainly due to an increase in the rate of sail royalties we receive. Major expense decreases were in travel and measurement clinics. Overall revenues exceeded expenses by \$14,615, before contribution by members.

If you have any questions or comments please e-mail me at renee@bartells.com

Renee Bartell
SCIRA Treasurer

Balance Sheet on
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SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS OF INCOME, EXPENSE AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2009	2008
INCOME:		
Dues		
Senior	\$ 39,330	41,865
Junior	7,810	7,130
Decal	10,955	11,580
Fleet	1,060	950
Total dues	59,155	61,525
Royalties	23,190	8,405
Merchandise sales	11,198	10,150
Advertising	6,225	4,775
New hull numbers	4,350	5,100
Regatta sponsorship	-	1,500
Total income	104,118	91,455
COST OF GOODS SOLD:		
Merchandise purchases	9,838	10,374
Shipping	1,808	1,423
Total cost of goods sold	11,646	11,797
GROSS PROFIT	92,472	79,658
EXPENSES:		
Management fee	40,000	40,000
Snipe Bulletin expenses	18,273	20,476
Database software amortization	4,343	4,573
Rulebook cost and postage	4,494	2,113
Legal & accounting	2,090	1,298
Bank service charges	2,039	1,835
Dues & subscriptions	1,979	2,362
Measurement clinics	1,409	3,027
Promotion	898	2,150
Travel & meals	809	6,342
Boat decals	656	735
Royalty tags	386	386
Trophies	267	-
Measurement stickers	188	-
Office supplies	38	114
Total expenses	77,869	85,411
OTHER INCOME:		
Interest income	12	18
NET INCOME (LOSS)	14,615	(5,735)
BEGINNING MEMBERS' EQUITY	22,096	27,831
MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS	17,752	-
ENDING MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 54,463	22,096



First Polish Junior National Championship

First Polish Junior Snipe Championship 2010 was held at Kierskie Lake – the centre of Polish Snipe Class nowadays. Thanks to the efforts of the Board Members of SCIRA Poland, the popularity of the Snipe Class in Poland has been increasing considerably for years. As a result, more and more young people are getting interested in Snipe sailing.

16 boats participated in the Polish Junior Snipe Championship 2010. The competitors were at the age of 11 – 21. These young sailors are champions of many national and international regattas at Cadet, Europe, Laser and Optimist Class. They had been painstakingly preparing for the championship by practicing for a few weeks. They represented 6 sailing clubs.

The weather was changing a lot but it was mainly raining. On the opening day of regatta it was blowing ca. 6-12 knots, but during the second day the wind was a bit stronger – up to 16 knots. 5 races took place. Finally, after a hard contest the crew Luke and Natalie Wierzbiccy won. The final results are listed below.

In the evening of the first regatta day a nice and joyful party took place – many of the young people and other SNIPE fans came. At the end of the regatta, there was an official prize giving ceremony and hearing of Polish national anthem.

To sum up, the Championship was very successful and the young competitors have already arranged the Polish Junior Championship 2011. No doubt – this regatta is a big success of Polish SCIRA.



Polish Junior Snipe Championship

1. Szymon Wierzbicki/Natalia Wierzbicka	Poznan	6
2. Marek Kaczmarek/Agnieszka Wiercinska	Poznan	7
3. Dawid Kania/Kacper Madon	Poznan	13
4. Paulina Block/Filadelfia Bachorz	Poznan	20
5. Maurycy Chomica/Michal Zielinski	Poznan	25
6. Ewa Pawlaczyk/Anna Neyman	Poznan	25
7. Lukasz Wloch/Marcin Winny	Mewa	26
8. Aleksander Prusinski/Aleksandra Bukala	Poznan	26
9. Bartosz Parzuchowski/Jakub Mytko	Poznan	27
10. Magdalena Marcinkiewicz/Joanna Malyszka	Zbaszyn/Mewa	36
11. Robert Jarocki/Jan Sibilski	Wolsztyn/Poznan	37
12. Arkadiusz Dobrzynski/Kacper Kromski	Poznan/Mewa	38
13. Maria Stachowiak/Krystyna Stachowiak	Poznan	44
14. Lukasz Slodecki/Bartosz Berkau	Poznan	50
15. Wojciech Dubisz/Filip Tycznski	Poznan	54
16. Ziemowit Slonian/Wojciech Koczewski	Poznan	59



SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEETS			
		DECEMBER 31,	
		2009	2008
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash	\$	48,177	9,585
Accounts receivable		975	4,636
Jig inventory		-	8,760
Prepaid expenses		4,932	3,003
Total current assets		54,084	25,984
PROPERTY:			
Data base software		15,323	7,160
Office equipment		2,479	2,479
Accumulated depreciation		(11,823)	(7,480)
Property - net		5,979	2,159
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	60,063	28,143
LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Accrued expenses	\$	5,600	6,047
MEMBERS' EQUITY		54,463	22,096
TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$	60,063	28,143



South European Championship – Summer Circuit & Croatian Nationals

Omisalj, 9th - 11th July 2010

29 boats from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Brazil and Croatia gathered in Omisalj at the South European Championship. The regatta was also scored for newly established Summer Circuit, this year combined with famous Piada as well as the Croatian National Championship held again after more than 30 years!

First two days of calm really tested the organizers from YC Pesja, but finally on Sunday light breeze filled up the bay of Omisalj and the fleet was ready to go. Three interesting races were sailed with many variable results.



Just like at the first stop of the Summer Circuit in Cervia, Belgians Bart Janssens/Eva Jacobs lead the big struggle for the overall winner with Pietro Fantoni (this time with Stefano Longhi). Victory looked secured for Bart and Eva with two wins after first two races, but Pietro and Stefano sailed constant and with the win in last race they almost won the regatta.

At the end Bart and Eva took the South European title (together with Summer Circuit & Sergio Michel trophy) leaving Fantoni/Longhi second and Steffe/Bossoti at third place at the South Europeans.

With three races sailed there was no possibility to discard which cost some good teams better results. Croatians Bojan & Vlado Grego sailed well but the OCS from the first race took them the certain 3rd overall. Still it was enough for winning Croatian National's with Vranic/Sparozic at second and Kabalin/Moric at third place.

Congratulation to the new South European – Summer Circuit Champions Bart Janssens & Eva Jacobs as well as the new Croatian championship winners Bojan & Vlado Grego!

Results: top 40 of 69

1. Bart Janssens/Eva Jacobs	BEL30897	2
2. Pietro Fantoni/M. Gorgatto/S Longhi	ITA15790	4
3. Jan Peeters/Nathalie Janssens	BEL30008	15
4. Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA30683	26
5. Thierry Den Hartigh/Greet Jansen	BEL30265	26
6. Marco Pantano/Francesco Fontana	ITA29722	30
7. Christian Andersen/Jacob Sorensen	DEN29916	30
8. Miguel Graca/Teresa Inacio	GER30666	33
9. Dries Crombe/Joris Crombe	BEL30474	44
10. Alexandre Tinoco/Jose Tavora	BRA30703	55
11. Fabio Steffe/Stefano Bosutti	ITA30848	55
12. Paolo Cattaneo/Vittorio Zaoli	ITA30701	56
13. Antonio Bari/Claudi Manzardo	ITA29894	56
14. Maxim Van Pelo/Dries Leys	BEL30898	57
15. Damri Vranic/S Pantovic/R Sparozic	CRO30442	58
16. Enrico Michel/Alessandra Gianolla	ITA772	58
17. Paolo Lambertenghi/Mario Camin	ITA30009	59
18. Roberto Apostili/Marta Seculin	ITA29705	59
19. Manu Hens/Enrico Michel	BEL30714	60
20. Dario Bruni/Sonia Bonomi	ITA30706	61
21. Bibi Juetz/Matheus Goncalves	BRA30281	61
22. Giorgio Stefani/Anna Zerial	ITA30268	62
23. Enrico Solerio/Filiberto Perdisa	ITA30269	63
24. Stefano Longhi/Marina Senni	ITA30774	64
25. Bojan Grego/Vlado Grego	CRO30501	64
26. Giuliano Dematte/Luca Cucino	ITA30798	65
27. Sergio Irredento/Chiara Lamonarca	ITA29081	66
28. Guy Celis/Charlotte Hambrouck	BEL30344	68
29. Stefano Pesci/Federica Biondi	ITA29354	69
30. Andrea Pesci/Lorenzo Baldi	ITA29869	70
31. Tom Stahl/Orietta Villa	ITA29960	71
32. Silvano Zuanelli/Flavio Rossi	ITA27130	71
33. Giuseppe Prospero/Marco Prospero	ITA30224	72
34. Wim Ghys/Anne Van Daele	BEL30758	73
35. Roberto Emer/Luisa Decarli	ITA2891	73
36. Andrea Zaoli/Davide Ortelli	ITA28765	74
37. Herbert Horterich/Sergio Giacaglia	GER30704	74
38. Alessandro Rodati/Barbara Bonini	ITA30530	75
39. Vedran Kabalin/Marko Moric	CRO29569	75
40. Francesco Rossi/Gianfranco Filippini	ITA29510	76



PAN AMERICAN SAILING FEDERATION 2011 Qualifying System and Event Schedule

The 2011 Pan American Games announced the country qualifiers for each class. The Snipe Class is allowed 10 entries (countries) with 1 slot reserved for the host country, Mexico. Each of the other 9 slots shall be determined through a qualification system.

NATIONALITY and AGE

- A competitor may compete to qualify for the 2011 Pan American Regatta only for the nation for which he or she is IOC eligible.
- Once a competitor has qualified a nation (in any event) he or she may not thereafter qualify another nation, irrespective of any change in their nationality as defined by the IOC, or in the case of multiple citizenships.
- Nationality rules and requirements apply to all members of the crew.
- All competitors must be at least 15 years old during the year of the games.

QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Regatta/Event</u>	<u># of Countries to Qualify</u>
Snipe	Western Hemisphere & O Championship (08/10 CAN)	4
	North American Championship (07/10 PUR)	2
	Pre Pan Am Games (10/10 MEX) CANCELLED	
	South American Championship (11/10 CHI) RESCHEDULED	3 = 9

•If an event is cancelled, is not held, or fails to attract competitors from at least one more country than can qualify at that event, the Qualification Committee may select an alternate event or events while striving to maintain continental balance.

•In addition to the number of countries to be qualified, an “alternate” or backup country will be selected at the last qualification event in each class. The “alternate” will be used to replace any qualified country that does not send a competitor to the Games.

•Once a country qualifies, then the qualified federation shall determine who will represent the country, usually through a declared regatta. Contact your Federation for details.



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The image is a promotional graphic for Zeltic. It features a central red square with the white Zeltic logo. Surrounding this are six smaller images: a sailboat with a white sail and blue accents, a sailboat with a white sail and red accents, a sailboat with a white sail and blue accents, a sailboat with a white sail and blue accents, a sailboat with a white sail and blue accents, and a sailboat with a white sail and blue accents. The text 'Beyond words', 'www.zeltic.es', and 'zeltic@sailjrc.com' is displayed in red at the bottom center.

2010 US Snipe Nationals

The Severn Sailing Association (SSA) of Annapolis, Maryland was host for the 2010 US Nationals. Annapolis is located on the Western side of the Chesapeake Bay, and is famous for its maritime history and likes to claim the title "sailboat capitol of the world". August, however, is not known as the best time to be on the Chesapeake, with the epic motorboat chop and heat and humidity, particularly this year when temperatures in July were above 100°F

(40°C). To everyone's delight the week of the Championships provided excellent sailing for the 130 sailors who flocked to the bay despite the climate predictions. The week began with the 2 day Junior Championship, which saw a record 18 teams in 2 divisions. The team of Nick Voss and Nicole Popp won the Junior-Junior division, in 2nd place was Taylor Schuerman and Jackson Fadely. These two teams both hail from the Miami fleet and earned the right to represent the US at the 2011 Junior World Championships. Winning the "Old Man Diaz" Special Junior (Junior skipper any age crew) was Christian Filter of Annapolis and in 2nd Sophie Duffy of Texas, both with Dads as crew. Conditions for the Junior's ranged from sunny light shifty winds with the notorious Annapolis motorboat chop Saturday, to raining and blowing 16-18kts with big steep waves on Sunday. It was great to see all the younger sailors going fast and enjoying the "breeze on" conditions.



In a mostly light-air main event, Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke once again claimed the Heinzerling Trophy, representative of the US National Championship, with a 4-point win over fellow Miamians Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero, who took second place in a tiebreaker with Nick Voss and Nicole Popp. Miamians Ernesto Rodriguez and Megan Place were 4th with Newport, Rhode Island's Carol Cronin along with Kim Couranz, the first non-Miami team at the top of the 62-boat fleet, finishing 5th, with Carol becoming the highest-placing female skipper in recent memory. Sailing was canceled on the final day of the regatta due to lack of wind. Ken and Kay Voss of Miami won the Wells series consolation round in a tiebreaker with Laura Stamets and Dan Dalgleish, 3rd place was John Lally and Kerry O'Brien of Boston.

The real excitement at the US Nationals, and scuttlebutt in the boat yard, was not about the winners but rather the dramatic increase in the total number of young sailors in attendance. 2010 saw the average age of the fleet dropped by 10 to 15 years, close to one third of the fleet were recent or current college sailors. This was mainly thanks to a dedicated effort by some south Florida fleets. The first is the building of the 12 boat "Super Snipe Trailer" by Ernesto Sanchez of the St. Petersburg Fleet, that's right 12 boats check it out! Whenever this beast shows up at your regatta, heads are going to turn and it's time for some *Serious Sailing*, *Serious Fun*®. The super trailer combined with the willingness of people to loan or charter boats is enabling young sailors to access the Snipe for a test drive. Kathleen Tocke, with support from members of the Miami fleet, has been running youth oriented clinics at venues before major regattas. Using land and water based drills and the Snipe US instructional DVD, she helps take the mystery out of all those controls for sailors new to the class. This three-pronged effort of trailer, loaner boats, and clinics is bringing younger sailors into the flock.

Of course people only stay with the class if it's fun and the Annapolis fleet did it up right. Social events included a Pizza Party for the Juniors, traditional Chesapeake crab feast, a Wednesday night sunset party – with the best seats in the house for watching Annapolis' classic Wednesday night race series — and a closing awards banquet at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel with an after-party at Pusser's. Everyone from the front to the back of the fleet had a great time.and who can forget those Dark and Stormy's with homemade Ginger Beer in the boat yard!

photos: above: junior sailors dressed for the prizegiving. Upper right: Voss family celebrates their various trophies: middle: juniors prep for racing: far right: Super Trailer. Photos by Voss & Vince Becker



US Nationals

Top 10 Championship

1. Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	Miami	14
2. Brian Kamilar/Enrique Quintero	Miami	18
3. Nick Voss/Nicole Popp	Miami	18
4. Ernesto Rodriguez/Megan Place	Miami	20
5. Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	Newport	28
6. Eric Heim/Jessica Clafin	San Diego	37
7. Peter Commette/Cate Guldach	Miami	38
8. Charlie/Michele Bustamante	N. Carolina	42
9. Tyler Sinks/Jeff Ashieris	San Diego	46
10. Ian Holtzworth/Kara Voss	Miami	51



Junior Championship

Top 5

1. Nick Voss/Nicole Popp	Miami	4
2. Taylor Scheuermann/Jackson Fadely	Miami	14
3. Enrique Quintero, Alex Swerdelow	Miami	16
4. Addison Hackstaff/Kristen Walker	US Virgin Isl	17
5. Raul Rios/Ricardo Latimer	Puerto Rico	5



Special Junior Championship

Top 3

1. Christian Filter/Henry Filter	Annapolis	5
2. Sophie Duffy/Watt Duffy	Houston	11
3. Kathryn Wesdyk/Russell Wesdyk	Annapolis	16



From the Rules Committee-- Official SCIRA Rules interpretations or Circular Letters in force

MAST STEP FITTING

The use of mast step fittings similar to those used on Finn or Optimist dinghies is not allowed

DAGGERBOARD

Rule 17. It has been requested if adding teflon stripes on the daggerboard, in the part remaining inside the trunk to prevent it from damages, can be a violation of Rule 17 (thickness of the board).

As per rule 17 the thickness of centerboard shall be uniform but the RC consider that the stripes glued on the portion of board remaining inside the trunk are not in conflict of said prescription as the distribution of the weight and the shape of the board will not be altered.

THICKNESS OF RUDDER

Rule 20. The minimum thickness is mandatory above and below the water line. The maximum thickness is mandatory below the water line, but a thickness greater than the maximum above the water line shall be tolerated. The water line is determined by a line originated from the rudder front corner back at 90° from the leading edge.

RUDDER SHAPE

During the 2008 editions of the Western Hemisphere and European Championships the measurers discovered widespread non compliance of rudders. The problem involved new as well as old production rudders.

It was difficult to understand the reasons for this non compliance. Following a very broad investigation which included the report and most helpful considerations of Commodore Pedro Garra, the Rules Committee determined the following:

1. Due to an error of omission in the printing of the last two versions of the Rule Book and Measurement Sheet the tolerance for the position of the center of the radius of the bottom of the blade had been overlooked in the measurement process. The error has been corrected reintroducing the tolerance (see enclosed updated drawing)
2. Certain rudders are built so that the forward edge of the rudder head does not present a clearly defined straight edge which can be used as a reference to establish its parallel position with respect to the transom or the pintles are not fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom. This renders an otherwise legal blade illegal when it is set upon the template. The Rules Committee wishes to avoid any possible uncertainties in measuring rudders by confirming the present rules and drawing particular attention to the formal reinstatement of the aforementioned tolerance regarding the position of the center of the radius at the bottom of the rudder blade. The front edge of the rudder above the water line shall be parallel to the transom between the knuckle and sheer. The pintles shall be fitted so as to hold the rudder parallel to the transom.

FORESTAY

Rule 31.3 An elastic line is the only allowed system to take

the slack out of the forestay. Any other system, including a shock cord who, when fully extended, does not allow the jib stay to be in tension, and any kind of non elastic line, is not allowed. A chain plate or similar system to connect the stay to the deck fitting is allowed.

JIB AND FORESTAY ATTACHMENT

Rule 51 says that "All jibs must be capable of being attached without disconnecting the forestay". This wording has caused some interpretation problems. The jib and the forestay can be fastened to the tack in any way, using a pin or a multi-hole plate or any other suitable fitting. Anyway, to comply with the rule, **if the jib and the forestay are connected to the same pin directly at the deck fitting**, the jib must be fastened using a shackle. This way allows the jib to be connected and disconnected to the pin with the shackle, without disconnecting the pin (and the forestay, of course). Connecting both the jib and the forestay to the same pin, without the shackle, makes necessary to disconnect the forestay when the jib has to be fastened and this doesn't comply with the rule. **If the jib and the forestay are connected at a multi hole plate**, just connect the plate to the pin at the deck fitting than fasten the jib to a hole (using a pin, a shackle or whatsoever) and the forestay to a different hole.

SAIL NUMBERS

It was noted from regatta results that some skippers sailed the events with improper sail numbers breaking the Class rules. I need to remember you and ask your kind cooperation to enforce the following prescriptions:

A skipper entering a regatta must use the sail number corresponding to number of the boat he will use in the event. In case the skipper owns another Snipe, in good standing for the current year, is allowed to use the sail number of this boat. Numbers corresponding to other boats, invented or consisting in one or two figures are not allowed to be used.

This rule exist from very long time is basic for the Class dues payment and do not exists reason to change or abandon it. The SCIRA membership policy do not influence the use of sail/boats identification numbers. The basic concept, for ISAF rules too, is that boat and sails numbers must be the same.

MYLAR LAMINATES

Below are listed the Mylar laminates approved for use in Snipe sails.

Dimension Polyant PM-05 (1.5 mil), formerly M 290

Dimension Polyant PL2X (1.5 mil)

Dimension Polyant P2MX (1.5 mil)

Bainbridge SL 1000P

Diax 60 P

Contender AP8

Challenge Sailcloth P05-15 (1.5 mil)

The Bainbridge SL 500 Plus and the Dimension Polyant PM-02 (1 mil), formerly M 240, are no longer approved as materials for new sails. The Contender AP8 is no longer in production.



BOLTROPES

The boltrope along the foot of the mainsail shall extend to the extreme aft edge of the clew. The boltrope may be cut back from the forward most point at the tack back 254 mm. The boltrope along the luff of the mainsail shall extend to the extreme top point at the headboard of the sail. This interpretation is mandatory for all new sails (built or measured after 1/1/03), and applicable to all older sails if it is clear the attempt to allow the sail to be stretched further aft of the boom stopper.

SINGLE LINE JIB LUFF LINE/HALYARD SYSTEMS

Rule 51. After the publishing on the winter issue of the Snipe Bulletin of an article explaining how to make a single line for the jib luff line and the halyard, possible after the change in the Restrictions and Measurement Rule 51 to allow the use of fiber lines other than wires for the jib luff line, the Rules Committee points out that:

Referring to the ERS (ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing) definitions, the halyard is a running rigging. In our rules (rule 31.4) running rigging is optional, but not halyards (rule 28). Luff wires (or lines, according to the new wording) are mentioned in the snipe rules (rule 51), and in the ERS, but they are listed as a part of the sail (ERS page 29, letter (o)), not as running riggings. This said, halyards and luff lines must be considered two separate items (halyards are running riggings, luff lines are part of the sail).

For this reason, single line jib luff lines/halyard systems are not allowed.

JIB LUFF WIRE

Rule 51. During these last two years, several systems to allow the jib to move freely up and down along the luff wire

have been proposed for adoption. Although they can give extra performances to the boat sailing downwind, they are not allowed by our current rules. Rule 51 says that the jib luff wire must be attached to the jib. Attached is to be intended as “fixed” or “fastened”. For this reason, cunninghams, extra lines, shock cords, double halyards or any other system which does not provide a secure attachment between the jib and the wire are not allowed.

FLUTTER PATCHES

51.1 No headboard or leech line permitted in the jib. Flutter patches on seams between sail panels are allowed within 150 mm of the leech. The maximum number of additional cloth plies allowed is two. The patches must be of the same material as used in one of the adjacent panels of sail cloth joined at the seam. A single ply which is folded over once constitutes two plies. Folding a patch multiple times to create more than two additional overlapping layers is not permitted.

USE OF CARBON FIBRE IN RIGGING CONSTRUCTION

Shrouds: actually, there is no restrictions regarding the diameter of the side shrouds; the construction materials, according to Rule **52.12** (Carbon, aramid fibers or micro-grooved film shall not be used in hull construction or major equipment. Exotic materials may be used in running rigging fittings [omissis]) should be only rod or wire.

Spreaders are considered a major equipment and cannot be made of carbon fibre.

The **top of the sprayboard** can be built using carbon fibre only if is a separate part from the deck. If molded with the deck or with a part of the deck it must be of the same material of the deck.

The Snipe Women's World Champion Regatta Comes to St. Petersburg, Fla.

Top International Female Sailors Will Race November 7-12, 2010

The 2010 Snipe Class International Racing Association Women's World Champion regatta will be held November 7-12 in sunny St. Petersburg, Fla. Get ready for some 'Serious Sailing, Serious Fun,' the Snipe class motto sums it up. Fifteen and a half feet long, light and uncomplicated, easy to trailer and launch, the Snipe has an appeal that never dates.

This November the world's top female sailors will be battling for the title of 'Women's World Champion' in St. Petersburg, on the Western side of beautiful Tampa Bay. Past challengers and winners include Olympic gold medal winners Anna Tunnicliffe and Alison Jolly, and US Women's Nationals Champion and Olympic sailor Carol Cronin.

Spectators can view the races from a modern four-story pier, and downtown St. Pete has many hotels and restaurants within walking distance of the sailing center. Sailors will enjoy average temperatures of 70 F and average winds of 11 mph.

Fleet 801 and the St Petersburg Yacht Club are ready for you to have serious sailing and serious fun this fall, so start making your plans now and register by October 15. Housing will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Members of the racing committee include Principal Race Officer Carol Bardes, SCIRA representative Don Bedford and Regatta General Pat Seidenspinner. To find more information and the notice of race visit www.spyc.org or contact Snipe Fleet 801 Captain Steve Lang at ws.land@knology.net. For more information about the Snipe class, visit www.snipeus.org. With thanks to our sponsors including yacht charter company [Sunsail Sailing Vacations](http://SunsailSailingVacations.com).



Defazio & Fink Win Uruguyan Nationals

In the weekends of the 29th-30th May and 5th-6th June the National Championship of the Uruguyan Snipe Class took place in the Buceo Port.

Seven crews went to the water to fight for the title, within them high level crews such as Pablo Defazio and Manfredo Fink, Roberto Fabini and Juan Borda, and the Juniors Federico Waksman and Paolo Sassi.

The first day was rainy combined with light winds. Nevertheless after some hours waiting – which we used to catch up about our lives, yearn for sailing and get wet – the wind stabilized; finally under the rain we sailed our first race. The regatta was demanding, very tactic and with positions which changed buoy by buoy; at the end of the day Roberto Fabini and Juan Borda got the first place.

In contrast with the first day, the second day of competition was too windy; thus the Race Committee decided to postpone the races for the next weekend. The next Saturday brought a sunny weather and winds of 12 knots, where Pablo Defazio and Mafredo Fink showed their expertise winning all the three regattas of the day.

On Sunday the wind went up to 15 knots from the NW, thus the regattas were more demanding tactically and physically speaking. With such forecast the Race Committee decided to anchor an Olympic course with big reaches, where the competitors did everything to keep their boats planing. The first race was won by the Oveja Defazio and Manfre Fink, reaching the points difference to assure the National Championship. Nonetheless, in the second race the junior crew Waksman/Sassi led the whole regatta proving that they have much to offer to the class and that no matter the low weight – considering the strong wind – with training both on the water and in the gym you can still be competitive against other heavier crews.

Defazio and Fink were the national champions for the 6th consecutive time, congratulations champions!"

María Tato

URU National Secretary

Photos: Tomás Lopez and Martín Sanchez



GBR Nationals Stone Sailing Club

Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd August 2010

Sitting here in sunny Spain, resting my weary body the day after the Nationals, I have had time to reflect on the long weekend of racing that has just passed.

This year we were fortunate enough to return to Stone Sailing Club on the River Blackwater in Essex for a three day event. The Snipe retinue comprised 14 entrants plus family and friends. What was most apparent this year was how the average age of the fleet has reduced. There were toddlers and babies amongst us giving the atmosphere an even greater family feel than usual. Ian and Cecile's absence was noted as they were on their honeymoon in Kenya (perhaps lowering the age profile of fleet further!). The absence of Ian did however help some of us have earlier nights and less time at the bar.

Stone Sailing Club provided an excellent venue with a generous BBQ on the Friday evening and a supper on the Saturday at which we were joined by some familiar faces from previous years. Perhaps best of all, the bar seemed to stay open as long as needed!

The Race Committee was headed by Wendy Robinson who set well judged courses and even though the changeable wind directions on the last day must have tested her patience, the proceedings never lost a sense of direction.

The first two days were dominated by the wind. It was a test of endurance as much as anything else. At the end of the second day, there were still five boats capable of winning the event. It was at this time (in the ladies changing rooms) that bruises were inspected and it was apparent that Mark Antonelli had the most uncomfortable boat to crew as Anita won the bruised leg competition, although Carol wasn't far behind!

The final day was also dominated by the wind – its absence in this case. The first of two planned races had to be abandoned after 45 minutes and which left the remaining race to decide the championships. By way of change, the Race Committee set a windward / leeward course across the tide. This presented a lot of tactical choices. Going into the last lap Alan Williams and Richard Marshall were in pole position ...until the wind filled in from the South East (vaguely from the Netherlands) and which helped Iain Marshall and Harry Cotgrove to take the gun. There were sufficient other place changes throughout the top half of the fleet to allow Eric Paalman and Graham Hoy to snatch the title.

It was a great weekend of sailing with five different race winners

out of six. Eric and Graham were however the most consistent team throughout the weekend - the only boat to manage two wins – and it was this that took the title back North.

Well done to Eric and Graham! There has been much off-water debate about whether Eric and Graham were assisted by his new Skipper Snipe, his new Speed Sails or because Graham was taking the tactical calls. Who knows? It is however widely suspected that it was in fact all down to the pony nuts that Eric was seen consuming every morning outside his tent!!

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported – I think you will agree that we had a great Nationals. Thank you also to Stone

Sailing Club for the fantastic welcome you always give the Snipe fleet.

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How do you say “*Serious Sailing Serious Fun* ®” in Italian??

!!! PIADA !!!



I have made travels to visit Italy in the past but not one can match my recent experience to sail in the Piada. This is due to the hospitality and spirit of our Snipe family who converge annually in Cervia. And yes, you guessed it there is also plenty of opportunity for dining over fresh pasta, seafood, wine and the tasty Piadina di Stregga. You will recall our friend Kathleen Tocke who sailed the Piada last year and referred to living in a cappuccino and gelato heaven of sorts, well, when I arrived in Italy this year, I was in pasta paradise!

The warm and friendly open doors of the hosting yacht club Circolo Nautico Cervia ran a very successful and smooth regatta with 51 boats in attendance from various countries including Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Italy and the United States. Competition was at its best with Bart Janssens and Eva Jacobs of Belgium winning the regatta. Pietro Fantoni and Marinella Gorgatto placed second with a very close third place finish by Brazilians Alexandre Tinoco and Jose Tavora only one point behind Fantoni and Gorgatto.

Conditions varied from very light to 12 knots with the race committee responding fantastically to each including waiting for the ocean breeze to fill in under blue skies and flat water of the Adriatic before starting a race. It should be noted that a large percentage of the Belgian fleet attended the regatta with the sailors from Denmark and Germany driving close to 18 hours to attend the fun and competition.

So why is the regatta called Piada? A ‘piadina’ or piada is a wonderful Italian flatbread only found in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy. In Cervia, near the yacht club it is served at a little stand called the Stregga or witch. A piadina is stuffed with ingredients of choice, then folded over and cooked

closed into a half-moon shape, called a crescione, and is one of the most delightful foods to enjoy before or after a race. My favorite is stuffed with arugula and cheese before a race with a cappuccino.

If this is not enough for you to make reservations now for the Piada 2011 just consider this: the club will serve hot cappuccino while you tune your boat in the morning. After the races you can go and get a piadina and have drinks at the club with other sailors and compare notes or share language and your country’s Snipe tales. In the evenings you will be served a delicious dinner of fresh pasta, local seafood, and a night of Piada Bingo. Try to follow Franco when he shouts out the winning numbers while you drink “Dracone” the delicious red wine produced by regatta sponsor Alberto Perdisa. Look for he and his family (Antonella, Francesco, Federico, Felipe, Filiberto and Catarina) in Miami at the Don Q 2011 along with the super fun Giovanni Stella, super fast Pietro Fantoni, super smooth Dr. Enrico Solerio and super man Paolo Lambertenghi.

I couldn’t put it any better than Kathleen: “If you ever need a regatta to remind you why you sail a Snipe, then attend next year’s Piada Trophy. You won’t be disappointed, no matter how well you sail!”



Jr European Championship: Great Success in Spain for 37 teams from 4 nations

Spanish Junior Fleet flights to the future. Thirty three crews participated in the Junior National Championship including 10 junior women crews. For the Junior European only 4 europeans crews came to the event (GBR, ITA and POR)

8 races with winds between 6-7 knots the first and third days and 12-14 the second day made possible a great championship. The Junior level is impressive and some of them could be classified for the Europeans in Oslo, special mention for Jorge and Hector; new canary crew, that got 3 first places in the 3 first races of this event.

Álvaro M/ Gabriel U. and José M^a G. / Andrés P., were sleeping in this first day and they had to do them best.

The first junior woman crew is for Marta and Ángela Hernández. They appear in the fourth place making a great job. But not only Canary or Andalucía have good junior crews. Tejeiro / Losada from Santander, sixth place, and Murcia with Ruiz / Navas, seventh place, are growing in an excellent way, enjoying the class.

Luis Pessanha, Scira Commodore, visited us to know the situation of the Junior Fleet and he had a meet with our National Secretary that infomed him of the situation of the Class.

Pepe Perez

Top 20 of 37 teams

Skipper/Crew	country/Sail	Total
1. Alvaro Martinez/Mauricio Utrera	ESP30769	16
2. Jorge Martinez/Hector Gonzalez	ESP29718	22
3. Jose Maria Guerrero/Perfecto del Riego	ESP29292	27
4. Guillermo Altadill/Antolin Alejandre	ESP30616	32
5. Marta de la Higuera/Angela de la Higuera	ESP28197	43
6. Jose Diaz-Tejeiro/Carlos Losada	ESP29680	49
7. Enrique Sarmiento/Maria Garcia	ESP28807	64
8. Ruben Coll/Jose Ulldemolins	ESP29698	67
9. Jose Manuel Ruiz/Antonio Navas	ESP28038	69
10. Eliezer Fernandez/Alvaro Ortiz	ESP28996	73
11. Francisco Castro/Alfonso Lllade	ESP29634	76
12. Santiago Gonzalez/Oscar Lages	ESP28363	85
13. Jorge Ochoa/Jose Peral	ESP29576	86
14. Monserrat Zea/Rocio Zea	ESP29504	91
15. Pedro de Leon/Carlos Padron	ESP29787	96
16. Maria del Mar Aguilar/Maria Gomez	ESP30052	110
17. Julia Marfil/Pilar Leon	ESP30380	115
18. Aythami Quintana/Joaquin Medina	ESP30147	121
19. Javier Fernandez/Pablo Fernandez	ESP29585	126
20. Juan Manresa/Juan Carlos Serrano	ESP28898	127

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2010-2011 Snipe Racing Calender

2010

Stavanger	September 4-5	Stavanger, Norway
World Masters	September 19-26	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Yves le Bour	September 25-26	Paris, France
Viking Snipen	October 2-3	Vestfjordens, Norway
Baerem Hostcup	October 9-10	Baerum, Norway
Snipe Cup	Oct 30-Nov 1	Cazaux Lac, France
Women's Worlds	November 8-12	St Petersburg, FL, USA

Nationals 2010

Japan- Masters	September 4-5	Hiroshima
Argentina	October 8-11	Salta
Japan	November 10-14	Nagasaki

2011

German Open	June 17-19	Caldonazzo, Italy
Nordic Championship	July	Motala, Sweden
Junior Worlds	August 1-5	Rungsted, Denmark
Senior Worlds	August 6-13	Rungsted, Denmark
Pan American Games	October 23-29	Guadalajara, Mexico

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Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	37	63
Bahamas	14	26
Belgium	39	68
Bermuda	10	13
Brazil	78	114
Canada	16	38
Chile	3	7
Colombia	4	1
Croatia	4	10
Cuba	5	10
Denmark	7	20
Ecuador	2	14
Finland	33	61
France	36	64
Germany	8	10
Italy	138	278
Japan	283	549
Mexico	8	11
Norway	89	127
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	33	37
Portugal	20	47
Puerto Rico	16	20
Russia	0	0
Spain	259	434
Sweden	45	71
US Virgin Islands	3	5
United Kingdom	17	38
United States	446	603
Uruguay	7	13
Total	671	2752

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