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Gustavo del Castillo Palop and Rafael del Castillo Palop (ESP) are the new Snipe European Champions

Two sailor dinghy Snipe had its class' European Championship Regatta in Pori, Yyteri, in the West coast of Finland. 41 entries from 10 nations raced this week 10 races altogether in changing conditions.

Snipe European Championships took place at the same venue, at the scenic sandy beaches of Yyteri, last time back in 2006. The event was hosted by the oldest sporting and sailing club in Finland, **Segelföreningen i Björneborg – BSF r.f.**, in cooperation with **Snipe Class International Racing Association SCIRA**.

- We had very versatile weathers, but despite this 10 races were finished successfully, says Principal Race Officer **Ben Karlemo**. - SCIRA rules specify three different types of racing course. We used all of them in these changing conditions, which spiced up this regatta, he states.

The new Snipe European Champions, Spanish brothers Gustavo del Castillo Palop and Rafael del Castillo Palop ruled the regatta winning half of the races. Spain, the biggest Snipe nation in Europe, covered top five positions.

Sailors enjoyed sailing in the waters of Pori, Yyteri.

- Water here is less salty than what we are used to, and this makes the boat float deeper. This makes the sailing a bit different here, says **Alexandre Tinoco** (BRA), winner of the Snipe Worlds 2011. He and his skipper **Juan Cajade** (ESP) sailed 5th in these European Championships.

Snipe is one of the most popular two sailor dinghy around Europe and the world. In Finland, the history of Snipe class goes back 71 years.

- Last time Europeans were here in 2006, it was a fantastic event, so we had high standards. And this time you have met and exceeded them, states executive director of SCIRA Jerelyn Biehl.

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