

Diminich and Santos Win Westerns

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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 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 Paradedá (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 and 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
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top 20 of 37

Rank	Helm	Crew	Nat	Club	BowNumber	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total	Nett	
1st	Edgar Diminich	Jaime Santos	ECU	SYC	07	31027	8	(30 RNF)	2	1	3	4	2	14	72	34	
2nd	Rafael Gagliotti	Henrique Wisniewski	BRA	ICS	35	31208	5	2	3	9	2	3	(12)	4	46	34	
3rd	Alexandre Paradedá	Gabriel Kieling	BRA	CDJ	26	31343	7	1	1	10	1	(11)	3	11	48	37	
4th	Felipe Sabino	Leonardo Lombardi	BRA	RYC/ICRJ	36	31225	3	10 ZFP	(14)	7	5	2	1	9	51	37	
5th	Luis Soubie	Diego Lipszyc	ARG	YCO/CNZ	10	28701	(20)	12 ZFP	1	5	6	9	1	1	59	39	
6th	Luiz Felipe Caneppa	Dante Bianchi	BRA	ICRJ	13	31111	16 ZFP	11	3	5	11	(24)	3	5	78	51	
7th	Raul Rios	Andre Guaragna	PUR	FVPR	08	29841	15 ZFP2	8	RDG	5	8	13	1	14	(17)	87	65
8th	Felipe Cunha	Mathaus Gonçalves	BRA	YCB	02	31166	(16)	13	7	6	7	15	13	6	83	67	
9th	Rafael Martins	Juliana Duque	BRA	YCB	01	31163	(17)	8	12	13	4	14 ZFP	9	12	87	70	
10th	Felipe Rondina	João Pedro Peiter	BRA	ICB-DF/ICRJ	05	30773	11 /FP	7	15	17	9	(18)	11	13	96	78	
11th	Luiz Paulo Gonçalves	Rafael Ribeiro	BRA	CC	20	31180	17 ZFP	(58 RNF)	11	2	14	5	10	20	117	79	
12th	Breno Bianchi	Flavio Castro	BRA	ICRJ	14	30887	(31 ZFP)	9	10	4	18	29	15	3	117	86	
13th	Tatsuya Takayama	Kentaro Kazaki	JPN	KUYC	25	31272	11	15	8	17	8	25	3	(27)	114	87	
14th	Jensen McTighe	Brendan Feeney	USA	LYC/SPYC	09	30027	7	10	9	(38 FNF)	58 FNF	10	8	16	130	92	
15th	Felipe Meira	Bruno Ferreira	BRA	ICB-DF	03	31320	(39 /FP)	9	13	29	10	6	18	9	131	93	
16th	Helio Lyra	Alexandre Muto	BRA	ICRJ	23	31113	(29 ZFP2)	17	22	18	20	12	7	2	129	99	
17th	Nicholas Grael	Douglas Gomm	BRA	ICRJ/RYC	30	31388	14	4	23	11	(26)	21 /FP	16	10	127	99	
18th	Francisco Vianna	Thiago Sangineto	BRA	ICRJ	12	30286	6	23	18	21	17	(27)	22	7	141	114	
19th	Ralph Rosa	Alfredo Rovere	BRA	YCB	24	31206	12	19	16	20	12	20	21	(23)	143	120	
20th	Shinichi Uchida	Ryo Wakinaga	JPN	YNU	19	31243	(36 ZFP2)	21	25	16	19	17	17	19	170	131	

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