

PENGUIN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTAS OF 1967

Hosted by the Alamitos Bay Penguin Fleet and sailed at the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, California.

JUNIORS—July 17 & 18, 1967

Cristiano Pontes of Brasilia successfully defended his 1966 International Junior Class Championship title against a field of four other contenders. Pontes with his crew, José Paradedá, compiled finishes of 2, 1, 2, 1, 3, outdistancing second place Claus Biekarack from Guarapiranga, Brazil, with Brad Ellerman as crew, with finishes of 4, 2, 1, 3, 1. Ed Kimball, III, of Alamitos Bay led the first race from start to finish and placed third in the series.

The races were all sailed on bright sunny days with wind velocities of 5 to 7 miles per hour, with a calm sea, except for the last race. The fifth race was sailed in a wind of 15 knots and a good deal of chop was encountered. Life jackets were required. Just prior to the start, Kenny Weiss, with Margaret Klein as crew, capsized. Kenny indicated that he wanted to right the boat, bail it out and continue the race if possible. General Chairman Steve Mulhollen stood by in the picket boat as Kenny and Margaret bailed the boat out. When the boat was almost dry, Kenny slipped and fell overboard, capsizing the boat again and they were unable to bail it out. A power boat arrived upon the scene and towed the boat to shore causing minor damage to the hull.

On the leeward leg, Jack Klein, with Carol Holmes as crew (sailing the boat Jensen was going to sail in the Seniors), capsized within sight of the finish line. Steve, not wishing to see any further damage to the boats, went into the water, as did Phil King from the committee boat, and they unrigged the boat and bailed it out sufficiently to be pulled in safely.

SENIORS—July 19, 20 & 21, 1967

The races were held in 7 to 10 knot winds, except for the second race which blew up to about 15 knots. The 15-knot breeze caused one broken mast, that of Sven Breuer.

Bob Smith, with his wife Beverly as crew, sailing as an independent, captured the 1967 Penguin Class International Senior Division Sailing Championships off Alamitos Bay in July by technical decision after a three-day seesaw battle with Sandy Rapp of Racine, Wisconsin, that saw the two skippers out front all the way in a field of 13 contenders.

Smith and Rapp finished the five-race series hosted by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in a tie on points, with each sporting a score of 60.8, but Smith was given the title because he had beaten Rapp in three out of the five races. Smith and Rapp had identical series placing of two firsts, one second, one third, and one fourth.

Alamitos Bay's Bill Jensen and Doc Thomas wrapped up the series in third and fourth positions, respectively, while Argentine Champion Hector Serena of Buenos Aires was sixth, ahead of seventh place Luis Ballarin, current South American Champion from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Cristiano Pontes, 18-year-old Brazilian champion, who successfully defended his International Junior Class Penguin Championship title the

preceding Monday and Tuesday, finished the senior competition in eighth place.

The first race saw Smith lead all the way with Rapp taking second place. In the second race, Smith fell to fourth, with Rapp winning handily. The third race saw Doc Thomas jump into a commanding lead only to get into a luffing match with Bob Smith, both of them then being passed by Bill Jensen, who won the race, with Smith second and Thomas third. The fourth race saw Tommy Thomas again first at the weather mark, dropping to second at the leeward mark, and finally finishing fourth, behind Smith, Flaherty and Rapp. The fifth race saw Tommy Thomas first again at the weather mark, followed by Rapp, Jensen and Smith. At the leeward mark Rapp had taken over the lead, followed by Smith, Jensen and Thomas, and at the finish line Thomas poured on the coal, coming up to take second behind Rapp, with Smith third and Jensen fourth.

The protest committee suffered from boredom for the entire week, as not one protest was filed for either the junior or senior series.

Relaxation was provided during the series with a dinner and the annual meeting held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club's new facility on Tuesday night; a cocktail party at the Mulhollen's on Wednesday night; and the Trophy Dinner, at the clubhouse, on Friday night.

1967 - International Jr. Penguin Championship

1st PLACE and 2nd PLACE

1967 - Brazilian Penguin Championship

1st PLACE

1967 - South American Penguin Championship

1st PLACE

Sails by—

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Final Position	Fleet	Boat No.	Skipper	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total Points
1	Ind.	4671	Robert P. Smith, Jr.	1	4	2	1	3	60.8
2	45	6950	Sandy Rapp	2	1	4	3	1	60.8
3	25	4002	William S. Jensen	3	7	1	6	4	49.8
4	25	3296	S. B. Thomas	4	8	3	4	2	49.4
5	80	5300	Frank Flaherty	6	3	8	2	9	42.4
6	150	6608	Hector Serena	5	5	10	7	5	38.0
7	91	8430	Luis Ballarin	7	6	7	5	7	38.0
8	175	8184	Cristiano Pontes	9	2	9	8	6	36.3
9	114	6644	Robert Bingham	8	10	5	10	10	27.0
10	49	6981	Don Asher	10	DNF	6	9	8	23.0
11	25	3995	Charles Weishampel	11	9	12	11	12	15.0
12	74	8172	Jack Wolfe	12	11	13	12	13	9.0
13	74	5674	Sven Breuer	13	DNF	11	13	11	8.0

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Final Position	Fleet	Boat No.	Skipper	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total Points
1	175	8184	Cristiano Pontes	2	1	2	1	3	23.1
2	91	8430	Claudio Biekarck	4	2	1	3	1	20.8
3	35	3995	Ed Kimball III	1	4	3	2	2	19.4
4	25	4002	Jack Klein	3	3	5	4	DNF	9.2
5	25	7874	Ken Weiss	5	5	4	5	DNF	5.0



Centerport Fleet

Illiana Fleet on Wolf Lake



Cape Canaveral Fleet

Linstead Frostbite Participants



Getting together on the "run line" to the windward mark

