



JIBETECH

20 years building Snipes

1989-2009



1989-1997

Andrew Pimental opened Jibetech to build one design boats and parts and quickly found a home in the Snipe class. With help from national champion Ed Adams, Andrew built a modern hull shape that attracted attention in the parking lot and was noticeably quick to jump onto a plane. The all-new

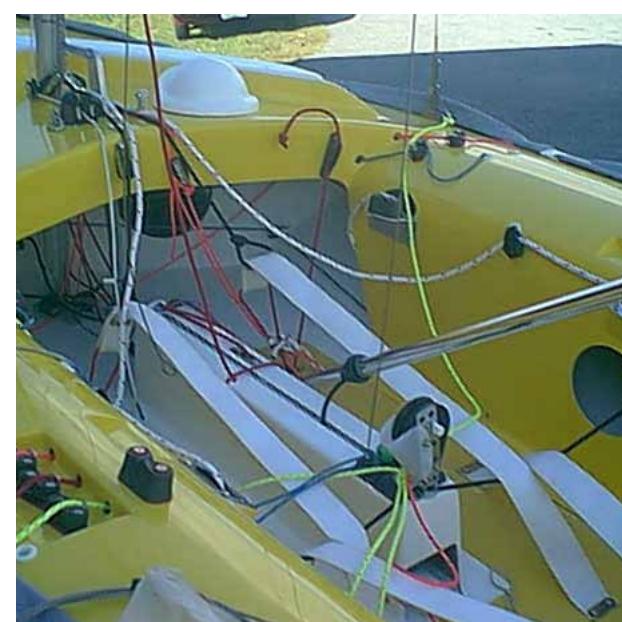
Jibetech sported sleek low-windage rails, deep floors, custom stripes, and not one splinter of teak, and it made its Nationals debut in Annapolis in 1990. Results quickly followed: 1st at the 1991 Nationals. 2nd at the 1992 Nationals. 1st AND 2nd in 1993, as well as a win at that year's North Americans. Orders trickled, then streamed in. A new era in the sixty year old class had been launched.



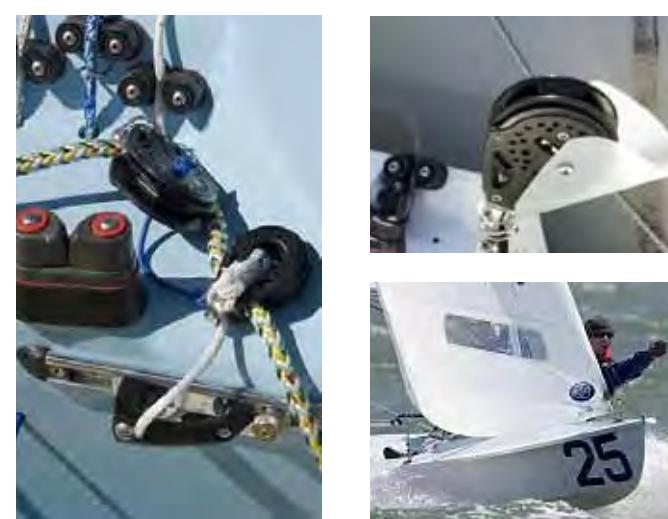
1998-2004

By 1998 the molds were ready for an upgrade after producing almost 40 boats for fleets around the world. After consulting with crews tired of the "firehose reach," skippers looking for something a bit easier to steer downwind, and naval architect Paul

Cronin, Andrew built a new set of molds with wider chines, a fuller bow, and (the most obvious change) a rail that ran the entire length of the boat. Not only did crews stay drier but the boats were much easier to pick up and load on a trailer. Again, orders followed results. And in 2004, Andrew finally won the Nationals himself.



Congratulations from all of us at the 2009 Nationals

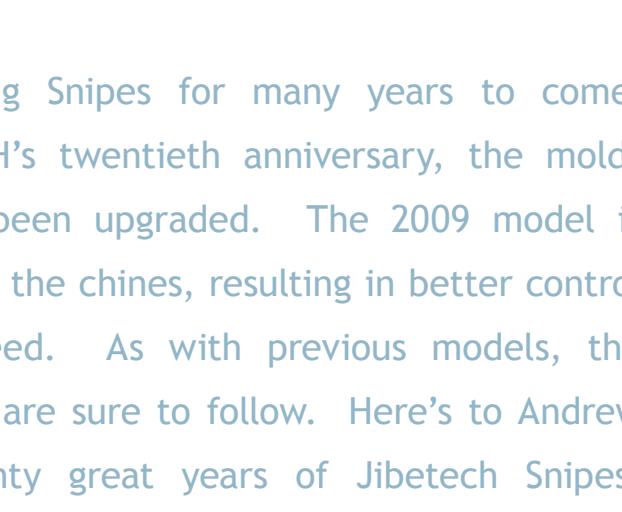


2005-2009

Rigging improvements, distinctive colors, a carbon fiber splash rail, and top finishes make the more than 130 Jibetechs built to date easy to spot at regattas around the world. Most importantly, they have gained a reputation as a crew-friendly and family-friendly design that will

keep us all sailing Snipes for many years to come.

For JIBETECH's twentieth anniversary, the molds have once again been upgraded. The 2009 model is maximum width at the chines, resulting in better control and improved speed. As with previous models, the results and orders are sure to follow. Here's to Andrew and another twenty great years of Jibetech Snipes.



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