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The Count: 11 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Brazil 7; Finland 1; Japan 1 and 2 issued to builders.

Numbered Snipes: 31124

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March 1



From the Commodore -

Yet, another year of Snipe sailing winds down and I do hope you had lots of time on the water and met some new sailors. As the Board positions are now two years in length, I am beginning year two as Commodore and I am looking forward to continuing our good work from 2012. I would say in most cases we have improved the conversation between sailors, National Secretaries and the SCIRA Board. We do need to continue to improve in this area and we're all looking for ideas and efforts to continue.

We are now preparing for a new rule book in 2013. We wait until ISAF publishes the new rule book every four years before we prepare ours.

This activity will primarily result in a rules more in line with other ISAF class rules and hope to standardize not only what we measure but how we measure as well as the rule for heavier cloth for the jib should help our sails last longer.

I ask that you read the article in the Bulletin on the Board's standard process for voting on rules or other changes. Again, we're looking to make the process transparent and be sure the National Secretaries from all countries are engaged in communicating their country's opinions and concerns. This will certainly help to ensure we're improving the class for the majority of the sailors. In addition, I wanted to be sure all knew that each voting position on the board is voluntary and no compensation exists for the time and effort each board member spends on our class. Each major international regatta that requires a SCIRA Representative has a \$500 US budget to help with travel expenses and, obviously, that does not go far when it comes to international travel.

The next time you get a chance to speak to a "SCIRA Rep" at a regatta please thank them for not just volunteering their time but also their own money as well.

So, you may ask why would someone commit to (at least) two years of service to our class and sometimes six or eight years? Well, I can only answer for myself saying that it is a small payment for everything the Snipe Class has given me over the last 40+ years. I can also say that I'm continuing to reap the benefits of our class with all the new friends I've met all over the world. Please, consider giving back via your volunteer time to your fleet, country or to SCIRA - it will be well worth your time!

See you on the water, Don

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SCIRA Installs New Officers



Board of Governors	Country	Term
Commodore Don Bedford	USA	2012-2013
Vice Commodore Ricardo Lobato	BRA	2012-2013
Secretary Pietro Fantoni	ITA	2012-2013
Treasurer Renee Bartell	USA	2013-2016
Rules Committee Chair Antonio Bari	ITA	2013-2016
General Sec Europe Zbigniew Rakocy	POL	2013-2014
General Sec WH&O Gweneth Crook	CAN	2013-2014

Non Voting

Chief Measurer Antonio Espada	ESP	2013-2016
Vice Rules Chair TBA		2013-2016
Legal Counsel Leigh Savage	USA	
Chief Info Officer Harry Levinson	USA	
Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl		

Meet Antonio Espada, Chief Measurer

How long have you been sailing, where did you start, what kind of boat?

I started sailing with a Norwegian Tumlaren (like the Dragon boat but with rudder in the stern) in 1964. In 1965 also sailed a Vaurien and in 1966 I sailed a 470

When did you start sailing Snipes? I started in Snipe class in 1970 with an Olsen Skipper Snipe.

Significant sailing accomplishments:

1971 I participated as measurer from the 1st 470 Spanish Championship, at Ullibarri-Gamboa in Vitoria

1970-1974 Spanish Snipe's national measurer with Arturo Delgado as National Secretary

1970 I own my 1st SNIPE (a Skipper build by Olsen)

1975-1978 Spanish national measurer with Santiago Mendez Fariñas as National Secretary

1975 I obtained the unique MOI springs set in Europe from Arturo Delgado

1975 I started the MOI Measurement in Barcelona

1976 I build the first electronic cronometer to measure the MOI (designed by the brother of my wife)

1976-1983 Juan Manuel Alonso Allende (World Snipe Champ Cascaes 1957) invites me to participate as secretary of the Spanish Measurement Comitée

1977 I asked for measuring, only MOI's, in the Spanish National Championship Ciudadela-Menorca;

1980 Measurer in charge for the World Junior Snipe Champ at Ciudadela-Menorca; Pedro Sisti of Argentina acquires the first MOI Electronic cronometer

1981 As secretary of Spanish Measurement Comitée I organize with Juan Manuel Alonso Allende(+) and Tony Watts(+) the First IYRU International, at Calanova-Palma, Symposium on Dinghy Measurement. They are the origin of the Measurer office. Tony Watts publishes the first International Measurement Manual

1982 I built the second electronic chronometer for Moi measurement

1983 Paco Perez asked me to form a special group of SNIPE Measurers....

1983 Named by RFEV Controller of the 470 Spanish fleet for the Olympic Games at Los Angeles 1984

1984 Supervisor of the Measurement at European Championship 470 in Salou

1984-2012 Constant contact with Pepe Perez as Spanish measurer

1992 Responsible of measuring the Lamboley Test on the 470 Class with a Computer at Olympic Games BCN 92

2007 I participated at the Clinic given by Giorgio Brezich in Oporto's World Champ. Also controlled the Mast & Boom measurement

2012 I acquire an old Snipe nr:17.652 (First boat build in Fiber Glass in Spain) with the project to make a wood Desk and re-build the boat after my retirement

Academic background:

1958-1962 Baccalaureate Elementary in La Salle Barcelona (Spanish and French)

1963-1967 Baccalaureate in La Salle Barcelona (Spanish and French)

1968-1971 Technical Architect for the University of Barcelona

1976-1984 Regulations and Measurement Professor at the Sailing National School of Calanova (Palma de Mallorca) every weekend.

Occupation: Account Manager in SCAN COIN (Swedish company specializing in cash handling machines)

Family: Married since 1981, I have a daughter, a son and a granddaughter.

Your thoughts on the Snipe Class: The world's oldest class after the Star, in constant evolution. A safe bet for those who want a tactical and durable boat.

My measurement philosophy is based in two points:

1 - There is no tolerance for tolerance

2 - A Snipe "out of measurement" and the Queen Mary Pailebot have two things in common:

- a) the two float
- b) neither is a Snipe



Update from the Board of Governors

Board Rescinds Master Age - back to 45

When the Board voted to increase the age of participation at the Masters there was an overwhelming response from you, the sailors. The discussion started at the World Masters regatta in Spain, and continued through e-mails and SnipeToday. Because of the feedback a motion was submitted to the Board to keep the Masters Age at 45. The Board has voted and the results are that the age for participating in the Masters is again 45, with the Skipper and Crew combining for 80 years of age. I would like to thank the Board for reconsidering this issue. I would also like to thank all the sailors that expressed their opinions both for and against.

Dialogue and discussion is good for the class and will keep us moving forward.

Gweneth Crook, General Secretary Western Hemisphere & Orient

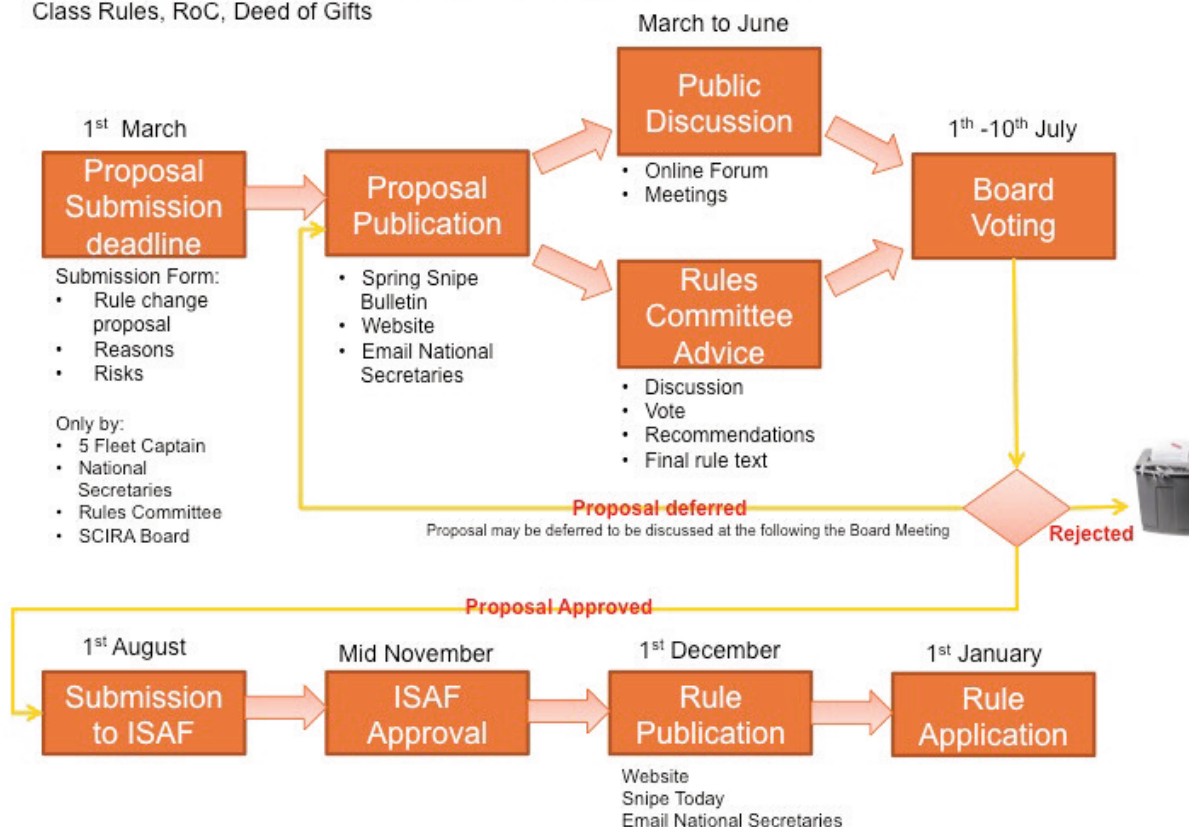
Demystifying the SCIRA Decision Making Process

One of the reasons for the Snipe Class success is its Class rules.

These rules provide us a true one design competition at a reasonable cost. We have old and new boat sailing against each other with equal chances. The rules are in constant evolution and important changes were made in the past like the introduction of the fiberglass hull and the aluminum mast and centerboard. More recently, the Class was criticized for being too slow in adopting new rules. For example, we were one of the last classes to allow advertisement. We also took some time to permit hiking pants and digital compasses. In order to give a better response, the SCIRA Board was restructured and we have few, but very active members.

RULES CHANGE PROCESS

Class Rules, RoC, Deed of Gifts



Now the general feeling is that the changes are too fast. There was a big reaction against the full batten rule and the new master age. The sailors are requesting more opportunity to discuss the changes. We are very passionate about our boat and we really care about any change. We have also completely rewritten our rulebook. This was made to use a more standard wording provide by ISAF through the Equipment Rules of Sailing. As any international class, our Class rules needs to be approved by ISAF. It doesn't mean an intervention from them. We are only guaranteeing that our rule intention is correctly written. Our rule changes will be reviewed by a group of experts before the final approval.

Considering all this, the Board agreed in creating a workflow for approving Class rules changes. This will provide a better visibility for all the stakeholders. This workflow is showed below and it respects our Constitution and Bylaws as well the ISAF Regulations. The workflow has clear dates, process and responsibilities.

Rules changes can be submitted only by National Secretaries, the Rule Committee, the SCIRA Board or 5 Fleet Captains up to 1st March. This is our first filter. If you have a good idea, you need first to get support from your fleet or your country. All proposals will be published at the Spring Snipe Bulletin and on our website. The period from March to June will be used for public discussion and also for the Rules Committee recommendations. The Board will vote all submissions in July. The approved changes will be sent to ISAF for final approval.

We believe that this new workflow will bring a better participation from the sailors, boat builders and sailmakers, measurers and all the other stakeholders helping the Board to make better decisions.

Ricardo Lobato, Vice Commodore

Constitution, By Laws, Rule of Conducts, Deed of Gifts, Bid Forms

Personal Opinion - Ivo Gattulli - Italy

SCIRA has many restrictive rules to help us to reach which goal?
The goal is obvious: Serious Sailing and Serious Fun.

Many rules are written to manage our regattas and championships.
Once upon a time, in Italy, just one crew for each fleet could enter in the National Championship.
Today everybody can! I'm pretty sure that when the National Championship was opened, so many Snipe sailors were worried that the Fleet Championship made no sense anymore. Did local regatta die? Absolutely not

Now European National Secretaries have voted to open the European Championship, and some sailors are worried because they think there will be no more interest in the Qualifying regattas and National Championships.

Really? Will national level regattas die?
Probably not, because Snipe sailors race mainly for fun and not only to qualify for a championship.

Only a few crews are interested to qualify for a major championship, the majority only want to have good regattas, possibly in a beautiful location, meet old friends and new people to share the same passion: racing at their best.
Plain and simple as everyone knows.

The success of a Championship doesn't depend to its own particular characteristic to be valid as a qualifying regatta to more important Championship (involving 3-5 crews), the success of a Championship is granted when it's well organized, in the right period of the season for that specific location, in the right club, with remarkable efforts about sponsorships and media communication.

During the last few years the Country quotas have increased. Beginning next year ten crews for each country can participate in the Jr. World Championship. How many countries will need to schedule any kind of qualification process? Please think about that, and give yourself an honest answer.

Shouldn't it be better and easier to just open the Jr. Worlds and any other international event?
Are we really so frightened that some Snipe sailors may risk losing their ranking position? I mean, so frightened to prefer to keep that risk with the certainty to choke Snipe international events and finally the whole Snipe class growth?

What will probably happen if we OPEN the Europeans? Maybe there will be some more crews from Italy, Spain and from the hosting country obviously, but it will depend on the chosen location as well! For all the other countries nothing will change, they will have just an unedited opportunity (a fundamental one): the opportunity of attracting new crews, crews interested in the possibility to take part to an international event without using one whole racing season (and a bunch of money) to travel around their Country, for a nonsense qualification-process.

If you prefer, you could take a look to the participation-numbers in the last years regattas, and you'll see that Spanish Open and World Master Champ (naturally open) had the maximum number of participants, pretty above the European Champ or any International Champ.

I think that rules have to be changed when necessary, and this is particularly true when rules stop working well! Once, European or World Champs were the most important regatta of the year. Today we have more successful regattas than the Europeans: cheaper and "open"! Because organizing a European or a World Champ is very expensive,

My thought is that some rules (quotas, master not open to non-master) don't help us to have the maximum possible participation (in the best scenario), so they have to be changed, asap.

Spanish Dominate Women's World Championship

The Hernandez sisters add one more title to their impressive resume. As the current champions of Spain and Europe and now World Snipe Women's Worlds, they have thoroughly prepared for this championship in Almeria trained by Damian Fresneda, reigning Europe Snipe Master, winning both the Roy Yamaguchi and Carmen Diaz, as first junior team.

"We are very happy after winning this championship. Today we felt better and we sailed well. On Saturday we had some complications with the wind, but we defended well also. We have spent two months preparing expressly for these Worlds with our coach, who has been very demanding with us," says Angela.

Second in this competition was Marina Gallego, as a skipper and Marina Sanchez, as crew, former Women's World champions in 2008. Third place was Ester and Soledad Requena, who were Spanish champions in 2008, for a podium sweep by the Spanish.

"We are very happy because our goal was to make the podium and we did. We started the race a little bad, but then we have more, but the Hernández sisters and Marina & Marina came very strong and has been impossible to overcome. In contrast, Americans, which started as favorites, went backwards. We have to thank our Club, Real Club Mediterráneo, and our coach, César Travado, and the support they have given us," said Soledad.

It has been four days of racing in the Bay of Málaga with difficult conditions due to the capricious wind that has resisted until the last moment. On Thursday and Friday, with the sea level and without the slightest breeze, Snipe fleets and could not complete any races. Saturday, the women sailed three races with very little wind between 6 and 8 knots, and Sunday, a little more, but not more than 9 knots, with 2 more races.



LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

SNIPER CLASS

Real Club Mediterráneo

Results are final as of 17:17 on September 23, 2012

SNIPER Class

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1. Maria/Ángela Hernández	ESP30935	1-5-1-1-1	9
2. Marina Gallego/Marina Sánchez	ESP29724	2-4-2-2-5	15
3. Soledad/Ester Requena	ESP23230	7-1-7-5-4	24
4. Juliana Días/Mila Fontes	BRA30544	4-10-8-4-3	29
5. Lucía Guerrero/Natalia Canales	ESP31053	6-2-4-16-9	37
6. Manuela Huidobro/Lucía Bustillo	ESP29372	dsq-3-3-8-2	38
7. Kathleen Tocke/Jessica Claflin	USA30288	11-16-6-3-15	51
8. Helena Tobal/Almudena Conesa	ESP30882	5-15-11-6-16	53
9. Loreto Nuñez/Carmen Mateo	ESP28676	ocs-6-10-9-7	54
10. Marina Jiménez/Carmen Bonilla	ESP29780	8-12-13-13-8	54
11. María García/María del Mar Gómez	ESP29576	12-7-9-7-dnc	57
12. Blanca Espinosa/Paloma Moreno	ESP29928	13-8-16-12-10	59
13. Julia Marfil/Pilar León	ESP29514	9-13-raf-14-6	64
14. Marta Benthem/Silvia Gordillo	ESP29715	17-14-5-10-dsq	68
15. Aurora de Juan/Regina Arenas	ESP30238	10-9-dsq-15-17	73
16. Beatriz Rodríguez/Paola Ros	ESP28996	16-19-14-11-13	73
17. María Cumella/Lara Peral	ESP29182	14-11-18-18-14	75
18. Victoria Flethes/Celia Izquierdo	ESP30411	15-17-17-18-11	79
19. Kuniko Yamada/Maiko Makino	JPN23495	18-20-12-17-12	79
20. Charlie Bess/Kristen Walker	USA30280	3-18-15-raf-dsq	80
21. Pauline Penny/Michelle Ditchburn	GBR29163	19-21-19-20-18	97





World Masters - Diaz & O'Connor Win

2012 Id Crook Memorial Snipe World Masters Real Club De Regatas Santiago De La Ribera

The Snipe class motto could be changed to Serious Fun, Serious Sailing for the World Masters. The philosophy behind this regatta is that the social aspect is just as important, if not more, than the sailing. It gives old friends a chance to catch up with each other and new friendships to be formed. The hosts of this year's championships Real Club De Regatas Santiago De La Ribera know how to blend and mix the Serious Fun and Serious Sailing so that you have the perfect cocktail.



The opening ceremonies were held with each of the 14 countries raising their flags, along with the Spanish and SCIRA flags. The President of the club welcomed all the participants and assured them they would experience great Spanish hospitality and sailing.

The first day of racing dawned with sunny skies and high winds, 20 knots on the deck at the club. Under postponement we took the opportunity to get the sailors together for a discussion about the class. The biggest concern was the sailors felt there is a lack of communication between the Board of SCIRA and themselves. One of the changes that has been made, that the sailors did not agree with, is the raising of the Masters age to 50. With the Belgians leading the charge, through t-shirts, bumper stickers and an inflatable doll the message was loud and clear that they felt if something is working then don't change it. With 53 % of the sailors in the Apprentice Master category and 77 participants from 14 countries this regatta is working. To follow up with this concern, as a Board member, I have written to all Board members and expressed the sailors' disagreement with this change and respectfully suggest they revisit the decision. Lots of other items and ideas were discussed, a summary has been forwarded to the Board, it was very productive.

Later in the day the winds subsided and the racing started. Spain's Damian Borrás Camps and Alejandro led the way with Belgium's Thierry Dew Martigh and Henrik Tytgat in 2nd and Augie Diaz and Justine O'Connor from the US in 3rd. Grand Master Bibi Juetz with her crew Dante Bianchi showed that they were there to compete finishing 4th. There were seven different countries in the top ten. With the sun going down they were only able to get one race in.



Friday two races were held with Spain's Damian Borrás Camps showing everyone how it is done with 2 firsts. Augie had a 4th and 2nd. Grand Master Bibi Juetz finished the day with a 3rd and 4th. Those were your top 3 at the end of the day.

Friday night was dinner and Flamenco night at the club. A troop of Flamenco dancers showed everyone how it was done and then it was time for the sailors to demonstrate what they had learned. Everyone was up dancing and having a great time.

Saturday the winds were stronger, the first race was held in 10 knots and in the second the wind continued to build. From where I was measuring the wind speed, the bow of the committee boat at the leeward mark, the wind was strong but did not reach the sustained maximum of 15 knots. The strongest gust I recorded was 16 knots. A new idea that came from this day was the suggestion that if the wind continued to build at a Masters, then the race committee should shorten the course. There were some tired people, at the end of the day, after 2 races. Augie Diaz won the first race of the day and Adrian Marcatelli from Argentina won the second. Overall, the first 2 boats remained the same but the point difference was less, only 4 points separating 1st and 2nd. In third place was Tiago Roquette and Jose Tavora from Portugal, Bibi from Brazil in 4th and Francisco Javier Osés Romero and crew Jose Gonzalez from Spain rounding out the top 5.

That evening a folk group came to entertain, with beautiful songs and dancing. As with every other evening the dinner was excellent.

The final day of sailing started with light winds. Past World Masters Champion, Grand Master Paulo Da Silva Santos and his crew Thiago Sangineto won the first race of the day and the last race of the event was won by Michel Enrico and Stefano Longhi from Italy.

In the end 1 point separated first and second. Master Augie Diaz and Justine O'Connor won the regatta with 16 points, Apprentice Master Damian Borrás Camps and Alejandro Fresneda were 2nd and Apprentice Master Francisco Javier Osés Romero and Jose Gonzalez were 3rd. Jorn Haga from Norway and crew Jord Triay Pons won the Grand Master division.

The trophies were awarded on the deck of the club after a wonderful lunch.

I know that my Father would have enjoyed this regatta. The Organizing Committee got the mix right, between the sailing and the social, and this was the vision my Father had for this regatta. There are many people to thank for such a wonderful week. The club and its President, D. Francisco Ginés Pérez López, the staff of the club who worked so hard, the organizing committee, SCIRA Spain, the Race Committee and the Jury, those who measured the boats and sails. To everyone who contributed to the success of this regatta, THANK YOU. To all the sailors who understand the Snipe motto of Serious Sailing, Serious Fun THANK YOU. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Gweneth Crook, SCIRA Representative



Diaz/O'Connor - Borrás/Fresneda - Haga/Triay Division Champs



World Master Final Results - top 60 of 77

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Division	Finishes	Total
1. Augie Diaz/Justine O'Connor	USA30288	Master	3-4-2-1-7-2-4	16
2. Damian Borrás Camps/Alejandro Fresneda	ESP24555	Junior	1-1-1-4-3-7-dnf	17
3. Francisco Javier Osés Romero/José González	ESP28987	Junior	10-2-6-9-13-8-2	37
4. Tiago Roquette/José Távora	POR31100	Junior	5-7-3-3-31-10-11	39
5. Jorn Haga/Jordi Triay Pons	NOR30935	GM	15-8-13-8-9-6-3	47
6. Motoharu Nishii/Hiroaki Sigiura	JPN30842	Junior	17-5-7-6-30-14-5	54
7. Bibi Juetz/Dante Bianchi	BRA29143	GM	4-3-4-12-47-21-15	59
8. Adrian Marcattelli/Marcelo Villalba	ARG31045	Junior	8-14-10-16-1-15-12	60
9. Paulo da Silva Santos/Thiago Sangineto	BRA29818	GM	20-11-18-2-26-1-9	61
10. Miguel Costa/Lucas Talamonti	ARG28701	Junior	11-28-5-13-4-20-10	63
11. Fabio Rochelli/Daniela Semec	ITA30983	Junior	16-12-8-11-21-4-13	64
12. Jean Jacques Frebault/Eric Berron	FRA30757	Junior	14-9-11-14-8-11-18	67
13. Murillo Borges/Alexandre Muto	BRA31066	Master	7-10-16-10-ocs-33-7	72
14. Enrico Michel/Stefano Longhi	ITA30774	Junior	18-17-23-7-22-9-1	74
15. Yosuke Watabe/Hiroki Maeda	JPN31012	Master	6-18-20-5-ocs-19-19	87
16. Birger Jansen/Janett Krefting	NOR30090	Master	13-20-29-19-15-3-22	92
17. Antonio Mayor Rodríguez/José Luis García-Guillén	ESP28662	Junior	12-21-28-25-6-16-23	103
18. Thierry Den Hartigh/Tytgat Henrik	BEL30265	Junior	2-dsq-14-35-18-13-26	108
19. Masataka Otsu/Katsunori Veta	JPN29637	Junior	27-13-12-26-62-33-6	117
20. Aldo do Passo Cunhan/Lucas Robatto	BRA30539	Junior	24-19-17-43-2-ocs-14	119
21. Luis Pessanha/Paula Araújo	POR29333	Junior	19-16-27-29-38-12-16	119
22. Alfonso Ozores Leyun/Marta Pastor Puga	ESP13334	Junior	23-22-42-27-18-24	123
23. Guy Celis/Ann Van Daele	BEL30344	Junior	30-15-15-22-28-28-21	129
24. Martín Bermúdez de la Puente/Aurora Rodríguez Casanova	ESP29984	Master	25-46-22-23-19-31-20	140
25. Gines Valverde Maiquez/FC Javier Valverde Maiquez	ESP29402	Junior	21-6-40-21-51-dsq-8	147
26. Miguel Marques de Torres/Alvaro Martínez Iribarne	ESP28896	Master	9-34-37-15-16-47-36	147
27. Johan Mejlender/Hege Berthelsen	NOR30813	Master	45-30-30-27-5-26-32	150
28. Mario Eugenio Bonetti Tavares/Viviana Coelho	BRA30346	Master	31-31-24-38-14-17-33	150
29. Antonio Miguel Sel Hernández/Guillermo Serrano García	ESP28481	Master	29-29-36-17-20-35-27	157
30. Pedro Pires de Lima/Luis Cadeco	POR30530	Junior	26-32-43-18-50-24-25	168
31. José Enrique Pomares Moreno/Francisco García	ESP30164	Junior	37-41-47-20-24-25-29	176
32. Hector Lopez Piqueras/Alberto Martínez Martínez	ESP29724	Junior	28-24-46-34-25-32-37	180
33. Enrique Nogueira Soriano/Cesar Travado	ESP30582	Master	50-26-25-30-46-5-dsq	182
34. José Alejo Pérez Aldegundo/Francisco Jiménez	ESP28392	Junior	47-23-34-24-32-38-31	182
35. Andrew Gibson/Carol Gibson	GBR28374	Junior	43-36-31-28-11-51-41	190
36. Per Edwall/Roger Orn	SWE30068	Master	34-47-21-37-40-23-42	197
37. Renato Bruni/Dario Bruni	ITA30706	GM	22-39-50-40-49-30-52	230
38. Svend Andersen/Pia Skolvang	DEN29939	Master	38-49-33-50-35-29-51	234
39. Miguel Ángel Iglesias Moyano/Ricardo Muñoz Cuevas	ESP29989	Junior	42-48-32-31-55-27-62	235
40. Claus Carpelan/Julia Raerinne	FIN30874	GM	35-38-19-44-23-dnf-dnf	237
41. Juan Riera Villegas/Federico Lopez	ESP30965	Junior	36-37-58-46-37-53-28	237
42. Pedro Mateo Beltrí/Victor Mateo Beltrí	ESP29334	Junior	44-45-51-41-12-52-56	245
43. Jorge Díaz Martínez/José Hernández Huelgas	ESP28492	Junior	52-27-57-55-33-49-34	250
44. Koyoshi Masuda/Kotaro Hayastii	JPN29953	Master	58-33-35-62-65-36-30	254
45. Victor Monte Alegre Mons/Guillermo Brito	BRA30298	Master	53-52-39-48-17-56-50	259
46. Carlos Bermúdez de Castro/Roberto Bermúdez de Castro	ESP30950	GM	59-54-52-58-34-48-17	263
47. Miguel Hita Rodríguez/Gerardo Osés Romero	ESP30285	Junior	51-63-66-39-39-34-38	264
48. Hanna Leena Lehtinen/Juha Lehtinen	FIN30833	Junior	62-dnf-dnf-33-10-42-40	265
49. José Pérez Morales/Pablo Soto Segado	ESP23261	GM	57-35-45-52-61-41-35	265
50. Claudio Ciufo/Gabriella Mazzalova	ITA30581	Master	39-42-49-63-54-39-43	266
51. Guillermo Martínez Marcos/Ma Dolores Martínez Marcos	ESP29332	Master	40-ocs-26-66-43-44-49	268
52. Jean Pierre Etcheber/Jean Mathiens	FRA29440	GM	dnc-25-48-60-53-45-39	270
53. Gines Rodríguez García/Andrés Lardín Martínez	ESP30166	Junior	33-50-54-57-48-37-48	270
54. Kai Saarhelo/Roger Nylund	FIN30900	Junior	32-51-62-59-44-43-44	273
55. André Callot/Eric Callot	BEL30199	GM	46-57-38-45-66-50-47	283
56. Juan Francisco Fajardo Ruiz/Alfredo Fajardo Cainzos	ESP29607	Master	41-40-41-49-41-dnc-dnc	290
57. Jukka Partinen/Kari Elios	FIN30899	Junior	48-65-44-47-45-54-57	295
58. Robert Hambrouck/Katrien Hambrouck	BEL29988	Master	dnf-61-63-36-29-67-67	323
59. Reino Suonsilta/Tarja Suonsilta	FIN30460	Junior	55-56-68-65-57-46	325
60. Luiz Alfredo Brandão Ferreira/hermann Elson De Almeida Ferreira	BRA30657	GM	dnc-53-42-69-56-61-45	326



Snipe Western Hemispher & Orient - Bruno & Dante!

100 Competitors at Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship

Yacht Club Olivos, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi proved their championship status by adding one more title to their resume. Three races were held on the final day of the Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship on the Mar del Plata, finally serving up the conditions everyone had come for. The gradually building sea breeze was back with races held in 15-20 knots and providing optimal conditions for the Snipe.

The 2012 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship was sailed in Buenos Aires, Argentina. 100 competitors comprised the 50 teams representing 7 nations. The list is a who's who of Snipe sailing including 8 current and former world champions.



Eager to beat an incoming storm, the first day held 3 races on the Rio de la Plata beginning with 12 knots, but decreasing through the day to 8 knots with steep chop.



Alejandro Viacava, Regatta measurer with Diego Lipszyc (Mini Me) and Luis Soubie (ARG).

Reigning World Champions Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi (BRA) lead after the first day with a 1-5-2 followed by Junichiro Shiraishi and Shinsei Ueda (JPN) with a 9-1-3. Former World Master champion Paulo Santos with Thiago Sangineto (BRA) sit in 3rd with a 2-11-6. Argentines round out the top 5 with Eduardo Fumagallo and Alejandro Noe and Federico Calabrese and Gonzalo Ramos Vertiz respectively.

Racing was cancelled for the second day of racing due to thunder and lightning storms rumbling across the Mar del Plata. The third day the Race Committee made every attempt to race, but the wind would not cooperate in strength or consistency, thus no racing again.

The fourth day saw more of the expected conditions with 3 races held in 8-15 knots.

Bethlem/Bianchi stayed consistent

to keep them atop the leaderboard while the Japanese teams of Kondo/Ishikawa put on a charge as well as Luis Soubie/Diego Lipszyc (ARG) and Mario Tinoco/Gabriel Borges (BRA) and Pablo Defazio and Mariana Foglia (URU). Japanese sailors Shiraishi/Ueda stumbled a bit with an Z-flag penalty and a 26 coming back to win the last race of the day.



On the final day, Bethlem and Bianchi sailed a 8-9-(41). Local sailors Luis Soubie and Diego Lipsszyc (ARG) turned it on the final day to move them up considerably in the standings to finish second overall, 10 points behind the leaders. Junichiro Shiraishi and Sinsei Ueda (JPN) dropped one position to finish 3rd overall after a stellar week on the race course.



The top Master was Augie Diaz with Kathleen Tocke (USA) crewing who finished 6th overall. The top junior team was Yasuhiori Oguri and Naoyuku Nanba (JPN) who finished 17th overall with the honors of the top female team going to Brenda Quagliotti and Victoria Courtade (ARG) in 30th position.

Photos by Jorge Cousillas, El Ojo Nautico and Jerelyn Bieh

Full results at www.snipe.org







65th All Japan National Championship

The 65th all Japan championships were held between November 6 and November 11 at the Miho bay in Sakaiminato-shi, Tottori. 57 teams which won straight victories in the water area primary and higher rank seed in the previous year participated. Miho bays are large race area, a strong wind, and a big wave, and are known by the dinghy sailor in Japan.

The first day.

Three races were performed by the irregular wind from land. Kondo and Ishikawa of a championship in the previous year to have stood on the first place on that day.

It became the 1-8-3rd place and a good start towards successive victories. The 2nd place is Shiraishi and Ueda. Shiroishi is called Snipe Bancho (means 'School gang leader of Snipe ') between Japanese Snipe sailors. Although the 1st race is the 13th place, henceforth is the 1-4th place, and follow with few difference. Many of other teams could not respond to an irregular wind, but dropped their ranking.



The second day.

It stood by during the morning at sea for cold rain. It passed over noon and the wind from northeast has blown. Wind velocity went up to 16kt, and just became the wind of the Miho bay. It was a wave high like the mast top of the next boat hides. Two races were performed and Kondo and Ishikawa maintained the comprehensive first place by the 1-3rd place on that day. Shiraishi and Ueda are the 6-1st place and are the positions which can be reversed if a cut race enters because of few point difference in total.



The third day.

A wind is 14kt from northeast as well as the previous day.

Three races were performed. Kondo and Ishikawa were the 9th place in the race of the beginning of this day. Shiraishi and Ueda ran the top from beginning to end, and reversed by the comprehensive score and became the first place for the first time in this race.

However, Kondo and Ishikawa carried out top finish continuously in the following race. Shiraishi and Ueda were also exactly run hard by the 2nd place of continuation, and did not allow a re-inversion. Shiraishi and Ueda protected the comprehensive first place by small 1 point lead, and saw the final day.

Three-day's night.

The welcome party was held and it greatly rose with much crab dish and Tairyo-Daiko (Japanese Traditional Drum show).



The fourth day.

Since the weather got worse by approach of the low pressure, the race committee decided the race stop during the morning. Shiraishi and Ueda were decided as the championship and became the 4th all Japan championship (as the same pair the 2nd time), respectively.

This championship became the close game of 2 teams.

After cancellation of the final day was announced, Kondo was mortified saying, "I was overcome by the weather."

Top 2 teams used the same builder's (TSUJIDO) boat.

They leave for WESTERN HEMISPHERE & ORIENT CHAMPIONSHIPS in Argentina and Buenos Aires at the next week of this all Japan championship for participation. They trained together for this convention and it led to this result. Top 8 teams obtained the qualifications for entry to the world championship in Brazil next time. The 66th convention next year will be held in Lake Biwa in Otsu.

Koji Ida

Photos by Junichi Hirai



Norwegian News

Norwegian Championship 2012

After exactly 40 years from his first gold medal in the Norwegian Championship, Birger Jansen took one gold again! Birger and Lise Gehrken won the championship with an 9 points difference to the 2nd place, Ulrik Sandvig and Tanya F. Heglund. Magnus Hedemark and Anette Myhre finished in 3rd place. The Norwegian Championship took place in Oslo, organized by Bærum Seilforening. In 2012 there were 30 boats on the starting line. We had two days with heavy winds and some capsizing paused by a day with light conditions. Besides the medal winners, there were also several other highlights. Randi Stray was the weekend's toughest crew, sailing the championship with tendonitis. Even so she and Rune Kartveit finished 4th. The Master Legend Bjørn Sundby as the first-born participant and the juniors Torstein Fargelund and Emil Fadler Kvamme. The Snipe fleet 195 from Snarøya would like to thank our sponsor Det Norske Veritas as well as all the volunteers helping out during the championship and our friends coming from other fleets in Norway!

Norwegian Championship: Ulrik Sandvig, Tanya Heglund, Birger Jansen, Lise Gehrken, Anette Melsom and Magnus Hedemark.

Norwegian Womens Championship

The Norwegian Womens championship took also place in Oslo, mid-August. Anette Melsom and Pia Sørhaug are the Norwegian Women Champions with not less than only 1st places! Siri Sømme and Anniken Murstad finished second. Heidi Vihovde and Tine Skjønberg in 3rd.

Norwegian Womens Championship: Anette Melsom and Pia Sørhaug

Light conditions at Oslo during Norwegian Womens Championship

Highlights from SCIRA Norway

Grand Master World Champions Jørn Haga and Jord Triay Pons finished first in the Grand Master World Championship and 5th overall, congratulations!

Nordic Championship (in Motala, Sweden) Ulrik Sandvig and Tanya Heglund won the Nordic Snipe Championship, defending their title from 2011.

Harboe Cup Ulrik Sandvig and Tanya Heglund finished in 2nd place! Birger Jansen participated in all 44 editions!

Swedish Championship Birger Jansen and Janett Krefting finished 3rd in the Swedish Championship held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Medalists This year, Seilas, a famous sailing magazine in Norway, published an article on sailors that won most Norwegian Championship medals in any class and Snipe sailors are of course top listed. Janett Krefting is the woman with most medals in Norway! Birger Jansen 2nd man and Anette Melsom was top listed. The article was published before the Norwegian Championship, Anette and Birger have at least more each two this year!

Results Norwegian Championship 2012 - Top 20

Rank	SailNo	Club	HelmName	CrewName	Nett
1st	30090	Bærum Seilforening	Birger Jansen	Lise Gehrken	11
2nd	30498	Bærum Seilforening	Ulrik Sandvig	Tanya Ferner Heglund	20
3rd	30312	Bærum Seilforening	Magnus Hedemark	Annette Melsom Myhre	36
4th	30270	Stavanger Seilforening	Rune Kartveit	Randi Stray	45
5th	30813	Bærum Seilforening	Johan G Mejlænder	Hege Berthelsen	45
6th	30660	Bærum Seilforening	Steffen Skjønberg	Maj Kristin Hansen Borgen	46
7th	30613	Bærum / Åsgårdstrand	Mads Truelsen	Alexandra Wang	46
8th	3	Stavanger / Arendal	Jørn Haga	Maike van der Linden	47
9th	30069	Bærum / Asker	Ola Nygard	Eli Christensen	52
10th	29650	Bærum / Færder	Torstein Pedersen	Tom Christian Mortensen	68
11th	30087	Bærum Seilforening	Stein Jacobsen	Anders Jacobsen	83
12th	29428	Bærum Seilforening	Victor Sinding-Larsen	Liv Sinding-Larsen	94
13th	30354	Bærum Seilforening	Magnus Christiansen	Cecilie Myhre	98
14th	840	Bærum Seilforening	Torstein Fagerlund	Emil Fadler Kvamme	99
15th	29725	Bærum / Oslo	Christine Schüssler	Marita Christensen	102
16th	30186	Åsgårdstrand Seilforening	Jostein Grødem	Asbjørn Grødem	103
17th	30840	Bærum Seilforening	Geir Hansen	Paul Andreas Lundebø	116
18th	30495	Bærum / KNS	Lars Hannisdal	Henrik Hannisdal	117
19th	30260	Bærum Seilforening	Heidi Vihovde Sandvig	Tine Skjønberg	120
20th	30440	Bærum / Bergen	Ellen Høegh	Asta Stenhagen	121

Italians Hold Team Racing Championship

The first ITALIAN Snipe Team Racing Championship will be held in Ledro, July 20-23 2013.

This team event is designed to attract particularly young sailors, maintaining the Snipe class aligned with the recent ISAF guidelines. The location is a magnificent choice for team racing. The Associazione Vela Lago di Ledro (AVLL) has gained substantial experience in international-level Match-Racing and Team-Racing, and is very well known for its fantastic hospitality. There will even be the possibility to borrow or charter local boats for crews coming from the furthestmost clubs. Participants to 2012 Team-Racing event have been very impressed by the organization. Here are some comments from Daniela Rochelli (the winner with Fabio Rochelli, Sergio Irredento and Marina Senni), a Team coming from Trieste:

AVLL – led by its President Paola Mora – hosts sailors just as if they were their children. During the two-day event we were nurtured and spoiled as if we were at home. Luncheons, dinners and snacks were made available with utmost generosity. The hospitality and the breathtaking Alpine surroundings were well worth a long trip.

We were intrigued by the Team Racing format, and have come away very excited. The winning formula can be summarized in a single concept: TEAM! A winning team must be interpreted as striving for un-selfish mutual help and sacrifice.

The competition is in very tight quarters, with adrenaline-filled situations that demand laser-focus concentration. It is constant side by side battling, with continuous switches in positions. The judges were very competent and insured full respect of the rules by monitoring the races up close. Since races are very short (generally between 9 and 12 minutes) there is constant action on the start line and frequent changes in the standings. Team racing is a new and different format of competitive sailing, and promises to be very fun. You must try this in Ledro, it will be worthwhile! See you next year!!!

Alfonso Donati (Ledro Fleet Captain) and Paola Mora (AVLL President)

Talamone

November 2-4, 2012

We sailed for the second time in Talamone in the Winter Trophy Classe Snipe held on November 1-4. Sailing in Talamone's "Snipe Bay" as it is called, is nothing short of spectacular.

First there is the Town of Talamone, simply a beautiful spot in the south of Tuscany with its own castle atop a hill overlooking the entrance to Snipe Bay- magical, absolutely. Talamone's beauty is that of dreams and the setting is so beautiful and unique that it was used in a recent 007/Bond movie. From the water the views are such that it is hard to concentrate on the racing and you will catch yourself more than once in the middle of the race admiring the beauty around you.



The race course is within minutes of the dock, there is at least three different race course areas that can be used depending on the conditions.

The regatta was held over three days and we had light winds the first day, medium/light the second and good pressure on the third day. After the first day Paolo Lanbertenghi and Silvia Pederiva had the lead, Kathleen and I had the lead after the second day and Enrico Solerio and Sergio Simonetti came on strong on the last day to win the regatta. My Italian brother, Pietro Fantoni and Nicola Gerin sailed very well on the final day to finish third overall with Paolo and Silvia finishing fourth and the Italian Rocket himself, Fabio Rochelli and his super crew Daniela Semec were fifth.

On the social side Talamone is very special. With very interesting places like Siena and Orbetello nearby, there are many places to see and restaurants. We had a great party on Saturday night at the Circolo della Vela Talamone where we ate and drank too much and had a lot of fun with our Italian Snipe family. Before the dinner, Nicola Gerin and Kathleen Tocke gave the Juniors attending a regatta at the same time a very nice discussion on the days racing. It was refreshing the level of interest on the part of you sailors in double handed sailing and I think they could easily become future Snipers.

Talamone is a short train or car ride from the Rome/DaVinci airport. There is camping near the regatta site also.

A special thanks to Alessandro Testa, who not only organizes the wonderful events in Talamone, but being a very good sailor himself, runs the races on the water very effectively.

Augie Diaz

Brazilians Regional State Championship

Rio de Janeiro

At Guanabara bay course, for the 1st time the Clube de Regata Guanabara promoted the regional Snipe championship of Rio de Janeiro state.

This small club is the house of a big star, Alexandre Tinoco, World and Pan American champion. It was nice to see our class renewed, we had a lot of juniors (training for junior world).

Ivan Pimentel won this time. A mixture of experience, a super crew (Alexandre Muto "Leleco") and a purest pedigree Lemão Snipe (Bom Demais - mean: "So Good") gave him the title. Right behind were Henrique "Giant" with Rodrigo Lins followed by Fernando Madureira and Peter Walter in third.

It was interesting to see that among 40 boats, from the 8th to the 13th the dispute was between Juniors, the Optimist newcomers. In the Master category, Kurt "Lemão" Diemer, who celebrated birthday at the same week, won with Rodrigo "Southwest" Claessen, representing the Guanabara. So great!

In Mixed (Brazil already has this category), me and Manoela bit Tim and Elizabeth on the last day. Jonas and Gisele finished in third. It's Guanabara again, two podiums.

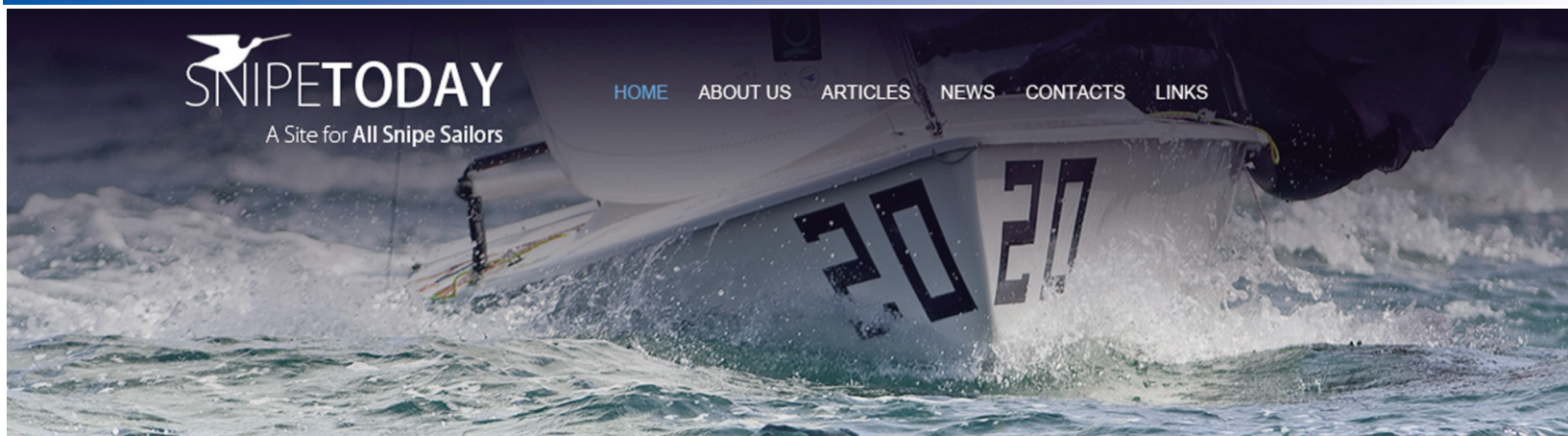
In the last hour were created categories B and feminine. And everybody was happy about that. We had a funny barbecue on Friday and the price giving on Sunday. Total success in one of the best views of Rio.

Dante Bianchi - National Secretary Brazil

Campeonato Estadual da Classe Snipe Clube de Regatas Guanabara / Clube do Rio de Janeiro / FEVERJ Results are final as of 17:29 on November 18, 2012 Final

Sailed: 7, Discards: 1, To count: 6, Entries: 42, Scoring system Appendix A

Rank	Timeiro	Proeiro	Clube	Cat.	N. do Barco	Num.	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total C. / Desc
1st	Ivan Pimentel	Alexandre Muto	ICRJ	Master	Bom Demais	30902	3	3	1	1	(43 DNC)	2	4	57 14
2nd	Henrique Hadda	Rodrigo Lins	ICRJ	Senior	Mucho Horiçad	29950	4	1	2	2	4	3	(6)	22 16
3rd	Fernando Madureira	Pedro Walter	ICRJ	A	Madura	30754	5	5	(15)	3	3	5	2	38 23
4th	Admar Gonzaga	Alfredo Rover	ICB-DF	Senior	Felicidade	1	1	8	4	5	5	(15)	9	43 32
5th	Juninho Jesus	Anderson Brandão	GVI	Senior	Nandaozinho	30431	7	6	12	10	(16)	1	5	57 41
6th	João Silveira Bulhões Nicolass		ICRJ	Senior	Graveira	30566	11	4	5	9	13	(23 ZFP)	1	66 43
7th	José Roberto de Jesus	William Gomes Moura	GVI	Senior	Phoquete	30932	(15)	2	6	14	14	4	3	58 43
8th	Lucas Mesquita	Douglas Gomes	RYC	Junior	M. Magoo B.	31118	9	7	3	(13)	7	13	7	59 46
9th	Frederico Rodrigues	Lucas Lages Pereira	ICRJ	Junior	S/ Nome	29818	6	(13)	8	12	9	10	11	69 56
10th	Ricardo C. Paranhos	Felipe A. Rodolfo	ICB/DF	Junior	Xibú	30206	2	10	13	(29)	17	7	12	90 61
11th	Felipe Rondin	Matheus Steytler	ICB/DF	Junior	Maurício	30773	10	18	10	8	2	14	(43 DNC)	105 62
12th	Nicholas Glaze	João Pedro Moreira	ICRJ	Junior	Abacate Médio	31117	14	(24)	11	4	1	18	18	90 66
13th	Caió Siva	Matheus Franco	RYC	Junior	Papa-Leguas	3096	16	11	7	11	18	6	(20)	89 69
14th	Rodrigo Inácio	Yuri Soaz	ICS	Senior	S/ Nome	30871	(25)	12	9	16	6	22	14	104 79
15th	Kurt Diemer	Rodrigo Claessen	CRG	Master	Sudoeste Ronstas	30905	19	27	18	6	(43 DNC)	8	8	129 86
16th	Graccho Harabedim	Felipe Harabedim	ICRJ	A	Rabux	31005	12	14	(33)	7	22	19	16	123 90
17th	Flávio Castro	Roberto Freire	ICRJ	Senior	Ranzi na	30738	(30)	9	21	19	12	25 ZIP	17	133 103
18th	Gustavo Faria	Gustavo de Mear	CC	A	Barco do Amiguiño	30266	17	(43 DNC)	43 DNC	17	11	16	10	157 114
19th	Bruno Egge	Rodrigo Alvi	CNC	Junior	S/ Nome	30656	8	31	17	28	15	23	(43 DNC)	165 122



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Come and join us for the Nordic Snipe Week in Motala, Sweden first week of July 2013



Come to Motala in the beginning of July when the sun is up almost 24-7 and the weather is as warm as we Nordic "vikings" get it. The week starts with a 2 day clinic, George Szabo from Quantum Sails will be our coach. After the clinic

we have a one day regatta called Vätternsnipen when we sail off in one direction and anchor up our boats for a lunch at Varamon beach. After the break we race back to the club. After these 3 days of learning and "fun sailing" we start the regatta. 2013 the regatta will be both Nordic and Swedish Championship and we hope to attract many sailors from around the Nordic countries and from rest of the Snipe world. You are most welcome to join us in Motala.

Besides fierce battles on the water we are planning to give you all a nice time on-shore with activities for the whole family. All and all "Serious Sailing and Serious Fun"!

For more information about the regatta please visit
www.snipe.se and <http://www.nordicsnipe.com/>
 See you in Motala!

Tobias Chroneer - NS Sweden
Photos by Karin Sjöberg





Spanish Nationals 2012

The Club Náutico Los Nietos organized the 71st Spain Nationals from 11th to 14th October, having a good level of participation with 77 crews from most of the Spanish regions.

The weather was good with temperatures above 25 degrees but wind was quite lazy as it waked up late every day.

The first day the soft wind only allows one race but the second one in spite of late wind arrival two races were sailed with 8-9 knots. The last day due to last race time limit just one race was sailed.

We must underline the high level of organization from Club Náutico Los Nietos and the good behaviour of all participants in the event who showed to be fully fit.

At the end Jordi Triay and Lluís Mas won the Championship in the seniors, and the new deservedly Junior Champions are Marta and Angela Hernandez who are also the Ladies Champions.

Antonio Gil Buendía

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CAMPEONATO DE ESPAÑA DE SNIPE FEMENINO

CLUB NÁUTICO LOS NIETOS

11/10/2012 - 14/10/2012

CLASIFICACION GENERAL				Clase : SNIPE FEMENINO			Descartes : 0					
Pos	Nº.Vela	Cas	Patrón	Tripulación	Club	Federación	Categoría	1	2	3	4	Puntos
1	ESP30935	72	MARTA HERNÁNDEZ	ÁNGELA HERNÁNDEZ	C.N. ALMERIA	ANDALUZA	FEMENINO	1	1	1	1	4
2	ESP28996	50	BEATRIZ RODRÍGUEZ	PAOLA ROS GÓMEZ	R.C.R. CARTAGENA	MURCIANA	FEMENINO	3	4	3	2	12
3	ESP29514	31	JULIA MARFÍL	VICTORIA ORTEGA GONZÁLEZ	C.M. ALMERIA	ANDALUZA	FEMENINO	2	2	5	4	13
4	ESP30238	7	AURORA DE JUAN OJEDA	REGINA ARENAS	R.C.M. MELILLA	MELILLA	FEMENINO	5	3	2	5	15
5	ESP30882	47	HELENA TOBAL	PATRICIA RODRÍGUEZ	R.C.R. CARTAGENA	MURCIANA	FEMENINO	4	5	4	3	16

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Women's Results

CLASIFICACION GENERAL					Clase : SNIPE			Descartes : 0					
Pos	Nº.Vela	Cas	Patrón	Tripulación	Sponsor	Club	Federación	Categoría	1	2	3	4	Puntos
1	ESP31097	70	JORDI TRIAY PONS	LLUÍS MAS BARCELÓ		R.C.N. PALMA	BALEAR	ABSOLUTO	2	4	1	3	10
2	ESP24555	19	ALEJANDRO FRESNEDA ARQUEROS	ELIEZER FERNÁNDEZ ÁLVAREZ	ByOROP.COM	C.M. DE ALMERÍA	ANDALUZA	ABSOLUTO	4	4 RDG	6	2	16
3	ESP31078	38	RAYCO TABARES ÁLVAREZ	GONZALO MORALES QUINTANA		R.C.N. ARRECIFE	CANARIAS	ABSOLUTO	1	8	11	1	21
4	ESP29718	39	GUSTAVO DEL CASTILLO PALOP	OLIVER HERRERA PÉREZ		R.C.N.G.C. - R.C.N.A.	CANARIAS	ABSOLUTO	7	7	4	12	30
5	ESP28363	9	BERNARDO PAZ DOCAMPO	OSCAR GÓMEZ OLIVEIRA	CENTRO MÉDICO JACINTO LÓPEZ	L.C. VILAGARCÍA	GALLEGA	ABSOLUTO	5	22	3	4	34
6	ESP28262	1	TEO MATHEU	PEDRO CABRERA		R.C.N. DE PALMA	BALEAR	ABSOLUTO	19	2	7	15	43
7	ESP29543	64	MATIAS ROS NAVARRO	FILGENCIO ORTEGA HERNÁNDEZ		R.C.R.S. DE LA RIBERA	MURCIANA	ABSOLUTO	6	6	8	23	43
8	ESP30935	72	MARTA HERNÁNDEZ	ÁNGELA HERNÁNDEZ		C.M. ALMERÍA	ANDALUZA	JUVENIL/FEMENINO	14	3	9	18	44
9	ESP29724	71	FRANCISCO SANCHEZ FERRER	MARINA SANCHEZ FERRER		R.C.R.S. DE LA RIBERA	MURCIANA	ABSOLUTO	11	16	12	13	52
10	ESP29544	15	ALBERTO PARRÓN GÓMEZ	ÁNGEL PARRÓN GÓMEZ		R.C.N. DE ADRA	ANDALUZA	ABSOLUTO	9	10	15 RDG	26	60

Overall Results - Top 10

CLASIFICACION GENERAL				Clase : SNIPE JUVENIL			Descartes : 0					
Pos	Nº.Vela	Cas	Patrón	Tripulación	Club	Federación	Categoría	1	2	3	4	Puntos
1	ESP30935	72	MARTA HERNÁNDEZ	ANGELA HERNÁNDEZ	C.M. ALMERIA	ANDALUZA	JUVENIL	1	1	1	2	5
2	ESP28998	4	JUSN MANRESA OJEDA	CRISTIAN VIDAL CARBONELL	C.M. MOLINAR DE LEVANTE	BALEAR	JUVENIL	3	4	2	4	13
3	ESP30969	2	MARC VALLESPIR CASTILLO	TONI COLON LLOPART	C.M. MOLINAR DE LEVANTE	BALEAR	JUVENIL	8	3	4	1	16
4	ESP31053	17	JOSÉ MARÍA GUERRERO	ANDRÉS DE RIEGO NAVARRO	R.C. MEDITERRRANO	ANDALUZA	JUVENIL	5	9	3	3	20
5	ESP29514	31	JULIA MARFÍL	VICTORIA ORTEGA GONZÁLEZ	C.M. ALMERÍA	ANDALUZA	JUVENIL	2	2	12	8	24
6	ESP28996	50	BEATRIZ RODRÍGUEZ	PAOLA ROS GÓMEZ	R.C.R. CARTAGENA	MURCIANA	JUVENIL	9	7	8	5	29
7	ESP30810	16	SANTIAGO AIMAR	DAVID NAVEIRA	R.C.M. DE MÁLAGA	ANDALUZA	JUVENIL	7	6	9	10	32
8	ESP30146	7	IGNACIO CANO RODRÍGUEZ	FRANCISCO ORTEGA	C.M. MELILLA	MELILLA	JUVENIL	10	8	7	7	32
9	ESP28147	58	DAVID GARCÍA AGÜERA	JESÚS FRANCO HERNÁNDEZ	R.C.R. CARTAGENA	MURCIANA	JUVENIL	4	12	6	12	34
10	ESP30238	7	AURORA DE JUAN OJEDA	REGINA ARENA	R.C.M. MELILLA	MELILLA	JUVENIL	15	5	5	9	34

Junior Results - Top 10





One USA Season Rushes Into The Next

The SCIRA USA 2012 season concluded with Serious Sailing, Serious Fun.

Nine boats competed at Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 1-3 in a world qualifier for the Rio Worlds that combined great racing with wonderful Midwestern hospitality. Pat Flood, Martin Bebb, Stephen Irgens, Rick Scofield and regatta organizer Phil Lee fought it out for the top five places. One team will go to Rio.

Perfect conditions met 32 teams for the Masters regatta in Mission Bay. Racing was intermixed with time ashore allowing for renewing friendships and establishing new ones. The majority of boats were husband-wife or parent-child teams. Young Masters dominated with Doug and Beth Hart winning, Dixon and Kiki Smith 2nd and Team Leweck 3rd. Jerry Thompson with Mandi Smith was the top Grand Master.

The Frigit Digit Regatta in Annapolis at the end of September attracted a 42 sailors. Augie Diaz sailing with Julia Marsh dominated with Zach Hill and Gabe Smith in second. Augie qualified for the Rio Worlds.

Taresa Davis sailing with Kim Calnan won the Goblin Series at the Atlanta Halloween event. The field of sailors included four female teams and eight masters teams. The Spooky Series was won by Mark and Mindy Sherry from eight teams which featured one female team and three Master teams.

The Carolyn Nute drew 24 teams to Mission Bay at the end of October. This west coast world qualifier resulted in tight racing between senior and junior teams on Sunday with Doug Hart and Becky Nygren prevailing in first place and the Sinks brothers in second, both qualifying for Rio.

The Florida State Championship was won by Peter Commette, a distinguished Master, sailing with Jensen McTigue, a noted junior. Three VWL courses were run on Saturday and three Olympic courses were run on Sunday. Hal Gilreath sailing with Sharon Johnson challenged Peter and Jensen but finished second. Half of the competitors were juniors, college sailors and new Snipe class members.

At the same time as the Florida State Championship, six American teams were competing at the Western Hemisphere & Orient (WH&O) regatta in Argentina. Augie Diaz sailing with Kathleen Tocke was 6th. Brian Kamilar with Enrique Quintero was 8th. Ernesto Rodriguez and Esteban Ecahavarria were 21st. Kevin Reali and Timothy King were 31st. Cara Vavolotis and Kim Pokorny were 34th and Taresa Davis and Kim Calnan were 42nd. SCRIA USA looks forward to hosting WH&O in 2014 at San Diego Yacht Club. Kathleen Tocke attended the Snipe Women's Worlds in Spain in September.

Betsy Altman joined SCIRA USA as Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Administrator and Publisher of *US Snipe Sailor* on July 1, 2012.

Gene Soltero - US National Secretary

German Open

Dear Snipe sailors,

which will be organized by the VELICA Trentina at the Caldonazzo Lake in northern Italy.

We have pleasure to present you the most important regattas in 2013 which will be organized by the Ass. VELICA Trentina at the Caldonazzo Lake in northern Italy.

The already well known German Open (in 2013 the 12th edition) shall happen – like usual, one weekend after the Pentecost (Whitsun) and the usual Harboe Snipe Cup in Denmark – the 24 – 26 of May 2013, we suppose to have newly around 50 boats coming from Germany, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Croatia and ... ; contemporarily with the German Open will be organized the “National regatta Duca di Genova” for the Italian ranking list, obviously with the best Italian Snipe sailors (only Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 of May).

The weekend before the German Open we'll organize for the first time a team race regatta 18th + 19th of May, open for everybody who has pleasure to taste this new regatta type.

For these two weekends of regatta we agreed with the Hotel Mezzolago (50 m distance to our Sailing Club) a special offer: Only € 25,00 night/person with continental breakfast in double bed room.

Lunch and Dinner (and also the wines offered by the sponsor CANTINA ISERA) during the German Open and the Team Race are comprehensive in the inscription fee.

Furtherly we'll be able to offer Snipe-boats from our members of the Velica-Sailing Club.

Like usual, our law is: Serious Sailing – Serious Fun !

Herbert Hoerterich – Pres. Ass. Velica Trentina



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SCIRA's Financial Reports for 2011

Balance Sheet

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2011	2010
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 92,710	\$ 79,995
Accounts receivable	4,059	2,576
Prepaid expenses	1,770	3,760
Total current assets	98,539	86,331
PROPERTY:		
Data base software	22,626	20,638
Office equipment	2,478	2,478
Accumulated depreciation	(23,477)	(17,767)
Property - net	1,627	5,349
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 100,166	\$ 91,680
LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued expenses	\$ 4,450	\$ 5,600
MEMBERS' EQUITY	95,716	86,080
TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 100,166	\$ 91,680

Budget vs. Actual

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Dues	\$ 40,015	\$ 48,000	\$ (7,985)
Boat decals	22,090	22,000	90
Merchandise sales	7,840	2,250	5,590
Royalties	15,025	23,000	(7,975)
New hull numbers	4,600	4,500	100
Advertising income	5,375	5,500	(125)
Interest income	8	-	8
Total income	94,953	105,250	(10,297)
Cost of goods sold			
Merchandise purchases	5,184	250	4,934
Gross Profit	89,769	105,000	(15,231)
Expenses			
Management fee	40,000	40,000	-
Snipe Bulletin expense	18,786	19,300	(514)
Travel & meals	3,079	5,250	(2,171)
Database software amortization	5,710	1,000	4,710
Dues & subscriptions	2,107	2,300	(193)
Promotion	2,750	1,000	1,750
Rulebook printing amortization and postage	1,132	1,000	132
Legal & accounting	2,610	2,300	310
Decals	1,168	600	568
Royalty tags amortization	626	650	(24)
Measurement stickers and stamps	386	400	(14)
Measurement clinics	248	250	(2)
Office supplies and expense	-	1,000	(1,000)
Postage and delivery	25	150	(125)
Printing and reproduction	1,480	2,250	(770)
Database & website maintenance	-	250	(250)
Trophies	-	760	(760)
Total expenses	80,133	78,990	1,173
Net Income	\$ 9,636	\$ 26,040	\$ (16,404)

Financial Statement

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2011	2010
INCOME:		
Dues		
Senior	\$ 32,775	\$ 38,480
Junior	6,210	8,460
Decal	22,090	23,040
Fleet	1,030	1,185
Total dues	62,105	71,165
Royalties	15,025	25,020
Merchandise sales	7,840	5,376
Advertising	5,375	6,125
New hull numbers	4,600	4,850
Regatta sponsorship	-	350
Total income	94,945	112,886
COST OF GOODS SOLD:		
Merchandise purchases	5,184	2,410
GROSS PROFIT	89,761	110,476
EXPENSES:		
Management fee	40,000	40,000
Snipe Bulletin expenses	18,786	14,184
Travel & meals	3,079	5,303
Database software amortization	5,710	5,944
Dues & subscriptions	2,107	1,759
Promotion	2,750	3,229
Rulebook cost and postage	1,132	992
Bank service charges	2,610	2,345
Legal & accounting	1,168	687
Boat decals	626	602
Royalty tags	386	386
Measurement stickers	248	203
Office supplies	25	201
Postage and delivery	1,480	1,828
Database maintenance	-	570
Trophies	26	757
Total expenses	80,133	78,990
OTHER INCOME:		
Interest income	8	30
NET INCOME (LOSS)	9,636	31,516
BEGINNING MEMBERS' EQUITY	86,080	54,464
MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS	-	100
ENDING MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 95,716	\$ 86,080

A chance of a lifetime to sail Snipes amongst the islands of Orkney

Where the dramatic coastline of northern Scotland ends, the ocean begins and nestled there, a few miles from the mainland, lies Orkney.

In the days of sail, Orkney proved a convenient staging post for mariners traversing the North Atlantic Ocean, which explains why this ocean highway service station remained a part of Norway until as late as 1468, when they were transferred to the Scottish Crown in a marriage dowry. Twenty of the largest Islands are home to 20,000 Orcadians, the majority of whom reside on the principle island, Mainland. Surrounding Mainland lay a scattering of smaller islands; some with lively communities while others are home to a few independent islanders.

All the islands of Orkney are steeped in a mass of history dating from Neolithic times and Orkney is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is so much to see; from the great standing stones of Brodgar and Stenness, magnificent chambered tombs of Maeshowe and Unstan and the fabulous preserved village of Skara Brae. Impressive remains can be found everywhere, in a density unequalled in Europe.

In more recent years military activity has left a great legacy in Orkney. The incredible natural harbour of Scapa Flow was elevated to the headquarters for the Allies' Atlantic navy in the First World War and the site where the German fleet surrendered and then was scuttled. It is on these historic waters that the UK Snipe National Championships will be staged in 2013.

You may be curious to know why we are holding the UK Snipe Nationals in Orkney. In the UK we have two large fleets of Snipes that have never sailed together and we would like to do something about uniting them. It will be a great opportunity to bring together the Orkney and UK mainland Snipe sailors both on the water and socially off the water! It will also give the UK mainland sailors (and anyone else who cares to join us) the opportunity to visit and sail in such a unique and historic place.

The reason it has not happened before is principally the distance, almost 800 miles from the South East of England. The boat parks of Stromness Sailing Club (SSC) and Holm Sailing Club (HSC) are home to just under 40 Snipes. Of these boats, the majority are used regularly and are mostly Danish Skipper Snipes from the early 1970's. Club racing takes place in Holm on Tuesday evenings and on Thursdays at Stromness between May and August to take advantage of the long summer nights, with some Sunday sailing continuing into September and early October. In addition, many regattas take place on both Mainland and the surrounding islands over the summer and are supported by some of the Snipe sailors.

Although the drive is long, transport links to the islands from mainland Scotland are very good. There are Northlink ferries from Aberdeen and Scrabster to Kirkwall and Stromness, and Pentland Ferries from Gills Bay to St Margaret's Bay. There are also flight links from all major UK airports with Flybe, via Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Inverness.

The organising Committee is actively seeking sponsors to help to defray the cost of hosting the Nationals in Orkney. This pioneering event deserves a like-minded sponsor and it is fitting that the first to step forward is the **European Marine Energy Centre, the only accredited, grid-connected, wave and tidal test centre for marine renewable energy in the world, suitable for testing 14 full-scale devices simultaneously.**

Due to the distance we would recommend you stay for your summer vacation and allow time to experience the wealth of history, archaeology, arts and crafts, incredible wildlife and bird watching, a well-regarded whisky distillery (Highland Park), two local breweries (The Orkney Brewery and The Highland Brewing Company), and wonderful seafood, plus the chance to see sheep that live on the beach and eat seaweed! All of these plus much more can be experienced by visitors to Orkney.

With the local organising committee, Shetland and Orkney Sailing Development Group and RYA Scotland being closely involved, our Nationals in 2013 will be hosted at Stromness from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th August. This is an open event and anyone who makes the huge effort to get there will be well rewarded with the fantastic Orcadian hospitality and an opportunity to sail a Snipe in one of the most unique places in the World. At present there are 15 crews prepared to travel from the UK mainland to join the Orcadian Snipe Sailors – how about joining us? You will be guaranteed serious sailing and most definitely serious fun in a truly remarkable setting.

If you want any further information please do not hesitate to contact me by email suepollen@aol.com

Sue Roberts UK Snipe National Secretary

2013 Snipe Racing Calender

International

Winter Circuit

Midwinters	March 10-12	Clearwater, FL USA
Don Q	March 14-17	Miami, FL USA
Bacardi/Gamblin/Kelly	March 20-23	Nassau, Bahamas
Snipe Cup	March 16-17	Antwerp, Belgium
South Americans	March 24-30	Montevideo, Uruguay
South European	April 12-14	SanRemo, Italy
North Americans	April 17-21	Lakewood, Texas, USA
Taca Octanorm	April 19-21	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Trofeo Rochelli	May 11-12	Trieste, Italy
Harboe Snipe Cup	May 18-20	Espergaerde, Denmark
Yves Le Bour-FRA+	May 18-20	Le Havre, France
Yves Le Bour-GBR+	June 8-9	Stone SC, GBR
Piada Trophy*	June 28-30	Cervia, Italy
Leste Brasileiro	June 28-30	Cabo Frio, RJ, Brazil
Nordic Championship	July 5-7	Motala, Sweden
Kvarner Cup*	July 6-7	Omislj, Croatia
World Master Games	August 2-4	Orta, Italy
European Masters	August 23-25	Bracciano, Italy
Junior World	September 14-20	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Senior Worlds	September 21-29	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
European Cup	September 25-29	Malaga, Spain
Winter Trophy	November 1-3	Talamone, Italy

*Summer Circuit

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National Championships

Chilean Nationals	January 12-13	Algarobbo
Brasilian Junior	January 25-27	Rio de Janeiro
Brasilian Senior	January 28-Feb 2	Rio de Janeiro
German Open	May 24-26	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
Croatian Nationals	June 14-16	Pula
Swedish Nationals	July 5-7	Motala
French Nationals	July 14-15	Larmor Plage
US Nationals	July 21-26	Buffalo, NY
Finnish Nationals	August 2-4	Hämeenlinna
UK Jr & Sr Nationals	August 2-4	Orkney Islands, GBR
US Masters	Aug/Sept	Erie, PA
Belgian Nationals	August 24-25	Scharendijke, Netherlands
Italian Juniors	August 26-27	Rosignano Solvay
Italian Nationals	August 28-Sept 1	Rosignano Solvay
UK Women's Nationals	September 14	Budworth SC

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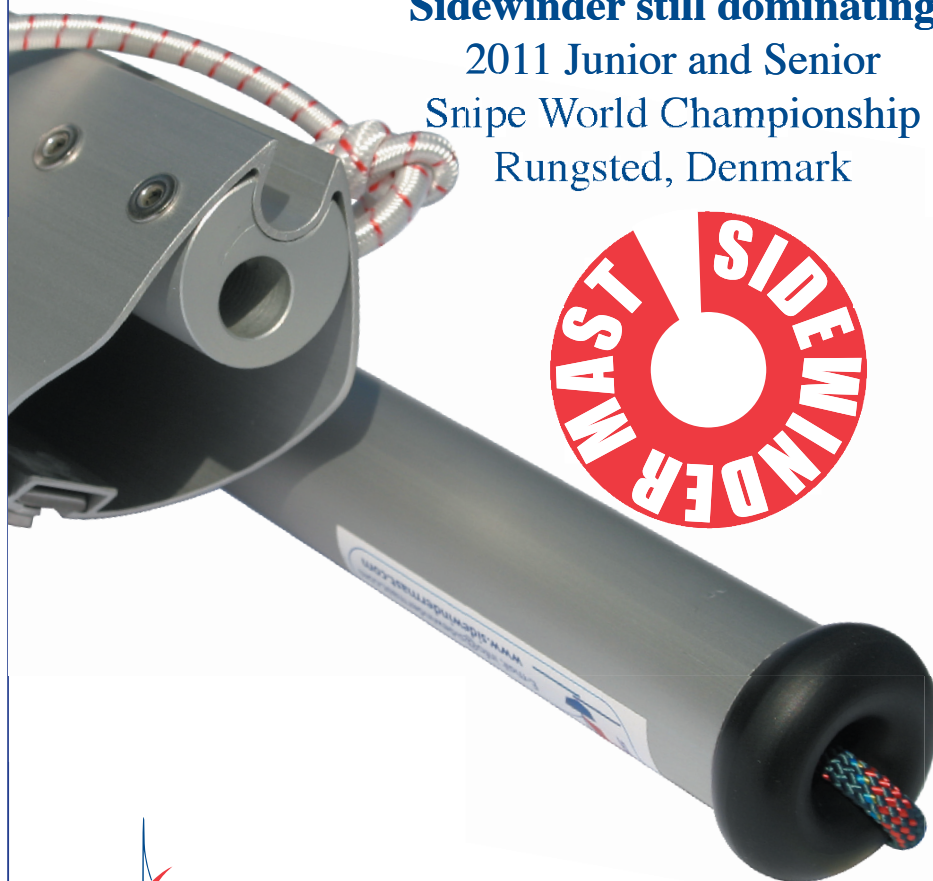
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Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	42	75
Bahamas	14	26
Belgium	39	56
Bermuda	0	1
Brazil	204	220
Canada	7	35
Chile	16	34
Colombia	1	11
Croatia	10	29
Cuba	5	10
Denmark	4	12
Ecuador	16	19
Finland	29	51
France	24	47
Germany	9	12
Italy	153	346
Japan	358	586
Mexico	0	0
Norway	90	113
Poland	29	34
Portugal	20	40
Puerto Rico	2	2
Russia	0	0
Spain	210	370
Sweden	32	55
United Kingdom	26	48
United States	380	591
Uruguay	10	17
Total	1730	2839

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- IBERIAN NATIONALS ... 1
- FINNISH NATIONALS ... 1
- HERB SHEAR ... 1,2,3
- So. CAL MIDWINTERS ... 1,3
- EE MANNING ... 1,2,4,5
- LAS VEGAS ... 1,2,3,4,5
- CROATIAN MASTERS ... 1
- USA MASTERS ... 1
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