



Miami, March 20-22, 2015. Regatta report by Nikki Bruni and full results (after 5 races)

- 1. Raul Rios & Andre Guaragna, 16**
- 2. Augie Diaz & Kathleen Tocke, 20**
- 3. Luis Soubie & Diego Lipszich, 30**
- 4. Ernesto Rodriguez & Eduardo Mintzias, 32**
- 5. Felipe Linares & Lior Lavie, 38**

Snipe sailors representing eleven countries converged upon Biscayne Bay for the 2015 Don Q Rum regatta, hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thirty-eight teams comprised of champions, veterans, and novices completed five races over three days of classic Miami sunshine, warm water, and cool breezes.

On Friday the sea breeze didn't start to fill in until noon, so there was plenty of time for more bagels and coffee. Winds varied between 7-10 knots, mostly from the southeast. Finishing first in the first race was Luis Soubie and Diego Lipszyc of Argentina, followed by Raul Rios of Puerto Rico and local Andre Guaragna, and third saw locals Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke. Raul and Andre took over first place the next race, with Augie and Kathleen still right behind. Louis and Diego slipped back to eighth while locals Peter Commette and Jensen McTighe picked up the third.

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Saturday began much the same way, and the sea breeze picked up to 7 knots around 1pm, quickly building up to a steady 11 for the rest of the afternoon while it clocked right from the southeast. Locals Nick Voss and Nicole Popp

finished first in race three, while Augie and Kathleen mixed it up, finishing in second just ahead of Raul and Andre who took third. Determined to keep their lead, the fourth race was led much of the way by Raul and Andre who put a sizable gap between their boat and second place, locals Ernesto Rodriguez and Eduardo Mintzias, who were followed closely by Augie and Kathleen in third.

After racing the second day, sailors were greeted at the dock with Don Q daiquiris that, after a brief supply shortage scare, continued to flow freely throughout the delicious Cuban dinner buffet at the club.

The breeze kicked in Sunday morning around 10:30, which worked out perfectly with the usual earlier start time. One race was completed in a steady 9 knot breeze that shifted left from the southwest. Raul and Augie, who had been duking it out the first four races, slipped back to ninth and tenth respectively this race, while Louis and Diego reclaimed the first spot. Closely behind were north-easterners Andrew Pimental and Nikki Bruno. Nick and Nicole came back as well for a final finish in third.

Awards were given to the top ten placing teams, representing Puerto Rico, USA, Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador. Raul and Andre took the overall win and perpetual trophy with a total of 16 points. Augie and Kathleen won second overall with 20 points and in third were Louis and Diego with 30 points.

The Snipe class would like to thank our hosts, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the race committee who kept us in line, and all those who helped feed us and run the show.

| Bow/Sail | Boat | Skipper | Yacht Club | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | Total | Pos |
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| 34 / PUR29841 | PUR 29841 | Raul Rios | FVPR | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 1 |
| 31 / 30288 | Danilu | Augie Diaz | Augie Diaz | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 20 | 2 |
| 48 / 28701 | | LUIS SOUBIE | YCO/CNZ | 1 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 30 | 3 |
| 44 / 31130 | | Ernesto Rodriguez | Miami snipe | 8 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 32 | 4 |
| 26 / BRA 31121 | FUNDESPORTE | Felipe Linhares | FUNDESPORTE- ICSC | 4 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 38 | 5 |
| 14 / 30928 | Snipe | Andrew Pimental | Sail Newport | 6 | 18 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 40 | 6 |

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| 37 / 28814 | Jupiter | Nick Voss | Coral reef yacht club | 19 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 44T | 7 |
| 71 / 29442 | Screaming Peacock | Peter Commette | lyc | 10 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 44T | 8 |
| 12 / 30860 | Spidey | Carol Cronin | Severn Sailing Association | 7 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 51 | 9 |
| 23 / 30337 | | Edgar Diminich | Salinas yacht club | 20 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 57 | 10 |
| 78 / 30718 | | Esteban Echavarria / Juanes Restrepo | Federación Colombiana de Vela - LVA | 13 | 21 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 65 | 11 |
| 36 / 29511 | Hot Pursuit | Taylor Scheuermann | Coral Reef Yacht Club | 11 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 68 | 12 |
| 24 / 31028 | 24 | Jesus Bailon | Manta yacht club | 22 | 20 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 69 | 13 |
| 29 / 30759 | | Enrique Quintero | CRYC | 5 | 7 | 39/OCS | 4 | 15 | 70 | 14 |
| 28 / 30510 | TBIB | Alex Pline /Lexi Pline | Severn Sailing Association | 15 | 19 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 76 | 15 |
| 25 / 29782 | Butter Side Up | Zachery Kelchner | Zachery Kelchner | 14 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 14 | 79 | 16 |
| 22 / ITA 15790 | Unisono di Augie | Pietro Fantoni | Circolo della Vela Muggia | 18 | 11 | 39/ZFP | 19 | 7 | 94 | 17 |
| 76 / 29652 | | Dany Delgado | Club de vela Cartagena | 9 | 10 | 39/RET | 39/DNS | 4 | 101 | 18 |

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| 42 / 29114 | | David Hernandez | CRYC | 12 | 13 | 39/ZFP | 16 | 25 | 105 | 19 |
| 19 / 29572 | The Hen | Charlie Bustamante | None | 17 | 28 | 5 | 39/OCS | 22 | 111 | 20 |
| 38 / 30090 | Happy Day s | Birger Jansen | Be arum seilfoening | 16 | 14 | 19 | 39/OCS | 24 | 112 | 21 |
| 27 / 28470 | Green Boat | Stephan Irgens | CSA | 28 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 23 | 117 | 22 |
| 17 / 29610 | Push Forward | Jefferson Hall | OHCC | 26 | 33 | 18 | 21 | 21 | 119T | 23 |
| 33 / 30336 | Popeye | Gonzalo Diaz | Coconut Grove Sailing Club | 24 | 27 | 21 | 20 | 27 | 119T | 24 |
| 16 / 29536 | futatsubishi | Julian Inglis | GCBC | 23 | 29 | 24 | 25 | 19 | 120 | 25 |
| 18 / 30868 | | Ian Brown | Royal Canadian YC | 21 | 23 | 22 | 31 | 26 | 123 | 26 |
| 41 / 29781 | | Michael Trebilcock | USF | 25 | 17 | 39/OCS | 17 | 28 | 126 | 27 |
| 35 / FIN 30833 | Merenhuiske | Reino Suonsilta | HSK Helsinki Finland | 29 | 22 | 25 | 23 | 39/DNS | 138 | 28 |
| 77 / 31157 | | Martin Bebb | Windycrest, Tulsa, US Fleet 68 | 33 | 25 | 23 | 28 | 32 | 141 | 29 |
| 15 / 29317 | Pope Of The Woods | Harri Palm | Guelph Community Boating Club | 30 | 31 | 14 | 39/OCS | 29 | 143 | 30 |
| 21 / 30321 | BLACK JACK | Dorian Goldberg | Pirate Sailing | 31 | 32 | 38/ZFP | 27 | 18 | 146 | 31 |


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| 51 / 29763 | | Bert Forsberg | RGYC | 39/DNC | 26 | 29 | 24 | 30 | 148 | 32 |
| 32 / 30743 | La Machina | Gregory Saldana | Barton Boat Club | 32 | 34 | 28 | 26 | 34 | 154 | 33 |
| 79 / 31204 | | Ray Schmit | Cottage Park YC | 34 | 35 | 26 | 30 | 33 | 158 | 34 |
| 11 / 29908 | | John Upton | Rush Creek Yacht Club | 27 | 30 | 39/OCS | 32 | 35 | 163 | 35 |
| 43 / 30236 | | Ken Voss | CGSC/CRYC | 39/DNC | 39/DNC | 27 | 29 | 31 | 165 | 36 |
| 39 / 26486 | 26486 | Jackson Morton | U.S. Sailing Center | 35 | 39/DNS | 39/RET | 39/DNS | 39/DNS | 191 | 37 |
| 29318 | Mister Bear | Christopher Hains | Guelph Community Boating Club | 39/DNC | 39/DNC | 39/DNC | 39/DNC | 39/DNC | 195 | 38 |

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