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The Count: 33 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Brazil 6; Spain 5, Japan 11 and 1 to Norway

Numbered Snipes: 30996
Chartered Fleets: 887

Cover photo: A long Snipe sails on watercolor waters in Italy. Photo: Paolo Cardoni

Pan American Games 2011

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



Next Issue deadline:
June 1

From the Commodore -

Dear Snipe Sailors,

2011 will certainly be another year full of events and successes for our Class.

Despite the world crisis which varies from country to country, membership remains stable in 2010. Juniors are increasing dramatically, tripled in 3 years. We hope that with every sailor's involvement and commitment, we will continue growing stronger.

Promotion and Juniors are Key. Sometimes it's just calling some friends for the weekend races. Get together, involve new potential sailors, sailing and keep connected.

The more I attend and sail at international events, the more I realize the talent there is in the Snipe Class and how extremely rewarding it is to be a part of it. My most recent event was the II Snipe National Open in Galicia Spain, held in the beginning of March.

The organizing committee, spearheaded by Alfonso and Martin Bermudez de la Puente, our European Vice Secretary and the Galicia Royal Regatta Club did an amazing job providing us with "Serious Sailing and Serious Fun[®]". 80 boats from 11 different countries competed at a high level. It was amazing to see such a talented fleet with a lot of Junior's, Ladies and Master's competitors.

There is also great news from many regions. You will find in this *Snipe Bulletin* regatta reports and articles with Snipe information from around the world.

Going into more operational and technical issues, let's talk about some news:

- 2009-2012 RuleBook** -> We are still working to update our Rules to the ISAF template
- Promotional DVD** -> Vince Casalaina is working hard to raise the funds needed and finish the Project. Donations can be made through the SCIRA office.
- Website** -> the international calendar is now integrated into the website
- Measurement Clinic** -> we are preparing another measurement clinic before the World's

Many of you are already planning for the International events like the World Championships. But many more will be staying home awaiting the results, hoping to be able to sail at the top one day..or not. The message that I would like to send to every Snipe sailor is that our biggest asset relies on the people that sail at the local level and perhaps don't even think of competing at a World Championship. Certainly we all like to have our heroes and to feel like we are close to the top, but more importantly we need to encourage the promotion of Snipe sailing as serious sailing, serious fun, while learning of course with the top sailors.

To all those who will sail in Denmark..see you there

Happy Sailing!



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Around the Snipe World



JAPAN

We have heard from National Secretary Yusushi Kuwano who reports that most of the Snipe members are safe and accounted for. One JSAF members' home was lost in the Tsunami in Sendai. The builders factories are safe. Tohoku University sailing team was practicing the afternoon of the disaster but all made it back safely. We continually have our Japanese sailing friends and the entire country in our thoughts.

NORWAY

Snipes in Oslo Boat Show

This year the Snipe people in Oslo are showing a fully rigged Snipe at a tour Norwegian Boat Show, March 18-27 at Lillestrom, just north of Oslo. All Snipe builders are invited to provide literature to distribute.

Fleet Merger

Vestfjordens Seilforening with Snipe fleet 195 at Snoroya has merged with Baerum Seilforening with Snipe Fleet 207 Trim as of January 1, 2011. The name for the combined forces is Baerum Seilforening. It has not yet been decided if the two Snipe fleets shall exist in parallel within the club. Vestfjordens hosted the 2010 Europeans in Oslo and is the little club with the large 60-boat Snipe fleet. The first big Snipe effort of the newly combined club is the Open Norwegian Championship for ladies, May 27-29.

UNITED STATES

The US Snipe Class will be acquiring a group of newer, competitive Snipes and related equipment which will travel around the USA demonstrating the one design Snipe sailboat to interested groups and sailing clubs. The program will be funded entirely by donations. The funds to kick off Phase I have been raised and Phase I will start in May 2011 and run thru the fall. Phase I will consist of 3-4 boats and related equipment, a truck and trailer and a Class Representative. Snipes and Snipe sailors in the region will supplement the Class equipment and personnel. A travel schedule will be developed this spring.

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



Welcome new SCIRA Board Members

At the recent Hemisphere Championships, respective officers had served their terms and National Secretaries voted in new officers. Thanks to Martin Dovat -URU for his years of service as the WH&O General Secretary. Thanks also to Stefano Longhi - ITA as European General Secretary and to Fernando Tajuelo - ESP as Vice Secretary. Welcome to the new General Secretaries who will sit on the SCIRA Board of Governors. and their Vice Secretaries.

Gweneth Crook – N.Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada General Secretary - WH&O

Sailing Snipes: since I was 10 years old,

Snipe Leadership roles: I have helped in the organization of the North Americans, World Masters, and Canadian Nationals. I feel the snipe class has the best competition in the world and the best social events. Serious sailing, serious fun really does sum up the class.

Snipe Countries sailed: 2 Senior World Championships, only all female crew in both; several Women's and Master World Championships. Traveled to or sailed in: Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Japan, Bermuda, Bahamas, England, Wales, Denmark, Spain and Italy for Snipe regattas.

Thoughts: I have lifelong friends in the class that I have grown up in. The Snipe Class has had a big influence in my life and really

Zbigniew Rakocy – Poland General Secretary - Europe

Sailing Snipe: I started my adventure with the Snipe Class at age 40— 12 years ago.

Snipe Leadership roles: President of the Polish Snipe Class since 2006; SCIRA Member at Large; 2008-2010 East European Secretary. Organized Primavera Polis Cup, Polish Open and S. Pellegrino European Cup in 2009 as well as East European Cup in 2010.

Snipe Countries sailed: Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland and France.

Thoughts: I would like to promote towards junior sailors; discuss a title sponsor for the Snipe Class worldwide and at continental events and assist local countries with sponsorship. This helps in our image around other sailors, sports and local governments.

Alex Juk – Brazil Vice Secretary - WH&O

Sailing Snipe: since 1998

Snipe Leadership roles: I was fleet captain from 2000 to 2009 at Florianopolis (fleet 555). We hosted the South Brazilian regional championship 3 times, South Americans in 2008, Brazilian Nationals 2010. I helped restart fleet 450 (Antonina) in 1998.

Snipe Countries sailed: I competed in the South Americans – Chile, Argentina (Cordoba, Olivos, Tucuman), Uruguay (Punta del Este, Montevideo), WH&O – USA (Long Beach), Canada. Jr South American Champion 2001; twice Jr South Brazilian Champion 2000/2001, participated in almost all Brazilian Nationals & regionals between 2000-2011.

Thoughts: Serious Sailing, Serious Fun! I want to hear from sailors to understand their wishes and increase the number of members, focusing on the 16-25 year olds.



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

Increase in Towline Length & Dimension -- April 1 effective date

The SCIRA Rules Committee was requested to review the diameter and length of the towline required for safety. The main request came from the National Secretaries meeting in Europe. It was reported that in venues with heavy conditions when it becomes necessary to rescue and tow damaged boats, the current length and diameter were not sufficient. One country reported serious damage to a large number of the fleet with high wind and wave conditions. The difficulty arose when several boats in the fleet capsized with damage. It was difficult to access the towlines as most were stored inside watertight compartments. In addition, many towlines broke due to insufficient strength. After much e-mail discussion among the seven Rules Committee members, it was decided to increase the length from 10 to 15 meters and increase the diameter from 6 to 8 mm and in addition to state that the towline shall not be stored inside watertight compartments of the boat. Following the SCIRA tradition with regard to safety of our sailors and boats, the Rules Committee felt it was prudent to pass this new prescription.

CIRCULAR LETTER

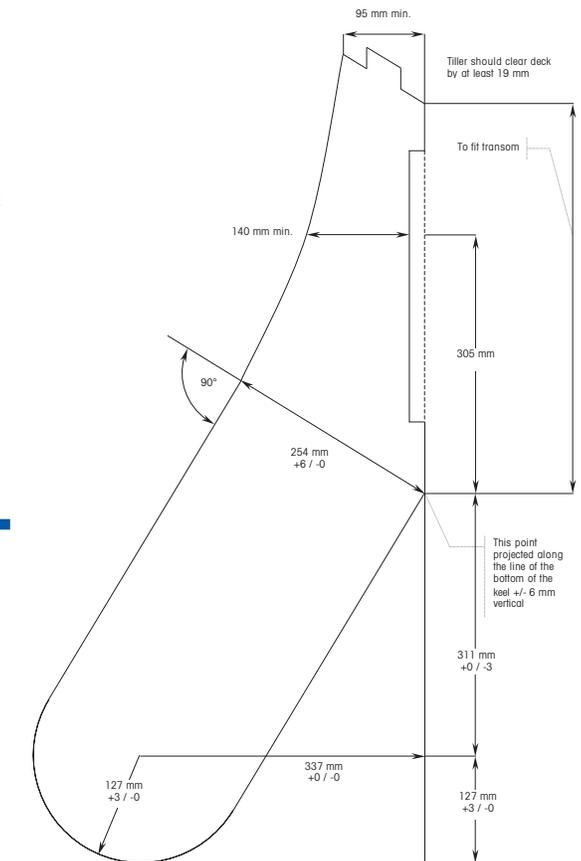
February 10, 2011

The Rules Committee has posted a newly worded rule for towlines which will amend the current Rulebook and will be updated on the Snipe website.

Rule 52.16: A towline of 15 meters minimum length, and 8 mm minimum diameter must be carried onboard. It is **not** allowed to store the towline inside the watertight compartments.

The new version of rule 52.16 takes effect beginning **April 1st 2011**.

Giorgio Brezich
Chairman
International Rules Committee



CIRCULAR LETTER

February 5, 2009

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.

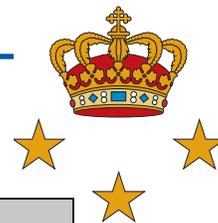
Giorgio Brezich
Chairman
International Rules Committee

Reprint of Rudder Reminder

The Rules Committee would like to remind all Snipe sailors of the 2009 Circular Letter on the rudder. Please ensure you are in compliance.



2011 Junior and Senior Snipe World Championship Rungsted, Denmark



Date	Junior Worlds	Senior Worlds	SCIRA
Wednesday August 3	Start of measurement		
Thursday August 4	Measuring (first official day) Registering Charterboats Opening event Juniors		
Friday August 5	1 Race day (up to 3 races)	Registering/Measuring	National Secretaries Mtg.
Saturday August 6	2 Race day (up to 3 races)	Registering/Measuring	Measurement Clinic
Sunday August 7	3 Race day (up to 3 races)	Registering/Measuring	Board of Governors Mtg.
Monday August 8	4 Race day (up to 3 races)	Registering/Measuring	
Tuesday August 9	Return of charterboats Prizegiving ceremony (together with Opening Ceremony for Senior Worlds)	Registering/Measuring charterboats Tune Up Racing Opening Ceremony (together with prizegiving ceremony for the Junior Worlds)	
Wednesday August 10		1 Race day (up to 3 races)	
Thursday August 11		2 Race day (up to 3 races)	
Friday August 12		3 Race day (up to 3 races)	
Saturday August 13		4 Race day (up to 2 races) Regatta dinner Prizegiving ceremony	

Information is updated on the Worlds website: www.snipeworlds.kdy.dk which will have all the information for accommodations, charters, restaurants and everything else you'll need to visit & compete in Rungsted this summer!

Measurement Clinic

SCIRA will host a measurement clinic to help bring anyone interested in learning the craft of measurement up to speed using the latest rules, tools and techniques. For more information or to register for the clinic, contact scira@snipe.org. The clinic is free, but all participants must take care of their own travel & accommodation arrangements.

National Secretary & Board Meetings

All National Secretaries are asked to attend the NS meeting, or send a representative to discuss Snipe Class business. Board members will also be in attendance and will have a review of the NS meeting and attend to Class business during the Board of Governors meeting, held separately.



Paradedda/Kieling win 8th Brazilian National Title

As usually the 62° Brazilian Snipe Championship was held in the last week of January, but this year on the waters of the Rio Guaiba in Porto Alegre. It's been since 2002 that the Brazilian Nationals were last held in Porto Alegre.

We had almost all wind conditions, some days with a lack of wind and days that the regatta was canceled by an excess.

Some good surprises were nine women, several junior sailors and two crews from our neighbors, Argentina and Uruguay.

The fight for the title remained between two of the strongest crews in the world: Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi -current world champion and seven-time Brazilian champion - and Alexandre Paradedda/Gabriel Kieling - 2001 world champion and seven-time Brazilian champion. After a very balanced beginning, in the second and third days of the regatta, Xandi could open up some points ahead of Bruno and a premature start on the 7th race left the host near the title.

In the last two races, with a wind between 12-17 knots we saw the victory of Bruno/Dante, but this didn't help them because Alexandre / Gabriel came in second in both, even paying a penalty on the 8th race.

Now, Xandi/Gabriel are the current Brazilian Champions and became the greatest champions in history with eight titles, one more than Bruno/Dante, and broke Bruno/Dante's invincibility of six consecutive years.

Congratulations Xandi and Gabriel!

The team for the World's:

Xandi Paradedda/ Gabriel Kieling
Bruno Bethlem/ Dante Bianchi
Samuel Albrecht/ Flavio St. Fernandex
Mateus Tavares/ Luiz Perez
Alexandre "amiguinho" Tinoco/ Gabriel Borges

Dante Bianchi
Brazilian National Secretary



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62o. Campeonato Brasileiro da Classe Snipe
Porto Alegre - Rio Grande do Sul - Brasil
21 a 29 de Janeiro de 2011

Top 23 finishers

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1	Alexandre Paradedá / Gabriel Kieling	Senior	CDJ	RS	BRA	29821	22	11	2	1	1	2	8	3	1	2	3	1	2											
2	Bruno Bethlem de Amorim / Dante Bianchi	Senior	ICRJ	RJ	BRA	30996	71	15	1	2	3	3	4	5	ocs	51	1	1												
3	Samuel Albrecht / Flávio Só Fernandes	Senior	VDS	RS	BRA	30456	55	28	3	3	7	15	ZFP	12	1	4	7	3												
4	Mateus Tavares / Luiz Perez	Senior	YCB	BA	BRA	30693	59	34	4	6	4	1	12	4	5	10	13													
5	Alexandre Tinoco / Gabriel Borges	Senior		RJ	BRA	30703	62	39	6	4	9	12	7	6	2	11	5													
6	Mário Urban / Rafael Sapucaia	Senior	YCB	BA	BRA	30796	67	42	8	7	8	4	13	12	3	5	7													
7	Mário T. do Amaral / Matheus M. Gonçalves	Senior	CRG	RJ	BRA	30961	75	42	5	9	19	5	3	11	14	3	6													
8	Luiz Felipe A. Canepa / Breno Bianchi	Senior	ICRJ	RJ	BRA	30266	119	53	7	5	12	7	ZFP	15	DSQ	51	8	4	10											
9	Luis Soubié / Diego Lipszyc	Senior	YCO		ARG	28701	92.5	58.5	10	14	11	20	6	7	6	RDG	7.5	11												
10	Paulo S. Santos / Rodrigo Inácio	Master	ICRJ	RJ	BRA	29818	143	66	12	8	10	13	1	26	7	15	dnf	51												
11	Fernando Kessler / Lucas Mazim	Senior	CDJ	RS	BRA	29254	146	69	26	17	2	6	14	2	dnf	51	12	16												
12	Rafael Gagliotti / Henrique Wisniewski	Senior	ICS	SP	BRA	30513	145	76	15	12	18	8	11	18	ocs	51	8	4												
13	Frederico Waksman / Paolo Sassi	Senior	YCU		URU	30464	118	78	19	10	13	21	10	14	9	14	8													
14	Ricardo Vilas Boas Rezende / Arthur	Senior	ICAJU	SE	BRA	30656	113	80	17	16	6	10	15	15	13	6	15													
15	Felipe Linhares / Marcelo Lopes	Senior	ICSC	SC	BRA	30661	128	83	20	18	5	11	16	25	12	9	12													
16	Felipe Sabino / Vitor Sabino	Junior	CNC	RJ	BRA	30525	173	98	9	11	15	ocs	51	22	24	10	17	14												
17	Arcélio Moreira / Thiago Sangineto	Senior	CNC	RJ	BRA	29857	148	104	18	22	22	16	20	17	11	13	9													
18	Felipe C. Cunha / Manuela Pedreira	Misto	YCB	BA	BRA	30690	157	106	16	19	20	9	9	31	15	18	20													
19	Geison Mendes / Lorenzo Medeiros	Senior	VDS	RS	BRA	29877	192	112	13	13	29	dns	51	21	9	17	22	17												
20	Alex Bunese Juk / Piero Furlan	Senior	ICSC	SC	BRA	29971	222	120	11	15	17	14	23	20	dns	51	20	dnf	51											
21	Atila Pellin / Lorenzo Palma	Senior	CDJ	RS	BRA	27535	220	136	14	24	33	23	19	10	27	19	dnf	51												
22	Leonardo B. Taboada / Mila Von Beckearth	Misto	YCB	BA	BRA	30953	210	140	29	20	16	25	27	41	18	16	18													
23	Gaetan B. Labi / Vicente Peruffo Ducati	Junior	LIC	SC	BRA	29689	197	142	21	21	23	18	17	32	20	23	22													



SCIRA Finland supports junior sailing Nationals viewed by 16 year old Finnish Champion

To the top – view of Riku

Riku Vääriskoski, a 16 year old junior sailor from Finland, is skippering his Laser but also crewing for a Grand Old Finnish Snipe Sailor Claus “Clapa” Carpelan in Snipe FIN29965. Riku managed to win the Finnish Championship title last summer after hard racing in Pori, the venue of the 2006 Snipe Europeans. In addition to Snipe sailing Riku is skippering his Laser in his Helsinki based training team at his home club HSK - Helsingfors Segelklubb, the host of Open Snipe Nationals 2011. This is the story how he and Claus made it.

Non soft start-up (Day 1) The first Regatta day was very windy. Some claimed that the puffs hit even with the strength of 15 m/s, but still the fleet went out to the open sea. Conditions were quite demanding as some of the readers may remember from Euro 2006 that the closest shore is Sweden.

Before the first start I already felt pretty cold but was thinking that upwind sailing will bring some heat to the bones – I was so wrong. Every second a wave hit me 100% and indeed the water was not that warm. Some boats capsized and several broke down. Only six boats managed to cross the finish line. Some shy - or wise ones - decided to stay ashore. I got some heat between the first and second race as the air was much warmer than the sea. Still, in the beginning of the second start I was ready to go to the club. Cold water was splashing my face with drops gliding down to your backbone. It was obvious that the short wetsuit, lycra T-shirt and spray-top did not keep you that warm. I was badly under dressed. Conditions remain almost unchanged during the second race and only five boats finished. Result-wise day one was successful – we gained two second places. Team Simo Lehtinen - Pertti Purola (FIN29860) won the first race and Kai Saarhelo – Jussi Nevas (FIN30450) the second.

Our return to the club gave some relief but the feeling to my fingers returned only in the heat of the sauna. You can imagine macaroni casserole tasted pretty good after hard conditions. It was time to go back to hotel and start to recharge our batteries.

Just an ordinary regatta day (Day 2) Claus woke me in the morning for breakfast. Still some time for a sleep, I was thinking – single minutes were drawn out some tens and finally we were in a hurry. Racing conditions looked pretty tolerable to me – some clouds in the sky, wind remarkably weaker than yesterday. I dressed now properly and we went to the sea. In Finland we have a saying “Siberia teaches”.

Some of the boats did not reach the starting area in time but the OC was tight and gave the warning signal at 10.55. The start gave us good position for a battle and we were second. Simo and Pertti won the second start. After the second start



we felt already a bit risky as Simo's results in day 2 were 1st and 2nd – much better than ours. During the day the wind went down dramatically so the third race was cancelled. Towlines were needed and we started to prepare ourselves for a final day. The results after day two were satisfactory 2-2-2-4.

Last day brings the truth (Day 3) The wind was waking up. I felt a bit nervous about the regatta as Simo and Kai were pretty close in points. Winner of the first start was Kai, we followed in second and third were brothers Valjus Mikko and Risto with a Persson bought from Sweden FIN30197). Simo's fifth place raised the difference to three points.

Racing was very tight to the last meters of the regatta. In the beginning of last windward leg we were still in a third position. Finally by picking up cleverly and luckily last wind shifts and showing strong will and Finnish guts we managed to win the final start. As Mikko & Risto were second, Kai & Jussi third and Simo & Pertti fifth, we managed to win the championship title!

In a shore - before the prize giving party - I managed to stay some minutes in sauna and dressed up properly. Prize giving was just an ordinary one but the order of awarding the prizes was just opposite to the normal one: first the first, then the second, the third...strange.

My tasteful dinner was stopped with some photographs of top three teams. A second interruption to the dinner occurred to a message that “I ought to fly to the sea”. In Finland we have a habit to throw the gold medal winners to sea – colder the better some losers may think. Clapa followed after a couple of seconds.

Finally we packed up the boat to a trailer and started the home trip with a smile on our faces.

Riku Vääriskoski Finnish Champion 2010

Results Top 10

1st FIN29965 Claus Carpelan ja Riku Vääriskoski / HSK
2nd FIN29860 Simo Lehtinen ja Pertti Purola / BSF/PPS

3rd FIN30450 Kai Saarhelo ja Jussi Nevas / BSF

4th FIN30197 Mikko ja Risto Valjus / HSK
5th FIN30447 Jussi Sävelä ja Kari Tuomala / BSF
6th FIN30460 Reino Suonsilta ja Andreas Söderlund / HSK
7th FIN27231 Jukka Kotisalo ja Eija Kotisalo / LrPS
8th FIN28704 Sampo ja Selma Valjus / OPS
9th FIN30259 Ville ja Eemil Aalto-Setälä / BSF
10th FIN30502 Hanna-Leena ja Juha Lehtinen / HSK



South European Championship

**Sergio Michel Perpetual Trophy XVII Vacanze Romane
Bracciano Lake, July 22-24 2011.**



This year the south European championship will be held on the lake of Bracciano from July 22nd to July 24th.

The championship will be organized by the Yacht Club Bracciano Est (YCBE) in collaboration with the Associazione Nautica Sabazia (ASNS) in the framework of the Bracciano Sailing Contest (www.corbasail.net) a big sailing event on the Bracciano lake organized by the Bracciano Sailing Committee, gathering the sailing clubs ALI6, ASNS, AVA, AVB, AVVV, CSB, VCTR, YCBE.

The regattas will be based at the YCBE, <http://www.ycbe.it/default.htm> on the east shore of the Lake near Trevignano at the km 6,700 of the Circumlacuale road.

What is interesting for teams coming from outside is that on July 17th we will have a regatta of the regional championship (open also to foreign boats) organized by the same YCBE club. This could be a good test before the championship. Of course the boats can be left at the club for the whole week. Before this event in Italy we will have also the international regatta Piada Trophy organized in Cervia on the Adriatic sea at the beginning of July (1-3).

July is the best period for sailing on the Bracciano lake: in normal conditions we have a south westerly breeze of about 10-15 knots blowing from the early afternoon. The lake is of volcanic origin and its round shape presents an interesting sailing court with some shifts giving the regattas a never predictable beating. In 2004 the World Master Championship was organized on this same wonderful lake.

The lake of Bracciano is near Rome (about 40 km), with trains going to the capital from Bracciano or Anguillara. Also for the families of the sailors the place is very nice for resting, with a wonderful nature (the lake is a natural reserve closed to engine powered boats, with the exception of the assistance boats during regattas) and typical Italian ancient villages (Anguillara, Trevignano and Bracciano with its castle).

There will be 3 days of regattas, starting from July 22nd. The championship is open and also for this reason we hope to gather many teams with the widest possible representation.

For more information:

http://2011ssec.blogspot.com/2011_02_01_archive.html
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South Europe Summer Circuit



Piada Trophy: Cervia, ITA July 1-3
Kvaner Cup; Omisalj, CRO July 8-10

Record Turn Out For Rasco Regatta

Xlii Annual Trofeo Perpetuo Comodoro Manuel Rasco Snipe Regatta



The 42 nd Annual Comodoro Rasco Regatta, a memorial to the great promoter of Snipe sailing in Cuba, set a record for attendance this year with 29 team participating, including 9 teams from outside the Miami area. The event is a great way to overcome cabin fever from the long winter and get an early start on your new year's sailing season. This year the competitors were rewarded in spades! The fleet also was able to practice lots of check ins and starts, reflected by the OCS's, Z flag penalties and check in failures.

Temps were close to 80 f both days with winds from the south at 10-12k in Saturday and 5-7k on Sunday. Great 45 min races were held with quick turnaround times between races, due to the use of downwind finishes. On Saturday we got back in early enough to relax before the great lasagna dinner hosted by Carmen and Gonzalo Diaz. The dinner alone is reason to come, and another is that there is no registration fee for this event!

Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke won the event with 2 firsts and no finishes higher than 4th. The sailing was close and competitive throughout the fleet. Art Blodgett and Julia Melton from Eckerd College, one of our numerous new teams of young adults in the Snipe Class, took second for the event. Ernesto Rodriguez and his new crew, junior Mack Fox, took 3 rd. After Augie's and Kathleen's 2 bullets in the first 2 races the winners were Ernesto and Mac in Race 3, Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero in Race 4 and Gonzalo Crivello and Brendan Shanahan in Race 5. Charlie Bess and Kristen Walker were awarded the trophy for the Most Improved Junior Team at the event.

Many thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club PRO Jaime Ramon and his Race Committee Team that did a great job running the races. The Signal Boat was Marc Buller's "Otra Cuba Libre". PRO, Line Sighter, and Scorer – Jaime Ramon. Timer – Dottie Rostorfer. Scribe – Pat Hudson. Flags – Marybeth Pearson. Flags & Scribe – Liz Balbin. Mark Boat – Susan Walcutt and Esther DiLeo. Pin

Boat – Larry Wipple and Jim Waldron.

Snipe sailing in Florida in the winter and spring is a wonderful experience which no one should miss out on. The Snipe Winter Circuit is next with the 73 rd Midwinters in Clearwater (CYC's 100th anniv) March 13-16, the Don Q Rum Regatta back in Miami at Coconut Grove Sailing Club on March 18-20 and 2 regattas in Nassau March 23-26.

We hope to see you all there.

Don Hackbarth/Gonzalo Diaz

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Total
1. Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	30288	10
2. Arthur Blodgett/Julia Melton	30571	21
3. Ernesto Rodriguez/Mac Fox	30338	25
4. Peter Commette/Nikki Medley	30337	29
5. Gonzalo Crivello/Brendan Shannahan	30762	37
6. GastonVedani/Edgar Diminich	29778	41
7. Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	30860	48
8. Hal Gilreath/Amy Benner	8653	49
9. Brian Kamilar/Enrique Quintero	30439	51
10. Taylor Scheuermann/Jackson Fadely	29687	62
11. Gonzalo Diaz/Gina Melin	30336	71
12. Greg Saldana/Bill Schoenberg	30743	77
13. Rafael Jarauta/Katrina Washburn	24995	77
14. Andrew Klein/Michelle Morpew	30089	77
15. Don Hackbarth/Merrill Varn	30942	78
16. Roberto Guaragna/Andre Guaragna	29995	78
17. Doug Broecker/Grant Broecker	30714	80
18. Zack Kelchner	29782	81
19. Charlie Bess/Kristen Walker	30364	93
20. Ken Voss/Georgine Kelchner	28814	94
21. Roy Howie,Jr/RoyHowie, Sr	28810	95
22. Nick Voss/Jason Hill	28814	99
23. Hillary Noble/Darby Smith	28810	101
24. Jaime Ramon/ Freddie Sambolin	30362	109
25. Kay Voss/Allison Libert	30236	112
26. Johansen/Johansen	29781	113
27. Brent McKenzie/Tara Levy	25840	127
28. Val Shesopalov/Julia Shesopalov	2999	139



2nd Open Nacional Snipe

The 2nd Open Nacional Snipe, took place from the 3rd to the 6th of March, at Vilagarcía de Arousa (Galicia – Spain), a place that has the perfect characteristics to house a sport event like this one.

In the 2nd Open Nacional Snipe have participated almost 90 boats that came from 11 countries of the world, Spain, USA, Brazil, Argentina, Portugal, Italy, France, Uruguay, Norway, Belgium and Germany. The level

of the participants was very high, there was two current world championships, one was Bruno Bethlem (BRA) and the other one was Anna Tunnicliffe (USA), also she got a gold medal at the Beijing Olympic Games in the Laser class. Moreover, Gustavo del Castillo, 2nd in the world championship, Ernesto Rodríguez, 3rd in the world championship and some European champions like Francisco Sánchez “Paquito”, were at the 2nd Open Nacional Snipe.

Due to the high level of the participants and the countries represented, some people started to call “the pre-world championship” to the 2nd Open Nacional Snipe. It is seen as a championship where the best of the world can test themselves before competing in the world championship.

For the 2nd Open Nacional Snipe, were planned to have 9 races, 3 each day of competition.

On the 3rd of March, there was a training race with about 40 boats that sailed in the sea of Vilagarcía de Arousa. The winner of this day was the Ernesto Rodríguez (USA).

On the 4th of March, the competition started with not many and very changeable wind, because of that, the start was postponed twice. At the end, two of the three races that were planned for the day, were done and Ernesto Rodríguez (USA) was the winner of the journey.

On the second day of the regatta, the 5th of March, the climate conditions were favourable for the development of the regatta. Three races were done without any inconvenience. The Spanish boats were between the first ones. The winner was Paco Sánchez that due to a disqualification for black flag, lost his position and the winner was Gustavo del Castillo.

On the third day, the competition was developed in very good weather conditions. This day we knew the winner of the 2nd Open Nacional Snipe, it was the Spanish Gustavo del Castillo (ESP), the second position was to Paco Sáncho (ESP) and the third was to Alfredo González (ESP).



At the woman's category, the winner was Anna Tunnicliffe

At the master category, the winner was Enrico Michel (ITA)

At the junior category, the winner was Jorge Martínez Doreste (ESP)

More than the competition, some activities took place during these days in Vilagarcía. A big marquee housed a great commercial zone and services for participants.

The 2nd Open Nacional Snipe is organized by the company Todoeventosvip, Autoridad Portuaria of Vilagarcía de Arousa and the Real Club de Regatas de Galicia, it is the second edition of this championship, both times were hosted in Vilagarcía and, if in the first one it was a success, this year it overcame it.

Results - top 20 of 79

	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail #	Total
1.	Gustavo del Castillo/Felipe Llinares	ESP29718	29
2.	Paco/Marine Sanchez	ESP11	32
3.	Alfredo Gonzalez/Cristian Sanchez	ESP8	43
4.	Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Wisniewski	BRA30513	53
5.	Fernando Pereda/Santiago Fiochi	ESP28218	67
6.	Bruno Bethlem/	BRA30996	69
7.	Mario Tinoco/Matheus Goncalves	BRA30961	70
8.	Alexandre Paradedá/Gabriel Kieling	BRA29821	71
9.	Diogo Pereira/Pedro Dias	POR30144	81
10.	Alexandre Tinoco/Alex Sandro	BRA30703	81
11.	Ernesto Rodríguez/	USA307	91
12.	Anna Tunnicliffe/Molly Vandemoer	USA30	107
13.	Trixy/Yuyu Agusti	ARG30459	109
14.	Enrico Michel/Stefano Longhi	ITA30774	113
15.	Agustin Zabalua/marta Perez	ARG28786	121
16.	Manuel Bermudez/David Gonzalez	ESP30950	125
17.	Manu Hens/Nicolas Bongaerts	BEL30714	131
18.	Jorge Martinez/Hector Gonzalez	ESP2978	131
19.	Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA30683	136
20.	Jaime Miranda/Pablo Rios	ESP30892	144



Italian Ranking Events

Italy recently held 2 major ranking events: one in Talamone, Tuscany and the second in Anzio. The last 2 ranking events will be held in March 2011.

Circolo della Vela Talamone

	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1.	Fantoni & Co	Muggia	1-1-1-2-2-2-3-1-1-3-2-1-2	20.5
2.	Papetti/Baldi	Free Blue	5-2-5-3-3-6-5-9-9-5-5-9-11	77
3.	Pesci A.& Pesci	Castiglioncello	3-3-4-4-7-5-6-7-7-8-4-10-9	77
4.	Ciufo & Mazzacuvz	Nautica Sebina	4-20-3-7-6-1-2-10-11-7-11-11-6	98.75
5.	Perdisa & Joime	Ravennate	20-20-20-8-8-20-20-8-6-1-3-6-5	114.75
6.	Stipa & Milone	Talamone	6-5-6-10-11-4-4-6-13-20-20-20-20	145
7.	Lambertenghi & Vitiello		20-20-2-1-1-3-1-20-20-20-20-20-20	167.25
8.	Prati & Selleri	Cervia	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-2-2-12-6-5-3	170
9.	Maurizi & Onori	Planet Sail	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-5-4-10-8-3-8	178
10.	Perdisa & Ramoino	Cervia	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-3-5-9-10-7-4	178
11.	Roccelli & Semec	Varcola	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-2-1-2-1	185.50
12.	Tozzi & Romani	Planet Sail	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-13-8-6-11-4-7	189
13.	Pesci & Pesci	Castiglioncello	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-11-12-4-9-8-10	194
14.	Pantano & Fontana	Cervia	2-4-20-9-5-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20	200
15.	Pepe & Fontana		20-20-20-20-20-20-20-11-12-10-11-7-12-12	204
16.	Prosperi & Prosperi	Riccione	20-20-20-20-20-20-20-4-3-20-20-20-20	227
17.	Gerin & Ramoino		20-20-20-5-4-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20	229
18.	Leonardi & Gavazzi	Pietrabianca	20-20-20-6-10-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20	236
19.	Turchetto & Flora		20-20-20-11-9-20-20-20-20-20-20-20-20	240

Anzio

	Skipper	Sail #	Fleet	Finishes	Total
1.	Gattulli	30303	AS Nautica	2-3-3-4-3-1-(7)-2-2	20
2.	Poggi	29685	AVBracciano	1-1-2-3-1-(dnf)-dnf-1-1	24
3.	Lubrano	295	Tevere Remo	5-5-4-1-(7)-3-3-6-7	34
4.	Ballatore	29190	AS Nautica	(8)-2-5-5-8-5-6-5-3	39
5.	Gemini	29655	CY Velaco	4-7-(8)-7-5-7-5-7-8	50
6.	Ruben	26141	Entotene	(10)-9-6-6-4-9-8-10-5	57
7.	Klein	29934	Tevere Remo	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc-6-2-1-3-4	60
8.	Meriggi	289	Anzio	6-4-(dns)-dns-dns-4-2-4-dns	64
9.	De Simone	29375	Anzio	7-10-(dns)-dns-dn-6-4-9-6	70
10.	Lubrano	28819	AS Nautica	3-6-7-(ocs)-2-dns-dns-dnf-dnf	74
11.	Rigamonti	28958	AS Bracciano	9-8-9-(ocs)-dns-8-9-8-dnf	81
12.	Fusco	30403	Bracciano	(dnc)-dnc-1-2-dns-dns-dns-dns-dns	87
13.	Volpe	29571		(dnc)-dnc0dnf-8-9-10-10-dnf-dnf	95



Brazilian Pan Am Qualifier

1. Alexandre Tinoco/Gabriel Borges
2. Paulo Santos/Rodrigo Inacio Oliveira
3. Mario Amaral/Matheus Goncalves
4. Alexandre Paradedá/Gabriel Kieling
5. Samuel Albrecht/Flavio So Fernandes
6. Felipe Schaefer de Linhares/Alex Juk
7. Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi
8. Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Wisniewki
9. Sergio Araujo/Roberto Salles
10. Ricardo Barbosa/Gustavo Queiroz
11. Juninho Jesus/Victor Martins
12. Jose Vicente Monteiro/Caio Teisem
13. Felipe Sabino/Rafael Rosemberg
14. Rogerio Capella/Wallace Junior
15. Gaetan Borba Labi/Vicente Ducati
16. Diego Montautti/Alexandre Niederauer
17. Larissa Juk/Marina Jardim



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Snipes in Sudan

Occasionally we get inquiries in the Snipe office on rebuilding or requests for plans in distant countries. We recently received an e-mail from Randal Leek, an American construction engineer in Khartoum, Sudan. He wandered down to the waterfront one day and found a group of sailors from the Blue Nile Yacht Club who hold afternoon races and asked to join in. Below is his account of the racing in boats similar to Snipes.

It was a great discovery to find sailing here and such sportsmen. Actually, there are maybe 15 boats up on shore that have been cannibalized over the years and the ones floating and moored on buoys are the best. Not sure why metal other than they are pretty much indestructible. The masts and tackle are the vulnerable pieces ... particularly the sails are the things that have been lost over the year, it seems.

The boats were made in 1924 in England specifically for Khartoum and imported by the British military to keep their forces entertained.

There have been 75 of them made and divided between the Yacht Club, and two other locations (not sure of the others, but no longer in service). There are 13 in the harbor now. Today we had about the usual 7 or 8 boats racing. I am told that they are neither a Snipe nor a Lightning, they are a "Khartoum Model 1" based on the Snipe.

They have a junior sailing group and about 10 almost new El Toros and 6 Lasers. The winner of the race today told me that back in his "racing years", 1980s I believe he said, he won the Laser international trophy in Dubai.

I am new having only raced with them 4 times as crew, once for Mohamed and 3 times with Fadil. I first went down to ask if I could rent a boat and they just asked if I



wanted to race with them. Yes of course. I was "given" to Mohamed ("you can sail with that guy over there") who looked to me as though he could barely get out of his chair. I asked if I was expected to skipper or crew. They all laughed, "you think you can sail better than Mohamed? He's been here 30 years! Go ahead if you think you are better!" No, no that's just fine, I will be crew. We almost won, came in second. Great fun though. Very serious while racing. In Arabic same thing as in any racing crowd... "coming up!, get out of my way. Starboard!!! "and joking . After the race we all gather for "fatur" which is the traditional

meal at noon. I am here for a short-term assignment and so not sure how long I will continue. Those who plan to be here for a while join the club for 50 Sudanese pounds/year (less than \$20). I have never been asked to pay anything and when I offer to contribute, they just say "next time" which hasn't happened yet. Very generous group.

Today being Friday, is a race day and Farouk (not Fazil... His only English is "jib in, jib out, sheet!, down, up, (with reference to the centerboard or whisker-pole), good, not good," I suspect he knows a few swear words in Arabic because I hear certain repeating phrases spoken at times of severe duress.) He never smiles during the race but is a happy, generous person who jokes when not racing... at least everyone laughs along with him during our after-race lunch. Right as we left the can, the pin



holding the main-sail sheet block came loose. So while we were fumbling around trying not to go aground and find a screw or bolt or wire to hold the block, the race started. So from dead last at the start, by a good quarter mile, we came in third in the end. I have to add that most of the boats grounded in the shallows at some point in the race, including us. Races are either upstream (up the Blue Nile) or downstream past the convergence of Blue and White Niles, around any of the bridge stanchions and back up to the starting line at the

yacht club. The entire race takes about 2-3 hours.

I am here as a consultant engineer for a development organization. In the States, my racing experience has been as a crew member on 505s on Lake Michigan and Thistles in the Puget Sound region. I have done some sailing on my own when on vacations but generally jump onto someone else's boat for the racing stuff.

Randal Leek



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2011 Snipe Racing Calendar

Snipe Winter Circuit

75 th Midwinters	March 14-16	Clearwater, Florida
Don Q Rum Keg Regatta	March 18-20	Miami, Florida
Bacardi/Gamblin/Kelly	March 23-26	Nassau, Bahamas
Primavera	April 1-3	San Remo, Italy
Spanish Cup	April 20-23	Arrecife, Spain
Majsnipen	April 30-May 1	Goteborg, Sweden
Iberia Cup	May 7-8	Valencia, Spain
Musto Cup	May 21-22	Bærum, Norway
Southwesterns	May 28-29	Dallas, Texas
Bergen Cup	June 4-5	Bergen, Norway
Harboe Cup	June 11-13	Espergaerde, Denmark
German Open	June 17-19	Caldonazzo, Italy
Piada Trophy*	July 1-3	Cervia, Italy
East Brazilian	July 1-3	Cabo Frio, Brazil
Kvarner Cup*	July 8-10	Omisalj, Croatia
Ontario Open	July 9-10	Guelph Lake, Ontario, CAN
Blackwater Open +	July 16-17	Blackwater SC, GBR
Europa Cup	July 22-24	Poznan, Poland
South Europeans	July 22-24	Lake Bracciano, Italy
Nordic Championship	July 8-10	Motala, Sweden
Junior Worlds	August 1-5	Rungsted, Denmark
Senior Worlds	August 6-13	Rungsted, Denmark
South Brazilians	September 7	tbd
Iberian Championship	September 9-11	Santiago de la Ribera, Spain
Vestlansdskampet	September 3-4	Stavanger, Norway
Viking Snipen	September 24-25	Bærum, Norway
North Americans	September 30-Oct 2	San Diego, CA, USA
Bærum Hostcup	October 15-16	Bærum, Norway
Pan American Games	October 23-29	Guadalajara, Mexico
NE Brazilians	November 2	tbd

*Summer Circuit

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National Championships

USA – Masters	May 13-15	Miami, Florida
Norwegian Women's	May 27-29	Bærum
Great Britain	May 28-30	Stone SC, Essex
Finland	June 17-19	Helsinki
Germany	June 17-19	Caldonazzo, Italy
Portugal	June 17-19	CV Atlantico
Norwegian Senior	June 30-Aug 1	Åsgårdstrand
Croatia/Kvarner Cup	July 8-10	Omisalj
Canada	July 9-10	Guelph Lake, Ontario
Spanish Jr	July 9-12	Gijón
Spanish Sr	July 13-17	Gijón
USA – Junior	July 23-24	North Cape YC, Michigan
USA – Senior	July 25-29	North Cape YC, Michigan
Italian Masters	July 30-31	Molveno
Italian Junior & Women's	July 20-21	Muggia
Belgium	August 20-21	Scharendijke, Holland
Italian Senior	August 22-26	Muggia
Norwegian Masters	August 26-28	Åsgårdstrand
Polish Senior	August 26-28	Poznan
Polish Junior	August 29-30	Poznan
Sweden	September 2-4	Oxelösund
Spanish Masters	Sept 30-Oct-2	Malaga
France	October 29-Nov 1	Cazaux

2011 Dues Paid as of March 1, 2011

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	3	3
Bahamas	3	2
Belgium	0	0
Bermuda	0	0
Brazil	62	91
Canada	4	4
Chile	0	0
Colombia	0	0
Croatia	0	0
Cuba	5	10
Denmark	0	0
Ecuador	0	0
Finland	14	25
France	4	8
Germany	8	10
Italy	35	58
Japan	2	5
Mexico	0	0
Norway	5	6
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	0	0
Portugal	0	0
Puerto Rico	0	0
Russia	0	0
Spain	157	195
Sweden	0	1
US Virgin Islands	0	0
United Kingdom	0	0
United States	22	18
Uruguay	4	7
Total	328	443

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