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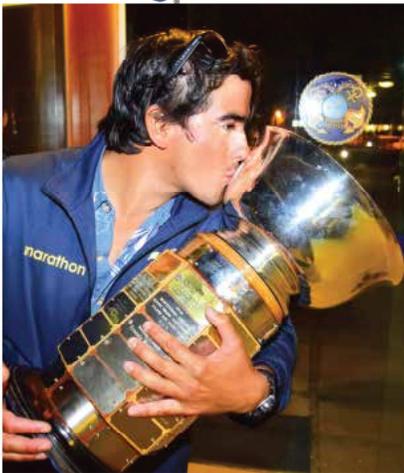
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The Cover: Newly crowned WH&O champion Edgar Diminich has a moment with the Hayward WH&O Trophy.

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The Count: 18 new numbers have been issued since the last Bulletin: BRA 3, USA 2, JPN 9, ARG 1, ESP 1 and 2 to a builder
Numbered Snipes: 31373
Chartered Fleets: 896

NEXT DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 1

From the Commodore



Summer is here! In the Northern Hemisphere everyone is looking forward to the summer. For some that means Wednesday night racing at their club, participating in International events or planning their summer vacation. If you are fortunate enough to be going away for a vacation, depending on where you go, don't forget to get in touch with the local Snipe fleet. You will find Snipe sailors throughout the world and getting in touch with them will allow you to meet the locals, maybe join a fleet race, or visit a club that does things a little differently than what happens at home. How do they encourage local sailors to get involved with the Snipe Class, what Serious Sailing, Serious Fun event do they host? Maybe the fleet is struggling a bit, what ideas do you have from your fleet that can be shared? I have had a few people contact me and asked "is there a fleet here"? When they traveled they contacted the sailors and enhanced their vacation experience, I know it has made mine more memorable.



Coming this summer is the Women's Championship which is being held in Bracciano, Italy. This is in a beautiful part of Italy and would make a great family vacation spot. I hope that you will consider this Championship in your summer planning; the dates are August 26 – 29. It is open to all women SCIRA members! I know that the women of our class have raised issues regarding what they perceived to be a lack of support from SCIRA International for a Women's World Championship. SCIRA is a member of World Sailing and they regulate the standards for having a World Championship, there must be 30 entries from 5 different countries and 2 continents. Bracciano is hosting the Women's Championship and we are hopeful that all the women sailors in the Class will support this event. If we reach the numbers required then we will be able to award the World title. It would be great to see a large turnout for this regatta. We are counting on the women sailors of SCIRA to support and participate in this event; it will not be a success without YOU! Pass the word along to your network of friends and fellow sailors, let's make this a serious sailing, serious fun Championship!

Registration for the World Masters is open and with funding provided by the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism the organizers of the Snipe World Masters are happy to advise that freight charges Miami-Nassau return on the Betty K trips scheduled for the regatta as well as import charges in The Bahamas will be covered for the first 30 registrants shipping boats. This reduces shipping charges for these boats to the US import charges of US\$275.00.

Gweneth



Diminich and Santos Win Westerns

by Breno Bianchi
National Secretary of Brazil

We had a great week in Cabo Frio. The East Brazilian Championship was held just prior to the Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship with normal Cabo Frio weather conditions-- wind of 15 to 23 knots and big waves; only the sun was missing. A Brazilian barbecue and a Brazilian feijoada was served to all participants to welcome them to Brazil. The next day, everything changed for the first day of real racing. A cold front passed and left no wind. The race committee tried to do one race but it was abandoned before competitors reached the first mark. The good news was that the sailors were greeted with beer and snacks at the Snipe Sailors Open Forum, which gave everyone a chance to sit and talk Snipes as well as meet new and old friends. On the second day, the sun, wind and waves all made the sailors eager to race; almost too much because in the first race almost half the fleet received the a zulu flag penalty! The conditions began to build and get tougher in the second race and the race committee couldn't complete the third race. At the end of the first day of racing, Rafael Gagliotti was in the lead.. Fifteen knots of wind greeted sailors on the second day of racing; perfect conditions for Snipe sailing. After the second day, Alexandre Paradedda (Xandi--careca) was in the lead with Edgar Diminich actually winning the day and in within reach of the leaders. After 3 races everyone was so tired but not tired enough to miss a Brazilian barbecue and socializing with the other sailors. On the third day of racing we had almost the same conditions was able to complete 3 races. Again, Edgar Diminich & Jaime Santos sailed well to move to the top but Luis Soubie and Felipe Sabino sailed well mixing the results and making it an open championship. Five points separated Edgar from Luis Soubie who stood in 5th. Everyone was anxious for the last day. Edgar and Rafael were tied on points. Xandi, Sabino end Soubie needed a race win. But again, the weather did not cooperate. With light and inconsistent



wind and rain, the race committee had no choice but to call the the championship. Congratulations to Edgar Diminich and Jaime Santos of Ecuador as the new Western Hemisphere & Orient Champions! After the prizegiving, all you could see were Brazilians, Japanese, Argentines, Peruvians and Canadians celebrating in the Cabo Frio bar. Definitely Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!



2016 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship Cabo Frio, BRA June 25-30, 2016

top 20 of 37

Rank	Helms	Crew	Nat	Club	BowNumber	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Nett
1st	Edgar Diminich	Jaime Santos	 BRA	SYD	07	31027	6	(38 RNF)	2	1	3	4	2	14	72	34
2nd	Rafael Gagliotti	Henrique Wisniewski	 BRA	ICS	35	31205	5	2	9	9	2	3	(12)	1	16	31
3rd	Alexandre Parsdeda	Gabriel Kelling	 BRA	CCU	23	31343	7	1	1	10	1	(11)	6	11	48	37
4th	Felipe Sabino	Leonardo Lombardi	 BRA	RYC/ICRJ	33	31205	3	10 ZFP	(14)	7	5	2	1	9	51	37
5th	Luis Soubie	Diego Lipszyc	 ARG	YCC/ON7	10	26701	(30)	12 ZFP	4	3	6	9	4	1	59	39
6th	Lutz Felipe Ganoppe	Dante Bianchi	 BRA	ICRJ	13	31111	16 ZFP	11	3	5	11	(21)	3	5	78	51
7th	Raul Rios	Andre Guasagna	 CUB	CVPR	03	29841	15 ZFP2	9 RDCs	5	5	13	1	11	(17)	62	55
8th	Felipe Cunha	Marcelo Gonçalves	 BRA	YCB	02	31166	(16)	13	7	8	7	15	13	6	83	57
9th	Rafael Martins	Juliana Duque	 BRA	YCB	01	31165	(17)	6	12	13	4	14 ZFP	9	12	87	70
10th	Felipe Rencina	João Pedro Peitor	 BRA	ICB-DF/ICRJ	05	30773	11 ZFP	7	15	12	9	(18)	11	13	96	78
11th	Luiz Paulo Gonçalves	Rafael Ribeiro	 BRA	CC	23	31180	17 ZFP	(35 RNF)	11	2	11	5	10	20	117	79
12th	Breno Bianchi	Felipe Castro	 BRA	ICRJ	14	30997	(31 ZH1)	5	10	4	16	26	15	3	117	56
13th	Tatsuya Takayama	Kentaro Kazaki	 JPN	KLJYC	25	31272	11	15	6	17	8	25	5	(27)	114	57
14th	Jensen McTighe	Brendan Feeney	 USA	LYOWSPYC	09	30027	2	10	8	(35 DNF)	36 DNS	10	8	15	130	92
15th	Felipe Meira	Bruno Ferreira	 BRA	ICB-DF	03	31320	(38 ZFP2a)	9	13	28	10	6	15	8	131	93
16th	Helio Lyra	Alexandre Muto	 BRA	ICRJ	23	31113	(29 ZH12)	17	22	18	20	13	7	2	125	59
17th	Nicholas Graef	Douglas Gomm	 BRA	ICR/RYC	33	31366	14	4	23	11	(28)	21 ZFP	16	10	127	59
18th	Francisco Vianna	Thiago Sangincho	 BRA	ICRJ	12	30266	6	23	18	21	17	(27)	22	7	141	114
19th	Ralph Rosa	Afredo Rovere	 BRA	YCB	21	31205	12	19	16	20	12	20	21	(23)	143	120
20th	Shinichi Uchida	Ryo Wachiya	 JPN	YNU	19	31243	(36 ZFP2)	21	25	16	16	17	17	18	170	134

New SCIRA Merchandise available

Approved by the Promotions Committee, what better way to carry your groceries or even wet sailing gear than in this recyclable bag featuring the awesome photo of Matis Capizzano from the 2015 Worlds. A great conversation piece, everyone will want to know about the Snipe!

The bags will sell for \$10 USD and could even be used as regatta bags for registration. Contact the SCIRA office for bulk purchases or just order online through the secure order system on www.snipe.org



Snipes in Costa Rica

Costa Rica.....a Latin American country with Atlantic and Pacific coastlines, has long been regarded as paradise of natural beauty and peace. But despite warm seas and gentle weather south of the hurricane tracks, its people have never learned to sail competitively. It's true there are marina facilities for pricey yachts which come from North America for the deep sea fishing season, but there is little participation by Costa Ricans in that expensive sport.

Just recently an effort has commenced to change all that. A local sailing school with 4 Optimist sailboats quickened the imagination of Christian and Angela White who operate a private school called the Tree of Life Learning Center in Santa Ana (<http://www.treeoflifelearning.com/>)

Angela learned to sail as an extra curricular activity in a private school run by her parents in British Columbia 20 years ago. Now, she would like to bring the sport, not only to the school but to Costa Rica itself. "There is just no excuse", she says, "for Costa Rica not to have ambitions toward producing competitive sailors. It has the yearround advantage of good weather and reasonable access to either coastline by super highways."

However there are some hurdles to overcome as Angela's Dad has discovered. It's probable that competitive sailing has not found its way here because of the costs. Despite the rise of a middle class since the 70's, the average family makes 1/4 the disposable income of American families. The country also depends heavily on Excise Taxes which dramatically increase the cost of imports. Culturally Costa Ricans also love the beach communities but apart from the local fishermen there is no history of family boating. However recent years have seen a significant growth in the foreign population and many of these people remember the fun they use to have with summers on the water in more northern climes.

So where does it start? Well, an ad hoc committee headed by Angela's father, Phil believes that the school is the place to start. Kids have no fear or inhibitions and when

sailing is taught at school, they take to it readily. Zephyr Robb a native of Victoria BC, has responded with sailing classes using the Optimist and that in turn has introduced a seed of interest among the families for more sailing activity in which the whole family may participate.

A shipyard of sorts has therefore been started at Phil's farm in Atenas

Angela White, Zephyr Robb, Phil Jarman, Christian White



and the first Snipe is being assembled. The first boat and

the mechanics to produce more boats are under development simultaneously. The process is not without challenges as there are no ready supplies of marine plywood, boat hardware, aluminium masts and sails. Every effort is being made therefore to establish the Snipe construction using local materials building in high quality and accessible woods. "It's a throwback to an earlier time before glass and composites" says Phil. "We don't want to discourage families from participating because the cost of transport and customs for a foreign boat doubles the price. After all there is no sailing history here so we have to demonstrate that we are doing everything possible to keep the price down by building with local materials and craftsmen".

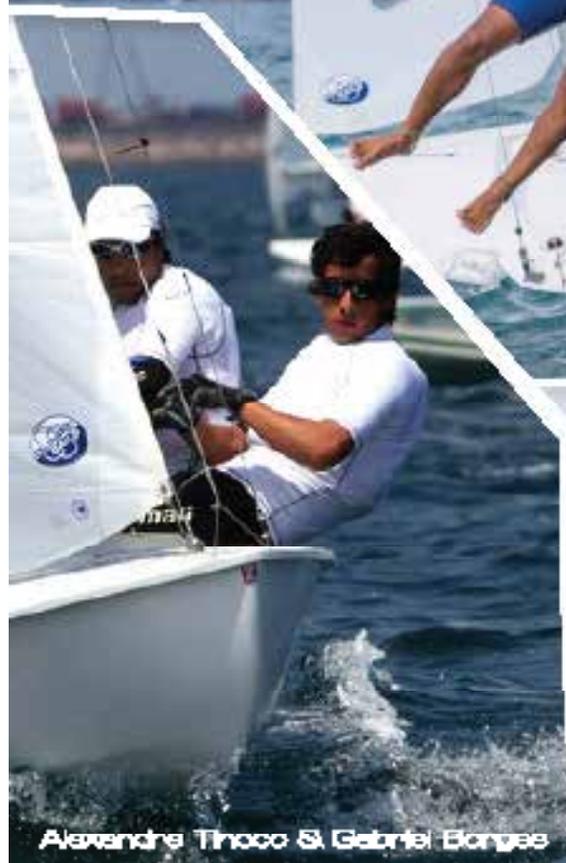
Even then of course, there are startup costs which are unexpected and there is a learning curve. Phil is pretty handy but the last boat that he built was hydroplane when he was 14. He also owned a wooden Snipe at the time hence his interest. In order to anticipate the absolute necessity for multiple boats,

a great deal of effort has gone into a Construction Form that is made of metal. The relative humidity of Costa Rican weather moves wood around seasonally and right now the price of steel is low. So two good reasons have brought about permanent Construction Form, patterns and a Frames Jig which permits the production of parts with a router table and quick and accurate assembly. Hopefully by boat 3 (4 are spoken for) the work will be more and more organised and their will be some economies of scale.

A place to sail? From the central valley and San Jose, it is just over an hour down highway 27 to the coast at Caldera, the container port. There are bureaucratic hurdles yet to jump if we are to have boat sheds by the water but there is lots of public access to the beach and breakwaters to protect against swells. It is hoped that presenting the boats on the water and achieving fleet status will sway the powers that be to a long term lease on land that has been identified as suitable for secure boats storage.

Fortunately at this stage internet communication makes it possible to meet people from different parts of the world who have experience building wooden boats. However few are available with Snipe experience. If you have built a wooden Snipe, Costa Rica would like to hear from you. Contact philipjarman65@gmail.com





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SNIFE CLINIC ECUADOR

by Mário Urban (Brazil / 31091 / fleet 662 / YCB / North Sails)

Beautiful days, earthquake and good vibes!

Ecuador, Salinas 7 to 17 of April, happened a Snipe Clinic promoted by FEVELA, Salinas Yacht Club and under the responsibility of Edgar Diminich and Juan Manuel. The coach invited to share his knowledge and experience was Mário Urban (Maru) from Brazil. Maru was top 10 at the last three world championship (8° Demark, 2° Brazil and 5° Italy) and top 10 at seven of nine Brazilian nationals. He is specialist from North Sails, race big boats and now he's working for the Olympic Games with the US Sailing team. "I hope to return to sail snipe as soon as possible, but since the worlds in Talamone i did not run championships and the preview should be only after the Olympic Games"- said Maru.

The days in Salinas were amazing! Sun, light wind (5 to 10 knots) and the organization of the club and federation was the best. Edgar Diminich (North Sails Ecuador) organized his fleet with Juan Manuel and invited young guys and old sailors to have fun and come back to the class. The first three days Maru worked with Edgar and Jaime to making some changes in his boat and different types of positions and tunings. This was part of the preparation of the WH&O 2016 in Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro. Then the last 5 days he worked with 8 crews from Salinas, Guayaquil and Manta.

EARTHQUAKE!!!

In April 16th at night after the training, everybody had dinner at the club and the earth start to quake. At the beginning people didn't understand what happened and in few seconds everybody starts to get out of the bar. The earthquake last like 1 minute and made people crazy. Salinas was lucky and nothing happened, but other cities had a lot of consequences. Manta was very near of the epicenter and the two crew needs to get out of the clinic to help their family! Nothing happened to them, but their house had a lot of problems.

THE DAY AFTER...



The last day - the day after the earthquake, we had the best conditions and the sailors focused much better! There were two hours of practice (tacks, jibes, round marks and starts) and then three short races to training everything we did in the last four days. People were happy with their learning and get ready to continue sailing! "The sensation after the last race was amazing, everybody was very happy, want to sail more and looking forward for the next races!" – said Edgar. Juan made nice trophies to everybody and declared that he will begin his training for the Master Worlds in Bahamas.

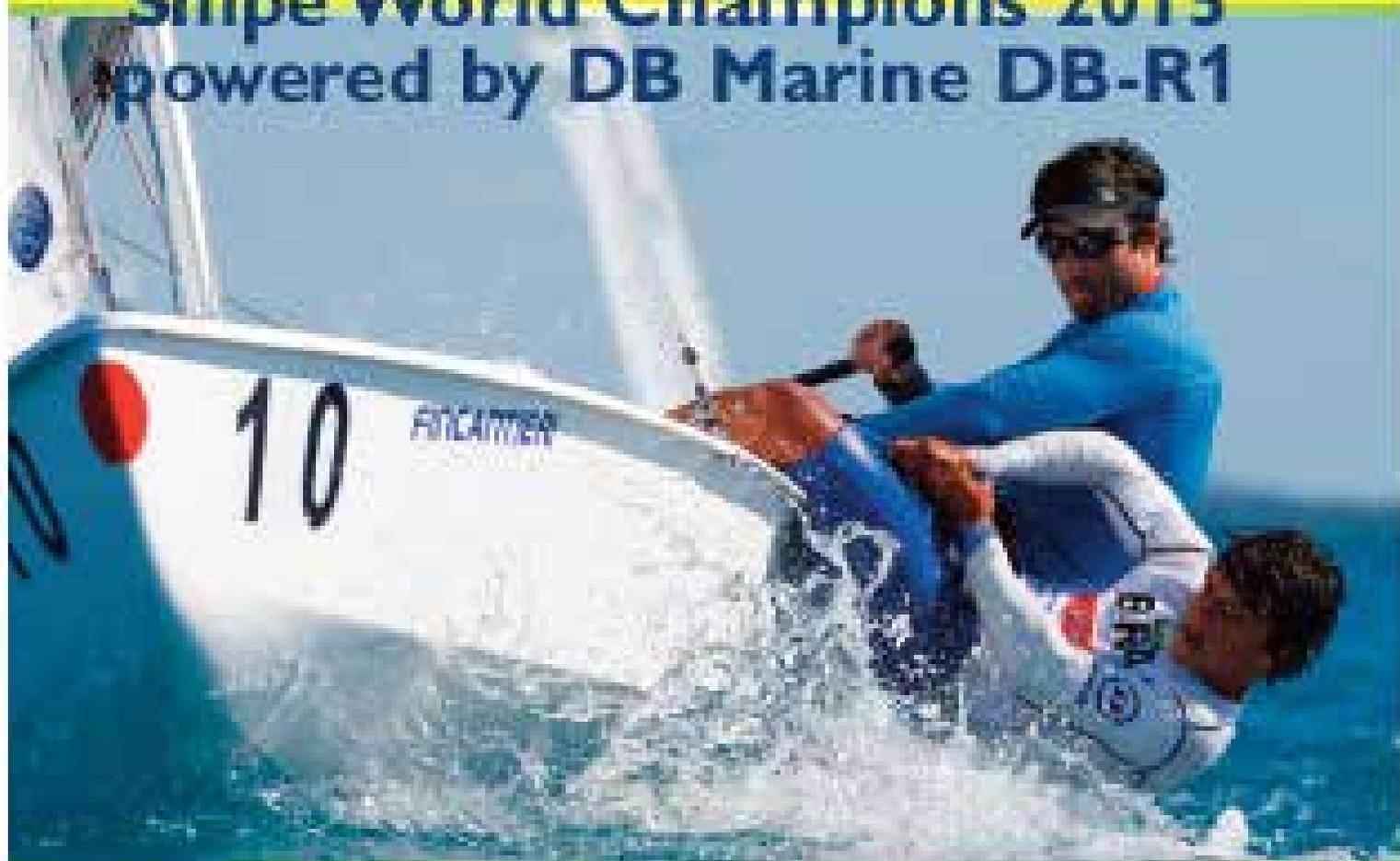
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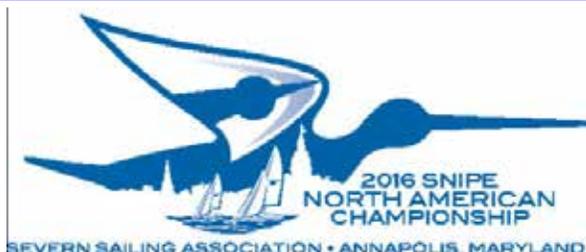
Variety is the Spice of Life

Doug Hart Back On Top After 20 Years

Doug Hart has always been near the top of the score sheet but it took 20 years to repeat as North American Champion, having won last in the Bahamas in 1996. Sailing this year with Ryan Hopps they took the 2016 North Americans Birney Mills Trophy by a scant two points over George Szabo and Dianna Waterbury after a close last day. The winner was not known by the competitors until the scores were posted at the club because the variety of conditions over the three day regatta resulted in very inconsistent scores over the eight races sailed. In an unusual turn, the scores posted by Szabo/Waterbury were overall more consistent, but Hart/Hopps despite counting a 17 had four top 3 finishes. Nick Voss/Nicole Popp had been lurking well down the results sheet, but once they were able to drop a 45th from day one, they slid up to third overall. Fourth place team Jensen McTighe/Brendan Feeney counted no finish worse than ninth, a great result just ahead of their departure for the Snipe Western Hemispheres in Brazil. Edgar Diminich/Iberth Constante rounded out the top 5.

Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532 is experiencing its own comeback. Regatta Chairman and Annapolis Fleet 532 Captain Chris Ryan is a relentless promoter of the Snipe Class and had as a goal to get together the largest collection of Snipes seen on the East Coast for a long time. He succeeded attracting 69 registrants and beat the last two NAs held in Annapolis in 1994 (62 boats) and 1985 (68 boats) as well as being the largest regatta in North America since 2009 with boats arriving on single, double, and triple trailers from all over the continent. This was in part due to encouraging sailors with older model boats to participate with a Silver division and arranging many chartered or borrowed boats to insure that every available local boat would make it on the water. A great sign for the continued growth of the class were a significant number of junior sailors at the event, fresh faces from new teams or new crew members, and a re-emergence of less travelled class members. The event created a significant number of class membership renewals as part of the registration process as all skippers, crews, and boats were registered for the event.

Chris along with the rest of the fleet volunteers, the Severn Sailing Association (SSA), PRO Steve Podlich and his handpicked race committee put together a great event despite tryingly light conditions at the beginning of the regatta. Annapolis typically holds this regatta in the fall when the breeze is freshening as the temperatures drop, but for this edition the NAs was held concurrently with the Colonial Cup, the annual SSA Snipe Spring Invitational. In keeping with the nutty weather the mid-Atlantic has been experiencing this year – the spring felt more like Seattle than Annapolis - with less than a week to go, the forecast was for light easterly breezes and cooler temperatures throughout the weekend. For those who don't know the Chesapeake Bay weather, easterly breezes coupled with cool overcast conditions are almost never a good prognosis.



As boats streamed in on Thursday, fleet members Brett Davis, Steve Pickle and Jon and Happy Anthony with their teams got all boats through measurement and registration. The class approach to streamlining measurement helped speed the process by limiting measurement to boat weight and new sail measurements. It was hoped to run a practice race Thursday afternoon, but the breeze completely turned off after a few boats left the dock for a practice sail: a bad omen. On the social side, the regatta saw the return of a large tent to be used for evening dinners as well as a real beer truck (well trailer, but close enough!), something not seen on the SSA lot for some years: a good omen.

Friday morning started as predicted with a light, but sailable easterly and racing began promptly at 11am. Fortunately, being a weekday the pleasure boat traffic was nonexistent so the 5-7 knot breeze, although tricky, was enough. Starts were very competitive causing multiple recalls and a steady appearance of I and Z flags. The downstream current at the start pushing competitors towards the starting line did not help and contributed to the number of general recalls and affected which side of the course was favored. As the first race progressed the breeze got lighter and lighter, but still a fair test of skill and the first boat finished within several minutes of the 90 minute time limit, but unfortunately a number of boats did not make the time limit window. After a pause, the wind came back up and a second race was run in similar

conditions, with only a few boats not making the time limit window. Hart/Hopps showed their light air prowess with two firsts. Eventually Steve Podlich called it a day and the fleet headed in for the evening's social activities and Taco Bar dinner.

On Saturday, a very patient race committee ran three races. The first was (as expected) sailed in a very light southeast wind. The ebbing current was wreaking even more havoc on the starting line than the day before and the Z



flag (20%) penalties figured prominently on the scoresheet for race 3. It looked like it might be the end of the day after race three with the breeze going down to nearly zero, but wisely Steve Podlich chose to keep us out waiting and eventually the breeze came around to a southerly direction and increased slightly when the clouds began to clear. With the current abated and the wind shift to the south, the second two starts were much more manageable for the competitors (and the race committee) and even got crews and skippers into the hiking straps by the last leg. With more consistent scores and no drop (yet) Szabo/Waterbury finished the day tied with Hart/Hopps. Back on shore the competitors participated in a post-race debrief followed by a crab-themed dinner including MD hard shelled crabs. The "locals" had a lot of fun introducing "out of towners" to the proper technique for "picking crabs" as it is called.

Once again, Sunday started light with current pushing competitors over the line, the appearance of the Z flag, multiple recalls and a lot of alphabet soup on the score sheet in race 6. But for race 7 the breeze finally increased out the south to the point where skipper and crews were full out hiking and the "Annapolis Washing Machine" was on – at least the medium rinse setting anyway - thanks to the Chesapeake chop and pleasure boat wake. This was the quintessential Annapolis condition that we all know and love and it was great to finally see it given the earlier forecast. Despite the breeze beginning to fade, after race 7 the race committee "leap frogged" the course to start the last race with plenty of time to spare. It was a shorter course, a little less than an hour race to close out the 8 race series, a pleasant surprise the way it looked on Thursday. The fleet blasted in as the breeze increased with the impending approach of a cold front, but thankfully the predicted thunderstorms didn't materialize until after most competitors had packed up.

In addition to the awarding the Birney Mills Trophy to the North American champion, the Kim Thompson Trophy for the top crew and the Colonial Cup Trophy to Hart and Hopps, awards were presented to Fleet 532 members Joe Hidalgo/Ethan Schroud for the Silver division and Jensen McTighe/Brenden Feeney for the Junior division, both scored

separately within those divisions. The Chuck Loomis Trophy was also awarded to Jensen McTighe as the top placing Junior in the overall score.

This was definitely not a "one setting" regatta and being able to perform consistently in the top three in a wide variety of conditions was the key to success. Variety may be the spice of life, but it is also a great test of skill.



By Alex Pline
photos courtesy of Ted Morgan

Rank	Boat/No	Skipper/Crew	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Points
1	207/31297	Doug Hart/Byron Hopps	MBYC	1	1	2	(23)	4	17	6	3	34.00
2	57/30337	George Szabo/Dianne Waterbury	San Diego Yacht Club	4	8	7	(11)	3	4	4	6	36.00
3	63/28834	Nicholas Voss/Wicole Papp	Doral Reef Yacht Club	3	(40)	3	4	6	12	8	3	43.00
4	36/30027	Jensen McTighe/Brenden Feeney	Lauderdale Yacht Club	8	3	(32)	8	3	7	3	8	48.00
5	48/31027	Edgar Diminich/Leith Gaudinze	FEVELA/SYC	(70/DCS)	2	10	13	3	2	2	16	70.00
6	46/31130	Ermesto Rodriguez/Eduardo Minizias		7	(22)	3	16	7	11	3	2	71.00
7	48/30288	Auge Diaz/Juán Melian	SBYC/CRVC/CSSE	21	6	6	7	1	1	(24)	10	72.00
8	42/30473	Arthur Blaggett/Terra Borinski		9	7	1	3	(27)	3	12	17	72.00
9	34/28834	Nancy Lake/Hilda Brunz		5	4	12	(15)	2	14	19	1	77.00
10	40/30860	Carol Cronin/Tim Doumaz	SSA	16	(18)	13	2	11	6	11	4	83.00
11	21/29134	Daniel Hernandez/Christine DeSain	CRVC	6	11	(21)	10	10	13	1	11	84.00
12	36/28533	Hil Gilberts/Audre Goussyne	Florida	12	3	17	18	8	3	(22)	3	72.00
13	48/31171	Jan Bowers/Juán Robín	Winchester Boat Club	2	24	(27)	3	17	3	23	12	94.00
14	67/29682	William Stout/Byron Stout		13	19	18	1	12	19	(23)	20	104.00
15	47/30739	Enrique Quintana/Simon Sanders	Doral Reef Yacht Club	20	(52)	13	12	13	10	3	23	104.00
16	34/30903	Cameron Feeney/Eloise Górnicki	Wilmington Boat Club	22	3	(47)	13	23	18	10	21	118.00
17	43/31333	Andreas Pimental/Megan Pince	Soil Newport	(25)	27	14	27	14	(21/27)	7	13	124.00
18	38/30904	Lee Ginnity/Hillary Noble	Sart City Yacht Club	19	20	4	30	13	22	20	(32)	128.00
19	31/31280	Art Romanovicz/Jessica Bennett	Winchester Boat Club	23	23	3	3	20	(21/27)	17	(17)	128.00
20	12/30032	Christine Fiter/Debbie Lombard	SSA	18	13	8	28	21	24	(32)	22	134.00



Cuban Nationals - March 2016 Caibarien, Villa Clara

	Team	Skipper Name	Crew Name	Skipper-weight	Crew-weight	Boat
1	National	Rene Torrecilla	Yoan Carrillo	68 kg	67 kg	Torben
2	National/La Habana	Raul Diaz	Claudio Fernández	70 kg	63 kg	Skipper
3	National	Daniel Fulgueira	Carlo Expocito	69 kg	68 kg	Persson
4	Villa Clara	Leidi Marso	Keni Napoles	52 kg	78 kg	Gerber(madera)
5	San Tiago de Cuba	Pedro Salez	Vicente Barrientos	66 kg	65 kg	Gerber(madera)



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Piada Trophy Coppa Tamburini

Lessons from Six Years of Piada

By Kathleen Tocke

2016 marked my sixth Piada Trophy, the first being in Cervia in 2008. It is one of my favorite regattas of the year. Having organized international regattas myself, it is evident how much thought, time, and passion goes into the Piada Trophy.

Every year it has a very definable spirit – fun with the highest quality of racing in beautiful venues with beautiful people, warm friendly Italians who share a passion for the Snipe and the Snipe Class. It is a tradition, an institution created by the indomitable Alberto Perdisa.

1. You know you are in Italy when races start at noon and only in sunshine.

Piada is a vacation. Does one go to the beach at 10am? Does one go to the beach in rain? Piada organizers do well to schedule races precisely as the wind fills and the sun shines. This year's regatta had 6 races, starting at precisely the optimal moment. Yes, the last race on Sunday was shortened as the sky became black, thunder boomed, and flashes of light swept the sky. The wind reached gusts of 36 knots, but only as the sailors safely entered the channel of the harbor. But! the races did not begin in bad weather. That would be un-Piada.

2. Go-kart skills are revered as much as good tacks and jibes

Each year I stare with envy as the top three in the Piada Go-Kart Race stand on the podium with their medals and bottles of Perdisa's famed Dracone wine. Each year I make improvements, but am shamed by winners' skills and finesse on the track. How do the go-kart masters like Lolo, Rochelli, Longhi, Filippo Perdisa and Marco Onorato take curves with so much speed and grace, while my kart skids with dirt flying up behind? Every year, after 15 exhausting laps, I wipe the dirt from my face and vow next year I will study go-kart technique (I never do).

3. Only on full-stomachs can one sail their best and enjoy a long Italian summer night with friends.

The world celebrates Italian food. In Italy, each region has its own cuisine. Piada celebrates the local food and wine. Being next to the sea, competitors are always assured fresh seafood in generous proportions. The more people eat, the more they smile, the better they sail. This year, the Club Nautico Rimini treated sailors and family to an incredible feast of seafood.

4. The Sport of Sailing Involves Great Luck and so does Piada Bingo

Piada has always been a difficult regatta to win. The level at the top is high and the venues always provide a variety of different conditions. Enrico Michel and Antonia Contin won this year by sailing a very consistent regatta. The first day was started in a fair breeze, but during the last upwind, someone hit the off-switch. Patience and light air skill were rewarded. The second day was breezy with crazy shifts and gusts from the land. The final day was still another wind direction, starting with an oscillating breeze with some surprise shifts brought on by the impending storm. Looking at the scores of the top teams, it was clear it was hard to dominate. Longhi, Lambertenghi, Fantoni, Rossi, and Snipe newcomer, Francesco

Scarselli with Marco Rinaldi fought a hard battle on the Adriatic.

Even more difficult to dominate is Piada Bingo. After six editions, I have yet to win anything. I think I should win a prize for knowing my numbers in Italian. This year it was obvious. I ask, how is it possible that so many winners came from the same table? A lucky shift? I noticed a scheming look in Eleonora's eyes and she drew numbers from the bowl and gave them to Perdisa to announce. I saw her repeatedly working with the Club President, who seemed an innocent man. Alas, no. The win was not mine. I was always so close. Similar to my Piada record, five second place finishes – so close, but if you want to win, find another crew.

In short, find a crew, be a crew, come to Piada and experience it again or for the first time. Alberto Perdisa puts on a show that leaves everyone feeling like a winner.



		12-gia-2016									
No	Numero	Nome	Parti	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	31284	MICHEL ENRICO, CONTIN ANTONIA, 350-13-SV COSULICH ASS VELICA	13	5	2	1	-8	1	4		
2	15790	FANTONI PIETRO, TOCKE KATHLEEN, 351-13-CIRCOLO VELA NUOVA ASS	15	1	6	-10	2	5	1		
3	30774	LONGHI STEFANO, ZUJIC ELEONORA, 348-13-BOC TRISTINA VELA ASS	18	8	1	5	1	-11	3		
4	30009	LAMBERTENGHI PAOLO, FRANZINI LEONARDO, 397-14-C V TORBOLE SOC COOP SP	20	7	4	4	3	-9	2		
5	31323	SCARSELLI FRANCESCO, RINALDI MARCO, 1202-02-YACHT CLUB CALA DE' ME	24	3	7	3	7	4	-8		
6	28510	ROSSI FRANCESCO, FILIPPINI GIANFRANCO, 049-11-C.U.S. BOLOGNA ASS SPOR	24	4	3	7	4	-10	6		
7	28195	PROSPERI GIUSEPPE, CICCARELLI MARCO, 1578-11-ASS SPORT DILCENTROVEL	33	11	5	2	5	-20	30		
8	31284	SCHIAFFINO ALBERTO, PASQUON GIANPIETRO, 408-14-AS VELA LAGO LEDRO ASS	35	6	6	-13	6	6	9		
9	30232	MARCHETTI STEFANO, SANGIORGI PAOLO, 334-11-C V PUNTA MARINA ASS SP	41	2	008	9	21	2	7		
10	39722	PANTANO MARCO, FONTANA FRANCESCO, 328-11-C V RAVENNATE ASS SPORT	43	9	-12	8	11	30	5		
11	30403	SEMINI ANDREA, GIANITANO GIOVANNA, 189-04-CIRCEO YACHT VELAC ASS	44	-18	9	11	10	3	11		
12	28819	PIAZZA ANDREA, GASPERI LORENZO, 408-14-AS VELA LAGO LEDRO ASS	53	18	11	6	9	15	-18		
13	29053	D'AMBROSIO MARCO, DE FELICE GAUDIO, 298-09-CLUB NAUTICO PESCARA A.	65	15	15	-22	14	8	13		
14	28783	ZUANELLI SILVANO, GIRAUDDO FLORIANA LUIGIA, 388-14-A VELICA TRENTINA-ASD	67	dnf	14	17	13	7	16		
15	30209	FUZZI PIERPAOLO, MUCCIOLI STEFANO, 1578-11-ASS SPORT DILCENTROVEL	68	12	-19	15	16	13	12		
16	28474	EMER ROBERTO, BENSÀ MARGHERITA, 388-14-A VELICA TRENTINA-ASD	71	10	18	14	12	-10	5		
17	30922	PERDISA ALBERTO, ONORATO MARCO, 333-11-C.N.CERVIA AMICI VELA A	77	14	10	12	15	dnf	dnf		
18	30303	D'ORAZIO GIUSEPPE, MUZZI BRIMANNO, 298-09-CLUB NAUTICO PESCARA A.	77	13	16	-21	17	12	19		
19	30212	ARICOLI TIZIANO, PIRONI FABIO, 608-15-C V CERESIO ASS SPORT D	82	-20	17	18	20	14	15		
20	28989	PESCI ANDREA, DE REYA ANDREA, 088-02-C.N.CASTIGLIONCELLO ASS	83	19	13	18	19	-21	14		
21	29079	RICCI UMBERTO, BRUNELLI VITTORIO, 146-04-C N TECHNOMAR ASS SPORT	96	22	-24	19	22	16	20		
22	28946	PISCELLI GIANFRANCO, BORGHESE GIUSEPPE, 298-09-CLUB NAUTICO PESCARA A.	100	dnf	20	20	18	19	23		
23	30508	BARONI MAURIZIO, BALESTRIERI MARIA ELENA, 860-12-C V CAGANOVIA ASS SPORT	102	17	21	-24	23	17	24		
24	30988	CAVALLARI MARCO, RIMONDI MATTEO, 336-11-CIRC NAUT CERVIA AMICI	111	21	22	23	-25	24	21		
25	25791	BARACCHI ANNAMARIA, ONORATA MAIA, 433-15-CIRC DILETT VELA UNI MA	115	23	23	-25	24	23	22		

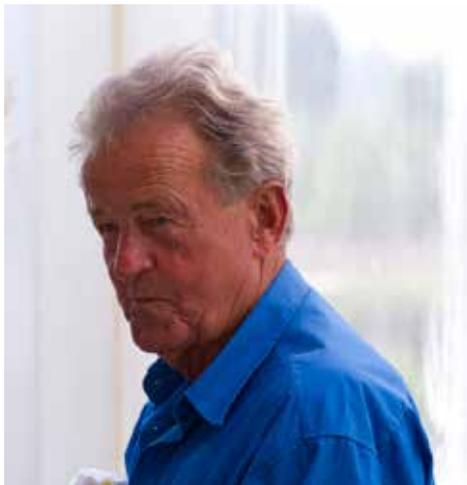


Remembering Rento Bruni

Renato Bruni, from Cremona, Italy, died at age of 87.

He sailed Snipes for more than 60 years and competed in many Master World Championships (included the last one in Japan). Also he was an indefatigable organizer of many editions of the Italian Master Nationals.

Our sympathy to his wife Adriana and his son Dario.



2016 South Europe Summer Circuit

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2016 Snipe Alpen Grand Prix



Amazing Austria – First Snipe Gran Prix in Mattsee

By Kathleen Tocke

Certain things come to mind when you think of Austria - the Alps, beer gardens, cowbells, yodels, bratwurst, lederhosen, tortes and sailing? Yes, the sailing club in Mattsee delivered all at the Alpen Grand Prix. Just outside of the idyllic city of Salzburg, below the Alps, is a picturesque land of many lakes, and many sailing clubs. The Segel Club Mattsee was host to Snipe sailors from Croatia, Poland, Italy, Austria, United States, and Germany.

... Competitors had a warm Austrian welcome and fun evenings filled with sausages, beer, traditional Austrian cuisine, and even a brewery tour. The day before racing, visiting sailors toured the castle, beer gardens, churches, museums, cafes and shops in Salzburg.

Mattsee is known for its consistent thermal breeze, but due to a less than ideal weather system in the region, sailors raced in very tricky lake conditions. The races were fun, the races were fair, and the Race Committee did an incredible job of always knowing exactly where to put the windward mark.

Regatta winners from Trieste, Stefano Longhi and junior crew Eleonora Zuzic sailed an excellent event, making few mistakes, going for speed versus

angle, and were ever so patient with the wind. Fighting with Longhi/Zuzic were the Italian/American team of Fantoni & Tocke and the husband/wife team from Venice, Alessandro Rodati and Barbara Bonini. At any point in a race, it was difficult to tell who would win. That's lake sailing!

The next Alpen Grand Prix is not a regatta to miss, so pack your lederhosen, practice your yodels, and plan for next year – Sailing in Austria – there's a first for everything.

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Platz	Segelnummer	Name	Club	Punkte Gesamt	Wettfahrt		
					1	2	3
1	ITA 30774	Longhi Stefano Zuzic Eleonora	STV Triest STV Triest	4	1	1	2
2	ITA 15790	Fantoni Pietro Tocke Kathleen	CdV Muggia Buffalo Canoe Club	7	2	4	1
3	ITA 30264	Rodati Alessandro Bonini Barbara	DWV Venezia DWV Venezia	9	3	3	3
4	ITA 26819	Piazza Andrea Pendesini Marta	AVC Ledro AVC Ledro	12	6	2	4
5	ITA 29783	Zuanelli Silvano Giraud Floriana Luisa	A.V. Trentina A.V. Trentina	17	4	8	5
6	ITA 30373	Ueber Dario Pisetta Marina	AVT Trentino AVT Trentino	18	7	5	6
7	CRO 30707	Deskovic Nikola Grancavic Zrinka	unknown unknown	21	5	6	10
8	POL 30708	Slodecki Tomasz Radocy Zbigniew	PKM LOK Poznan PKM LOK Poznan	23	8	7	8
9	GER 27024	Hautmann Margit Gebdert Georg	SCLC Landsberg SCLC Landsberg	28	9	12 /DNF	7
10	ITA 28474	Emer Roberto Pisetta Stefano	AVT Trentino AVT Trentino	30	10	9	11
11	GER 30798	Lischke Rainer Mühlhuber Wolfram	MBBSG MBBSG	32	11	12 /DNF	9



2016 (50th Annual) Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta Report

by Carol Newman and Jensen McTighe

Biscayne Bay in March: what could be better? 38 teams came to enjoy the hospitality of Don Q Rum, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and Old Man/Carmen Diaz who have been in charge of this event almost since it started. With five races over three days in breeze that ranged from 6-20 knots, every team had a chance to shine. And all enjoyed the post-race socializing, fueled by daiquiris and Carmen's famous Cuban dinner on Saturday night.



Following a delicious Cuban dinner, Old Man passed the microphone around and everyone shared memories of previous Don Q events. Stephanie Muto from Boston was attending her first Don Q and said it was great to be back in the Snipe again. "It's like a family," she said. Peter Commette remembered a 1992 capsized at the jibe mark that took him from first to not quite last (though he and Connie still won that year). And we all toasted Old Man, who was the only one present (besides Carmen, of course) who had attended all 50 events.

As you can see from the scores, Ernesto Rodriguez/Claudia Loiacono won the event (and races 2 and 4), closely pursued by Jensen McTighe and Andrew Guaragna who won the first (and lightest) race of the event. Augie Diaz/Jessica Clafin won the other two races, but an early Z flag penalty kept them a few points behind right from the start.

Friday's building breeze gave the light air specialists a chance in the first race, before building to a steady 12 knots for race two. An early finish to the racing after two downwind finishes left plenty of time for renewing old friendships, and talking through tuning setups, back on the lawn at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Saturday's conditions were epic Biscayne Bay. With an approaching front bringing 15-20 knots from the south, sailors refreshed their reaching skills for the double triangle courses. Best of all was finishing both races after the second reaching lap, with the final race (to the dock) a continuation of great wave riding and planing conditions. Daiquiris ashore tasted all the sweeter after such a constant saltwater rinse.

Sunday's conditions consisted of shifty breeze from the south-southwest with large variations in pressure. The fleet seemed a little skeptical of a last minute course change from the Race Committee, turning the last downwind leg into a triangle course finishing downwind. Some were able to take advantage of the change of course and made large gains on the fleet, though it was a parade for most. Congratulations to Ernesto Rodriguez and Claudia Loiacono for placing first by six points!

Big thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for running this Regatta, to the Don Q Rum (Destileria Serralles, Puerto Rico) for sponsoring it and to the Race Committee including: Jaime Ramon (PRO), Brainard Cooper (Scira Rep), Dottie Rostorfer, Liz Balbin, Joel Krieger, Jaime Ramon Jr., Catie Patton, Carolyn LaPointe, Susan Walcutt, Cathy Buller, Mike Ledwell, Ron Rostorfer, Blake Middleton, Allen Cox, Phillippe Dusser, Elena Shishkpva, Carol Cottrell, Rick Klein, Bob Welbon, Denise Schneider, Ev Hoffman, and the Stand by Judges: Rick Mallinson, Jane Ann Pincus, Mike Catalano. Also big thanks to Joe Dapena for the use of the Signal Boat.

Rank	Boat	Sail No	HelmsName	CrewName	Reg	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1st	48	31130	Ernesto RODRIGUEZ	Claudia Loiacono	USA	NA	4	1	2	1	5	13
2nd	12	30327	Jensen McTIGHE	Andre Guaragna	USA	LYC	1	5	3	2	8	19
3rd	71	30388	Augie DIAZ	Jessica Clafin	USA	CGSC	ZFPY14	4	1	6	1	26
4th	28	20854	Randy LAKE	Marilyn McGrath	USA	Bdyc	2	6	6	7	ZFPY10	30
5th	42	30342	Peter Commette	Connie Commette	USA	LYC	3	14	4	8	8	39
6th	41	33114	David HERNANDEZ	Christina Urbina	USA	CPYC	6	12	8	12	3	40
7th	18	30337	Garage BZAHO	Liliana Waterbury	USA	SLYC	10	7	8	8	7	45
8th	27	30814	Nicholas VOBS	Nicole Popp	USA	CPYC	14	11	10	18	4	65
9th	75	ITA 15780	Pietro FANTONI	Julia Molton	ITA	Circolo della Vela Muggin	13	10	8	13	13	68
10th	74	8863	Hal GILBERTH	Breanna Feeney	USA	Florida	8	13	11	11	18	69
11th	24	30804	Lou GRUFFITH	Nikki Bruno	USA	Burl City Yacht Club	7	9	16	17	12	80
12th	31	30329	Cash OHRNE	Edna Swanson	USA	Eastport YC	9	2	24	10	18	84
13th	32	30474	Arlene BUCHSETT	Steve Streeter	USA	LYC	12	3	27	8	ZFPY14	84
14th	68	31313	Alex PUNE	Lucy Pille	USA	SEA	20	8	13	19	11	71
15th	11	30380	Carol CROHN	Steven Johnson/Kim Couranz	USA	Bowers Sailing Association	16	15	14	14	16	74
16th	13	31366	Andrew PIMENTAL	Megan Pace	USA	Stall Newport	10	18	7	4	30 DNC	78
17th	67	31367	Eric REINKE	Alex Damsky-Stroed	USA	Bowers Sailing Association	26	20	12	3	17	78
18th	14	31114	Stefi BIEGLER	W Mason	USA	Milwaukee Bay Yacht Club	11	34	17	16	10	87
19th	47	PER 31147	Diego FIGUEROA	Bonjardin Vidal	PER	Club Pegasus Lima	15	21	31	24	14	105
20th	23	30381	Britt DAVIS	Christina Pearson	USA	SEA, SLPYC, NPYC	29	18	18	18	24	106
21st	26	30325	Cris JANKOWSKI	Bernadette Peadar	USA	SEA	23	29	18	23	18	111
22nd	38	30311	Taylor SCHEUERMAN	Caroline Caldwell	USA	CPYC	24	19	18	22	27	111
23rd	77	30782	Zachary KILCHNER	Lauren Nichols	USA	SEA	25	28	20	21	20	114
24th	37	30302	Doug BURDICK	Stephanie McMillan	USA	Great Head YC	22	17	21	28	31	118
25th	15	30372	Charles BUSTAMANTE	Michelle Bustamante	USA	None	17	33	28	30 DNC	25	134
26th	29	30181	Guy THOMAS	Steve Tautz	USA	Lincoln Sailing Club	32	32	32	20	23	138
27th	25	30044	Stacy SMITH	Steve Pical	USA	Bowers Sailing Association	21	27	33	28	32	138
28th	17	30389	Andrew KLEN	Kathleen Tocker/Daniel O'Farrell	USA	Winchester Boat Club	18	22	34 DNC	30 DNC	29	142
29th	35	ITA 30403	Andrea GEMINI	Giovanna Ganghese	ITA	cpvc	30	35	30	27	22	144
30th	65	31167	Maria BEBB	Bruno Mello	USA	Dallas Snipe Fleet #1	27	25	34 DNC	30 DNC	21	148





50th ANNUAL DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA 2016



2016 Snipe Midwinter Championship

**Clearwater, FL
March 13-15, 2016**

Pos	Sail	Skipper	1	2	3	4	Total	Pos
1	8653	Hal GILREATH/ brendan feeney	1	1	1	1	4	1
2	30	Andrew Pimental/ Megan Place	2	2	2	2	8	2
3	31157	Martin Bebb/ SHEEHAN COMMETTE	8/DNS	3	3	3	17	3
4	29044	Smith Sonya/ Steve PICKEL	4	4	4	8/DNS	20	4
5	30337	Robert Dunkley	3	8/DNF	8/DNS	8/DNS	27	5
6	31083	Diego Figueroa/ Benjamin Vidal	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	32T	6
6	29963	Steve Lang/ Nadia Daggott	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	32T	6



Winter Circuit - 2016

Nassau, Bahamas



DUDLEY GAMBLIN MEMORIAL 2016

Rank	Helm	Crew	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett
1	Robert Dunkley	Lori Lowe	29616	1	2	1	1	1	6	6
2	Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	31157	2	1	3	2	5	13	13
3	Hanna - Lena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	30833	3	3	2	3	3	14	14
4	Adam Boorman	Daisy Tinkler	29410	DNC	DNF	5	4	2	25	25
5	Bryan Reich	Terra Berlinski	29963	4	DNF	4	5	6	26	26
6	Steve Lang	Nadia Daggett	28678	DNF	4	DNC	6	4	28	28

BACARDI CUP 2016

Rank	Helm	Crew	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1	Paul deSouza	Spencer Cartwright	29616	3	1	2	6	6
2	Robert Dunkley	Lori Lowe/Nicholas Colclough/Diane DeCardenas	29616	2	5	1	8	8
3	Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	31157	1	3	4	8	8
4	Cochise Burrows	Adam Boorman	29410	4	2	3	9	9
5	Hanna - Lena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	30833	5	4	5	14	14
6	Bryan Reich	Terra Berlinski	29963	6	6	DNS	20	20
7	Steve Lang	Nadia	28678	7	7	6	20	20

SCRA Zimmerman Trophy 2016

Skipper	Crew	Country	Sail #	Midwinters	Don Q	Bacardi	Gamblin	Zimmerman
Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	USA	31157	3	30	3	2	38
Robert Dunkley	McKenzie McGurkin/Lori Lowe/Nicholas Colclough/Diane DeCardenas	BAH	30837 30860 29616	5	33	2	1	41



2016 Snipe Racing Calendar

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Major Regattas

Helsinki Regatta	July 1-3	HSK, Helsinki, FIN
Vatternsnipen	July 2-3	Motala, SWE
Trophee M Beaudoin	July 2-3	Larmor, FRA
Summer Regatta	July 16-17	Lisbon, POR
East European Open	August 19-21	Poznan, POL
Split Regatta	August 27-28	Split, CRO
Viking Snipe	September 10-11	Oslo, NOR
European Championship	September 22-25	Santiago de la Ribera, ESP
Frigid Digit	September 1-2	Annapolis, MD, USA
Pori Open	September 3-4	Pori, FIN
Championnat Ile de France	October 8-9	Choisy, FRA
Host Cup	October 8-9	Baerum, NOR
Trofeu Maria Guedes de Queiroz	October 8-9	Cascais, POR
ITA National Regatta	October 15-16	Lignano, ITA
World Masters	October 19-22	Nassau, Bahamas
Halloween Regatta	October 22-23	Atlanta, GA, USA
Carolyn Nute Memorial	October 29-30	Mission Bay, CA, USA
Memorial Confoulan	Oct 31-Nov 1	Cazaux, FRA
Trofeo Armada	December 3-5	Murcia, ESP

National Championships

Italy – Junior	July 5-6	Brenzone (Garda), ITA
Italy – Senior	July 6-10	Brenzone (Garda), ITA
Italy – Masters	July 30-31	Molveno Lake, ITA
Great Britain	July 30- Aug 1	Broadstairs
Finland	July 1-3	HSK, Helsinki, FIN
Poland-Masters	July 23-24	Poznan, POL
Argentina	July 27-30	Salta, ARG
Norway – Masters	August 6-7	Baerum, NOR
Japan-Masters	August 13-14	Enoshima/Gamagori
Norway – Womens	August 20-21	Baerum, NOR
Croatia	August 19-21	Split, CRO
Poland	August 19-21	Poznan, POL
Belgium	August 20-21	Scharendijke, NED
Poland-Juniors	August 22-23	Poznan, POL
Sweden –Jr/Sr/Masters	August 27-28	Gothenburg, SWE
Finnish Masters	September 11	HSK, Helsinki, FIN
United States	September 14-17	Rush Creek, TX, USA
Spain	October 28-31	Menorca, ESP
Colombia- Juniors	November 5-7	Santander, COL
Ecuador	November 12-13	Salinas, ECU
Japan	November 17-20	Wakayama



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