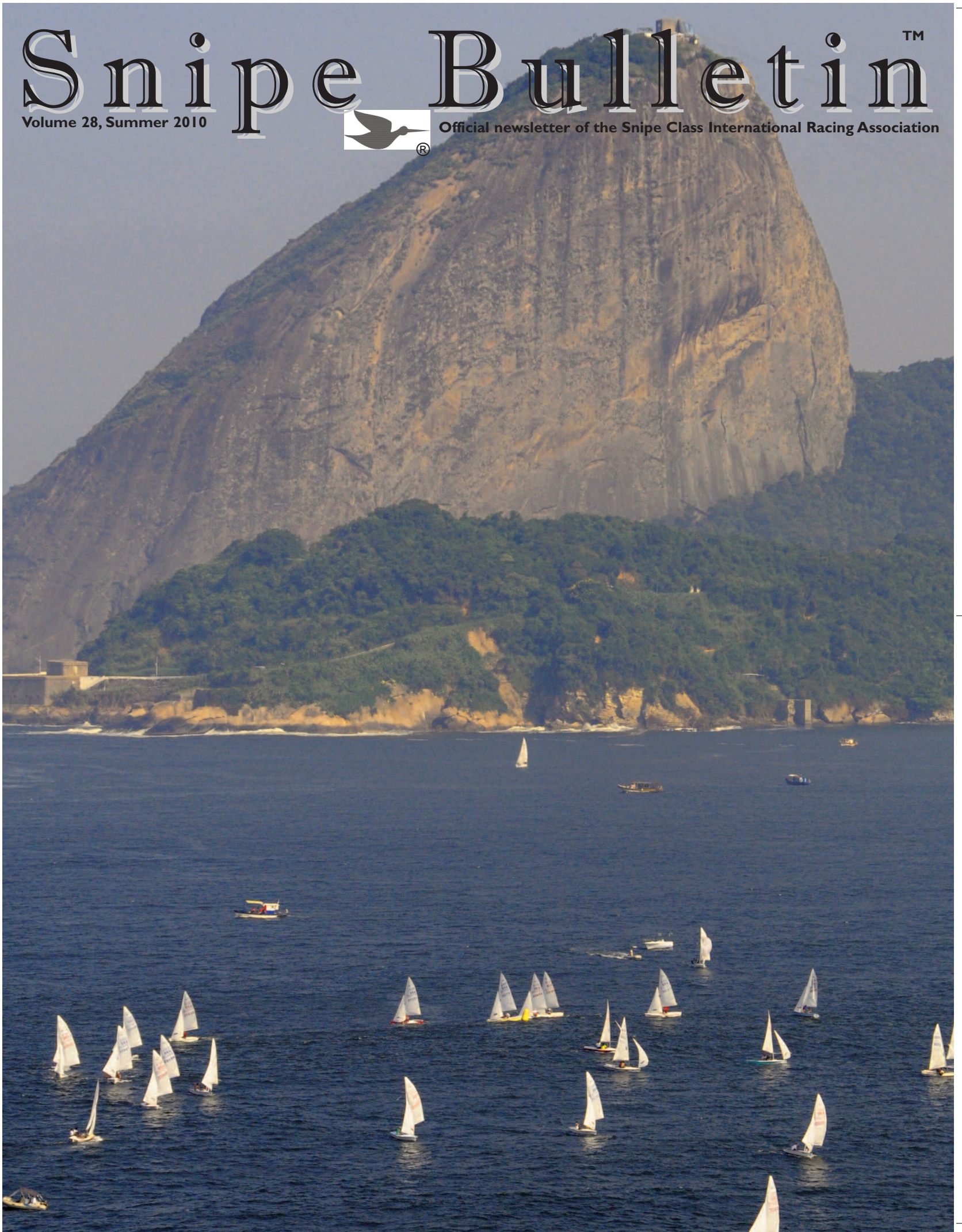


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The Count: 25 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Brazil 5; Japan 4, ESP 3, NOR 1, Puerto Rico 7, USA 1 and 4 to builders

Numbered Snipes: 30895

Chartered Fleets: 887

Albufeira, POR is the newest fleet.

Cover photo: Come to Rio!!

Photographer Francisco Lino took this shot in preparation of the World Masters to be held in Rio de Janeiro in September. For more photos: www.imocean.com

Pan American Games 2011

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



Next Issue deadline:
September 1

From the Commodore -



Dear Snipe Sailors,

I would like to share with you some interesting news concerning the activity and promotion of the Snipe Class.

On the last Snipe Bulletin, I confirmed that further to the development of the Juniors, the Snipe Class promotion will be one of the strategic drivers for the Class development and growth.

It is with enormous satisfaction and enthusiasm that I inform you that the Board decided to support the Image Integration Project from Vincent Casalaina. In this project, Vincent Casalaina will show to the sailing World, Snipe's history, strengths, values and greatness.

Congratulations to Vince Casalaina for the already successful achievement of having the Snipe documentary nominated for an Emmy for **Sports – News Single Story or Series**, and have the Snipe sailing class broadcasted at a national level in the US.

We are confident that this project will help move Snipe Class into world mainstream television and video coverage.

Our special thanks to Image Integration for this initiative and particularly to our Past Commodore Jiro Yamamoto for his donation, and to other SCIRA members who have and continue to donate toward this project to supplement the archives of SCIRA. Without these donations we would not be able to finance this project.

Concerning the Junior's, we have a great expectation that next Junior European Championship to be held at Almeria, in Spain, will be a huge success. The host Club and the organizers are working very hard on it. A special thanks to Cesar Travado for all his involvement, particularly in this event and generally with the development of Juniors Crews in Spain.

The activity is still up this year, and as a demonstration of the greatness and strength of our Class I'd like highlight the following initiatives:

The Iberian 1st National Open organized at Vilagarcía de Arousa, in Spain, was excellent in the organization and the number of participants, which speaks for itself... to have, on the 1st edition, 77 crews from 9 different countries clearly shows how dynamic and strong our class is. Congratulations for all involved in this initiative and wishes that this success can be repeated in the forthcoming years.

Another great initiative of the Italian fleet was approved for the creation of the South European Summer Circuit. Year by year, the hosting Country, the clubs and the dates of the Circuit will be defined.

The aim of the South European Summer Circuit is to have, similarly to the USA, a Circuit that promotes and encourages wide participation of competitors and countries.

Happy Sailing!





Around the Snipe World

SCIRA's Loss

Jesse Varalyay, wife of Lou, passed away in April. The Varalyays were builders of many national & world championship Snipes throughout the US, beginning in 1939 through about 1964. Lou passed away several years ago.

SCIRA Video up for Emmy Award

SCIRA's own Vince Casalaina who produced many of the interviews of Snipers that are posted on the www.snipe.org website, has been nominated for an Emmy for his video produced for the 2009 Snipe World Championship for Sports – News Single Story or Series. Said Casalaina, "It's a honor to be selected by my peers, but I feel much prouder to have been able to move Snipe sailing into the mainstream of television coverage."

This segment was shot as part of the larger documentary on the Snipe Class which will premiere next

year in 2011, the 80th anniversary of the Snipe Class.

You can see the video segment on the 2009 Snipe World's video gallery page:

<http://www.snipeworlds2009.com/media/index.htm>

Follow the Emmys on the following link. The Executive Director will accompany Vince with high hopes he is the winner!

<http://www.nataspw.org/emmymain.asp>



Snipes in Australia

Neil and Julie Colbran sailed MIMA, 23957 on her 100th sail in Canberra, AUS on May 15. MIMA was built in Spain and shipped to AUS with her owner, a Spanish Embassy employee assigned to AUS. Neil acquired the boat and has been dutifully fixing her up and sailing her. See accompanying photo.

<New to the Rulebook>

SOUTH EUROPE SUMMER CIRCUIT

Emblematic of: Snipe Summer Circuit in Southern Europe

Donated by: SCIRA Italy

Owned by: SCIRA Italy

Awarded to: The skipper with the best total score for all the races in the 2 regattas chosen year by year by SCIRA Italy

Open to: Snipe skippers in good standing from anywhere in the world.

Regatta Conditions: Competition annually during Summer on the waters of the chosen clubs. The different series of race are to be arranged and agreed upon by officials of these clubs. "Rules for Conducting National and International Regattas" are specific instructions furnished by the International Rules Committee and approved by the SCIRA Board of Governors. These instructions must be followed in all respects.

Winter Circuit Dates for 2011

Never too early to plan a great sailing trip!

75th Anniversary of the Midwinters

Clearwater, Florida

March 14-16

Don Q Rum Keg Regatta

Miami, Florida

March 18-20

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

Nassau, Bahamas

March 23-26





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To the Top

A story by Clifford Heinzerling on he and his brothers ascent to win the 1942 US Junior Nationals and then World Championship titles. Written in 1992, edited May 2010.



The place: *Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe, Michigan*

That year (1942), the Snipe class was the largest one design class world-wide. There were over four thousand registered Snipes, many were racing in local fleets everywhere. The cream of the crop of these boats was on hand for the big event, held at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club, at Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan on Lake St. Clair. The perpetual trophy - the Hub E. Isaacks trophy for the Snipe International Championship - was waiting for this year's top name to be engraved on its winner's plate. The winner could hold the trophy for a year and then turn it over to the next champion. It was a giant of a trophy.

This was very much like watching an Olympic event. The "hot shots" were as fine tuned as their boats. It was a gathering of highly skilled sailors - all the best from their home fleets. Each sailor had his own secret tactics ready to spring on his opponents. So what are we doing here? It is a long way from Lake Lackawanna, New Jersey. Let's go back to the beginning.

The year was 1939. Pop (Charles E. Heinzerling, my father) bought our first sailboat, a new 1939 Thompson-built Snipe #3453 that we named "Zephyr." At Lake Lackawanna, near Stanhope, New Jersey, a small fleet of boats had already formed a yacht club. My brother Ralph (Heinzerling) could sail since he had some earlier lessons at Camp Kiamesha. I was badly coordinated and was terrible that first season. Ralph was "gung ho" to improve our racing, so he often yelled at me in an attempt to whip me into a smooth working crew.

Being overweight slowed me down. My super diet came two years later after growing tired of Ralph calling me a "balloon" or a "blimp." He knew as a team we were racing with too much weight. I was not as concerned as he was because I did not know how seriously we might get into this new sport. At the end of the 1939 season, we ranked next to last. I kept getting tangled in the ropes - which you dare not call by that name. I thought a sheet was the sail, but someone decided it is a rope.

The following winter changed all that. Pop bought us racing books and we studied them with a vengeance. I started taking a real interest in sailing and Ralph took notes like mad.

In 1940, we vastly improved. We were taking second and third places in the northern New Jersey races. We practiced on Lake Lackawanna all the time. Ralph began his full barrage of whispered instructions. He did not want other skippers to hear his tactics. We both discovered a very important trick: in light winds, be calm and move about slowly and gracefully - no thrashing about which would upset the sail settings. We would become statues...in other words, "don't rock the boat". We later saw many otherwise smart skippers fall into the trap of nervously wiggling all over their boats trying to look for wind.

We made friends with some of the best sailors in New Jersey. One in particular we have to give thanks to for many of his racing tips was Charlie Gabor, the reigning 1938 Snipe International Champion. He sailed with a home fleet on Lake Mohawk, New Jersey. We watched him perform his magic and disappear way out in front of a fleet of similar boats. We couldn't keep up with him. He was a little guy with gray hair and squinty eyes, about 55 years old. His boat, Snipe #4 "Chasme," was aptly named.

We raced "Zephyr" in the 1940 Snipe National Junior Championship, which was held at Lake Canandaigua, New York, one of the Finger Lakes in that region. We finished fifth in the 12-boat fleet, and also raced the last of the three races in the Snipe International Championship. The first race of the Internationals turned into a real blow, with winds over 30mph, only 11 of the 24 entries finished the race.

We saw our next boat at that regatta. Ruth Becker won the 1940 Snipe National Women's Championship in Snipe #11 "WPA," and finished just ahead of us in the Snipe National Junior Championship, and ninth in the Snipe International Championship. We loved the look of that boat. Ruth's father (George Becker) built that boat for her at Sea Cliff, New York, where a local Snipe fleet was based. He told us that "WPA" was for sale because he was going to build another one for Ruth (she was about 17 years old at the



time). A month later, we took our trailer to Sea Cliff, and bought the now famous boat. It really wasn't the eleventh Snipe ever built because the original #11 had been smashed up. Ruth's father had some pull with Snipe designer Bill Crosby and managed to get the old number re-assigned to the new "WPA". Psychologically, it was damaging to see Snipe #11 go past you in a race.



In 1941, Snipe competition was a whole new ball game. With our "WPA," we started to wipe out the competition. The big win that year was the New Jersey State Championship at Barnegat Bay. We even pulled ahead of Charlie Gabor, who was sailing his new Snipe #4004, "Chasme II.". We also won the season's Open Class Championship against all different class boats. We were number one at our home fleet. In late summer, we traveled to Fort Worth, Texas and borrowed a Texas Snipe which I raced in the 1941 Snipe National Junior Championship (finishing sixth); and Ralph skippered the boat in the Snipe International Championship (finishing seventeenth). We could have been much more competitive if we had been able to transport "WPA" from the east coast to Texas for the racing.

We were on a roll, so the following winter we kept in shape with exercise and studied boat tactics using wooden models on the living room floor. I had gone on a diet prior to the 1941 races, and had lost 40 pounds in three months (from 178 down to 138). Ralph was thrilled!

OK, so back to my opening words - it's now 1942 at Lake St. Clair, and we were ready to go for the big one. We were now one of the favorites. We had just won the North Atlantic Coast Snipe Championship. We had won almost every race except one. Ralph and I did not talk about possibly winning the Snipe International Championship. His words to me were simply that, "we're going to blast these meatballs!" Ralph's super confidence was infectious, so much so that I took second place overall in the 1942 Snipe National Junior Championship, with a crew that I had borrowed off the dock. Pop and Ralph went wild when I won the first race in a fog, 15 minutes ahead of the second boat. In race two, I came in second, and in the third race I placed third, one boat length behind Bruce Jamison from Texas, who won the series by a small margin.

Around the Club that evening, you could hear all the speculation about the big event, which was to start the next day. We could hear muffled words and then the words "Heinzerling brothers" being whispered. The tension was building. We would have three long races against the sharpest bunch in the world.

In race one, the gun went off as the pack crossed the starting line. We hung in close to Don Cochran, a plumber from Florida who was a wizard at finding stronger winds. He would ignore the fleet and go off on his own. He had a crazy streak of luck, and almost always finished in second place in races. The fleet spread out all over, but we stayed with Don and placed third in that first race.

In race two, we took first place. Our average at that point put us in the lead. Pop was bubbling with pride. Ralph and I tried hard to look calm and say very little. I think we were numb with anticipation.

In race three, we finished third. For a moment, we did not know who the overall winner would be as others such as Cochran had scores of first, second, and tenth in the individual races. About forty seconds after crossing the finish line, the race committee finished the calculations and they started pointing at us and cheering. Pop was on the power boat at the finish line. He jumped in the water - he was so wild with pride. Ralph and I shook hands and slapped each other's backs. I know we must have nearly burst as

we realized that we were now the Snipe INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS.



You don't forget anything as rewarding as that win. The next day, news about the winning teenager Heinzerling brothers were all over the local sports pages. There were pictures of us sailing "WPA," holding trophies, group shots with other boats, and a lot of written accolades. Overwhelming! One reporter asked me what "WPA" stood for - I answered "WE PASS ALL."

Editor's note: The US Nationals overall trophy is named after the Heinzerling Brothers and is a coveted trophy in the United States in their honor.

left to right: Clifford and Ralph Heinzerling in 1993



Memories of our friend, Flavio Caiuby

Flavio Caiuby, past Snipe Class Commodore, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2010. His granddaughter has posted a nice tribute (although in Portuguese) and other people have left memories on the website: www.snipebr.org

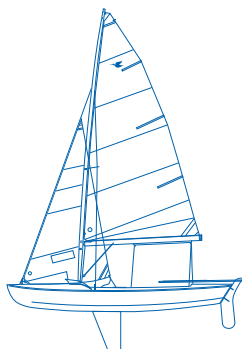
In the early 40's, Flavio Caiuby discovered that sailing was his sport; the sport that would fill his life with joy and happiness. To feel the wind, to hear the water and to be challenged by Nature were some of the things that made him passionate about sailing. After joining the Snipe Class, it was even more than that. It was the pleasure of competing, going to Championships and meeting the finest friends from all over the World, who had the same passion as he did.

In April this year, he met again some of those old friends, who invited him to sail where there are always perfect racing conditions... That day, I wrote an e-mail to the Snipe Class group in Brazil, asking for some stories about him.

I was very pleased to receive so many answers. Friends of all ages wrote about very good moments, during regattas or evenings at the bar. Reading their stories, I realized how he motivated so many sailors with his irradiant personality, always ready to teach about the wind or racing rules. *"Caiuby used to help everyone, explaining the rules that represent the ethic and the respect for the other competitors at the sport that we practice". "He became synonymous of racing rules of sailing, helping to translate the rules to Portuguese and being an ISAF international judge". "During many years we learned a lot with him, about sailing and about living".* These were only few statements from many very beautiful messages from his dear friends. One of them proposed a toast *"To absent friends and ships at sea".* Memories of our friend, now absent, whose Snipe 12000 will be forever sailing in our memories.

I'd like to thank all those who shared his stories. And take this opportunity to remember his remarkable way of defining our sport: *"sailing is difficult; sailing is blood, sweat and tears. You suffer with the competition and with the fatigue".* However, sailing was the one thing that kept him going, until his 82 years old, with the spirit of a junior, competing as a senior, and teaching as only a master can teach.

Juliana Caiuby Vicente de Azevedo, his granddaughter, with a little help from his friends.



- Started sailing Snipes in 1940 (active sailor up to 2010) - 70 years of Snipes!
- Owner of 57 Snipes
- Organizer of the 1976 Snipe Brazilian Nationals with 102 boats.
- SCIRA Class Commodore in 1979
- Was part of the initial group to introduce the MOI in the Snipe Class
- ISAF Judge and Rules Expert

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2010 Snipe Women's World Championship

St. Pete awaits you!

Snipe Fleet 801 and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club welcomes the Snipe Women's Worlds to Florida in 2010. Scheduled for November 7-12, this regatta is open to any and all female members of the Snipe Class.

If it's been a while since you sailed in Tampa Bay, you'll find a new skyline and new attractions and museums. If you've never been to St. Petersburg, you're in for a treat.

The city is located on the western side of beautiful Tampa Bay. Spectators can view the races from a modern four-story pier, and downtown St. Pete has many hotels and restaurants within walking distance

"If you're going to sail anywhere, it's hard to beat Florida in the fall."

of the sailing center. Jogging and biking around parks and the waterfront is popular and the city is a cultural treat with all sorts of music and art. A short distance from the SPYC you will find the homes of the excellent, professional Florida Orchestra, the Dali Museum, and other concert venues.

Of course, world famous theme parks and Florida beaches are nearby. While you're in St. Petersburg, there is no question that you can have some serious fun.

The SPYC has a long history of excellence in race management and hosts many championships each year, but this is a special opportunity for women's sailing. Both the regatta chair and the PRO are women, certified by US SAILING as National Race Officers, and an Olympic gold medal winner is expected to compete.

The SPYC and Fleet 801 have hosted previous Junior Worlds, Masters, and Women's Worlds. The fleet is currently on the move. In the last year, Fleet 801 placed the highest married couple at the US Nationals, the highest placing juniors at the North Americans, and fleet members in the top five of many major regattas. After creating the Super Snipe Trailer (holding up to a dozen boats) and providing three loaner boats to the public, the membership is growing and espe-



SPYC downtown clubhouse

cially adding juniors and college sailors. This year, Fleet 801 hosted a new winter regatta, the *Gaspar* (named for a famous Florida pirate), the Florida State Championships, and the District 4 Championships. The fleet is gearing up now and gathering the best boats for charter, getting volunteers together, and organizing resources. Fleet 801 Snipe sailing is serious sailing.

If you're going to sail anywhere, it's hard to beat Florida in the fall. Check the weather almanac for the week of Nov. 7-12 in St. Petersburg, FL, and you'll find that the average temperature is 70 and the average wind is 11 mph. The water temperature is warm, usually the high 60s in November.

Extreme weather is rare, tide and current is mild, and normal weather fronts control wind direction. The three regattas in the fall of 2009 in St. Petersburg each completed 5 to 7 races in two days. The last Women's Worlds in St. Petersburg was sailed in good breeze, with most competitors in spray tops and shorts. Serious sailing in St. Pete is year round.

St. Petersburg is served by the excellent Tampa International Airport (code TPA), and a downtown public bus system. It has all the amenities of a big city in the United States, but has a small-town attitude and is easy to navigate.

There is housing of all sorts linked on the SPYC website (<http://www.spyc.org/>) and the fleet will do

its best to find complimentary housing for Snipe sailors. The SPYC will sponsor organized parties and informal networking opportunities and, as always, provide its famous race management skills to make the Women's Worlds a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Fleet 801 and the SPYC are ready for you to have serious sailing and serious fun this fall, so start making your plans now!



FLASH New Trophy to be Awarded at 2010 Women's Worlds!! **FLASH**

Carmen Diaz Trophy

Emblematic of: Highest Placing Junior Women's Team at the Women's World Championship

Donated by: Augie Diaz

Awarded to: Skipper and Crew

Open to: Both the skipper and the crew must be under the age of 22 (not having reached their 22nd birthday in the calendar year the regatta is held). Both the skipper and the crew must be SCIRA members in good standing.

Trophy Responsibility and Conditions: Responsibility for engraving, safeguarding and return of the Trophy to the following regatta rests

with the winning skipper.

Revision of Deed of Gift: By agreement between donor and SCIRA



Snipe Winter Circuit - Lots of Sailors - One overall Winner

Unfortunately no report was filed for the Midwinters in Clearwater, but next year they are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Snipe Midwinters - so this will be a MUST ATTEND!

2010 Don Q

March 19 to March 21, 2010

Forty-seven Snipes came to the City of Miami and Biscayne Bay to race in the 44th Annual Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta. The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Miami Snipe Fleet 7 and is sponsored annually by the Don Q Rum Destileria Serralles, Inc. This was a great international event with teams from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Brazil, Canada and Puerto Rico.

On Friday, Snipers waited for over an hour for the breeze to kick in. The first race was started after one general recall with a prep flag start at 1331. The course was a Windward Leeward course with a downwind finish. The breeze was at 5.8 kts from 325 degrees. As the breeze increased and changed direction we increased the second windward leg and signaled a change to starboard as the breeze was now at 0 degrees. The breeze stayed constant from 0 degrees until the last 8 boats were finishing when it shifted to 160 degrees sending those few boats on a beat to a downwind finish. Henry and Christian Filter won race 1. The right side paid off big and Ernesto Rodriguez had a good lead only to be run down by the Filters at the downwind finish in a dying breeze. The second race was started at 14:54 under better conditions as the wind was now at 9.7 kts from 160 degrees. The course was once again a course W with a downwind finish. As the winds continued increasing the second weather leg was increased to 1.0 nm providing for some additional great sailing. Ernesto Rodriguez won race 2.

Saturday started with a light breeze of 8kts from 120 degrees and a slightly more aggressive fleet. The first attempt to start race three resulted in a general recall. The restart was a Z Flag start with no boats receiving penalties. The course was a course W. The wind which remained at 120 degrees decreased to 6 kts which resulted in the shortening of the leg from 1 nm to .8 nm. Race four was a Windward Leeward course with a downwind finish. The breeze was now at 140 degrees however the first attempt to start resulted in a general recall and Z flag penalties to various competitors. The second attempt was successful despite a few OCS. The legs were set at 1 nm. Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero did a great job and won both races.

Race 5 on Sunday started in a brisk 16kts of breeze from 155

degrees. The fleet was sent on an Olympic

course with 1.20 nm legs. The breeze dissipated to 9 kts resulting in a shortening of the windward leg to .9nm. Further decreases in the breeze resulted in the shortening of the downwind leg to .6 nm. As the breeze continued to decrease the last upwind leg was reduced to .5nm. The race was finished within the time limit with 7 minutes to spare however an error in the signaling of a course change at the weather mark resulted in a request for redress which outcome was the throwing out of the 5th race by the judges' panel. It was unfortunate since the Race Committee did a stellar job in changing marks during the races and setting courses and monitoring starts all regatta. That is sailboat racing!

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the volunteers in Race Committee: PRO and Scorer Jaime Ramon, the Signal boat for the regatta was the S/V Otra Cuba Libre owned by Marc Buller who was also our gunner. The Mark boat on Friday was manned by Susan Walcutt and Barry Simons while the on Saturday and Sunday it was manned by Brian Fink (owner), Laura Fink and Susan Walcutt. The Pin boat was manned throughout the regatta by Ron Rostorfer together with Frank Jansen who was accompanied by Jim Waldron on Saturday and Geoff Sutcliff on Sunday. On the Signal boat we had Dottie Rostorfer as scribe; Liz Balbin on flags as well as scribe; Marvin Schenker and Jo Ann Mathieu as timers; Paco Calvet and Kit Temple on flags; Brainard Cooper as the class representative. The Protest Committee was comprised of Jere Woltz, USS Senior Judge, Elliot Levy, International Judge, and Jane Ann Pincus, US Sailing Judge, SCIRA rep Brainard Cooper, Regatta Chair Old Man Diaz, Entertainment Carmen Diaz and her team and Club management and many others.

Biscayne Bay is one of the greatest places to race small sailboats. The competition at this event is outstanding. Come and sail the Don Q next year and join the fun.



Don Q Results --top 15 of 47

	Sail No	Helm/Crew Name	Nat	Finishes				Total
1	30473	Ernesto Rodriguez/Mary Hall	USA	2	1	12	2	17
2	30741	Peter M. Commette/aylor Scheuermann	USA	3	6	16	5	30
3	25715	Jorge Murrieta/Alejandro Murrieta	MEX	7	16	4	4	31
4	30269	Enrico Solerio/Sergio Simonetti	ITA	5	11	7	10	33
5	30288	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA	23	10	2	3	38
6	28810	Brian Kamilar/Enrique Quintero	USA	32	5	1	1	39
7	30552	Henry C. Filter/Christian R. Filter	USA	1	3	27	9	40
8	30860	Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	USA	8	7	9	18	42
9	30338	Raul A. Rios/Francisco J. Medina	PUR	4	15	11	13	43
10	29222	Michael V. Danish/Jason Hill	USA	9	8	14	16 ZFP	47
11	30737	Jesus Rodriguez/Megan Place	PUR	6	22	10	16	54
12	30391	Eric Reinke/Bridget Crenney	USA	15	19	13	8	55
13	30551	Don Hackbarth/Bruno Mello	USA	12	14	19	17	62
14	30855	Andrew J. Pimental/Julia Marsh	USA	41	4	15	6	66
15	29	Gianpiero Poggi/Eugenia Vanni	ITA	13	2	6	48 OCS	69

Bacardi-Gamblin

Local Team Second in Tag Heuer Snipe Winter Championship Regatta

Competition in the Tag Heuer Snipe Winter Championships hosted by the Royal Nassau Sailing Club ended with local Bahamian sailors Jimmie Lowe and Cameron Symonette finishing second to the overall winners Norwegians Birger Jansen and Kari Lockert Lie who were presented with Tag Heuer watches in addition to trophies by Abaco Ceramics. In a series in which all races count the Bahamian team were adversely affected by a breakdown causing them to withdraw from race 5 of the 8 race series. Robert Dunkley, the other top local sailor sailing with crew Brent Burrows Junior, also experienced a boat breakage causing him to withdraw from race 5 and miss race 6 while effecting repairs. Ultimately Robert Dunkley finished fourth overall after having finished top of the fleet in the Bacardi Cup, comprising the first three races of the series. Birger Jansen was third in the Bacardi Cup and first in the Dudley Gamblin Memorial series while Jimmie Lowe placed second in both series and overall. Third in the Gamblin and overall was Californian Eric Heim with crew Adrienne Korkosz.

The small but very international fleet included 5 boats from Scandinavian countries seeking respite from a cold dark winter in the warm sunny Bahamian waters. The weather obliged for while conditions varied from 8-10 on the first day of racing to 18-20 on the third day of racing the sun was always shining and the waters warm. In addition the hospitality of the host club, the R.N.S.C., and its Bahamian members were true to historic form and both the sailing and the parties made for a regatta that clearly followed the motto of the Snipe Class; "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun". A great time was had by all both on and off the water with all the participants looking forward to returning next year hopefully to a slightly bigger fleet.

Lori Lowe



Bacardi - top 5 of 11

Rank	SailNo	HelmName CrewName	Total
1	BAH 30630	Robert Dunkley Brent J. Burrows	6.0
2	BAH 30511	Jimmie Lowe Cameron Symonette	7.0
3	NOR 30840	Birger Jansen Kari Lockert Lie	9.0
4	BAH 29616	Fernando De Cardenas Daniel De Cardenas	15.0
5	FIN 30502	Hanna-Leena Lehtinen Juha Lehtinen	18.0

Gamblin - top 5 of 11

Rank	SailNo	HelmName CrewName	Total
1	NOR 30840	Birger Jansen Kari Lockert Lie	10.0
2	BAH 30511	Jimmie Lowe Cameron Symonette	16.0
3	USA 30337	Eric Heim Adrienne Korkosz	16.0
4	BAH 29616	Fernando De Cardenas Kimberly Pyfrom	22.0
5	BAH 30630	Robert Dunkley Brent J. Burrows	31.0

Overall Nassau: Birger Jansen & Kari Lockert Lie

**Zimmerman - overall Winter Circuit:
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2010 Snipe North American Championship July 1 - 4

The 2010 Snipe North American Championship is around the corner. Save the date and plan your vacation to sail the trade winds of the Caribbean Sea and come celebrate the Fourth of July weekend on the sunny southern shores of Puerto Rico. Our host, the Ponce Yacht and Fishing Club (PYFC) welcomes you and your families to enjoy a great weekend of serious sailing and serious fun.

Official arrival day will be Thursday July 1st (measurement and registration), continuing with official racing days from Friday to Sunday. The top two finishing countries will qualify for the 2011 Pan-American Games in Mexico. Social events will include a welcome cocktail party, pool side BBQ and a closing awards banquet. Affordable transportation prices are available for boats shipping from the US. New boats will also be available for charter. Remember to book your flights and hotel rooms on time. For more information visit www.snipepr.org.



PAN AMERICAN SAILING FEDERATION 2011 Qualifying System and Event Schedule

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

NATIONALITY and AGE

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

QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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Michizuki and Sugiura Win Japanese Jr Nationals

The Japanese Junior Nationals 2010 was held from March 25 to 28th at the JOC(JAPANESE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE) National Training Center in Wakayama prefecture. Seven teams participated in the regatta and ten races were held in over a four-day period. Wataru Mochizuki/Shintaro Sugiura took five top finishes to win the overall championship. Mochizuki said happily, "Catching the shift of wind, taking the course well, and hard hiking were the reasons for this victory". Mochizuki/Sugiura has now qualified for the 2010 Western Hemisphere Championship and will be certified as the members of JSAF(Japan Sailing Federation) Junior & Youth National Team.



Results

Skipper/Crew	Sail#	Total
1.Mochizuki / Sugiura	30677	16
2.Nagao / Yamamoto	30149	24
3.Hiwatari / Shimada	30499	34
4.Oka / Hamao	30104	34
5.Tanaka / Hayashi	30006	35
6.Takeuchi / Tashiro	30712	40
7.Enokida / Moriyama	29078	53

Photos by Koji Ida



Cronin/Coranz Win US Women's Nationals

The 2010 USA Snipe Class Women's National Championship, sponsored by Suddath Relocation Services, brought sailors from San Diego, Annapolis, Florida, Georgia and Newport together for a great weekend of sailing. In near perfect conditions Carol Cronin and Kim Couranz dominated a very competitive fleet. The fleet enjoyed five races in oscillating breezes of 10-15 in sunny and warm weather. Tarasa Davis, of Atlanta, and Kim Calnan, of the USF Sailing Team, finished second overall ahead of Aine Fretwell and Jessie O'Dell of San Diego.

Carol and Kim put to rest any hopes of an upset when they edged Tarasa and Kim in the second race. They went on to win the third race convincingly which put them in a commanding position heading into Sunday's racing. On Sunday Carol and Kim continued their winning ways in two close victories. The rest of the fleet was packed together and switched places frequently throughout all five races.

The fleet enjoyed a great weekend with a cookout at Florida

Yacht Club on Friday and a dinner hosted by Nancy Gilreath on Saturday. A great social and sailing weekend typified the Snipe class' motto of Serious Sailing, Serious Fun In addition to winning the USA Snipe Class Women's Championship, Carol and Kim qualified as the North American Womens representatives to the 2010 Snipe Class Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships to be held this September at the Buffalo Canoe Club.

Photos, videos and results are available on Facebook in the Snipe Fleet 630 group.

PI	Sail #	SKIPPER	CREW	totals
1	30860	Carol Cronin	Kim Couranz	5
2	29671	Tarasa Davis	Kim Calnan	13
3	29222	Aine Fretwell	Jessie O'Dell	18
4	29781	Duffy Danish	Liz Hall	25
5	30571	Sheehan Commette	Julia Melton	28
6	30741	Sharon Johnson	Connie Commette	34
7	3028	Pam Kelly	Ginger Dean	39
8	30288	Taylor Scheuermann	Lisa Tansey	39
9	30337	Stacie Szabo	Amy Benner	39
10	28702	Laura Jeffers	Josie Tucci	46
11	30236	Joni Palmer	Kay Voss	49
12	30551	Lily Everson	Merril Varn	56





Fleet 495's Herb Shear Invitational Revival

The 2010 Herb Shear Invitational saw 27 boats hit the water on Mission Bay; our largest turn out in recent memory. Making up the impressive roster was a nice blend of competitors. In addition to our most regular faces, we were joined by several first time Snipers including a hand full of juniors, as well as welcoming back a few class legends who we haven't seen on the track lately. After seven quality races, the regatta was impressively won by newcomers Kevin and Ashley Reali. The young husband and wife team was sailing her brother, Garth Reynolds', tricked out 30109, and put together a solid set of scores, including one bullet, to win by a point!

How did we get so many boats on the water? Well there's definitely some work involved, but it should be fun. I started by getting a solid fleet roster and calling everyone in addition to our email effort. A big part of the key is pinning people down on their crew. As a junior director, I do this every weekend. You have to know who's taken, who's still

available, and then start the matchmaking. Of course, being tapped into the local junior roster doesn't hurt either. Never schedule against a major junior regatta! Finally we covered the basics: have a keg, have t-shirts, have food AND music. I was willing to go into the red a bit for t-shirts (turned out unnecessary), as I figured they would stick around as class advertising. We had no budget for food, so I contacted the MBYC Juniors, who put on a fundraiser bbq after sailing on Saturday. Since we were now helping raise money, the club waived the set up fee for the PA system. I plugged in my ipod with special Herb Shear playlist, and two hours later the keg was history!

Of course, the most critical action was on the water. Saturday's racing was basically 7-10 kts, with a few stronger gusts; enough to get light teams to full hike. Sunday was lighter, grayer, and cooler with significantly bigger shifts. Trailing the speedy Realis were a host of the usual suspects:

John Fretwell

Top 5 of 27

Place	Sail	Skipper Crew		Total
1	30109	Kevin Reali/Ashley Reali	(11)-1-4-2-3-4-6	20
2	29222	Brian Bissell/Becky Nygren	1-2-1(9)-6-2-9	21
3	30550	Dave Tillson/Blaire Herron	3-3-2-8-1-5-(14)	22
4	28687	Chuck Sinks/Diana Carter	2-4-(28 dnc)-5-7-1-3	22
5	29941	Doug Hart/Kyle Sutter	10-(13)- 8-1-4-3-1	27



Norwegian dominance at Majsnipen

Sweden's first European Championship qualifying regatta, Majsnipen was held this year in very varying conditions. Saturday's races started with strong winds on a triangular course. These conditions applied to the first two races of the day, both races were won by the Norwegians Asbjörn and Jostein Grödem. After two tough races it was time for lunch at the GKSS restaurant in Långedrag, the restaurant usually have visitors wearing club blazer instead of the dress of the day, dry suit. All sailors appreciated the break after the first two races and afterwards everyone was motivated to have another try on the water. For the third and last race of the day, the wind had decreased enough for the race committee to use the windward-leeward course instead. This race was won by another Norwegian crew when Ulrik Sandvig and Tanya Heglund managed to cross the finish line ahead of everyone else.



In the evening everyone gathered for the usual regatta dinner. Tasty food and nice company made it a really nice evening. It is said to have been a late night for some participants ...

Sunday's weather was quite different with sun and very varying winds, both in strength and direction. The first race of the day was held in light winds and after the first half of the race the sea breeze started to build, this made the race even more challenging with big gains and losses. The remaining two races were sailed in stronger breeze. Also today the races were won by the Norwegians when Asbjörn and Jostein Grödem nailed two races and Ulrik Sandvig and Tanya Heglund was the only crew who managed to pinch a race from the brothers. Totally Asbjörn and Jostein Grödem dominated the regatta and won relatively big in front of Ulrik and Tanya. In third place the new team consisting of Lucas Örn and Axel Edwall duo became best Swedes. In 4th place we find Tomas Berg and Patric Wollmerson. A total of 19 boats started in this years event. Thanks to all the crews who showed up and a special thanks to those who came from Norway and Denmark to sail Majsnipen with us. The regatta did as it does every year, invite



sailors to a regatta with challenging races but also very well arranged social activities on land entirely under the class motto "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun". Thanks for a great regatta. Fun from a Swedish point of view was that there were some new crews competing this year. Welcome to the best class in the world! Sweden will have a bigger fleet than in several years once we get more of the "old" crews competing again. If you own a Snipe join the fun in a growing class. The Snipe class in Sweden is on the move!

Majsnipen was the first of three regattas in the Swedish European Championship qualification series. The next regatta will be Harboe Cup in Denmark scheduled for may 22 to 24, this regatta also serves as a pre World regatta. The races will take place in the same waters as the World Championships 2011. After Harboe Cup the Swedish qualifying series takes a break until Vätternsnipen in Motala July 10 -11. The Europeans will be arranged in Oslo August 6 - 14. Sweden is allowed to send five senior crews, one ladies crew and a junior crew. In addition to winning a spot to represent Sweden in the Europeans the SCIRA SWEDEN together with our sponsor Trendmark will hand out some prizes for the top runners in the qualifying series.

Everyone is most welcome to join us in August for the Swedish Championship which will be sailed in Lysekil August 27 - 29. This regatta will hopefully attract both Swedish and Norwegian crews and maybe some of you?



Trofeo Lisa Rochelli

(the Trofeo is in memory of Lisa, daughter of Daniela and Fabio Rochelli (our friend and Snipe sailors) who tragically died in a car accident.

On May 8th – 9th, the Società Velica di Barcola e Grignano hosted the 13th Annual Trofeo Lisa Rochelli. 25 Snipe teams from Italy, Croatia, and the United States completed four excellent races in the Golf of Trieste in variety of challenging conditions.

The Snipe fleet was joined by several other dinghy classes (Lasers, 420s, Moth, etc.), which made for interesting racing with fleets often merging at mark rounding at the same time. Looking ahead and fleet management were crucial to sailing a good race. Outer trapezoid courses were used for the Snipe fleet creating some fun reaches and downwinds in wavy conditions on Sunday.

The strong current, waves, and constantly changing wind velocity (6-12 knots) contributed to inconsistent results for most teams. Ten different teams had Top 4 finishes. Consistently fighting for top finishes were regatta hosts Fabio

Rochelli & Daniela Semec, Pietro Fantoni & Giovanni Stella, Roberto Apostoli & Marta Seculin, Stefano Longhi & Marina Senni, and Kathleen Tocke & Marinella Gorgatto.



Over the years, the Trofeo Lisa Rochelli has become a favorite tradition for not only the Snipe family, but also for youngsters in Trieste. The fun-filled atmosphere of the event is purposely reminiscent of the spirit of Lisa Rochelli. Daniela and Fabio work endlessly to organize everything from the generously filled race packets, Saturday evening's elegant dinner accompanied by sounds of the Trieste's own dixie land jazz band (with guest female vocalist and regatta winner Kathleen Tocke), and finally, the carnival-like atmosphere of Sunday's prize giving and post race lottery with hundreds and hundreds of prizes and water balloons for all those young at heart.

Top 5

1 USA 30288	TOCKE KATHLEEN, GORGATTO MARINELLA,	4,0
2 ITA 29705	APOSTOLI ROBERTO, Maschio, SECULIN MARTA,	9,0
3 ITA 30683	ROCHELLI FABIO, Maschio, SEMEC DANIELA,	14,0
4 ITA 15790	FANTONI PIETRO, Maschio, STELLA GIOVANNI,	14,0
5 ITA 30774	LONGHI STEFANO, Maschio, SENNI MARINA,	14,0

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2010 Snipe Racing Calender

Nordic Championship	June 18-20	Pori, Finland
North Americans	July 1-4	Puerto Rico
Piada Trophy	July 2-4	Cervia, Italy
South European Championship	July 9-11	Omislj, Croatia
Vattern Snipen	July 10-11	Motala, Sweden
Porsche Sail Cup	July 16-18	Poland
East Europeans – San Pellegrino	July 23-25	Poland
European Championship	August 6-14	Vestfjordens, Norway
Western Hemisphere & Orient	August 28-Sept 3	Buffalo CC, Ontario, Canada
Primavera Polish Cup	August 27-29	Poland
Stavanger	September 4-5	Stavanger, Norway
World Masters	September 19-26	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Yves le Bour	September 25-26	Paris, France
Viking Snipen	October 2-3	Vestfjordens, Norway
Baerem Hostcup	October 9-10	Baerum, Norway
Snipe Cup	Oct 30-Nov 1	Cazaux Lac, France
Women's Worlds	November 8-12	St Petersburg, Florida, USA
South Americans	November 21-27	Algarobbo, Chile

National Championships

Japan- Women's	June 5-6	Aichi
Finland	June 18-20	Pori
France	June 26-27	Le Havre
Norway	July 1-4	Bergen
Portugal	July 9-11	Troia
US – Junior	August 14-15	Annapolis, Maryland
US – Senior	August 16-20	Annapolis, Maryland
Italy - Junior	August 20-21	Pescara
Norwegian Master	August 20-22	Asgardstrand
Great Britain	August 20-22	Stone, Essex
Belgium	August 21-22	Scharendijke, Holland
Italy	August 23-24	Pescara
Sweden	August 27-29	Lysekil
Poland	August 27-29	Poland
Japan- Masters	September 4-5	Hiroshima
Argentina	October 8-11	Salta
Japan	November 10-14	Nagasaki



2010 Dues Paid as of April 30, 2010

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	33	59
Bahamas	14	23
Belgium	34	55
Bermuda	0	1
Brazil	55	69
Canada	14	31
Chile	0	0
Colombia	4	1
Croatia	3	8
Cuba	0	0
Denmark	0	0
Ecuador	1	14
Finland	22	36
France	34	56
Germany	7	9
Italy	5	9
Japan	23	253
Mexico	0	0
Norway	4	5
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	33	35
Portugal	18	42
Puerto Rico	16	13
Russia	0	0
Spain	233	337
Sweden	42	62
Ukraine	0	0
United Kingdom	12	21
United States	60	59
Uruguay	3	5
Total	671	1204

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