



Newsletter May 2025

Dear members,

We had a great month of April. Our dear **Galgenweel lake** opened again on the 12th. Some of you were there to enjoy that beautiful sunny and windy day.

Then we had the **Spanish Championship in Melilla** 18-20/4, **BELGIANSNIPES** where Manu & Alex outperformed everyone and managed to win the championship! I was so proud, and still am. We know how high the level of the Spanish class is, and to see Manu & Alex sail the way they did, was just fantastic.

On the 26th and 27th of April we sailed the **Spring Cup in Scharendijke**, our first qualifier for the Worlds in Mahon, Spain in 2026.

Honestly, I was surprised to only see 11 boats at the start. I understand that the logistics part can be a challenge for some, but it shouldn't be. A lot of more experienced snipe sailors live around the Galgenweel lake and can help you pack your boat. Please reach out for help, or at least tell me what stops you from participating, so I can make sure we find a solution. Because there's always a solution.



Anyways: we had a BLAST! We sailed 4 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. The racing was VERY tight! Every inch counted, every little mistake was punished: you could win or loose 2 boats in 2 seconds. It was so much fun. I'd like to thank Floriane for coming all the way from France to join us, and I'd like to congratulate the Vandormael brothers with their victory.

Sun, wind, close racing and a very nice atmosphere on shore: that's what Snipe sailing is all about. And that's what we'd like to share with future class members. We actually managed to get some cadets in the Snipe and talked to their parents about Snipe being a great next step. So if you ever need a crew or skipper, please think of asking a cadet sailor! I'll get you in touch with them.

Now let's see what May brings us...

- **Campeonato Feminina de Espana 1-4/5 @ Valencia:** 2 Belgian teams will be competing: Helena & Roos and Karlien & Sarah. Let's go girls!
- **Midweek 7/5:** Yes, it's already the start of the Midweeks! You know the drill: every Wednesday, one start at 7:30 pm and a cosy evening after.
- **Copper Cup 10-/5 @ Ostend:** our 2nd qualifier for the 2026 Worlds. Event captain Herman Vandormael worked hard to make this a great event for us!
- **Anthony Cup 17/5 @ Galgenweel:** please join this race that is being organized by Anthony's friends, in honor of him passing away way too soon in his battle against cancer. I was asked by the Cadet Class if we could join. It's a race for Cadets, Finns and Snipes and I'd like to see our class well-represented. All information & entry to be found on www.anthonycup.be.



Some things we are working on...

I am well aware there's a lot of work to do for our Class: re-activating some of the members we haven't seen in a while, organize youth-specific events, make a list of boats we could lend out to 'Belgian Snipes guests', make uniforms, ... I'd just like you to know this is work in progress. And your help is more than welcome. We all have ideas, but it's the execution of them that counts 😊

See you on the water,

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