

# Snipe Bulletin®

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**The Count:** 56 numbers were issued since April. 2 to Brazil, 5 to USA, 5 to Italy, 8 to Japan, 24 to Spain and 10 to a builder.

**Numbered Snipes:** 29796

**Chartered Fleets:** 854

One new fleet was added:

854: Tonsberg, Norway

Correction to April issue:

852: Distrito Federal - Brazil

853: Salta - Argentina

## SCIRA's Bird and Crest now Registered

SCIRA was recently issued U.S. Trademark Registration No. 2,316,116 on the Principal Register of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for its SNIPE SILHOUTTE mark and No. 2,344,822 for its INTERNATIONAL SNIPE CLASS CREST mark. The ™ symbols that have previously identified these marks as the proprietary trademarks of the Class will now be replaced by the familiar ® symbol, indicating that these marks are now registered.

Cliff Browning, who is a patent and trademark lawyer in private practice in Indianapolis, Indiana, and who is now serving as the SCIRA U.S. District 3 Governor, filed the applications for these registrations for the Class in 1998, pro bono.

## Commodore's Column

"One Boat for All" and "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun." This really does describe our Snipe Family! I have been very encouraged this year going to regattas in North America and the offshore Islands. We have had visitors from Europe, South America and Japan. Everyone sailed hard and well, and when it was over the parties rocked!

Another item, which has helped, is the lending of boats to foreign competitors. Travel is very expensive and any help to defray costs helps our international friends. International Championships like the Worlds, Europeans, Westerns, Masters and Women's have to charter boats, but the costs should be kept as low as possible to encourage participation.

It has also been quite interesting to follow the web site; some interesting problems with equipment, boats, etc., and the willingness of Snipers to help each other solve their problems.

New features in SCIRA: we now have membership cards so that the office knows where all our members are. This will be a great help, as before, we only knew we had X number of boats in each country.

Consider helping our Class if you have the time by volunteering. Remember that you only get out what you put in and we are always open to new ideas. Consider going to multi-class regattas. This is a great way of showing off our boats and promoting the Class. Also, invite people to come and sail the boat—you never know, you may get a new Sniper! Skipper, encourage your crew to sail the boat and you can crew – it can be very enlightening and you can see how tough it can be at times in the front end. It will give you both a new insight on sailing our boat.

By the time you read this, I will be in Europe at the Europeans, Scandinavians, World Masters and the Women's Worlds. I hope to meet as many Snipers as I can. Come and say "Hi" and let's have Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!

**Snipes on the Web**  
**www.snipe.org**  
**for all the latest in the**  
**Snipe world!**

**Next Deadline: Sept. 1**



Commodore Id Crook, Canada

## CIRCULAR LETTER No. 2000-1

This is to verify that at the meeting of the Board of Directors of SCIRA, meeting in Santiago de la Ribera, Spain, it was voted unanimously to eliminate optional provisions of items 1 and 2 of the DND provisions currently listed on page 93 of the SCIRA Rule book.

The only DND provision currently in force under SCIRA rules is item 3, which is associated with on-the-water judging of kinetics infractions. Items 1 and 2 should no longer be used in Snipe regattas.

**Brainard Cooper, Jr., Chairman**  
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