

# IVAN PIMENTEL

## New Western Hemisphere Champion

*Brazilians place one-two in 15th WH Championship at Sao Paulo*

The 15th Western Hemisphere Championship held in Sao Paulo, Brazil October 19-27 was won by Brazilians. Ivan Pimentel and crew, Carlos Dohnert. Their finishes were a consistent 3-2-2-3-1-2 for a total of 17.7 points. Not many winners of this championship throw out a third place.

Second place was taken by Marco Aurelio Paradedda and Luiz Pejnovic, the defending champions, also from Brazil. They sailed well, finishing with 22.4 points, but could not overtake the eventual winners.

Third place went to Mark Reynolds and DeAnn Wright from the U. S. A. Like the winners, this was their first big international championship. With 27 points, they sailed well, and were in the lead after the first three races, but Pimentel's consistency was not to be denied.

Pimentel and Dohnert are natives of Rio de Janeiro, which entitles them to the appellation of "Carioca." Ivan is an

architect and has been sailing Snipes for seven years. He has also sailed in other classes but is now concentrating in the Snipe class. His efforts were rewarded this year with the Brazilian National Championship and now the Western Hemisphere Championship. Pimentel will be another name to watch from the highly competitive Brazilian sailors.

Racing was held on Lake Guarapiranga which was quite adequate in size. It is a water reservoir for Sao Paulo but was only at 40% of capacity because of the shortage of rainfall. It was possible for the minimum 5 mile course using the standard Olympic course, but race committee chairman opted for the longer 7 mile course and used a variation on the Olympic course. This was a triangle-windward-leeward-triangle-windward course and proved to be an acceptable substitute.

The wind conditions were reminiscent of Valle de Bravo, Mexico, the site of the Pan American Games in 1975. Since the

wind was usually light in the mornings no races were planned until the afternoons. As always, the wind did not cooperate and it was necessary to sail some morning races. The winds were moderate except for two fairly heavy wind races, but there were no drifters.

The race committee chairman was our new commodore, Flavio Caiuby who also acted as general chairman.

The first race started in winds of 8-10 which eventually built up to 15 by the end of the race. Pimentel was first at the first windward mark followed by Reynolds with Jeff Lenhart in third. On the third leg, Reynolds overtook Pimentel and by the second windward mark Lenhart was in second place. Lenhart picked up Reynolds before the third windward mark and held that position to the finish. Pimentel finished third and Paradedda fourth.

On Sunday, the second race was  
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*New Western Hemisphere Champion Ivan Pimentel, right, and Carlos Dohnert accept the John Hayward Trophy, presented by Gail Colyer, center. (Buzz Lamb photo)*





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Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Points	Finish
19549	Ivan Pementel/Carlos Dohnert	Brazil	3-2-2-3-1-2-2	17.7	1
12115	Marco Aurelio Paradedda/Luiz Pesnovic	Brazil	4-3-1-8-2-1-3	22.4	2
22815	Mark Reynolds/DeAnn Wright	U.S.	2-1-4-7-4-4-1	27	3
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Eric Krebs	U.S.	1-5-3-6-3-7-6	44.8	4
21450	Wilson Pereira/Hugo Castro	Argentina	4-11-8-1-9-3-7	57.7	5
22202	Eduardo Rawson/Pedro Sisti	Argentina	7-8-7-2-8-rt-5	67	6
21454	Pedro Garra/Cesar Brignone	Uruguay	8-7-9-4-6-5-11	71.7	7
23033	Paulo Santos/Dndre Frimm	Brazil	6-9-6-5-7-8-10	75.4	8
20219	Andres Lisocki/Beatriz de Lisocki	Colombia	12-10-5-10-10-6-4	77.7	9
21671	Carlos Murguia/Jorge Manganelli	Uruguay	10-4-13-9-5-9-9	79	10
21675	Luis Herman/Fernando Elgueta	Chile	9-6-11-13-16-12-8	94.7	11
18974	Lorenzo Depascale/Pricila Caiuby	Ecuador	11-13-12-12-15-10-12	106	12
20399	Alfredo Gonzalez/Santelices Tirado	Chile	14-ns-10-11-13-11-ns	112	13
22272	Carlos Gorostiaga/Luis Cordi	Paraguay	13-12-nf-15-11-13-13	113	14
22820	Manuel Atria/Carlos Palazon	Paraguay	15-nf-14-14-12-12-ns	1221	15
19106	Roberto Londono/Robert J. L.	Colombia	16-14-15-16-14-15-ns	126	16

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started in 10-12 knot winds which built to 18 shortly after the start. Mark Reynolds got a good start and led at the windward mark followed by Luis Herman of Chile, Lenhart, and Carlos Murguia of Uruguay. This race produced the only capsizes of the championship with boats planing on the offwind legs. By the second windward mark Reynolds was still in the lead but Pimentel had taken second place and Paradedda had passed Lenhart. The finish was Reynolds, Pimentel, Paradedda and Murguia.

On Monday, a morning start was scheduled. The diminishing wind died completely just after the start, and the race was cancelled 12 minutes afterwards.

The restarted race in the afternoon had light winds at the start, around 5-6 knots. A big shift gave the advantage to those on the port side of the course and at the first windward mark Eduardo Rawson from Argentina led with Paradedda in second, Pimentel in third, followed by Andres Lisocki of Colombia. On the remaining lap and windward leeward, Paradedda had taken Rawson and held his lead to the finish. Rawson lost his whisker pole on the second reaching leg and dropped to seventh retrieving it. Pimentel finished second followed by Lenhart and Reynolds.

The winds were light in the afternoon before the race could be started in 8-10 knots. This was probably the most exciting race of the championship as positions were changed on every leg of the course. With the wind more to the south, an island figured into the tactics and those going close to it invariably profited.

Paulo Santos from Brazil and sailing on his home waters, went very close to the island and rounded the windward mark in first place. Wilson Pereyra from Argentina was second along with Rawson. On the third leg, Pereyra held a rhumb line while the others went high. It seemed as if he had lost everything but when the high-flyers came down, Pereyra was in first. By the second windward mark with Santos and Rawson in second and third, Pedro Garra of Uruguay had passed Lenhart for the fourth position. By the third windward mark it was Pereyra, Rawson and Pimentel (having moved from ninth



Bebita, wife of Western Hemisphere Secretary Horacio Garcia Pastori, poses with second place winners Marco Aurelio Paradedda and Luiz Pesnovic. (Buzz Lamb photo)



Mark Reynolds and DeAnn Wright receive third place trophy from Ceda Caiuby. (Buzz Lamb photo)



at the first windward mark). This was the order of the finishes with Garra maintaining his fourth.

The next day the morning race was started in winds of 12-15. Since the morning winds were from the north, a reverse course was required. This is a rarity these days but there was no problem.

Here again the island affected the tactics and those that held a long starboard tack were rewarded. At the first windward mark Paradedada was first followed by Santos, Lisocki, Reynolds and Pimentel. On the reaching leg Pimentel went low and took over the lead. Lenhart went from sixth to second. Paradedada took Lenhart on the third leg, hit the downwind mark and rounded it without losing position.

These three boats held commanding leads and maintained their positions for the rest of the race. Lenhart held more to the middle on the final beat and it appeared he might take second but a last minute shift prevented it. Reynolds was fourth followed by Uruguians Murguia and Garra. Pedro Garra had made a tremendous comeback as he was over the line early at the start.

The sixth race was scheduled for Thursday morning but there was not a breath of air. Shortly after lunch Flavio kept dashing about in his outboard motor boat and at 1330 shouted "Agua." There still was no wind, not even the usual odor

as the wind clocked over the sewer plant. Obediently, the troops put their boats in the water and the wind came up, to 12-15 at race time.

The positions at the first windward mark were Paradedada, Reynolds, Rawson and Pimentel. At the second mark Reynolds, as he was rounding, swerved to avoid a photographer who was in the water with an underwater camera. Rawson could not anticipate this nor avoid Reynolds so had to retire. This incident also caused Reynolds to drop Pimentel. At the finish, Paradedada was leading followed by Pimentel, Reynolds and Garra.

On the final day of racing the winds were the strongest of the series and in the range of 18-20 knots. This was wind in advance of a cold front that had played havoc with the fleet on the Buenos Aires to Rio race. There was a lot of suspense since only 2 points separated Paradedada and Pimentel. If Paradedada put a couple of boats between himself and Pimentel he would win. By all odds this did not seem to be unreasonable since Pimentel had drawn the boat that was slower in the hands of other sailors.

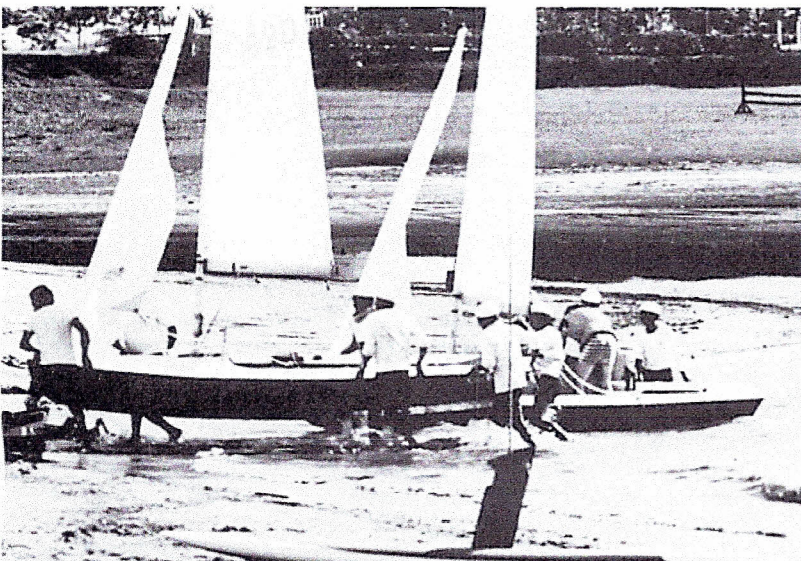
After a recalled start Pimentel was in control of Paradedada. This was another reverse course and all worked the island side of the course. Reynolds took the immediate lead. Paradedada did slip Pimentel's cover, but Pimentel came towards the starboard side of the course

near the windward mark, rounding first, capitalizing on a good shift. Reynolds, leading Paradedada had overstood, but rounded behind Pimentel. Lisocki almost caught Paradedada but not quite. Reynolds went high and dropped Paradedada and Lisocki. Reynolds got Lisocki back on the next reach.

On the second beat Pimentel covered Paradedada allowing Reynolds to go free, and round the windward mark in the lead. Pimentel was second followed by Lisocki and Paradedada. Downwind Lisocki went to the starboard side and lost both Paradedada and Lenhart who had worked his way from the back of the fleet. On the final beat Pimentel covered Paradedada like a glove and Reynolds won the race. Pimentel finished second, taking the championship, followed by Paradedada, Lisocki and Rawson and then Lenhart, who had taken a long starboard tack which did not pay.

The championship was very well run by Flavio Caiuby who was also the race committee chairman. All the boats were Carajas built in Sao Paulo and with a bit of tuning, seemed quite equal. Most of the masts were Bruder.

The host club, Clube de Campo de Sao Paulo was a large and interesting one. It covers many acres and has several departments — sailing, golf, tennis, swimming, and even stables for the horses. The social events were enjoyable and all participants had a good time.



Snipes are man-handled out of the lake by the official staff of the Clube de Campo. (Gail Colyer photo)



Western Hemisphere Secretary Horacio Garcia Pastori and Commodore Bruce Colyer discuss the Championship over Brazilian coffee cups. (Gail Colyer photo)