

The 18th Junior World Championship held at Club de Campo de São Paulo was a success from start to finish. In the second year of a trail basis, SCIRA allowed the juniors to bring their own boats, and the organizers to provide equally matched boats for others. The level of boats was incredible with no difference or advantage to those who either brought or chartered the boats.

With rain dampening the regatta for the first 3 days, the juniors were forced to stay indoors until the wind arrived. The first days of racing found local sailors Edgardo Vieytes and crew Fernando Bocciarelli of São Paulo leading the fleet. At 14 years old, Bocciarelli was the youngest sailor on the water, and was juggling time between school work and sailing, studying for a test in the mornings of the first few days. Vieytes/Bocciarelli were also the 2nd lightest of all the teams at 115 kg., which helped the first few days in the lighter breeze. Close behind them were their fellow teammates, current Jr. World Champion André Fonseca and Roberto Paradedá (brother to 2nd place Sr. World sailor Alexandre) and Frederico and Felipe Vasconcelos who placed 5th in last year's Junior Worlds.

Missing a race the first day due to light breeze, the sailors had to use their layday for the make up. A nice breeze of 15 knots held for a long Olympic course. Here Champions Fonseca/Paradedá excelled, leading the fleet for his first of 4 consecutive first places. The race then began for 2nd and the chance to sail in the 1999 Sr. Worlds in Spain. Argentine sailors Andres Marcone and Nicolas Guile were close contenders the last few days and Sebastian Casadei and Carlos Gordillo also of Argentina, also sailed consistently, but not well enough to capture the first 2 spots.

Spanish sailors Antoni Cavaller Pons and Lluís Vila Salord were within striking distance as times, but a DSQ in the first race dropped them. US sailors Steve Hochart and John Warnock (John sailed to a 10th in last year's Championship but opted to crew this year) were also a threat, especially when the breeze picked up, but a broken hiking strap squelched their chances as well.

The last race brought sun and breeze. Fonseca/Paradedá had already sewn up the championship, but opted to sail anyway. Chilean sailors Gonzalez/Depolo nailed the leeward start perfectly and almost rounded the weather mark first but missed a final shift allowing Marcone/Guile of Argentina to

round first. Marcone/Guile retained their lead for 1/2 of the race until Fonseca/Paradedá, who rounded the weather mark 3rd, passed them on one of the downwind legs. Positions changed during the race with the wind dropping to 5 knots at times with puffs of 15 sometimes rolling through the course and everyone trying to improve their positions for the final standings.

The Vasconcellos brothers were able to slide up to 3rd in the last race to clinch 2nd overall and a chance to sail in the 1999 Sr. Worlds as well.

Facilities

Held at the Club de Campos São Paulo, all meals and the regatta were stationed here. The juniors were housed, dorm style, at the Santo Maro Yacht Club, a short bus ride down the lake front. The boats were housed in a huge garage, capable of holding 50 boats. All the juniors had to do was roll the boats inside - most left their sails up not having to de-rig, as the ceiling had room to spare with the masts up.



Photo: Fonseca/Paradedá and fellow Brazilian teammates donned "Team Brazil" shirts for the final days racing.

The social life was basically the camaraderie of the juniors during meals. A disco party was held the final night of racing, and the trophy presentation the following day.

Organizers, and workers Bertel and Ines Bojlesen, Celia and Fernando Garrafa, Fleet Captain Carlos Fanucci, Race Committee chairman and past SCIRA Commodore Flavio Caiuby, Mario Barilla and Bibi Juetz, among others, did a superb job with housing, meals and regatta management.

1997 Junior World Results

Skipper/Crew	Country	Finishes	Total
1. Andre Fonseca/Roberto Paradedá	BRA 26211	(4)-1-2-1-1-1-1	5.75
2. Frederico/Felipe De Vasconcellos	BRA 27665	(6)-3-3-4-2-2-3	17
3. Andres Marcone/Nicolas Guile	ARG 29345	5-5-(12)-2-4-3-2	21
4. Edgardo Vieytes/Fernando Bocciarelli	BRA 26920	1-2-1-8-3-(16)-10	24.5
5. Sebastian Casadei/Carlos Gordillo	ARG 28962	2-4-6-(7)-5-4-4	25
6. Steve Hochart/John Warnock	USA 29104	7-8-(10)-3-10-5-7	40
7. Pablo Defacio/Diego Stefani	URU 28024	3-6-4-(12)-9-12-5	40
8. Antoni Caveller/Lluís Vila	ESP 28996	(dsq)-11-5-5-6-7-9	43
9. Antonio Pons/Oscar Casasnovas	ESP 28914	(12)-6-8-9-11-6-12	52
10. Jorge Gonzalea/Tomas Depolo	CHI 28840	(18)-12-7-6-7-14-6	52
11. Diogo Talune/Joao Rezende	POR 27387	9-10-9-14-8-(20)-14	64
12. Dustin Kays/Christopher Stang	USA 25071	8-14-13-13-12-(19)-11	71
13. Diego Masironi/Emilio Turcatti	URU 29436	10-9-(16)-10-15-13-15	72
14. Viktor Larsen/Mattias Wahlgvist	NOR 28110	13-13-11-(18)-13-8-16	74
15. Otto Nielsen/Klaus Vang	DEN 29020	16-17-(18)-11-16-9-8	77
16. Ulrik Sandvig/Heidi Sandvig	NOR 27971	11-15-15-16-(20)-10-19	86
17. Valentin Ovarkin/Tatiana Lartseva	RUS 29106	14-(20)-14-17-14-11-20	90
18. Jacob Sorensen/Kasper Nielsen	DEN 26660	20-18-(dnf)-15-18-18-13	102
19. Francesco Farneti/Giacomo Basagni	ITA 28771	17-16-19-(20)-17-15-18	102
20. Alexei Jivotovsky/Ekaterina Skudina	RUS 29105	15-19-17-19-19-17-(21)	106
21. Dwayne Wallas/Matthew McCoy	BAH 28693	19-(21)-20-21-21-21-17	119