

1994 Western Hemisphere Championships



Diego Garcia Terra and Harold Meerhoff between races



Marcelo Maia and Antonio Paes Leme from Brazil

shoppers in summer attire stared at a sea of blue blazers sipping drinks and munching hors d'ouvers.

All of the races were run on schedule and considering the amount of current and some of the wind shifts, the race committee did a masterful job in completing the regatta. Uruguayans have a saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes, it will change." Two days before the regatta it was too windy to sail, the practice race was called for lack of wind, and the breeze shut right off the day after the regatta.

Thoughts on this and that.

From an equipment point of view, there was nothing earth shaking. Everyone agreed that Parada and Martinez were a touch faster all the way around the course, sailed intelligently and deserved the Championship in a tough fleet. It is interesting to note that they sailed the Perrson/Lange that Santiago Lange won the World Championship in Brasil, but no one seemed to think that was much of an issue. The South Americans still favor the North Argentinian sails. The jibs are all Polyant with sewn leeches. Some people have tied off the traveler, depending on the vang, mast puller, and hiking to depower. Some of the boats have led almost all the controls to the crew, leaving the skipper with the mainsheet and jib halyard. Hardly any of the South American boats use barber haulers. Maybe simplification has already started! (At least for skippers....) The US team used chartered South American boats which can be a disadvantage when you lose the tune days on the water.

--Sean Biehl



Jr. World Champ Juan Calabrese

Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Total
1. Guillermo Parada/Gonzalo Martinez	Arg 7155	(8)-1-5-1-7-1-4	18.25
2. Antonio Paes Leme/Marcelo Maia	Bra 28489	7-(11)-4-4-1-6-3	24.75
3. Luis Calabrese/Federico Engelhard	Arg 28701	2-4avg-(12)-6-2-5-7	25.80
4. Ricardo/Roberto Fabini	Uru 28026	6-(16)-3-2-16-4-2	33.
5. Maeda Hiroshi/Takayuki Goto	Jpn 28548	11-4-(15)-5-4-13-1	37.75
6. Georg Nehm/Fernando Krahe	Bra 28653	3-9-1-9-12-16-(20)	49.75
7. Diego Garcia Terra/Harold Meerhoff	Uru 24639	13-12-8-7-(20)-9-5	54
8. Mauricio Santa Cruz/Ivo Wolff Neto	Bra 27390	10-(19)-11-8-6-8-13	56
9. Nelido Manzo/Octavio Lorenzo	Cub 28214	16-(22)-2-3-13-12-16	62
10. Jack Franco/Mike Sturman	USA 28702	9-14-21-(dnc)-10-2-11	67
11. Nico Gonzalez/Juan Esterovich	Uru 28024	17-(dsq)-14-14-3-11-9	68
12. Ricardo/Eduardo Paradede	Bra 26915	5-3-6-(dnf)-24-7-dnf	69
13. Walter Rezende/Manoel Viana	Bra 17474	12-18-10-15-11-(23)-6	72
14. Toshiyuki Shiga/Satory Mazuyama	Jpn 28591	14-6-(20)-18-8-19-8	73
15. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	USA 28094	(19)-13-7-10-15-14-15	74
16. Ignacio Gercar/Fernando Viana	Uru 27869	(24)-2-16-12-9-20-18	77
17. Hal Gilreath/Allan Carscaddon	USA 28655	21-10-13-11-(23)-10-14	79
18. John MacCall/Palmo Merayo	Arg 28644	4-8-17-19-5-(pms)-dnc	79
19. Juan Calabrese/Hugo Longarela	Arg 28697	1-17-24-13-22-3-(dsq)	79.75
20. Doug Clark/Alex Stout	USA 28050	18-5-(23)-21-14-18-12	88
21. Hugo Longarela/Martin Agnoletti	Arg 28698	15-(23)-18-17-19-15-10	94
22. Nobuhiko Kudara/Yasuo Sato	Jpn 28250	(26)-20-9-16-17-21-21	104
23. Tsunehisa Sekine/Gouta Ikeura	Jpn 28111	(25)-15-22-20-18-17-17	109
24. Fernando/Eduardo Thode	Uru 27378	20-7-19-22-(25)-22-19	109
25. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	USA 24702	22-21-(dnc)-dnc-21-24-dnc	140
26. Koichi Murao/Keiichi Hasegawa	Jpn 28502	23-24-25-dnf-(dnf)-25-dnf	145

Notables:

Many stellar Snipe sailors were in attendance at the Western Hemipsheres. Besides the Snipe legends (on the previous page) many of the competing sailors hold prestigious titles:

Ricardo Fabini, 1989 World Champion and 1990 Western Hemisphere Champion;
Harold Meerhoff, 1989 World Champion crew and 1990 Western Hemisphere Champion crew;
Marcelo Maia, 1987 World Champion crew with Torben Grael, 1983 SA Champion crew
with Ivan Pimental

Johnny MacCall, 1984 Western Hemisphere Champion and 1989 South American Champion;
Jack Franco, 1990 North American Champion
Georg Nehm, 1991 South American Champion;
Luis Calabrese, 1994 Jr. World Champion
Ignacio Gercar, 1992 Jr. South American Champion
Ricardo & Eduardo Paradede, 1994 Jr. and Sr. South American Champions