

2004 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships

Cabo Frio, Brazil

Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas Rule!

22 boats from 5 countries gathered at the satellite club of late Club Rio de Janeiro in Cabo Frio, Brazil. Competitors include the past 2 Snipe World Champions and top racers from the 5 countries—Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, United States and Japan.

Even though it's winter in Brazil, the temperatures are warm and the racing is perfect. Even a little rain didn't dampen the spirits of the top sailors at the end of the opening ceremonies and after arriving back at the club at the end of the day's racing!

This is the first SCIRA championship to be run under the latest rules passed by the SCIRA Board of Governors, which calls for more races in the schedule (7-11) and courses based on time rather than length.

After the cold front hit last night bringing cooler temperatures and some rain, the sailing venue held 8-10 knots out of the south. Normal direction is NE. The racecourse has big rolling waves from the Atlantic with chop and is enclosed in an enormous bay surrounded by beautiful white sand beaches.

The Race Committee began race one at noon, but the anxious sailors generated a general recall and then the Z flag, but after a clean 2nd start, the sailors were off on a W-L course in 10 knots. Pablo Defazio and Eduardo Medici of Uruguay banged 2 races off leading at the weather mark and never looking back until they crossed the finish line first in both races. Xandi Paradedas and cousin Eduardo Paradedas were close behind, but they were caught asleep in the 2nd final leg of race 2 where Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann passed them for 2nd. Shinichi and Michiko Uchida of Japan sailed 2 very good races with a 5-9 with speed pulling them through the course.

Race 3 was another general recall and then a Z flag. Defazio/Medici took the fleets stern to go to the right while the Paradedas went left. At the weather mark Federico Calabrese/Jorge Englehard of Argentina led followed by Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz of Brazil with Defazio/Medici in 4th and Paradedas in 5th. By the leeward mark, Defazio led with Paradedas close behind and Calabrese slipping to 3rd. World Champions Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers found their groove and slowly moved into 4th where the top 4 were close the next few legs to the finish.

The end of day 1 finds the Uruguayans in the lead followed by Paradedas and junior sailors Eduardo Chapchap and Pedro Tinoco of Brazil. Diaz/Rogers pulled to a tie for 4th with Federico Norman/Diego Rudoy of Argentina who now rounds out the top 5.

During the night, the cold front passed and the wind was back to normal direction, and strong! As the fleet prepared for the day, once on the race course they found the breeze to have died a bit down to 12 knots. The seas weren't as large as the previous day, but the chop was persistent. Today the current seemed to be running north-south, but at a minimal clip.

The first race found the fleet anxious and a recall with a Z flag ensued. After a clean start the fleet was off on an Olympic course and tended toward the usually left favored side. At the first mark



the Paradedas rounded first followed by Diaz/Rogers and Chapchap/Tinoco, Master Paulo Santos and Calabrese/Englehard. By the reach Chapchap almost overtook Paradedas with a few other place changes. By the 2nd weather mark, the fleet had settled into a Brazilian speed match race with Paradedas, Chapchap, Paulo Santos and Ricky Wanderley who occasionally let Diaz/Rogers and Calabrese play in the game. At the finish it was all Brazil in the top 4 as listed above.

Race 5 the breeze increased to 12-15 and shifted to the left. Another recall with Z flag and Olympic course was given. 5 minutes after the start, Wanderley/Zietemann and Chapchap/Tinoco had pulled out from the fleet. They rounded the weather mark 1-2 and the 2 slowly pulled away from the fleet for an unchallenged lead all the way to the finish. Behind them Paradedas, Diaz and Longarella

fought for top 5. On the 3rd leg the sailors found a tight pole reach which inverted a few masts. At least 3-4 masts were pulled after the fleet returned for a little straightening.

At the end of the day, there were 3 teams who tied for best racing for the day: Paradedas with 1-3; Wanderley/Zietemann with 3-1 and Chapchap/Tinoco with 2-2.

On the social side, the competitors took a water taxi over to the hotel where a party with dinner and Brazilian music played. After sailing each day, the sailors are greeted with fruit and drinks while they clean up the boats and rinse things off. Tomorrow's prediction is for more of the same of today - sun and wind!

One of the great things about the Snipe Class is the ability for everyone to sail. Of the 22 competitors, there are 6 boats with families on board: Shinichi & Michiko Uchida—husband/wife
Lee and Andrea Griffith – father/daughter
Peter & Morgan Commette – father/daughter

Eduardo & Julian Fumagallo – father/son
Dante & Breno Bianchi – brothers

Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas – cousins

What other class can boast this kind of sailing???

Today was an exciting day for race fans. The wind was light in the morning, not boding for an exciting day, but the competitors hit the water and created excitement of their own. The temperatures were a little cooler with slightly overcast skies, but with the light breeze, it looked like a great day for a sail!

Conditions for the first race were a repeat of the first day, but out of the normal NE.

WH & O Equipment

Skipper/Crew	Country/#	Hull	Sails	Mast
Calabrese/Engelhard	ARG29893	Persson	North	SW gold
Despotin/Arrambide	ARG29012	Persson	North	SW Sr
Norman/Rudoy	ARG28646	Lange	North	SW Sr
Fumagallos	ARG28699	Lange	North	SW Sr
Longarella/Lopez	ARG29797	Persson	North	SW Sr
Paradedas	BRA29821	Persson	Olimpic	SW gold
Wanderley/Zietemann	BRA29822	Persson	Olimpic	SW gold
ChapChap/Tinoco	BRA28632	Persson	North	SW gold
Santos/Queiroz	BRA29818	Diemer	North	SW Sr
Bianchis	BRA30022	Diemer	Quantum	SW Jr
Demaison/Claro	BRA29521	Diemer	Quantum	SW Sr
Ida/Yamasaki	JPN30185	Diemer	North	SW Sr
Morita/Fujita	JPN30084	Diemer	Quantum	Diemer
Matsuzaki/Ishizaki	JPN30216	Persson	Quantum	SW black
Uchidas	JPN29003	Diemer	North	SW Jr
Defazio/Medici	URU29251	Persson	North	SW Sr
Diaz/Rogers	USA30288	Persson	Quantum	SW Sr
Commettes	USA30089	Diemer	Quantum	SW gold
Szabo/Janney	USA29571	Persson	Quantum	SW Sr
Tilson/Fretwell	USA29112	Diemer	North	SW Sr



The breeze was about 8-10 with a flatter sea but still the ever-prevalent chop. The RC signaled a W-L course and the sailors were off. The Commette's were flagged for a violation at the start and immediately had to do a 720. The rest of the fleet banged left and at the top mark Wanderley/Zietemann and Chapchap/Tinoco lead. Shortly behind them were Paradedas, Calabrese/Engelhard and Defazio/Medici. At the bottom, Chapchap rounded first and a battle was on for the lead. At the finish it was Chapchap, Wanderley, Paradedas and Calabrese, protesting Chapchap for a weather mark confrontation. The jury will decide their fate. Unfortunately for the Fumagallos, the luff seam on their jib ripped and they were out for the race.

The 2nd race of the day looked like an increase in breeze as the sun poked out and temperatures warmed a bit. The RC signaled an Olympic course. After a clean start, the Japanese teams of Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki and Keiichi Sarasawa/Kazuhiro Ito pulled out in front of the fleet to lead the sailors at each mark. The fight for the other top 5 spots proved a constant switching of positions between Paradedas, Despontin/Arrambide, Wanderley/Zietemann and Defazio/Medici. Chapchap/Tinoco found themselves at the back of the fleet and had a hard time moving up giving them 2 bad races in the overall scores.

The fleet now has 1 throw-out and if they complete 9 races total, can figure 2 throw-outs.

Tomorrow is the lay day with plans to visit Rio, Buzios and the beautiful beaches here in Brazil!

The lay day found teams relaxing and being tourists in Rio de Janeiro (for the Japanese) and Buzios (for most everyone else). Fortunately for the sailing and unfortunately for the sightseeing, it was a rainy day. Although it's winter in Brazil, the normally crowded cities were virtually empty, so the various teams were able to wander about without the normal crowds.

Saturday, everyone arrived early at the club to a beautiful day; warm, sunny but with no wind. After a postponement, the RC signaled at 1:30 to head out to the course. Once on the course a sequence began,

but the wind dropped below knots and the AP went up. While everyone floated around, the wind died even more and at 3:30, the regatta was abandoned and the final standings are our results for the 2004 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships.

Observations:

The seas and chop gave the North American and Japanese teams trouble. Once the wind picked up, they seemed to be in the groove more, but the South American teams were still an edge up. Being able to shift gears made the South American teams more adaptable to the changing conditions. Pablo Defazio and Eduardo Medici had blazing speed in the light & lumpy conditions of the first day. The Uchidas of Japan, with a new Diemer, were able to move through the fleet the first day. Eduardo Chapchap (21) and super crew Pedro Tinoco (19) sailed "with the big boys" despite a DSQ. They have been moving up the ranks in many regattas and are a current and future force to watch out for! Ricky Wanderley/Richard Zietemann are dangerous in any condition and gave Xandi and Eduardo Paradedas a run for their money. It will be their regatta very soon... Xandi and Eduardo are perfectionists and sailed a great regatta – even excelling in the light air the first day.

The Diemer boats are now overtaking the Brazilian coasts! They are well built and nicely rigged. A new Diemer is approximately \$5,000USD fully rigged. Sidewinder masts were the weapon of choice and few mylar sails were seen. The equipment list is published here.

The late Clube do Rio de Janeiro ran an excellent regatta. Cabo Frio is a beautiful site for any regatta and the satellite club is very welcoming to sailors! The RC ran excellent races and the jury had a little work, but not too much!

Congratulations to the Western Hemisphere & Orient Champs Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas!



Photo: Eduardo ChapChap/Pedro Tinoco. Photo: J. Biehl

Skipper/Crew	Country/Sail	Finishes	Total
1. Alexandre/Eduardo Paradedas	BRA29821	2-3-1-1-3-3-(5)	12.5
2. Carlos Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	BRA29822	(15)-2-5-3-1-2-3	15.75
3. Pablo Defazio/Eduardo Medici	URU29251	1-1-2-(14)-14-5-6	28.5
4. Eduardo ChapChap/Pedro Tinoco	BRA28632	9-5-(dsq)-2-2-1-15	33.75
5. Ezequiel Despontin/Matias Arrambide	ARG29012	4-(18)-4-5-7-10-4	34
6. Augie Diaz/Jon Rogers	USA30288	8-6-3-7-4-(13)-7	35
7. Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki	JPN30185	13-10-10-9-5-(18)-1	47.75
8. Federico Norman/Diego Rudoy	ARG28646	7-4-6-8-12-(14)-11	48
9. Dante/Breno Bianchi	BRA30022	6-(16)-9-13-8-7-8	51
10. Federico Calabrese/Jorge Engelhard	ARG29893	(17)-8-13-6-6-4-14	51
11. Paulo Santos/Gustavo Queiroz	BRA29818	10-(17)-14-4-13-12-10	63
12. Keiichi Sarasawa/Kazuhiro Ito	JPN30085	11-13-7-(18)-dne-9-2	67
13. Hector Longarella/Javier Lopez	ARG29797	16-14-(17)-11-10-8-9	68
14. Eduardo/Julian Fumagallos	ARG28699	3-7-19-10-17-(dnf)-13	69
15. George Szabo/Brian Janney	USA29957	14-11-11-15-11-(16)-12	74
16. Yuzo Morita/Teruhiro Fujita	JPN30084	18-(21)-15-12-9-6-16	76
17. Shigeru Matsuzaki/Toru Ishizaki	JPN30216	12-15-16-16-15-(20)-19	93
18. Shinichi/Michiko Uchida	JPN29003	5-9-20-(21)-20-21-21	96
19. Victor Demaison/Daniel Claro	BRA29521	(22)-19-8-22-16-11-20	96
20. Peter/Morgan Commette	USA30089	(19)-12-18-19-18-15-18	100
21. Dave Tillson/John Fretwell	USA29112	(20)-20-12-17-19-17-17	102
22. Lee/Andrea Griffith	USA29204	21-(22)-21-20-21-19-22	124