



## 第19回スナイプ級西半球選手権準備委員会

# Lange/Saubidet Capture Western Hemisphere Championship

Santiago Lange and Miguel Saubidet conquered another continent in winning the Western Hemisphere Championship at Enoshima, Japan, October 11-17. World Champions Lange and Saubidet, representing Argentina, held only a one point advantage over Marcello Viana Reitz and Saul Filho, representing Brazil, going into the final race, where the two teams finished third and fourth to take first and second overall for the championship.

Japan's Nobuhiro Utada and Noriaki Sugitani, who dropped a sixth place as their worst finish, took the third place trophy. Defending champions Juan MacCall and Sergio Ripoll, Argentina, were fourth, followed by Yoshihiro Chiba and Jun Suzuki, Japan, in fifth.

Enoshima Yacht Club, built for the 1964 Olympics, is located in a sheltered harbor on Sagami Bay, center of sailing activity on Japan's east coast. The Bay featured conflicting currents, interesting wave conditions, and winds sufficiently varied to challenge the hemisphere's best sailors.

Winds for the regatta ranged from very light through the extremely heavy going on the last two days, and although some races were cancelled, and others postponed, the entire seven race schedule was completed.

Eight nations were represented in the 16-boat fleet. Cuba and Korea, both scheduled to race, were unable to attend at the last minute.

The high quality all-new Okumura Snipes provided by the host country were all equal, and were assigned to, and sailed by, the same teams throughout the series. Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee Chuck Loomis and Japan's Hisako Katoh shared the measuring duties for the regatta. They ruled that the standard whisker poles provided with the boats would be used by all contestants.

### RACES:

**Race 1:** Tow lines were formed outside the harbor, and the winds were zilch when

boats arrived in the starting area at 10:00, the scheduled start time. The committee moved a little closer inshore, and set a long course as the wind filled from the north as predicted. The first start at 11:50 brought a general recall, and the fleet finally got

off the line at 12:00 in moderate northerly wind.

Leaders at the first mark were Chiba, Lange, and Viana Reitz, with Utada fourth and Adams fifth. Lange took the lead on the reach with Reitz in second by the jibe



Winners Miguel Saubidet and Santiago Lange applauded by Commodore Wayne Soares. Buzz Lamb photo.

### WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP — 1986

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places*	Points	Finish
10863	Santiago Lange/Miguel Saubidet	Argentina	1-5-dq-2-1-2-3	21.7	1
22495	Marcello Viana Reitz/Saul Filho	Brazil	2-2-4-9-2-1-4	25	2
26440	Nobuhiro Utada/Noriaki Sugitani	Japan	5-3-2-1-3-4-6	32.4	3
25995	Juan MacCall/Sergio Ripoll	Argentina	8-dq-5-3-4-3-1	43.4	4
26047	Yoshihiro Chiba/Jun Suzuki	Japan	9-1-1-5-7-13-8	52	5
21671	Julio Labandeira/Raul Revora	Argentina	4-4-8-8-6-7-2	57.7	6
26009	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	USA	6-7-3-4-8-5-5	58.4	7
13504	Paul Santos/Cassio Ashaver	Brazil	3-6-rt-7-5-10-10	72.4	8
25412	Art Rousmaniere/J. Rousmaniere	USA	7-8-6-10-9-6-7	78.4	9
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	Bahamas	10-13-7-13-13-9-9	97	10
24116	Doug Nugent/Howard Sutton	Canada	14-11-11-6-11-11-12	97.7	11
24805	Robert Dunkley/John Lawrence	Bahamas	13-9-10-12-10-8-rt	98	12
25864	Wayne Soares/Beverly Soares	Bermuda	12-10-9-15-12-12-11	102	13
26106	Chris Hains/Donald Hains	Canada	11-12-12-11-15-14-13	109	14
25846	Brett Wright/Tonya Marshall	Bermuda	15-14-13-14-16-rt-rt	124	15
16104	C.S. Reddy/K.N. Misra	India	16-15-14-16-14-15-rt	126	16

\*Races are scored in the order they were sailed.

mark. Adams was third, and Chiba fourth. On rounding, Adams split from the leaders. Lange and Viana Reitz held their positions on the leg while Adams dropped to sixth. The finish order was Lange, Viana Reitz, Paulo Santos, Julio Labandeira, Utada and Adams.

**Race 2:** The second race began at 3:00 with the legs shortened in order to insure a finish before the 5:10 sundown. Although the committee boat end was crowded by a large glob of boats, there were no recalls, and most of the fleet favored the left side of the course.

Reitz and the two Japanese boats led around the first mark, and held their lead to the end of the triangle which was completed in 42 minutes. Boats did not use their poles on either reach.

On the second beat the wind died, and as boats drifted aimlessly toward what had been the windward mark, the wind filled from behind. Suddenly poles went up and boats converged on the mark, and began a beat back toward what had been the downwind mark. The committee, equal to the challenge, placed a gate boat at that mark and dropped a new mark to accommodate the 180 degree wind shift.

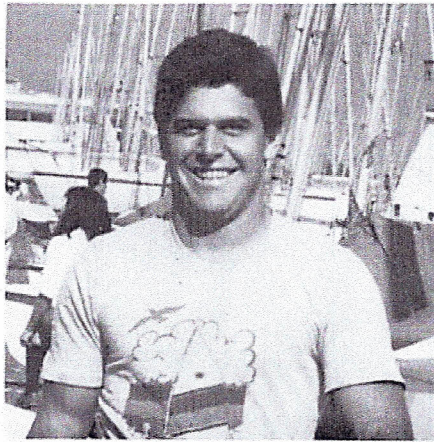
On the second half of the last beat the wind shifted to the left and lifted boats to the finish, as a light rain began to fall. At the finish Chiba, Reitz and Utada still maintained their leading positions in spite of all the wind shifts. Johnny MacCall was fourth, Julio fifth, and Lange sixth.

**Race 3:** Variable winds plagued the start of the third race, but after two postponements and one general recall, the fleet started at 10:35 in northeasterly winds of 10-12. Heavy current affected all the boats as the wind shifted and began to die by the end of the triangle, which took a little over an hour. The race was abandoned on the second beat for lack of wind. A restart was scheduled for 2:30.

On the second start most went right, but Lange and Chiba had bad starts and both took the left corner. Utada arrived first at the mark followed by Adams, Reitz and Chiba. Lange was in ninth place, and Labandeira rounded last. Santos dropped out of the race on the second reach. He had lost the plug and was slowly sinking.

Chiba went far right on the second beat, caught a shift, and moved from fifth place to first. Adams was second, and Utada third. Chiba held his first place, but Utada caught Adams at the finish. Lange, fighting Labandeira for eighth place took him past the finish line. After the tack to the finish Labandeira protested Lange for forcing him into the mark. Lange was disqualified at the hearing.

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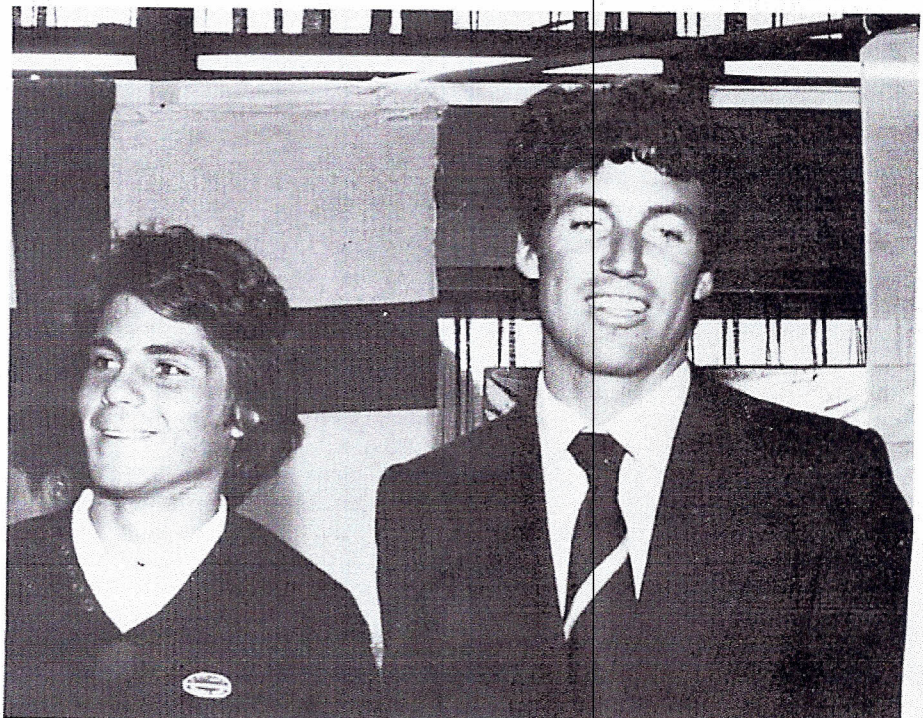
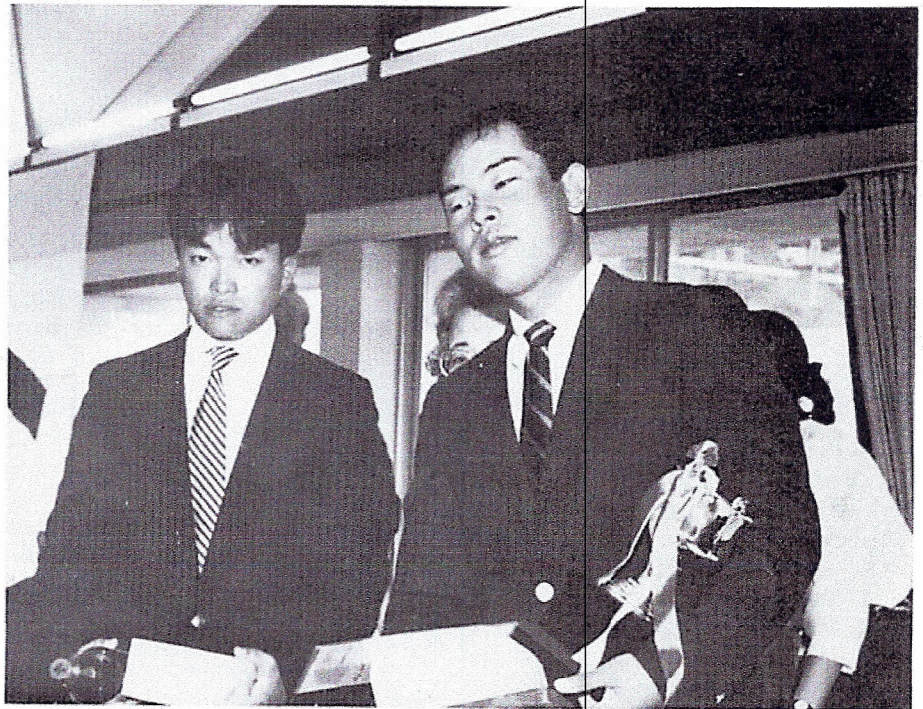


*All photos by Buzz Lamb*

*Second place winner Marcello Vianna Reitz.*

*Below: Noriaki Sugitani and Nobuhiro Utada were third in the Championship.*

*Bottom: Sergio Ripoll and Johnny MacCall, defending champions, finished fourth.*



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There was not enough time for a second race that day.

**Race 4:** Boats were again towed to the start and racing was postponed to wait for wind. After two hours of waiting and one false start and recall, the hoped-for sea-breeze filled in. Most of the fleet took the port tack. Chiba, Rousmaniere and Utada held on starboard. At the first mark Chiba led, followed by Rousmaniere and Utada. With poles up on the reaches, Lange gained third place. Rousmaniere lost out on the second reach and rounded eighth.

Chiba held the lead over Utada and Lange on the second beat, but lost it on the run. Utada rounded the leeward mark first and maintained it to the finish, with Lange second, MacCall third, Adams fourth, and Chiba fifth.

Although there was good wind, too much time would be required to reset the course before dark, and racing was over for the day.

**Race 5:** With a start ready to go at 10:10, a huge wind shift forced a postponement. After one general recall in the shift-y wind, the fleet got off to a good start. Lange led MacCall and Reitz around the first mark, followed by Santos and Utada. The wind shifted on the reaching leg, and poles came down as the leg turned into a very tight reach. The rounding order held to the end of the second reach where the "C" flag was up, signaling a new windward mark. As Lange covered MacCall on the left side of the course, Reitz went right and took the lead on the second beat. Lange held second and MacCall third.

On the last beat Lange stayed with Reitz, and the resulting tacking duel gave first place to Lange with Reitz second. Utada was third and MacCall fourth. Santos finished fifth.

**Race 6:** The race began in the heaviest wind of the series. The fleet split at the start with Reitz grinding Lange down on the left, and Utada covering MacCall on the right. They rounded in that order with Rousmaniere in fifth.

Some of the lighter crews came close to being overpowered in the heavy conditions, but only one failed to finish. No breakdowns of the borrowed equipment were reported.

Reitz, Lange, MacCall, and Utada maintained their places to the finish, with Adams finishing fifth and Rousmaniere dropping to sixth.

**Race 7:** With winds of 18 to 20, and only one point out of first place, Reitz positioned himself to control Lange off the start



*Jun Suzuki and Yoshihiro Chiba pose with their fifth place trophies. Buzz Lamb photo.*

if he could. Everyone else was secondary as Reitz and Lange matched each other tack for tack on the first beat. Labandeira rounded first followed by Rousmaniere, Reitz, Lange, and MacCall. On the reaches the order was maintained. On rounding Reitz tacked first, with Lange following. They held each other on the wrong side of the course, and MacCall rounded the weather mark first, followed by Labandeira, Adams, and then Lange, with Rousmaniere between himself and Reitz.

The wind had lessened considerably by the last run. On the last beat MacCall led to the finish, followed by Labandeira. Lange and Reitz waltzed to the finish, with Lange controlling the Brazilian to finish third and win the regatta. Adams finished fifth for the race.

**ROY YAMAGUCHI MEMORIAL RACE:** The Roy Yamaguchi Memorial race was conceived as both a warm-up for the competitors, and a fitting memorial to Roy Yamaguchi, who was instrumental in organizing Japan's first Snipe fleet in 1956. In the 30 years since, the Class has grown to more than 1,000 registered Snipes, which can be seen sailing all over Japan.

The committee set a long course in the brisk 12 knot wind, and Santiago Lange set the pace he was to maintain throughout the race, and into the championship. He and Ed Adams were overlapped at the first mark, with Lange on the inside. They went high toward a wrong mark (set for another race) on the reach, and while Lange maintained his position, Adams lost both Japanese boats. Although the wind light-

ened, the positions remained the same to the finish, with Lange first, Utada second, Chiba third, and Adams fourth. Commodore Wayne Soares, with Beverly crewing, made a dramatic comeback on the last beat to finish fifth.

Mrs. Roy Yamaguchi made the trophy presentations for this race.

**SOCIAL:** The social introduction to Japanese culture began as Mari Matsumoto introduced each of the contestants, and the national secretaries presented their flags for the opening ceremony at the yacht club on Sunday evening. There followed a gala cocktail party where everyone learned at least one Japanese word "Kanpai!" It means "bottoms-up".

Wednesday's Japanese Bar-B-Que served under a full moon, featured beef, mushrooms, and prawns big as lobsters, along with Hawaiian songs for entertainment. Since Thursday was a lay-day, "Kanpai!" was heard well into the night.

On Thursday a bus tour included a visit to the Great Buddha of Kamakura. The enormous Buddha is over seven hundred years old, is several stories tall, and has withstood a tidal wave which washed away the temple in which it was enclosed.

After a complimentary luncheon at the Kanto Auto works, the marvels of Japanese industrial efficiency were demonstrated in a tour of the completely automated plant. The 800 workers turn out a Toyota every 75 seconds!

Next there was a visit to the Tokyo TV station whose news cameras covered the championship.

The day was complete with a tour of the famous Happo-en Gardens and restaurant. A tour of the Bonsai, tea houses, and fish ponds in the garden was followed by a splendid buffet dinner in the restaurant.

Trophies were presented and flags were lowered ending the championship at the Yacht Club late Saturday afternoon. This wasn't the end of the festivities however. Back at Hotel Sylphide, home of the contestants during the regatta, there was a feast of grilled salmon, sing-along entertainment, and still more "Kanpai!"

The person who made it all work was Fujiya Matsumoto, National Secretary for Japan, who organized the housing, and the social program, as well as the racing. He depended not only on the excellent organization which smoothly runs one of SCIRA's largest Snipe countries, but also on the enthusiastic help of his family. Mrs. Matsumoto, Motoko, was the charming hostess for the social events and served as banker, office help, and travel agent during the day. Their daughter Mari was the indispensable interpreter, translator, and secretary for the championship.