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The Count: 8 numbers have been issued since the last issue; Brazil 6; Japan 1, ARG 1

Numbered Snipes: 31052

Chartered Fleets: 887

Cover photo: A beautiful photo of Snipe #5562, "Heppe" now in Heinola, Finland built by Yrjö Halen, Turku, Finland in 1964. Owner is Seppo Kalso of Helsinki. Photo by Juha Lehtinen.

2012 Winter Circuit

Midwinters, Clearwater -

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From the Commodore -

Happy 2012 and another great year of Snipe Sailing! I am honored to represent the Snipe Class for the next two years as Commodore of SCIRA. I would like to thank our out-going commodore, Luis Pessanha for his two years of service guiding our Class as has the entire 2010/2011 Board of Governors.



If you have not met me, I'm from San Diego, USA and have been sailing Snipes since 1971, first for my dad, Lew Bedford, and then for Earl Elms. I had some great experiences crewing those years but could not wait to grab the tiller and steer in the junior regattas. I was lucky to travel with my dad and Earl and meet many Snipe sailors around the country and around world. I have been fortunate enough to continue to build friendships as I skippered in many nationals and international events.

We are fortunate to have a very talented Board of Governors for the next two years, namely Ricardo Lobato (Vice Commodore, BRA), Pietro Fantoni (Secretary, ITA), Renee Bartell (Treasurer, USA), Giorgio Brezich (Chairman of Rules Committee, ITA), Gwen Crook (Secretary WH&O, CAN), and Zbigniew Rakocy (Secretary Europe, ITA). Of course Jerelyn Biehl and Sherri Campbell of One Design Management continue in the role of Executive Director.

My experience on the BoG over many years as Vice Commodore, Rear Secretary WH&O, and as SCIRA CIO has given me exposure to many very competent and dedicated volunteers that make our Class function year in and year out. Many sailors however do not realize what is required to keep our Class so successful for so long in so many countries. The term, "Think Global and Act Local" certainly works for our Class as the Snipe fleet is really our heart and soul. It is what pulls in new sailors and makes "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun"® possible. I've been lucky enough to be a member of our local fleet my whole life and have seen dedicated fleet captains who put in many hours of not just sailing but fleet building – we would be nothing without these many tireless individuals all over the world. I encourage you to do whatever you can to make your fleet fun, competitive and welcoming to new members.

That said, SCIRA also plays a critical role. The boat is technical, but not overly expensive; fun to sail but not too physical; a tactical boat but plenty of tuning to adjust and, most importantly – we can sail it all over the world. And I don't only mean the boats are sailed all over but you can literally travel to another country and quickly make friends and borrow a boat in some 30 countries. Amazing! It is the fact that we sail hard against each other but are quick to share in the boat yard and welcome new sailors to our ranks that makes our Class unique. I hope we all work to encourage this in our own fleets.

More next time on what is new in the Class and I hope I can get more communications out before the next Bulletin.

See you on the water,

-don

Photo: Don with sons Treat & Garrett and wife Megan in Trieste, Italy.



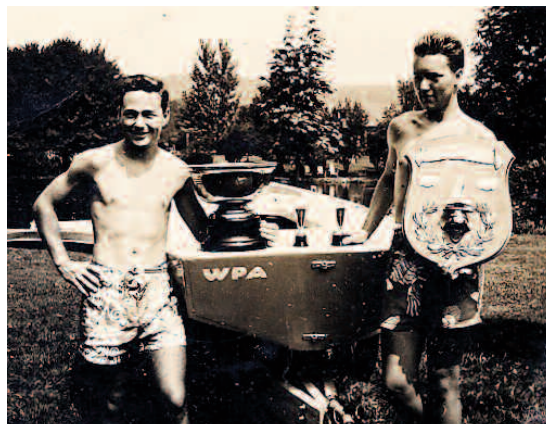
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Around the Snipe World



Correction - In the last issue we mistakenly identified Ralph Heinzerling instead of Cliff. Here are the 2 brothers: Ralph is on the left and Cliff on the right, holding the trophy. Ralph is still alive and active in his 80's racing often at Manhasset Bay YC (Long Island) where he sails on a Manhasset Bay One Design keelboat. Our apologies to the Heinzerling family.



In Memoriam--

Gunnar Corneliusen

Former chairman of Vestfjordens Seilforening, home of the largest Snipe Fleet in Europe, the Oslo fleet in Norway now renamed Snarøya. Gunnar was very active in the Snipe for years placing second in the North European Championship in 1964, sixth in the Worlds in 1965. Many may remember him active as a mark set boat then ready for the prizegiving in his tux, making great speeches with little preparation.

Bjarne Brynnidlsen - Norway

Ole Petter Aasheim - Stord, Norway

From Staff Commodore Pessanha

It was an extremely rewarding experience and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the class as the Commodore of SCIRA during the past 2 years. I have learned a great deal in this position and it has provided opportunities to meet Snipe family and sailors worldwide.

In making a balance of the recent past, I feel that we have done quite interesting things for the sustainable future of our Class in terms of caring about our values and spirit, keeping the one design spirit, adopting modern communication tools, promoting the class worldwide, aligning ourselves with ISAF in everything compatible with our values and giving more value for money to our members. I hope that you perceive the same, especially because I could not have put a drop more of energy and talent in that direction!

Concern the Future, we should be adding more countries and encouraging growth at the fleet level. We need strong leadership (with international vision) at the Board level and dedicated, hardworking National Secretaries who have a flare for Marketing. I truly believe we already have the expertise and if we all continue to work together, our class will grow in numbers and in the spirit of "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun".

We should all be proud of our organization, as it really is one of the finest dinghy classes in the world today.

I would like to welcome and wish the new Board success in their new challenge.

I'd like to thank every one of you for your support and in particular the members of the Board and of course Jerelyn – This was certainly one of the great experiences of my life that reinforced my great passion for the Snipe Class.

THANK YOU

Rules Committee

December 1st 2011

I need circulate some important news concerning sail proposals voted on and passed during the Board meetings called during the last World Championship in Rungsted, Danmark.

The Technical Committee has received reports that at least four sail-makers have modified the Snipe main sail with a upper full length batten and longer middle and lower battens consistent with the new rule. The new style sails were used in a full range of conditions from light to heavy weather and in all conditions they seem to perform very well. The reports we received are widely positive for several reasons as reported by skippers:

--The shape of sails in light conditions remains good as the upper part is more open and easier to control and the as one top sailor reported; "the leech is more active and opened up quicker with a slight ease in the main sheet."

--In windy conditions the sail luffed a less vigorously, so it is easier to control.

--The effect of longer battens combined with a heavier weight cloth in the jib will result in sails that last longer with better performance while being easier to trim.

The next step of Technical Committee is to rule the new dimensions of the battens and establish the position of top batten.

I need to remind all that the new rules will take effect **January 1st 2013**. We have the year 2012 to experiment and then implement the information under the new rules. The existing mainsails rules will remain as an option to all sailors after the new rule takes effect.

Giorgio Brezich

Chairman, International Rules Committee



Meet the Board

SCIRA Vice Commodore

Ricardo Lobato

How long have you been sailing, where did you start, what kind of boat? 27 yeas. Bibi Juetz was my first teacher when I was 7 years old at late Clube do Rio de Janeiro sailing Optimist.

When did you start sailing Snipes? I started as a crew in 1988. I bought my own Snipe only in 1998 sailing as helmsman at helm since then.

Significant sailing accomplishments: Snipe:Vice Champion in Sul Brasileiro, Semana de Internacional de Vela do Rio de Janeiro e Taça Octanorm. 4th place at Brazilian Nationals 2003. Also expressive results in Laser (Youth National Champion 1993 and Semana Internacional de Vela do Rio de Janeiro) and Match Race (Rio de Janeiro State Champion 2007). Member of the Brazilian Olympic team in Pequim 2008 as rule advisor.

Academic background:Master Degree in Production Engineer (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)

Occupation:Consultant at Petrobras (Major Oil Company) - Strategic and Bussiness performance unit.

Family: Married with Carla. Father of Manuela (6 year old).

Other interests: I like Computer and Technology. I am also very involved with racing rules being an International Judge and Umpire for many years.

Your thoughts on the Snipe Class: Snipe class is the best choice for someone looking for a tactical and easy boat. We have a good set of rules that keeps the competition very even and costs down attracting people of all ages, weights and gender. The class is also very organized and the formula is working. It is very important capture the sailors' opinion before making changes. I think we need to be recognized as a youth class.

SCIRA Secretary

Pietro Fantoni

Pietro was born in Undine, Northeast Italy in 1970 and has a law degreen from Bologna University and works as a lawher in a legal office of a major European bank with headquarters near Udine.

He began sialing when he was six, beginning in the Optimist progressing to 470, 470 and big boats. He stopped for about five years to try bike racing but discovered Snipes and came back in 2000 where he represented Italy at 5 Worlds ('01, 05, 07, 09 & 11) and 5 Europeans. Pietro has been the Italian webmaster since 2001. He enjoys the Snipe because wherever you go, you have friends and you can borrow a boat, give hospitality and you are happy to return the favor.

In the past Pietro has been involved with junior teams. It's difficult to promote the Class between kids but sees it as an important aspect to introduce the boat to them and teach them to sail with other juniors. He was successful in convincing the 2-time Laser Radial world champion to sail a Snipe and now many young Laser sailors in Italy know the Snipe! Many of them want to try the Snipe and many of them will eventually buy and sail a Snipe years later when they become young adults.



Pan Am Games - Tinoco & Borges Reign

We caught up with Alexandre Tinoco in between regattas and he answered a few questions for inquiring Snipe sailors - read on....

SB: The Pan Ams fleet was small – only 10 boats. How tough is sailing in this 10 boat fleet compared to the 80 boat fleet at the Worlds?

The two championships were very different, so the strategies were different due to the number of boats. In Denmark, we have to be more conservative, in Mexico, more aggressive. The competitors in the Pan American Games who were in Mexico are great sailors, I admire them a lot. The technical level was very high, as in the Worlds in Denmark, but the number of boats and the specific characteristics of each race area had a big influence in our strategy. Our training for the championships were in different locations. For the Worlds we practiced in Spain, competing in two high level championships, with many boats, the II Open Snipe Espana in Vilagarcia and the Spanish Championship in Gijon. The boat we used in Gijon was the same we used in Denmark, a Zeltic, and there we made the final tests and prepared it for the Worlds. The practice for the Pan American Games was in San Diego, in the U.S, in the North American Championship, at the same Pacific Ocean, to get used to the same conditions we would find in Puerto Vallarta. In this last competition, close to the date of the Pan Am Games, we had a different strategy than in Spain, for this training. I see this exchange as something very positive for the Snipe class and for the unity between the sailors. In the same way, our friends from abroad are very welcome in Brasil, for championships and for training as an exchange of experience. I see this as the way the Snipe family should be.

SB: You've been winning with Gabriel now in many events. What do you rely on Gabriel for in the boat? Gabriel is a great friend and we get along very well inside and outside the boat. We started to sail on the second semester of 2010 and we are making a good team. He quickly grasped my sailing style and the way I take the boat and we adapted to each other when sailing. We have a very good match of biotypes that helps us as a team.

SB: Are you working on any new improvements on your Snipe - rigging, sails?

In the last competitions, we had the support of Olimpic Sails, made in Brasil. I always give them feedback about the sails according to my experiences. I see that the sails made by panel (not-radial), are important to keep the maintenance of Snipe material cheap, as it doesn't demand that you switch sails in different conditions. It's possible to adapt one set of sails by panel according to what the crew wants and the wind and wave conditions. This characteristic reduces the costs for Snipe sailing and contributes to the constant

improvement of our class competitiveness and to an easier access to the class and everyone.

SB: You felt it was important to sail your own boat. Explain this.

I think it's important to use a boat that you know and admire. The idea is to use the same boat, not necessarily being its owner, as sometimes the transport logistics can be complicated and it demands more expenses, if you don't own it. It can be a rented boat, for example, but the important thing is that we need to know it well. In Europe we adapted very well to the Zeltic, the boat we used in the Worlds in

Denmark. The hull, the ruder and the centerboard have an excellent quality and are very fast. In Brazil and South America, we use a boat 100% made in Brasil, by Kurt Diemer (Lemao) and the boats are extremely fast. The Snipe class in Brasil is strong due to his very positive work. We used this boat in the Pan Am Games in Mexico, it was shipped there. As I do with the sails, I always try to give my feedback to the constructors so that we can always count on a good boat.



SB: What kind of mast & gear did you use to win your Worlds & Pan Ams? Did you change?

In the Pan Am Games in Mexico, we used mast Lemao. At the Worlds in Denmark, we used a mast sidewinder gold. They are similar, although that are some differences that we can adapt according to each situation and conditions of the wind and wave.

SB: You applied for and gained redress in race 7 – explain what that was for.

In the 7th regatta at the Pan American Games in Mexico, the Race Committee failed substantially during the start procedure of the race, which harmed us quite a lot. There was an audience and the judges recognized the error from the Race Committee. The redress was granted according to ISAF rule 62.1. We sailed well during the whole competition and fortunately we achieved the Gold Medal.

SB: Tell us about the pride in Snipe sailing in Brazil – what's it like to have your name on the Worlds trophy with the other great legends?

It was a dream coming true, we struggled a lot for this win to come. Brazil is going through a great moment in the Snipe class and we are very happy to be part of this team. It's a big honor to have such legendary names such as Torben Grael next to ours in the Worlds Championship trophy that goes around the world since the 1930s. Torben is an incredible sailor, I admire him a lot and certainly I have a lot to learn with him.

SB: What are you and Gabriel training for next?

2011 was very good for Gabriel and I, we achieved together, in the same year, two of the greatest disputes in the Snipe Class. These results have been a great incentive to keep on this path. I hope these achievements can be as a trampoline to continue in bigger projects. We think about a 470 campaign for The Olympic Games in Rio 2016, but it's an Olympic campaign and it demands higher expenses than a Pan American with the Snipe. We depend on support and sponsorship and this project is in its initial stages. I would really like to integrate this Olympic campaign with a project that unites sport, community spirit and the environment contributing to the so expected moment of transformation that Brasil, and specially Rio de Janeiro, are going through. Certainly the Snipe Worlds in 2013 in this wonderful city would be linked to this project, which is also, in its initial stage.

We are now looking for people who are interested in investing in us and in our projects, as a symbol of dedication, persistence and overcoming obstacles, in such an important sport that involves teamwork, the environment, health and achievements.

**Alexandre Tinoco
BRA 30703**

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Pan Am Games- Results

AFTER 11 RACES

Place	Name	Pos	Boat Id	Points per Race										Medal Race	Total Pts	Net Pts
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
1	DO AMARAL Alexandre BORGES Gabriel	S C	BRA	5	1	4	3	3	1	3.3 RDG	6	1	(8)	6	41.3	33.3
2	DIAZ Agustin Gilberto TOCKE Kathleen Carol	S C	USA	2	4	1	2	(7)	5	2	1	5	4	8	41	34
3	DEFAZIO Pablo FINCK Manfredo	S C	URU	(9)	3	2	4	6	4	4	4	3	3	4	46	37
4	RIOS Raul TEIXIDOR Marco	S C	PUR	7	2	5	(11) DSQ	9	6	5	5	2	1	2	55	44
5	ROBLES Pedro Felipe LÓPEZ José Ignacio	S C	CHI	8	6	3	5	2	3	3	(9)	4	7	10	60	51
6	SOUBIE Luis GRANUCCI Cecilia	S C	ARG	4	7	(9)	9	5	2	9	2	6	2		55	46
7	LEIVA Michel SUAREZ Yudier	S C	CUB	6	7 RDG	7	6	1	(11) DSQ	1	3	10	6		58	47
8	CERVANTES Jeronimo BELAUSTEGUIOTIA Yon	S C	MEX	1	(10)	6	1	10	8	7	10	7	5		65	55
9	VEDANI Gaston FERRETTI Juan Jose	S C	ECU	3	5	8	7	4	(9)	8	7	8	9		68	59
10	DELGADO Dany Ubeymar PONTON Andrea	S C	COL	(10)	9	10	8	8	7	10	8	9	10		89	79

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Resurrecting a Legend - Torben's Linenburger Snipe

Passion for the Snipe Class and its longevity takes us today on a journey to the past and the reunion with one of the most successful hulls of the Class, the Linenburger 12296. A boat that will be in the classes' history books, not only because of its renowned owners, but especially because it led Torben Grael to win his first world title in 1983.

The Linenburger 12296, built completely out of wood, is part of a series of 5 boats designed in 1960 by Alberto Linenburger in Brazil. The pink painted hull grabbed the attention of a Brazilian navy officer, whom ultimately bought the boat and named it "Biondina".

In the 60's the 12296 had two more owners. They were Roberto Pelicano and George Raulino, the latter was the one who sailed the most on the boat and the first to make alterations on its deck and interior. "I changed the color from pink to a light blue; on the interior and deck I removed the waterproofing and started using foam floats. I probably raced in 10 Brazilian National Championships, always finishing in the top 10. Today, after so many years, I still sail in the Snipe



Class, but I can assure you that the best races were with the Linenburger 12296", George Raulino recalls with emotion.

It was at the Brasilia Yacht Club in Brasilia, Brazil, that George Raulino met for the first time Torben Grael, a 15-year-old young man, whom Raulino invited to sail at the bow of his 470. The connection between the two, led Torben to eventually meet the Linenburger 12296, which at this point belonged to another sailor from the same Yacht Club. At 16 years of age, in 1976, Torben Grael bought the Linenburger 12296, which at this point had the same age as his new owner. "We joked with the age comparison and the fact that at that point there were more modern and more competitive boats", recalls Raulino.

For 7 years Torben explored Linenburger 12296 capabilities to the max. He altered the deck, improved the system to trim and set the sails, and most important; it was on this boat

that Torben tested the first time the "automatic pole", during the 1981 World Championship in Long Beach, California. "We finished 3rd in this championship, representing the feared 477 fleet from Niteroi, recalls Lars Grael.

In 1983 the Linenburger 12296 crosses the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. On the docks of the Sport Club do Porto in Leixões, Portugal, Torben and Lars spent their days sanding and polishing their boat in preparation for the first regatta of the World Championship of that year.

"With the introduction of modern fiberglass hulls like the Skipper, Carajás, Chubasco and Pistola, most thought that the wooden Linenburger was past its prime and was no longer competitive. Recalls Lars when remembering the days that led to the first races.

Before 36 crews from all over the world, the Grael brothers proved that the "old" wooden boat still had a winner spirit in it. With the oldest boat of the fleet, they won the 1983 World Championship winning the last 3 regattas of the event. "After the championship, the Linenburger 12296 was sold to a Portuguese sailor for a "small fortune" at the time. With that money, Torben began building the first Snipe hulls that received the THOR signature," remembers Lars Grael. The Linenburger 12296 went on to race several more regattas until being "retired" in a warehouse in Lisbon, Portugal.

This year, the Lindenburger 12296 owners, Pedro Andrade and Domingos Borralho decided to give a "second life" to the wooden Snipe and bring it out of "retirement". However, after so many years in a warehouse and with all the new technologies and techniques, the boat needed a major overhaul and lots of care. For this challenge, Pedro Andrade and Domingos Borralho, hired the specialized services of BrazilSailing in Mira,



Portugal, where José Távora combines professionalism, knowledge of materials with artistic talent and a passion for perfectionism.

During the boats stay at BrazilSailing's shop, José





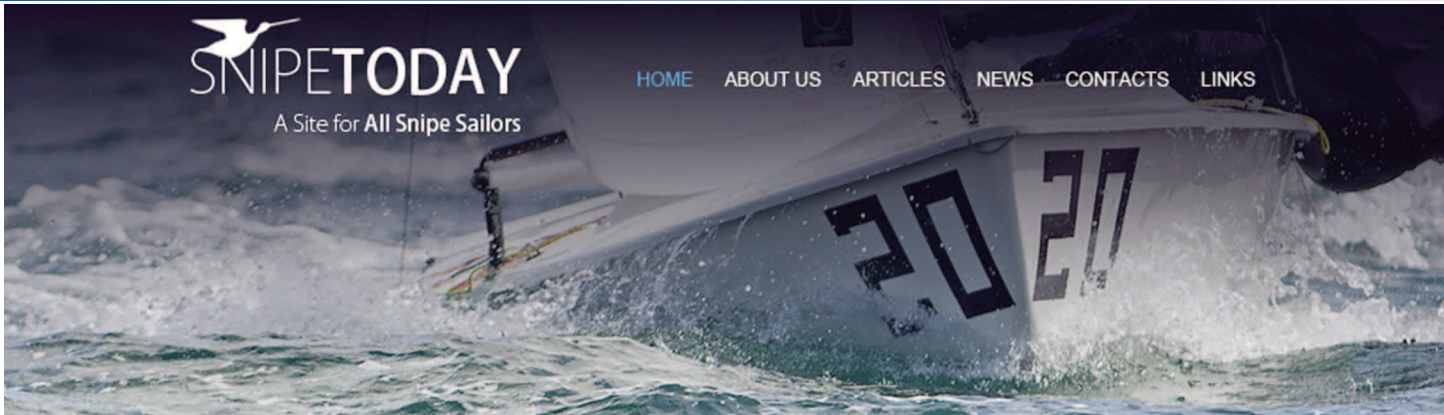
Távora, also an avid Snipe sailor, worked on the boat in such detail to rival any plastic surgeon. "When this project was presented to me, my biggest challenge and ambition was to idealize and re-create the Linenburger 12296, making it as competitive as it was in its prime. All the details and finishes on the boat were carefully studied and developed to improve the boat's performance and to give it a clean new look, following the strict construction regulations

by SCIRA", accounts José Távora.

After six months of intense work, the 51-year-old Linenburger 12296 was transformed into a new and modern Snipe that carries the soul of a champion, ready for new challenges and several more years of life.



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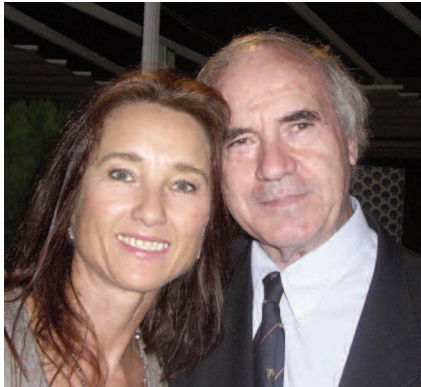


Zeltic, 2011 World Champion with Alexandre Tinoco and Gabriel Borges

Photo Page



Photos from the Spanish Snipe Masters:
above: Snipe BBQ
below: Janett Krefting (NOR) & Felix Gancedo (ESP)
bottom: regatta winner Damian Borrás (ESP), Janett Krefting (NOR) & Birger Jansen (NOR).



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Finnish Nationals and Ranking Series

Finnish Nationals were hosted just before midsummer by Helsinki Sailing Club, HSK. 20 boats raced in extreme conditions on both ends of the wind range. Winner was Claus Carpelan with Risto Valjus. Kai Saarhelo and Jussi Nevas took the silver medal in front of Sampo Valjus and Selma Valjus who scored the same points.

29 boats participated the Finnish Ranking Series in 2011 season. Series contained 6 regattas, including the worlds most northern Snipe Regatta in Uusikaarlepyy on the northern west coast of Finland. Ranking series winner was Simo Lehtinen & Pertti Purola. Claus Carpelan took the second place with Risto Valjus and Timo Järvinen-

Cold and warm summer breezes, sunny nights, quality time with old and new friends, many wide smiles and noisy situations at the marks, Serious Sailing and Serious Fun. That is what Snipe sailing is made of in Finland.

Reino Suonsilta

Pictures: Tarja Suonsilta



Finnish Nationals 2011 Helsinki Final Results

Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total
1 Nimega	30874 Claus Carpelan	Risto Valjus	HSK	(OCS)	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	16.0
2 Sabel	30450 Kai Saarhelo	Jussi Nevas	BSF	2.0	(9.0)	4.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	21.0
3 Pe-lo-ton	28704 Sampo Valjus	Selma Valjus	OPS	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	(DNS)	2.0	3.0	21.0
4 Port Of Pori	29860 Simo Lehtinen	Pertti Purola	BSF	1.0	14.0	2.0	3.0	(DNS)	3.0	2.0	25.0
5 Last Chance	30447 Jussi Sävelä	Kari Tuomala	BSF	10.0	1.0	3.0	(OCS)	5.0	10.0	7.0	36.0
6	30480 Mkko Määttä	Mai Järvinen	HSK	6.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	9.0	(12.0)	41.0
7 Natural Beauty	30197 Mikko Valjus	Jaakko Mikkonen	HSK	(OCS)	4.0	8.0	5.0	DNS	5.0	11.0	54.0
8 LoveBoat	30502 Hanna-Leena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	HSK	7.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	(DNS)	11.0	13.0	54.0
9 FIN	30259 Ville Aalto-Setälä	Eeva Aalto-Setälä	BSF	9.6 RDG	2.0	(DNF)	DNS	DNS	1.0	1.0	55.6
10 Carpe Diem	30808 Mats Nyund	Irma Nylund	SSÄ	9.0	13.0	11.0	8.0	4.0	(17.0)	17.0	62.0
11 FIN	30558 Jukka Kotisalo	Eija Kotisalo	LrPs	(OCS)	8.0	7.0	DNS	DNS	8.0	6.0	71.0
12 Musta Surma	19677 Kari Kokkonen	Timo Järvinen	HSK	3.0	7.0	(DNF)	DNS	DNS	12.0	10.0	74.0
13 Lily	30560 Pasi Kalliala	Mirja-Liisa Marttila	MP	5.0	16.0	9.0	(DNS)	DNS	13.0	14.0	78.0
14 Aurora	29019 Timo Nurmi	Tommi Isotalo	LrPS	(OCS)	12.0	DNF	DNS	DNS	7.0	9.0	91.0
15 Nevaketka	30460 Reino Suonsilta	Roger Nylund	HSK	8.0	10.0	(DNC)	DNS	DNS	DNC	DNC	102.0
16 Chi	29419 Gustaf Sandström	Ville Sandström	SSÄ	11.0	DNC	DNF	DNS	DNS	14.0	15.0	103.0
17 Clarissa	22436 Sebastian Back	Sam Back, Marika Lillqvist	SSÄ	12.0	15.0	(DNF)	DNS	DNS	18.0	18.0	105.0
18 LMI businesscoach	30899 Jukka Partinen	Vertti Niemi	HSK	(DNC)	DNC	DNF	DNS	DNS	16.0	8.0	108.0
19 Stella	29642 Anni Toija	Pekka Toija	TPS	(DNC)	DNC	DNF	DNS	DNC	15.0	16.0	115.0
20 Carbon	27231 Kari Nyqvist	Ruusuu-Maria Nyqvist	SSÄ	(DNC)	DNC	DNF	DNS	DNS	19.0	19.0	122.0



63rd French Nationals

October 29 -31, 2011

Cercle de Voile de Cazaux Lac was terribly busy during that late but long weekend of October: they were organizing both our Nationals and an important event for the Dragons.

It was a pity the weather did not really cooperate... Too light winds allowed only one race to be run on the Saturday - a second one had to be cancelled when the breeze dropped completely - and due to a thick mist followed by a sunny day nothing could be done at all on the Sunday. The wind eventually came back on Monday morning. Although it was very fitful and shifty, the committee managed to start 5 races, changing the course between each race. With 6 races duly completed, this championship left nothing to chance although it might have favored light crews.

The competition was very high with excellent competitors from both France and Belgium and after-sailing (or waiting-for-the-wind) parties were also up to the standard. Ahhh! The oysters from Bassin d'Arcachon... So everyone had an excellent time ashore and on the water.

A lottery sponsored by Starvoiles offered a new set of sails to a lucky man.

Belgian crew Bart JANSSENS and Eva JACOBS took the regatta, just 4 little points ahead of Justin FREBAULT crewed by dad Jean-Jacques, our new national champions. Congratulations !



All photos by Marion Beaudoin.

PI	Number	RESULTS Skipper	Crew	Club	Points
1	BEL 30897	Bart JANSSENS	Eva JACOBS	RYCB	6.0
2	FRA 30757	Justin FREBAULT	Jean-Jacques FREBAULT	CV Arcachon	10.0
3	FRA 29856	Jérôme THOMAS	Nadia EL GHOZI	CS Monterelais	22.0
4	FRA 28541	Eric BERRON	Vincent LE SEREC	CN Claouey	23.0
5	FRA 29409	Michel VILLETTE	Brigitte ROUSTAN	SC Choisy le Roi	25.0
6	FRA 29322	Jean-Christophe CAYE	Gilles BOISAUBERT	CN Claouey	25.0
7	FRA 30474	René LE BOUR	Marion BEAUDOUINSN	Larmor Plage	27.0
8	FRA 29440	Jean-Pierre ETCHEBER	Jean MARTHIENS	CV Cazaux-Lac	32.0
9	FRA 27449	Jose MENDES	Ricardo MENDES	CV Moisson Lavacourt	42.0
10	BEL 30199	André CALLOT	Eric CALLOT	RYCB	43.0
11	BEL 30612	Koen MEEUSEN	Hilde VAN DEVEIRE	RYCB	45.0
12	FRA 30474	Arthur FOREY	Jean-Marc GARDERE	SC Choisy le Roi	58.0
13	FRA 29914	Laurence BOURDONNAY	Thomas LILIN	SN Larmor-Plage	58.0
14	FRA 27698	Léo OZANNE	Kenza GARDERE	VGA St-Maur	60.0
15	FRA 29940	Philippe CASTAING	Bernard ANTON	CN Pyrénéen	69.0
16	FRA 13248	Gilles DURAND	Philippe FAUX	CV Cazaux Lac	71.0
17	FRA 23286	Yves SOTTO	Vicenta BOSQUE	SC Choisy le Roi	82.0



Yves Le Bour 2011

The overall results of the 2011 edition show that nearly half the competitors were British but the trophy was won by a French crew: Michel VILLETTE and Brigitte ROUSTAN, followed by 2 more French sailors because they took part in 2 events out of 3.

It is true that the fact the race at Le Havre was cancelled by the club for different reasons did not help our British and Belgian friends who usually attend this venue. It was replaced by a race at Choisy, making it a longer drive for foreign snipe sailors... Sorry !

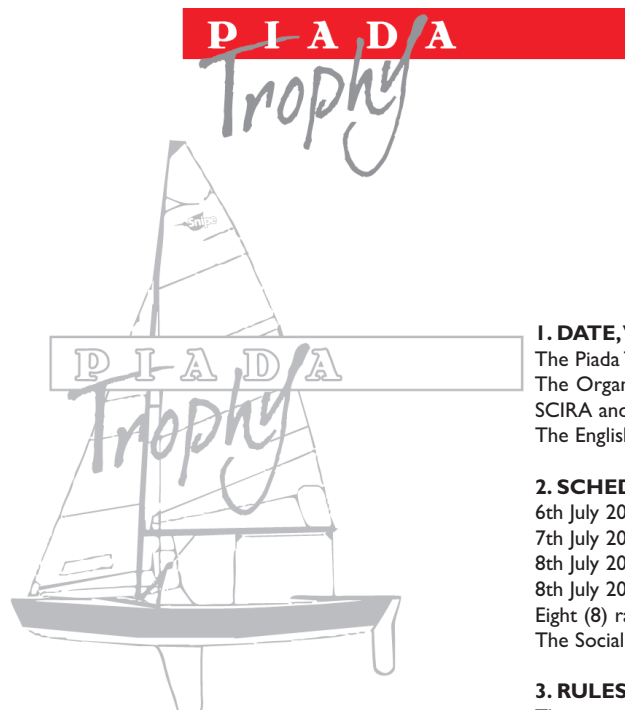
Nobody managed to sail the 3 events this year in spite of many plans to do so among French competitors. Next year ???



		Skippers	Clubs	Stone May 20-22		Eau d'Heure Sept 24-25		Choisy Oct 15-16		Challenge 2011	
1	FRA	Michel Villette	SCCR	DNC	16	1	1	1	1	1	18
2	FRA	Jérôme Thomas	CSM	DNC	16	2	2	2	2	2	20
3	FRA	Jean-Marc Gardère	SCCR	DNC	16	6	6	4	4	3	26
4	GBR	Andy Davis	Blith. SC	1	1	DNC	16	DNC	16	4	33
5	GBR	Alan Williams	BCSC	2	2	DNC	16	DNC	16	5	34
6	BEL	Marc Cornelissens	KLYC	DNC	16	3	3	DNC	16	6	35
"	FRA	René Le Bour	BCSC	DNC	16	DNC	16	3	3	"	35
"	GBR	Sue Roberts	BCSC	3	3	DNC	16	DNC	16	"	35
9	GBR	Ian Knight	Sho. SC	4	4	DNC	16	DNC	16	9	36
"	BEL	Patrick Laumans	RYCB	DNC	16	4	4	DNC	16	"	36
11	FRA	Gilles Boisaubert	CNCS	DNC	16	DNC	16	5	5	11	37
"	BEL	André Callot	RYCB	DNC	16	5	5	DNC	16	"	37
"	GBR	Ian Marshall	Blckw SC	5	5	DNC	16	DNC	16	"	37
14	GBR	Andy Gibson	HSSC	6	6	DNC	16	DNC	16	14	38
"	FRA	Léo Ozanne	VGA	DNC	16	DNC	16	6	6	"	38
16	FRA	Sylvie Le Bour-Boisaubert	CNCS	DNC	16	DNC	16	7	7	16	39
"	GBR	Richard Marshall	Blckw SC	7	7	DNC	16	DNC	16	"	39
"	BEL	K. Meeusen	RYCB	DNC	16	7	7	DNC	16	"	39
19	GBR	Brian Gregory	BCSC	8	8	DNC	16	DNC	16	19	40
"	FRA	Jose Mendes	CVML	DNC	16	DNC	16	8	8	"	40
21	GBR	Mark Antonelli	Bud. SC	9	9	DNC	16	DNC	16	21	41
"	FRA	Yves Sotto	SCCR	DNC	16	DNC	16	9	9	"	41
23	FRA	Maxim Romain	SRH	10	10	DNC	16	DNC	16	23	42
"	FRA	Jose Valente	SCCR	DNC	16	DNC	16	10	10	"	42
25	GBR	Ian Gregory	BCSC	11	11	DNC	16	DNC	16	25	43
26	GBR	Eric Paalman	Bud. SC	12	12	DNC	16	DNC	16	26	44
27	GBR	James Prestwich	Bud. SC	13	13	DNC	16	DNC	16	27	45
28	GBR	Peter Tipler	Strom. SC	14	14	DNC	16	DNC	16	28	46
29	GBR	Guy Welch	Blckw SC	15	15	DNC	16	DNC	16	29	47



An Invitation to the Piada Trophy



**PIADA TROPHY 2012
PIADA & BRUSCHETTA
From East to West
Snipe International Regatta
Talamone – Italy 6th- 8th July 2012**

INVITATION

1. DATE, VENUE AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Piada Trophy 2012 will be held at Talamone (GR) from 6th to 8th July 2012. The Organizing Authority for the regatta is Circolo della Vela Talamone (GR) in association with the SCIRA and the Italian Sailing Federation (FIV). The English will be the official language and in case of conflict it shall prevail.

2. SCHEDULE

6th July 2012 Race(s);
7th July 2012 Race(s);
8th July 2012 Race(s);
8th July 2011 Prize Giving as soon as possible after the end of the last race.
Eight (8) races are scheduled, but not more than three races per day will be sailed. The Social Event Program will be available at registration.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in RRS; the ISAF Prescriptions 2009-2012 and the S.C.I.R.A Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas will apply. In case of conflict between NOR and the Sailing Instructions, S.I. shall prevail.

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

The ISAF Eligibility Code will apply. A competitor entered in the regatta must meet the Class Rules for membership of the Class Association and be its fully paid-up member. The regatta is open to S.C.I.R.A. registered boats and S.C.I.R.A. members. All competitors must have a valid license and health visa according to their M.N.A. requirements. N.o.R and Entry forms will be available soon.

5. FACILITIES:

All the Club Facilities will be at disposal for the competitors during all the period of the regatta.

6. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the best five (5) placed boats in the final results and to the first scored Junior Team.

7. INSURANCE

The sailors and/or boats shall carry a current and valid third Party insurance certificate, to cover damage to objects and persons for an amount of not less than € 1.000.000,00 as fixed by the MNA (FIV) regulations. That document is to be shown at the regatta Office.

8. SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Event Program will be available at registration, BUT we are organizing:
- The Piada & Bruschetta Dinner featuring typical cuisine – “Piadina Romagnola” and “Bruschetta Toscana”, with wine from Romagna and Tuscany.
- A Party at the yacht club, followed by “Piada Bingo” with various prizes.
- Prizegiving.
... and more ...

9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

No entry fee for all non-European participants.

10. CHARTER

There are a limited number of Snipe boats to charter available for foreign teams. The order of preference will be for the teams coming from other continents.

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If you ever need a regatta to remind you why you sail a Snipe, then attend the Piada Trophy. You won't be disappointed, no matter how well you sail!" K.T.

Talamone is a town in Tuscany, central Italy, in the Tuscan Maremma.

Talamone is easily reached from Via Aurelia, and is about 25 km from Grosseto and 10 km from Orbetello.

The village lies on a rocky promontory, which lies on the southern border of the Maremma nature reserve, in a dominant position along the whole stretch of coast arriving at Mount Argentario.

The surrounding area is characterized by the presence of vegetation typical of Mediterranean scrub and long sandy beaches, lined by pine trees.

An ancient and flourishing city already during the Etruscan period, which saw a decisive battle in 225 BC between Roman and the Celtic hordes who were heading for Rome. Talamone was then razed to the ground by Sulla for the support that its citizens gave to Gaius Marius in his attempt to march against Rome after the return from his African exile.

Even Talamone as Orbetello, passed through the late Middle Ages without leaving any trace and similarly passed from (among the others) the Aldobrandeschi and the Republic of Siena, until in 1559 the territory was ceded to Spain and became part of the State of Presidi.

The port town was also a stage during Admiral Horatio Nelson's expedition to Egypt in 1798. The city's name is also linked to Giuseppe Garibaldi and his Expedition of the Thousand in 1860. In his route towards Sicily, he made a stop there to stock up on water and weapons.



Rios & Teixidor take North Americans

The 2011 North American Championships took place off the coast of Mission Bay where the 2007 Worlds had been sailed in the Pacific Ocean. Thirty-eight teams representing seven different nations descended upon southern California for a great weekend of sailing in typically fall conditions - some light breeze and swell and the persistent kelp to keep things interesting.

Raul Rios and Marco Teixidor from Puerto Rico were hot! They rarely strayed out of the top 10 and were here to sharpen their tactics against the top guns who were all on their way to the Pan Am Games to be held in Mexico the next month. Raul and Marco meant business and scored all top 3 finishes except their discard. World champions Augie Diaz and Alexandre Tinoco both had some trouble with the youngsters speed and smarts.

Local sailors Doug Hart with junior crew Reece Bernet managed a third with consistent sailing while Chuck Sinks and Jessica Williams also managed to stay in the top 5 getting edged out of a few finish line calls at the last minute losing precious points. Competition is tough at the top!

The fleet was glad to see Canada, Ecuador, Mexico, Uruguay, Brazil and Puerto Rico mix it up with the larger American fleet.

Congratulations to Raul and Marco - repeat winners of the Birney Mills North American Trophy! The 2012 Championship will be held in Toronto, Canada - the venue for the next Pan Am Games!

Thanks to Fleet Captain Craig Storms for his organization and SCIRA Rep Jerome Fournier for putting literally putting his life on the line for the regatta.



North American - results

	Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	#Finishes	Total
1.	Raul Rios/Marco Teixidor	PUR 30338	3-3-2-(13)-2-1-2-2	15
2.	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA30288	(9)-1-3-1-5-7-4-1	22
3.	Doug Hart/Reece Bernet	USA29941	2-2-4-4-4-(5)-1-5	22
4.	Alexandre Tinoco/Gabriel Borges	BRA30703	6-4-(9)-5-1-2-3-6	27
5.	Chuck Sinks/Jessica Williams	USA28867	(18)-8-1-8-6-3-5-4	35
6.	Ernesto Rodriguez/megan Place	USA30473	1-5-5-7-(9_4-6-8	36
7.	David Tillson/Claire Riedman	USA30109	5-(19)-7-9-7-9-8-9	54
8.	Jeronimo Cervantes/Yon Belausteguigoitia	MEX30934	8-6-11-(dsq)-10-8-12-10	65
9.	Rick Arneson/Diana Waterbury	USA30800	4-10-(22)-2-15-13-7-15	66
10.	Gaston Vedani/Juan Jose Ferretti	ECU30761	13-7-9-12-3-14-20-(ocs)	78
11.	Peter Commette/Nikki Medley	USA30741	7-9-10-11-14-22-(30_13	86
12.	Gene Ratliffe/Matt Capetta	USA29439	11-16-17-6-19-10-9-(22)	88
13.	Mario Jesus/mathus Concalves	BRA30431	10-11-12-14-12-21-19-(dsq)	99
14.	Garth Reynolds/Christopher Williford	USA29222	32-15-(ocs)-18-17-6-10-3	101
15.	Bob Bowden/Gus Wirth	USA30113	28-17-18-3-8-11-16-(30	101
16.	Ken Redler/Alex Brown	USA29315	19-12-13-16-(20)-12-17-17	106
17.	Carol Cronin/KimCouranz	USA30860	15-14-20-21-18-15-15-23	118
18.	Steve Stewart/Sonia Smith	USA29108	16-27-27-19-13-(28)-13-7	122
19.	Packy Davis/Michelle Sumpton	USA30733	20-18-(28)-20-24-19-14-11	126
20.	Eric Reinke/Andrea Nilsen	USA30391	12-21-21-22-(28)-17-24-14-14	131
21.	John Fretwell/Brennen Clark	USA28679	(26)-23-19-15-11-26-22-18	134
22.	Eric Heim/Julie Calvert	USA30337	14-(26)-14-26-23-24-21-19	141
23.	Aine Fretwell/Jessie O'Dell	USA29248	23-22-6-24-16-23-(28)-28	142
24.	Lee Griffith/Wilson Stout	USA30904	17-13-16-(32)-27-18-29-26	146
25.	Tarasa Davis/Kim Calnan	USA29671	(31)-20-24-29-22-20-23-12	150
26.	Chris Wright/Kat Schultz	USA29013	(29)-29-29-17-26-16-18-16	151
27.	Andy Klein/Michelle Morphew	USA30089	22-30-24.9avg-(dnc)-21-25-11-25	158.9
28.	John Coolidge/Bruno Mello/J Lyons	USA30262	21-28-15-27-32-30-(34)-21	174
29.	Martin Dovat/Martin Dobal	URU29785	24-25-25-23-30-27-27-(31)	181
30.	Jerry Thompson/Mandi Smith	USA24702	25-24-23-30-(dnf)-dnc-25-27	193
31.	Michael Poltorak/Megan Lansdale	USA29250	30-33-(zpf)-25-25-33-31-29	206
32.	Alejandro Bugacov/Helena Bugacov	USA30439	33-32-(ocs)-31-31-34-26-20	207
33.	Akane Nakagaki/Nobu Nakagaki	USA28464	(dnc)-dnc-dnc-10-29-29-32-32	210
34.	Steve Lange/Tara Levy	USA29963	(36)-34-31-33-33-31-33-24	219
35.	Gweneth Crook/Francisco Perez	CAN25843	27-(dnc)-dnc-34-34-32-dnc-dnc	244
36.	Craig Storms/Ashley Hill	USA29356	34-31-26-(dnc)-dnc-dnc-dnc	254
37.	Mandy Sackett/Frank Reynolds	USA29151	35-(dnf)-ocs-28-35-dnc-dnc-dnc	254
38.	Peter Osetek/Kris Cerola	USA26735	37-(dnf)-dnc-dnc-dns-35-35-33	257



2012 Snipe Racing Calender

Rio International Sailing Week	January 6-8	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Semana del Mar	February 8-12	Mar del Plata, Argentina
Winter Circuit		
Midwinters	March 12-14	Clearwater, Florida
Don Q	March 16-18	Miami, Florida
Bacardi, Gamblin, Kelly	March 20-24	Nassau, Bahamas
Open Nacional Snipe III	March 22-25	Santiago de la Ribera, Spain
South Americans	April 1-8	Manta, Ecuador
Spanish Cup	April 28-May 1	Valencia, Spain
UK Santa Cruz Cup	April 28-May 1	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Palm D'or	May 5-6	Guelph Lake, Canada
Majsnipen	May 2-5	Goteborg, Sweden
Musto Cup	May 12-13	Oslo, Norway
76 th Southwesterns	May 26-27	Dallas, Texas, USA
Harboe Cup	May 26-28	Espergaerde, Denmark
South Europeans	June 1-3	Trentina, Italy
Shoreham Open	June 3-4	Shoreham, West Sussex, GBR
Linenburg Cup	June 7-9	Criciuma SC, Brazil
Bergen Cup	June 9-10	Bergen, Norway
Snipe Open	June 16-17	Pula, Croatia
*Stone Open	June 16-17	Stone, Essex, GBR
East Brazilians	June 29-July 1	Cabo Frio, Brazil
Helsinki Regatta	June 30-July 1	Helsinki, Finland
East European Cup	June 30-July 2	Gdansk, Poland
Nordics	July 5-7	Motala, Sweden
Piada Trophy+	July 6-8	Talamone, Tuscany, Italy
Kvarner Cup+	July 13-15	Omisalj, Croatia
European Championship	August 5-14	Cervia, Italy
VM-Snipen	September 1-2	Stavanger, Norway
South Brazilians	September 5-9	<i>Irai, Curitiba, Brazil TBC</i>
World Masters	September 11-16	Santiago de la Ribera, Spain
North Americans	September 14-16	Toronto, Canada
Women's Worlds	September 18-23	Malaga, Spain
VikingSnipen	September 29-30	Oslo, Norway
Baerum Hostcup	October 13-14	Oslo, Norway
Semana de Buenos Aires	October 13-14	YC Buenos Aires
North Brazilians	November 15-18	<i>Salvador, Brazil TBC</i>
Western Hemisphere & Orient	November 19-25	Olivos, Buenos Aires, Argentina

+Summer Circuit
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National Championships

Brazil	January 27-Feb 4	Natal
Colombia	February 25-26	Muña
France	March 31-April 1	Troyes
Croatian Masters	April 21-22	Galeb Kostrena YC
Uruguay	May 12-13, 19-20	Montevideo
Croatian	May 18-20	Orion Moscenicka Dragna
Germany	June 1-3	Lake Caldonazzo, Italy
US Junior	June 16-17	Miami, Florida
US Senior	June 18-22	Miami, Florida
Norway	June 28-30	Oslo
Canada	July 7-8	TBD
UK	August 18-20	Dale, Pembrokeshire, Wales
Finland	August 24-26	Tampere
Poland	August 24-26	Lake Kiekrz, Poznan
Belgium	August 25-26	Scharendijke, Netherlands
Poland Junior	August 27-28	Lake KiekrzPoznan
Norway Masters	August 24-26	Asgardstrand
Sweden	August 31-Sept. 2	Lerkil
US Masters	September 21-23	Mission Bay, California
Columbian Youth	September 29-30	Portillo
Argentina	October 5-8	Cordoba
Spain	October 7-17	Los Nietos, Murcia

2011 Dues Paid as of December 1, 2012

Country	Boats Paid	Members
Argentina	44	65
Bahamas	3	2
Belgium	36	53
Bermuda	0	1
Brazil	145	171
Canada	11	27
Chile	0	0
Colombia	10	16
Croatia	4	11
Cuba	5	10
Denmark	5	16
Ecuador	1	1
Finland	33	60
France	27	47
Germany	9	12
Italy	164	327
Japan	387	363
Mexico	1	4
Norway	59	78
Paraguay	0	0
Poland	33	29
Portugal	11	23
Puerto Rico	3	3
Russia	6	12
Spain	254	396
Sweden	39	41
US Virgin Islands	0	0
United Kingdom	16	38
United States	352	452
Uruguay	7	11
Total	1660	2261

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