

Augie Diaz & John Kehoe Top World Masters

62 teams from 13 countries attended the bi-annual World Masters event, which was a remarkable turnout considering the global economic uncertainty and fears of travel. Augie Diaz and crew John Kehoe won the US Masters and the World Masters, which were sailed concurrently at St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida. The sailing was very tight with 3 teams within 1/4 point of first going in the last day. This was the 4th major Snipe regatta win for Augie this year!

The first day of sailing found a gentle Southeast breeze and opposing tide. Kiyoshi Masuda and Hiroyuki Taniguchi of Japan had a great start near the committee boat, went right and led around all the marks to win race #1. Day two was a beautiful day for lying around on the beach, but frustrating for sailing.



After a morning delay, the sea breeze appeared to be coming in, so the fleet sailed out in a perfect 6-8 knots from the Northeast. The RC however, was sitting in an equally perfect 8 knots from the Southwest. Between the two breezes was a narrow No-wind section. After two hours of waiting, the breeze finally died altogether, and the fleet was towed in.

Day 3 found the typical summer weather (in fall!) with a good breeze of 10 knots and a current setting up more chop than wind. Left seemed like it would be the way to go to maximize the shoreline effect and current, however, the boats that made out were playing the shits and pressure to either side of the course. Diaz, Bibi Juetz and Jimmie Lowe were out in front early, but Colin & Karen Park, recovering from a bad start, moved up through the fleet quickly to take the lead. Sherry Welch with George Szabo as crew sailed brilliantly the last three legs to move from 40th to 8th. The wind then dwindled to less than 4 knots by the end of the race and many boats had a hard time running back to the committee boat against the current. The RC wisely chose to wait on shore for the sea breeze



to fill in, which it never did!

On the final day of racing the wind was light and from the south. The current however was going out with enough velocity to push the committee boat stern in the wind. After 2 current-induced general recalls, the fleet was off. The current was stronger against the fleet on the right but all of the pressure and shifts were coming from the right, so it paid to be over there. Past Commodore Jerry Thompson with crew Kimmie Isobe were one of the first to hit the right corner and won the last race of the series. Bibi Juetz was buried at the start but crawled back to 7th with an impressive display of raw boat speed. Augie was able to finish 8th, which gave him the overall win.

Another great regatta capped by a nice banquet and trophy presentation.

—Bill Welch

Results--top 5 in each division

Apprentice Masters (45-54)

1.	Augie Diaz/John Kehoe	USA	3-2-5-8	18
2.	Sherry Welch/George Szabo	USA	6-8-2-15	31
3.	Birger Jansen/Jeanette Shouten	NOR	10-10-4-21	45
4.	Steve Stewart/Don Bedford	USA	12-18-6-23	59
5.	Jerome Fournier/Julie Calvert	USA	8-23-30-4	65

Masters (55-64)

1.	Colin/Karen Park	USA	7-4-1-9	20.75
2.	Jerry Thompson/Kimmie Isobe	USA	5-13-18-1	36.75
3.	Terry Timm/Jerelyn Biehl	USA	13-7-3-45	68
4.	Alessandro/Enrico Solerio	ITA	23-9-26-10	68
5.	Ed Sherman/Diane Fowler	USA	26-21-27-2	76

Grand Master (65+)

1.	Bibi Juetz/Dante Bianchi	BRA	4-1-20-7	31.75
2.	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Martin Hermida	USA	24-26-11-5	66
3.	Sam Mollet/George Bothwell	USA	36-27-37-18	118
4.	Ken/Mary Ann Rix	USA	47-44-41-16	148
5.	Horacio Garcia Pastori/Mariana Foglia	URU	37-29-48-53	167

Overall--top 25 of 62

1.	Augie Diaz/John Kehoe	USA
2.	Colin/Karen Park	USA
3.	Sherry Welch/George Szabo	USA
4.	Bibi Juetz/Dante Bianchi	BRA
5.	Jerry Thompson/Kimmie Isobe	USA
6.	Birger Jansen/Jeanette Shouten	NOR
7.	Steve Stewart/Don Bedford	USA
8.	Jerome Fournier/Julie Calvert	USA
9.	Ove Lorentzen/Kim Hyttel	DEN
10.	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Martin Hermida	USA
11.	Terry Timm/Jerelyn Biehl	USA
12.	Alessandro/Enrico Solerio	ITA
13.	George Walker/Holly O'Hare	USA
14.	Harald/Emiko Walder	NOR
15.	Ed Sherman/Diane Fowler	USA
16.	Lee Griffith/Sara Griffith Adducci	USA
17.	Fred/Jan Rozelle	USA
18.	Nobuo Okumura/Naoyuki Iwase	JPN
19.	Tod Sackett/Karen Sackett-Rampe	USA
20.	John/Elizabeth Lally	USA
21.	Jose F. Garcia de Soto/Borja G. deSoto	ESP
22.	Kiyoshi Masuda/Hiroyuki Taniguchi	JPN
23.	Jan/Jane Persson	DEN
24.	Woody Norwood/Carlos Wybert	USA
25.	Halvor/Edel Poulsson	NOR