

MANCA 2018

VILAMOURA SNIPE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - June 26

What a treat for as we returned from the tranquility of Culatra Lagoon, we happened upon the Snipe World Championships just off the entrance to Marina Vilamoura. There were 78 yachts and one of them we knew. Antonio Viegas of *Fofovelas Sail Makers Lagos*, representing Portugal, was our sailmaker for Manca's new bimini. Later it was fun to chat with Antonio about the regatta. He sailed in The Grand Masters Category.



Figure 1 Snipe yachts prepare for racing at Vilamoura

Figure 2 Pile-up at the gate in strong breeze



Figure 3 The most skilled quickly stretch out their lead. Same boats now a mile apart

Figure 4 Not much room at the downwind turn





Figure 5 the two behind struggle to nail the leader

Figure 6 Brazil, Portugal, Sweden, Japan return home



Figure 7 The four-day regatta enjoyed great sailing breeze and sunshine. Here the fleet enjoys a westerly wind blowing from the ancient: End of the World

Figure 8 Stiff competition on the second leg.



Figure 9 A stunning setting with the amazing beach and colored cliffs of Vilamoura

Figure 10 Day Four as the Snipes head out for the last day.



I was able to Google the results to find that Spain had a stunning victory with 5 wins out of 7 races. Very impressive. Well done Spain. Thank Vilamoura Marina for hosting a great regatta including the Grand Masters for the 70+ Category.

Sneak preview:

Next blog is the amazing GC32. They can do over 35 K



Figure 11 Look at the smoking wake as Argentina and Swiss pass on opposite tacks!

Sail safe my hearties enjoy the sea a much as me and you will be a very happy, lucky fellow. Manca continues to sail well and fast.

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