

# South American Championship

*(Editor's Note: The following portion of a letter was received from the 1991 Colombia District Secretary Andres Iriarte, but nothing further received at time of printing this book.)*

"Regarding the report of the South American Championship let me tell you a story about four friends called Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. It happened that Everybody knew that a report was to be sent, and thought that Somebody would do it; but Nobody did what Anybody could have done. No excuses. I am enclosing the results, both for the South American and the 1991 Nationals; and

we have requested to Santiago Uscategui, who won the South American to write a full report. Let me add however, that after an exhausting work to properly organize this championship, the only visiting country to show up was Ecuador, with an excellent delegation. We received a last minute cancellation from Chile and Brasil."

## XXXVII South American Championship

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Fin.	Pos.	Country	Boat #	Skipper/Crew	Races						Pts.
					1	2	3	4	5	6	
	1	Colombia	14155	S. Uscategui, J. Uscategui, M. Valenzuela	7	4	1	2	2	6	15
	2	Ecuador	14099	M. Plaza, M. Plaza, F. Delaconcha	3	3	2	3	7	11	18
	3	Colombia	12510	H. Higuera, M. Racaman, L. M. Gonzalez	1	2	10	7	5	5	20
	4	Ecuador	14150	P. Sola, P. Sola, R. Sola	9	6	5	10	1	2	23
	5	Colombia	11750	J. C. Uscategui, A.M. Uscategui, C. Montoya	5	7	4	4	3	12	23
	6	Colombia	13604	A. Lisocki, F. Lisocki, S. Bermudez	6	10	6	1	6	4	23
	7	Ecuador	13444	M. Martinez, E. Martinez, M. Leon	4	11	3	9	8	1	25
	8	Ecuador	11928	J. Santos, S. Romero, A. Tamayo	dsq	1	8	6	9	3	27
	9	Colombia	14135	P. Jacob, O. Fernandez, C. Contreras	2	9	9	8	12	7	35
	10	Colombia	14011	J. L. Gonzalez, H. Salcedo, S. Douat	8	12	11	5	4	10	38
	11	Colombia	12829	R. Salmang, R. Salmang, L. F. Giraldo	10	5	7	12	10	9	41
	12	Ecuador	14379	J. Meira, E. Meira, A. Mariscal	11	8	12	11	11	8	49



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# 39th European Championship

By Antonio & Fabio

The 39th European Championship was held in July 1991 at Passignano on the Lake of Trasimeno. This region is famous for food and we enjoyed it very much. The organization was very good, the "pasta" was cooked every day for the sailors. It was the most abundant thing we had as the wind, except the first race, was almost nonexistent.

Like every year the Finnish District was well represented, although because of the distance, Greece and the Swiss had only two boats.

The first race was the only regular race, the wind came from the south strongly. After a good start, we lead the race on the first leg until the last part of the third windward leg. In fact, the Greek boat, *Mr. Dimou* was coming up second in this leg, went to the right side, while Pellizzaro (last year's Champion) who was third went left. We lead Pellizzaro because in the first and second windward leg the wind was better on the left side, but this time the wind pulled our leg, so Dimou was first, we were second and Pellizzaro third. Unfortunately for Dimou, he had a premature start.

After the first race we finished sailing and we discovered the common passion for chess.

Because of the high pressure, we waited for the wind the rest of the regatta. We played at least fifty games of chess, finishing crazy and with no winners, while our skipper Mario lost playing darts against Alessandro, our sailing friend from Marsala.

Between the dart games and loving conversations with

Sonia, a wonderful girl, Mario spent some time with us trying to sail some races.

After the first one, we started over nine times but we finished only two races, only because they were shortened. After these three races we were first with two first places and one second. This was enough to win the regatta but not for the Championship because we had to sail at least four races,



*Very little action at the '91 European Championship.*

## 1991 European Championship

Fin. Pos.	Boat #	Country	Skipper & Crew	Races			Pts.
				1	2	3	
1	14361	Italy	Mario Noto, Rallo, Spano	1	1	2	4
2	13706	Italy	Stefano Reina, Ottoveggio, Tripoli	3	3	7	13
3	13481	Italy	Giuseppe Alagna, Alagna, Parrinello	7	10	3	20
4	14406	Finland	Pertti Pyy, Pyy, Pyy	9	6	9	24
5	14243	Italy	Gaetan Pellizzaro, Falcini, Cappucci	2	17	5	24
6	14271	Finland	Hannu Hurskainen, Hurskainen, Maata	16	5	6	27
7	14239	Italy	Riccardo Giondi, Giondi, Gavelli	11	4	13	28
8	13345	Italy	Giuseppe Valenti, Puletto, Sorrentino	4	12	12	28
9	12951	Switzerland	Jacques Perret, Perret, Ludovic	17	7	4	28
10	13346	Italy	Bruno Roccheggiani, Bozzi, Heckman	pms	2	1	31
11	13968	Greece	Nicolas Dimou, Dimou, Pelekanakis	pms	2	1	31
12	14316	Italy	Franco De Regis, Rossi, Angeli	8	9	17	34
13	13402	Italy	Peitro Marino, Fornich, Linares	5	16	20	41
14	14091	Finland	Terho Aromaa, Aromaa, Aromaa	14	14	15	43
15	14364	Finland	Samppa Salminen, Tulomaki, Kotimaki	10	24	11	45
16	13841	Italy	Paolo Alvazzi, Cespa, Alvazzi	15	13	61	47
17	13455	Italy	Segio Rustichelli, Alberti, Searpocchi	6	18	dsq	52
18	14245	Italy	Eugenio Branca, Magnanini, Sonnati	18	20	14	52
19	13401	Italy	Paolo Tartaglia, Basttisti, Sasseti	dns	15	10	52
20	14430	Finland	Hartti Nisonen, Ventu, Varheenmaa	13	19	23	55
21	14403	Finland	Aimo Hakiniemi, Jokiniemi, Jokiniemi	19	22	18	59
22	11244	Italy	Marco Caronna, Caronna, Vacirca	20	21	21	62
23	13878	Italy	Giuseppe Tramati, Paxia, Paxia	pms	8	dns	63
24	13577	Italy	Alessandro Messina, Zerilli, Tripoli	dnf	23	16	66
25	134262	Italy	Paolo Rosi, Tedesco, Tedesco	dns	25	22	74
26	13271	Italy	Carlo Musso, Musso, Campriani	dns	26	dns	80

# 1991 Canadian Open

By Jim Cameron

The 1991 Canadian Open Lightning Class Championship was held at the Boulevard Club in Toronto on June 22 and 23. The fleet totaled 32 with 6 former champions; Tom Allen, Sr., Richard Hallagan, Ross Bailey, Peter Hall, Jay Mann and David Starck and also future Canadian Open Champions such as Matt Fisher, Tom Allen, Jr., Jim Allen, J. F. Simard, et al. There were 5 races sailed in winds which ranged from 13-19 at 85° +/- 15°.

I sailed with my wife Janice for the first time since 1987 (she was out of commission due to baby making; one 3 year old boy and one 2 year old girl) and Charles Spence. We were able to jump out to an early lead in the regatta and hold off a fast closing Tom Allen, Jr. and an even faster closing Matt Fisher to win the Championship.

Race 1 was started with the Race Committee indicating a freed up course by flying the code flag F (this comes into play later). We had a mid-fleet start and rounded the weather mark third, right ahead of Richard Hallagan with the *Old Janitor* and crew leading the way. Reaches 1 and 2 must have been uneventful because I can't remember anything that happened. The second upwind leg we were able to nail a few shifts off the left side and rounded in second behind Dave Starck. With spinnakers up, we started to follow the lead boat on a course which was straight for the leeward mark (remember code flag F). We had a conversation with this lead boat on what type of course was to be sailed and it was apparent that neither of us knew. Looking back at the rest of the fleet it seemed everyone was on the same course, even Pete Sulman (correct me if I'm wrong Pete). Janice then says there's a mark over by the Club, next thing you know we are on a tight reach trying to make the jibe mark. We were able to round first and go on for the win with Peter Hall moving up to place second.

Race 2 was started in similar conditions to Race 1. We sailed the right side of the course since we couldn't get left. Everybody beats us over there, however, things worked out okay as we rounded third, behind Tom Allen with Jim leading Tom Jr. Our positions never changed on the reaches. On the second upwind leg we were able to get by Tom Allen Jr. (I think he might have gone too far left) we rounded second, with Jim still in the lead. Again there were no position changes down wind. On the final upwind leg, we were able to get by Jim by hanging a little further left. We ended up first with Jim second and Tom Allen, Jr. third.

Race 3 was started in similar conditions to Race 2, with flag O flying. We started at the pin end and were able to get to the left side of the course, nailed a few shifts, rounded first. However, Tom Allen, Jr. was able to set his chute quicker than us (excuse; we came in on port tack) and pass us. We followed Tom on the two reaches and the second upwind leg to round still in second spot.

This is probably the point in the regatta where Matt Fisher really turns it on and he was able to get by us on the run to be in second at the turn for home. Tom Allen, Jr. won the race with Matt Fisher second, us third and Peter Hall in fourth.

So after Saturday's racing, we were leading with 4.5 points (it's kind of neat seeing your name in first place). Peter Hall was second with 12, Tom Allen, Jr. was third with



*Jim Cameron (R) at Worlds in Annapolis.*

13, Matt Fisher was fourth with 15 and Dick Hallagan was fifth with 18 points.

Saturday night had the Toronto fleet going with the B.B.Q. with burgers for all. Also on Saturday night the Canadian Lightning Class had their annual meeting and the one thing I would like to mention about the meeting was the site decided on for the 1992 Canadian Open Championship, which is Thunder Bay, Ontario, my home town. I hope everyone can make it.

Having sailed in Humber Bay before, I was pessimistic that Sunday could be as good a day for sailing as Saturday was. Boy, was I surprised! Sunday morning started out with light airs and continued to build.

Race 4 was started in conditions similar to Race 3. We were again forced to go right, however, we were looking good for a while until a large lift came through which put us well above the lay line and allowed the inside boats to fetch the mark, we rounded about sixth and I think Matt was in the lead which he only increased. My buddy J.F. Simard was able to sail into a second with Tom Allen, Jr. third. We sailed our throw-out.

With one race left and the scoring calculations done, the regatta was between Matt Fisher, Tom Allen Jr. and us. Race five was started in conditions similar to Race four with the flag O flying. Again Matt Fisher was able to get to the left side of the course and lead the fleet at the weather mark. Tom Allen, Jr. rounded I believe fifth and we were ninth. We sailed high on the first reach and caught a couple to move into seventh. On the second upwind leg we were able to get past Tom Allen, Jr., Richard and Nabil into fourth which is the position we needed. Now it was a matter of holding off Tom Allen, Jr. and Richard with two legs to go. I think we increased our lead over Tom Allen, Jr. and Richard on the run as they were preoccupied with each other. With the upwind leg remaining, I was concerned (understatement) about covering two boats, however, Dick and Tom cooperated by not splitting off. Matt Fisher won the race with Dave Starck second, Tony Staples third and us fourth which clinched the regatta for us, Matt Fisher ended up second with Tom Allen, Jr. third.

I would like to thank the Toronto fleet for holding such a fine regatta. See you in Thunder Bay in 1992.

## 1991 Canadian Open Standings

Pos.	Boat #	Ctry.	Skipper/Crew	Races					Pts.
				1	2	3	4	5	
1	14507	CAN	Jim Cameron, Janice Cameron, Charles Spence	1	1	3	(6)	4	8½
2	14045	USA	Matt Fisher, Steve Callison, Sean Fidler	6	(7)	2	1	1	9½
3	14479	USA	Tom Allen, Jr., David Adams, Bill Pictor	(9)	3	1	3	5	11¾
4	14176	USA	David Starck, Tom Starck, Ned Roseberry	5	10	5	(dnf)	2	22
5	14255	USA	Dick Hallagan	3	5	10	(dsq)	6	24
6	14387	CAN	Peter Hall, Phil Kerrigan, Alan Boucher	2	6	4	(dnf)	15	27
7	14457	CAN	Jay Mann, Perry Owen, Jerom Fontana	4	9	7	7	(13)	27
8	14454	USA	Jim Allen	(18)	2	8	4	14	28
9	13927	CAN	Jean-F Simard, Der Robertson, Luc D'Aoust	11	4	(15)	2	11	28
10	11174	CAN	John Aitchison	8	12	(13)	8	7	35
11	14194	CAN	Marty Essig, Kirsty Agrell, Se Tigchelaar	7	15	(dnf)	12	3	37
12	14494	USA	John Swanson, Jenny Millar, Mike McGarry	(22)	13	6	11	8	38
13	14354	CAN	Tony Staples	12	8	(14)	9	9	38
14	6983	CAN	Bill Neal	10	11	(16)	14	10	45
15	14411	USA	Thomas Allen	13	16	9	10	(23)	48
16	14438	CAN	Tony McBride	16	14	17	13	(31)	60
17	14421	CAN	Nabil Tabet	15	(21)	18	20	12	65
18	14371	CAN	John Rogers	14	19	(24)	15	17	65
19	14398	CAN	Mark Osterman, Jane Laonde, Joe Leiter	17	(dnf)	12	18	19	66
20	13587	CAN	Ross Bailey	21	18	11	19	(24)	69
21	14174	CAN	Dave Sprague	(19)	17	19	17	18	71
22	14483	CAN	John Gorrie	25	23	(26)	16	16	80
23	13610	CAN	David Baird	(29)	20	20	22	22	84
24	11631	CAN	Brian Curtner	(26)	26	21	21	20	88
25	11486	CAN	Dave Wood, Graham Jones, Pete Johnson	20	22	22	(dns)	dns	97
26	11177	CAN	P. Sulman, Kather Sulman, Katie Inglis	(50)	25	28	23	26	102
27	14476	CAN	Paul Phillips	23	24	23	(dnf)	dns	103
28	13708	USA	Jim DeCesare	24	27	29	24	(dns)	104
29	10273	USA	Gordon Black	(32)	29	27	25	27	108
30	14291	USA	Jody Walker	28	(30)	30	26	25	109
31	11289	CAN	Ron Barr, Alison Jones, Ron Belisario	27	28	25	(dnf)	dns	113
32	13048	CAN	Norm Clegg, Jonathan Clegg, Porlier	31	31	(dnf)	dns	28	123

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