

Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and Graham Biehl

Win Jr. World Title

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Moscow, Russia

Twenty-seven teams arrived in Moscow representing fifteen countries from the Snipe World. The Jr. Worlds were created by 1976 Commodore Svend Rantil, whom many of us had just met at the Sr. Worlds in Sweden the week before. The Jr. Worlds idea came about not only to foster competition between the juniors, but also to expose them to different cultures. On paper, Russia seemed about as different as you could experience, but once on the water, the juniors all found they were basically the same!

East European Secretary Alexei Fomin and his Moscow Sailing School did a great job preparing for the regatta including ordering 24 brand new boats delivered right before the event. Alexei was also instrumental in encouraging 4 different East European countries to send junior teams; Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and newcomer Moldavia.

The first day of competition began with a 1-hour tow to one of three possible regatta sites. Once there, the sailors first start was a recall followed by dying breeze which forced the Race Committee into a 4 hour postponement. Finally the breeze began to build and the first race was off. Uruguayans Juan Sierra and Santiago Sanches rounded first and were able to keep their lead until local sailors Maxim Kuzmin/Alexander Shirokov passed them in the light and shifty breeze. Kuzmin/Shirokov went on to win the only race of the day.

Day 2 found the group being towed to a much closer venue; only 30 minutes away. Here the teams found a little more breeze to their liking. The day was overcast with squalls rolling across the reservoir bringing moments of big breeze and pockets of light, shifty areas not so easy to read. 2nd place finisher Adolfo Benavides and Federico Pierson of Argentina posted a 1-2-4 for the day moving them into first place overall. Americans Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and Graham Biehl reveled in the big puffs and were able to post a 5-1-2 moving them to 2nd overall. Russians Kuzmin/Shirokov had a difficult last race posting 2-5-10 as the day progressed. The Brazilian duos of Victor Demaison/Filipe Novello and Marcelo Bellotti/Eduardo Molina traded off good races through the day with Bellotti/Molina winning the final race.

The 3rd day of racing was once again light and spotty. Patience was the key word here as first the left then the right would pay depending on the oscillations. Those most patient were the winners with Americans Anderson-Mitterling/Biehl winning both races of the day.

Fellow Americans Adam/Melanie Roberts posted the 2nd best results of the day with a 3-2, trying to erase an OCS they received in the first race. On the tow in, Mikee & Graham said they were mentally exhausted from the days sailing, but started to do the math and quickly realized they had won the regatta, as their closest competition has both not had stellar races.



After a few protests were heard, the sailors were loaded on to busses and driven into central Moscow to view the Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral as well as numerous other spots in Moscow. Everyone returned exuberant that they had seen some of the treasures of Russia, but exhausted and ready to hit the sack for the final day of racing.

The final day was sunny and light. Anderson-Mitterling/Biehl opted to watch from the coaches boat as their fellow competitors duked it out on the race course in 6-8 knot winds.

Americans Adam/Melanie Roberts won the final race after chasing Belarussians Daniil Odintsov/Yiry Polzin around the course. Spaniards Rayco Tabares/Francisco DeLeon also passed the Belarussians to finish 2nd in the race.

The prizegiving included a Camel for the winners to ride, fireworks and a great disco party afterwards. In true junior fashion, the celebrating continued until the wee hours and new friends were made and lots of shirts were exchanged.

Thanks to SCIRA Russia for a momentous regatta for all competitors!

Results

1.	Mikee Anderson/Graham Biehl	USA	5-5-1-2-1-1-1-(dnc)	14.25
2.	Adolfo Benavides/Federico Pierson	ARG	3-1-2-4-(10)-10-4	23.75
3.	Maxim Kuzman/Alexander Shirokov	RUS	1-2-5-10-2-5-(12)	24.75
4.	Martin Petrini/Lelio DiSanto	ARG	2-(8)-6-6-4-4-6	28.0
5.	Adam/Melanie Roberts	USA	(ocs)-3-13-7-3-2-1	28.75
6.	Danil Odintsov/Yiry Polzin	BLR	4-6-(16)-8-6-8-3	34
7.	Rayco Tabares/Francisco de Leon	ESP	6-7-4-5-(16)-12-2	36
8.	Victor DeMaison/Filipe Novello	BRA	14-4-3-3-(30)-13-5	42
9.	Marselo Bellotti/Eduardo Molina	BRA	12-10-7-1-8-9-(dsq)	46.75
10.	Anna Kovrigina/Ekaterina Vetrova	RUS	11-9-10-(20)-5-7-7	48
11.	Juan Sierra/Santiago Sanches	URU	7-14-9-(16)-14-3-11	58
12.	Julia Geraseva/Victoria Ryabinkina	RUS	8-11-11-15-11-(22)-9	65
13.	Max Rohde/Jannick Schreiner	DEN	13-15-8-12-(18)-17-8	73
14.	Alberto Parron/David Garcia	ESP	10-12-15-(19)-19-15-10	81
15.	Natalia Ivanova/Ekaterina Grigorishina	RUS	9-18-22-(24)-12-6-15	81
16.	Christian Andersen/Rasmus Hansen	DEN	16-13-12-9-(21)-18-16	84
17.	Taro Nishioka/Shinya Morimoto	JPN	(21)-20-19-11-13-14-13	90
18.	Antonin Nouette/Guillaume Capit	FRA	(zfp)-22-14-14-7-21-14	92
19.	Luca Fazzini/Lorenzo Bonomi	ITA	17-20-(21)-17-9-16-21	99
20.	Derek Taylor/Anna Wiesner	CAN	(21)-17-20-18-17-11-19	101
21.	Benjamin Romain/Jeremie Bouridane	FRA	(23)-16-17-13-22-20-17	104
22.	Andrey Gusenko/Anton Volkov	UKR	16-22-18-21-15-(24)-18	109
23.	Andrea/Vittorio Zaoli	ITA	18-23-(25)-25-25-19-20	129
24.	Sho-Ta Nakada/Miki Yamauchi	JPN	19-(24)-24-22-24-23-22	133
25.	Stian Pedersen/Eskil Aune	NOR	22-(25)-23-23-23-25-23	138
26.	Alexander Denisuc/Serghei Pismennii	MDA	dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc-dnc	