

2019 National Secretaries Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Pietro Fantoni on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Commodore Pietro Fantoni - welcomed all NS and explained the process to exchange ideas.

Those in attendance were:

ARG-Diego Lipszyc
BRA-Paola Prada
CAN- Gweneth Crook
ESP-Martin Bermudez
PER-Diego Caceres Hughes
ITA-Dario Bruni
JPN- Kyoshi Tomimatsu
POL-Zbigniew Rakocy
GBR-Sue Roberts
URU- Pablo Amorim
USA-Art Rousmaniere
And Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl

Brazilian National Secretary Paola Prada welcomed the NS to Ilhabela and Brazil. Brazil has hosted 5 Worlds

Report from NS:

Italy: 273 members and 172 boats. The membership is aging and the Class is promoting charter boats to junior crews. ITA hired a professional photographer who helps promote the Class. Summer Circuit is promoted in the area. Adriatic Series is between Italy and Croatia. Bid for the South European in Torbole

Peru: Working to create a national sailing week to encourage more Snipes in Peru. Mixed teams-3 and 4 junior teams. The Pan Ams were held in Paracas this year and there is more interest in the Snipe.

Great Britain: 25 boats at the Nationals and include a games night to make it fun for the sailors and especially juniors. Many mixed teams. North/south split of membership. Have applied for a Snipe clinic and then have another clinic paid by GBR. European Masters, French Nationals, Belgian Nationals and Antwerp Cup. The Yves Le Bour Cup will begin again this year. The 3 countries try to support each other's nationals. Nationals will be 14-16 August in Plymouth, UK. Discussion of GBR hosting a major event.

Spain: Very strong with 236 boats and 480 members. Spain likes to organize many events and has a good measurement system.

Japan: There is a new Board and organized as an official organization. More functional and promotional. 460 members in 2018, 1060 now in 2019. 190 juniors, 260 seniors, 80 masters and 100 women. Mostly university sailing. Promotional events are more

about the rules with each University with a main person to coordinate. Japan has started team racing and it is popular. National Sports event are very popular and promoting to be considered a class. 470, Snipe and Laser are the most popular classes in the Universities.

Canada: small fleet in Ontario and we lost a champion in an ice boating accident. It's been difficult to promote. Interested in bidding for the 2021 North Americans.

Uruguay: The sailors reorganized and reformed a new fleet. URU will organize the SAs in 2020.

Argentina: There are seven fleets but with an economic crisis, its difficult to travel. We average 15 boats in our races. Many only want to race in their area rather than travel. We hope the economy will improve and our sailing will improve.

Poland: The situation is good with 40 members and 15% from last year (8 people). We organize the Polish Nationals on the Baltic Sea with other classes during the North Cup regattas. Other classes now coming to the Snipe. The success of our membership is the new registration system as the members feel a part of SCIRA. We organize meetings during regattas but also other times to promote the class. Polish Juniors are next weekend and there are not enough boats for those interested. No entry, free event. Organizing with the Polish Sailing Federation.

United States: Membership is down about 80 members from last year. We are focused on youth sailing and have also held 2 clinics this past year; one in the middle of the country and another in the NE. A new Board member will focus on the Under 30 crowd and we hope to recruit more of the younger sailors.

Brazil: 161 members, 109, seniors, 100 masters, 27 women. Sao Paolo has held a series of regattas: Copa Vela - to give options of races. Other classes also participate but the Snipe seemed to dominate as they were having more fun. A brunch is held on Sunday to present trophies from the previous week but also frees families to go back to their families after racing. Masters Circuits are held in the major cities of Brazil. Pan Am Masters will be held in Sept 2020.

European General Secretary: The past 2 years, Martin has traveled around Europe and realizes many commonalties. There are a large number of regattas. Attracting junior sailors are a continuous challenge. Women in the Snipe Class are very important. The Ladies Europeans was an excellent example of a well run event. Discussion of making measurement easier. Communication: more promotional videos, better website and look-up of database. Juniors: try to help cover costs of junior competitors. Mixed crews - POR is promoting a mixed event.

WH&O General Secretary: Gweneth recognized Raul Rios for all his efforts and work he has done as WH&O GS. The Pan Ams were good to have the Snipe and the Class had 10 boats competing in a mixed team. The Snipe needs to keep strong to keep the

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SA countries in the Snipe. It would be good to expand to the Caribbean and keep Mexico strong. The US will host the WH&O championship in 2020. The World Masters will be in St Petersburg, Florida; Women's Worlds in Brazil, SA in URU and NA in the US. Japan is focused on the 2021 Worlds.

2020 Women's Worlds: organized in Sao Paolo, Guarapiranga Lake. Proposing to offer Snipes to women in exchange for a boat in your country. Also proposing housing for women at the Club or in private homes.

Discussion:

Juniors: Under 30 and a junior nationals at the event in Annapolis. More discussion of Federations supporting juniors and discussion of junior participation in other classes.

Championship Bids to be confirmed:

2021 Worlds – Japan

2021 Junior Worlds - Portugal

2021 Snipe Women's Europeans:

Bid received from Belgium

Ask NS of Europe to organize: 2021 Snipe Women's European championship

2022 Europeans:

France interested: Lake Cazau

2022 WH&O: need bids

2021 European Cup: need bids

2020 Jr Europeans: Vigo

2020 South Americans:

Montevideo, URU

Peru interested in future SAs

2021 European Masters

South Europeans Cup

Torbole, ITA

The meeting was adjourned.