



SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2008



SPYC - São Paulo Yacht Club hosted the 2008 South American Championship from the 10th to the 14th of September on the Guarapiranga Lake.

After 4 days of boat and sail measurement, the opening regatta was won by George Rider after the first two boats that crossed the line, Cesar Hirsh and Cristobal Peres were confirmed OCS.

George went on to win 2 out of 3 races on the opening day and all three races of the second day. With Pedro Soares and Sidney Bloch his boat seemed to always have that extra bit of speed and race course knowledge that were key to his victory.

Mario Buckup won the other 2 races but ended forth, behind Tommy Sumner from Brazil and Juan Santos from Equador.

These two teams battled all the way to the final race, ending up with equal points in the Championship.



Juan Santos was racing with Mario Buckup's boat. Mario as Brazilian champion had the use of the Olympic Committee boat.

All of the boats available in Brazil were offered to the visitors at no charge, following a month of negotiations between the countries participating.

The new boat manufactured in Brazil by Craftec, was presented to the Lightning Class participants and to visitors at the event, receiving praise from all and generating interest by several new and ex Lightning sailors.

This new boat is part of the project to supply competitive boats to many countries in the 2011 Lightning Worlds to be held in Búzios-Rio de Janeiro.



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2008 Lightning South American Championship

Results are final as of 16:23 on September 13, 2008

Overall

Sailed:7, Discards:1, To count:6, Entries:14, Scoring system:Appendix A

Rank	Boat	Nat	SailNo	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Nett
1st	11	BRA	14893	George Rider	Sidney Bloch, Pedro Soares	São Paulo YC	1.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	(15.0 DNC)	25.0	10.0
2nd	9	BRA	15064	Thomas Sumner	Felipe Gil, Felipe Brito	São Paulo YC	2.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	(10.0)	4.0	31.0	21.0
3rd	6	ECU	14673	Juan Santos G.	Juan A. Santos, Sebastian Herrera	Salinas YC	4.0	2.0	5.0	(8.0)	2.0	3.0	5.0	29.0	21.0
4th	10	BRA	14378	Mario Backup	Telma Backup, Marc Backup	YC Itaipú	7.0	1.0	7.0	6.0	(8.0)	2.0	1.0	32.0	24.0
5th	14	COL	14704	Santiago Uzcategui	Jochen Raute, Sergio Delgado	Club Nautico Munã	5.0	(7.0)	3.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	33.0	26.0
6th	1	BRA	14596	João Hackerott	Maria Hackerott, Ricardo Costa	YC Paulista, YC Santo Amaro	3.0	(9.0)	9.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	37.0	28.0
7th	5	CHI	14749	Cristobal Perez	Edmundo Perez, Andres Perez		6.0	6.0	2.0	(9.0)	6.0	9.0	6.0	44.0	35.0
8th	7	BRA	15229	Ricardo Hackerott	Jorge Soares, Paulo Fonseca	YC Paulista	(13.0)	3.0	4.0	7.0	11.0	6.0	7.0	51.0	38.0
9th	13	BRA	15264	Cesar Hirsh	Christian Somers, James Birkinshaw	São Paulo YC	(11.0)	10.0	8.0	4.0	9.0	11.0	8.0	61.0	50.0
10th	3	BRA	45	Rafael Krausz	Alexandre Wissenbach, Marco Brancher	CC São Paulo	9.0	(14.0)	10.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	10.0	71.0	57.0
11th	2	COL	14802	Gustavo Tamayo	Javier Delgado, Alejandro Bacot	Club Nautico El Portillo	10.0	11.0	(13.0)	10.0	10.0	8.0	9.0	71.0	58.0
12th	0	ECU	14671	Juan R. Santos	Santiago Garcia, Oscar Viteri	Salinas YC	12.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	(15.0 DNF)	80.0	65.0
13th	4	BRA	15239	Marcelo Bellotti	André Ubinha, Eduardo Molina	CC Castelo	8.0	8.0	12.0	(15.0 RAF)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	88.0	73.0
14th	8	BRA	15152	Nelson Schmitt	John Bennett, Hans Ludwig	São Paulo YC	(14.0)	13.0	14.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	11.0	91.0	77.0

Scoring codes used

Code	Description	Points
DNC	Did not come to the starting area	15
DNF	Started but did not finish	15
RAF	Retired after finishing	15