

Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi Conquer 1/2 the Snipe World

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Punta del Este, Uruguay

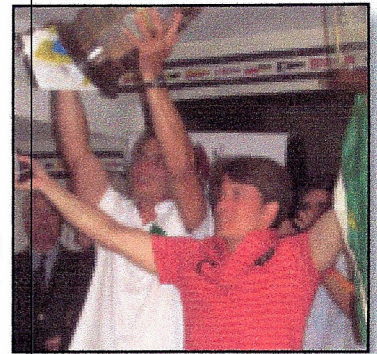
Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi arrived in Punta del Este ready to take on 1/2 the world and that they did. 49 teams from 9 countries sent their best to determine who would win the coveted title of Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient champions in Uruguay November 19-30.

Teams that arrived early to practice and even those just making the measurement days were treated to classic Punta del Este – strong winds from the east making practice short so as not to ruin equipment or sails. Luckily once Opening Ceremonies were concluded, the wind subsided enough to give the sailors some great racing on Maldonado Bay.

The RC team ran 2 races per day in mostly 15-18 knots with one day in the mid-20 knot range and the last race held in 5-8 knots, just to add a mix for everyone. Midway through the regatta two teams separated themselves from the rest: 2001 World Champion Xandi Paradedá with Gabriel Kieling crewing looked like the championship would be theirs; but never discount fellow Brazilians Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi who answered Paradedá's 2 wins with 2 wins of their own. Races 7 & 8 proved to be the winner's fortune as Paradedá/Kieling suffered their 2 worst races on Friday. Even though Bethlem/Bianchi had a nice lead, with 2 drop races at stake they had to race the final race to ensure the title. Unfortunately Paradedá/Kieling couldn't get out of traffic in the light air race and had to settle for 2nd.

The fight for the next tier had several Brazilians, 2007 WH&O champ Pablo Defazio and Americans Ernesto Rodriguez/Raul Rios and Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke all battling for a spot on the podium. Rodriguez/Rios wanted the spot badly and made some skilled comebacks through the fleet to earn them 3rd. Meanwhile age & treachery overcame youth with Diaz using some consistency to slip into 4th during race 9.

One competitor mentioned that although he'd competed in 2 Snipe World championships, he felt this particular regatta was one of the toughest he had competed in. No small feat given the depth of the WH&O sailors on the starting line. It's also no secret that sailors from the WH&O have dominated the Snipe World title since the mid-70's.




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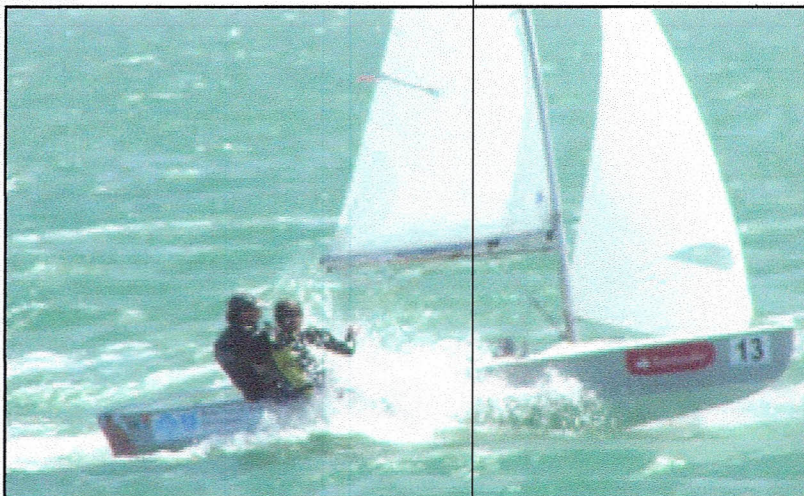




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This edition of the WH&O was the 2nd time that 1 junior and 1 women's team per country were included in country quotas. Almost all countries complied sending one each with Brazil winning the Women's division with Juliana Mota and Viviane de Oliveira taking the honors while host country Uruguayans Philippe and Oliver Umpierre won the junior division.

Host Yacht Club Punta del Este with former SCIRA Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori at the helm, welcomed the sailors, officials and guests with their customary hospitality that is hard to beat—great food, after racing hamburgers & beer and plenty of parties & dinners to socialize during the week. Everyone went home happy and satisfied but anxious to return to Punta del Este the next time the Snipe family is invited.

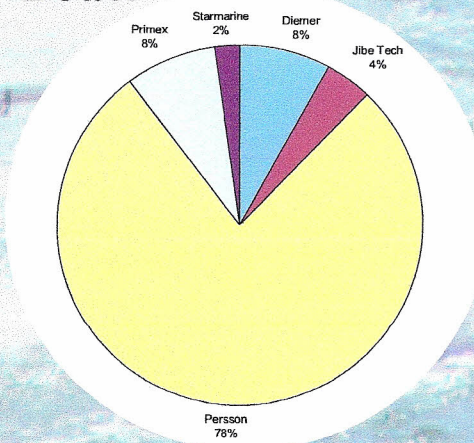


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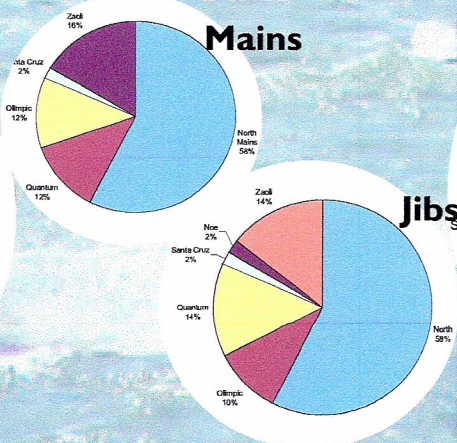
2008 WH&O Final Results

Skipper/Crew	Country	Finishes	Total
1. Bruno Bethlem/Dante Bianchi	BRA	2-1-5-(11)-3-4-1-1-(15)	17.25
2. Alexandre Paradedda/Gabriel Keeling	BRA	5-2-1-3-1-1-(12)-(13)-10	22.25
3. Ernesto Rodriguez/Raul Rios	USA	(13)-4-4-4-2-12-3-5-(18)	34
4. Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocke	USA	(16)-6-10-5-5-3-6-10-(16)	45
5. Pablo Defazio/Manfredo Finck	URU	10-5-6-7/rdg-13-(15)-2-2-(24)	45
6. Rafael Gagliotti/Henrique Wisniewski	BRA	4-14-(dsq)-8-11-8-(18)-6-4	55
7. Henrique Haddad/Thomas Low Beer	BRA	6-8-8-17-6-2-8-(raf)-26	55
8. C.Henrique Wanderley/Richard Zietemann	BRA	1-17-9-(20)-4-4-13-9-(zfp)	49
9. Diego Garcia/Martin Dovat	URU	8-11-14-2-10-(38)-9-12-(35)	66
10. Philipp Umpierre/Oliver Umpierre	URU	12-12-2-7-7-6-21-(dnf)-(22)	67
11. Javier Ocariz/Federico Lopez	ARG	9-(22)-3-10-8-22-16-7-(30)	75
12. Andrea/Alejandro Foglia	URU	18-7-7-1-(27)-9-15-27-(ocs)	83.75
13. Agustin Zabala/Marianao Arroyo	ARG	(34)-10-19-(dnf)-16-18-4-4-23	94
14. Ricardo FABINI/Maria Tato	URU	21-(23)-18-6-19-11-(23)-3-17	95
15. Hiroshi Takahashi/Takumi Kato	JPN	(37)-9-16-15-(25)-19-19-8-11	97
16. Pedro Garra/Diego Henon	URU	17-3-11-(dnf)-31-(37)-5-21-zfp	100
17. Peter/Sheehan Commette	USA	20-13-12-(dsq)-15-(33)-10-22-9	101
18. Yasushi Kondou/Ginga Kubota	JPN	3-18-22-21-(33)-(24)-17-19-3	103
19. Paulo Santos/Joao Hackerott	BRA	14-24-17-(dnf)-9-13-(40)-11-29	117
20. Koji Ida/Hiromu Yamasaki	JPN	26-(30)-26-13-26-14-(35)-14-1	119.75
21. Masakazu Sasai/Kazuhiro Ito	JPN	(32)-20-23-(25)-23-16-7-18-14	121
22. Tomas Hornos/Enrique Quintero	USA	22-(39)-15-30-18-7-14-17-(36)	123
23. Shingen Furuya/Keishi Suzuki	JPN	11-(33)-24-24-17-23-27-(34)-7	133
24. Federico Pierson/Igancio Sosa	ARG	23-(ocs)-(40)-32-12-10-25-26-8	136
25. Antonio Poncell/Felipe Aranda	CHI	(35)-16-20-12-28-32-20-rdg-(rdg)	152
26. Nick Voss/Tommy Fink	USA	25-(42)-25-14-20-20-11-39-(zfp)	154
27. Alexandre Tinoco/Matheus Goncalves	BRA	(dsq)-15-13-18-(36)-31-34-23-20	154
28. Santiago Silveira/Nicolas Shaban	URU	15-28-(410-26-14-25-(31)-16-31	155
29. Takeshi Yoshioka/Koji Saito	JPN	(31)-19-28-27-21-17-24-(33)-27	163
30. Stephen Dickinson/Matin Finegan	BER	7-25-33-16-(38)-28-(39)-28-32	169
31. Augusto Amato/Constanza Alvarez	ARG	24-32-29-23-(37)-27-(36)-31-5	171
32. Marcos Antognini/Eduardo Fumagalto	ARG	(36)-(36)-35-19-35-26-30-20-19	184
33. Kenji Abe/Hiroshi Yamachika	JPN	30-26-30-22-(32)-(34)-28-30-zfp	188
34. Roberto Fabini/Juan Martin Borda	URU	27-29-27-(dnf)-29-29-32-15-(ocs)	188
35. Motoharu Nishii/Tatsushi Hashimoto	JPN	29-27-(39)-31-29-30-(45)-38-6	200
36. Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth	USA	19-31-36-35-30-(42)-29-25-(39)	205
37. Nicolas Geico/Javier Matheu	ARG	(41)-35-21-(dnf)-24-35-37-24-zfp	211
38. Marcos Fuentes/Carolina Vergara	CHI	28-(43)-31-29-41-36-22-29-(dnf)	216
39. Lee Griffith/Andrea Nilsen	USA	33-21-38-(dnf)-34-(39)-26-32-33	217
40. Juliana Mota/Viviane de Oliveira	BRA	38-34-34-37-(zfp)-21-41-(dsq)-13	218
41. Jose Manuel Ugarte/Andres Ducasse	CHI	(ocs)-41-37-28-22-41-33-35-(dnf)	237
42. Lance Fraser/Catalina Sposato	BER	(46)-38-32-33-42-45-38-37-(ocs)	265
43. Ayako Yamaguchi/Motoko Ibaragi	JPN	39-44-44-(dnf)-40-44-43-(46)-21	275
44. Haley Lhamon/Christin Feldman	USA	(44)-(ocs)-42-34-44-40-42-44-37	283
45. Marissa Maurin/Maria Jose Poncell	CHI	42-37-rdg-rdg-42-(46)-(47)-43-41	284
46. Santiago Uscategui/Delio Delgado	COL	40-(46)-45-36-45-43-46-42-(ocs)	297
47. Tomas Middleton/Patricio Middleton	CHI	43-45-(dsq)-38-48-(49)-49-40-38	301
48. Colin May/Louise Johnsen-May	CAN	45-40-46-(cnd)-46-(48)-44-41-42	304
49. Stephan/Monica Irgens	USA	(47)-47-43-39-47-47-(48)-45-40	308

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