



A fast planing reach at the North Americans, Nassau. (Photo by Buzz Lamb)

## BRUCE COLYER SCUTTLES NORTH AMERICAN FLEET

Rear Commodore Bruce Colyer won three of the six races and had two seconds and a 7th to win the Birney Mills Trophy for the North American Championship held at Nassau, Bahamas, May 21-23rd.

Bruce and his crew Glenn Sutter had 19 points to Pierre Siegenthaler and Richard Farrington's 30 in second place. Third place went to John Dunkley and Jimmy Lowe; 4th, Gonzalo A. (Gonzo) Diaz and Mark Williams; and 5th was Past

Commodore Basil Kelly with his son David crewing.

The winds were 15 and up for all races, with the final race sailed in near maximum winds of 25 with higher gusts. There were wet beats, fast planing reaches, and breathtaking jibes, but only a few capsizes in the warm waters of Montagu Bay.

From the first, it was a battle between "Go-rilla" Colyer and "Powerful Pierre", with only one point separating them at the half-way mark of the 6-race, no throw-out series. Siegenthaler usually had the better starts, with Colyer trailing in 6th or 7th at the 1st mark. With a gain of 2 or 3 boats on each of the reaches, Bruce was fighting Pierre for the lead by the second windward mark. Bruce then made the races a test of speed over tactics, frequently letting Pierre go, and picking up distance, rather than covering, or engaging in tacking duels.

The host Royal Nassau Sailing Club, marked its 50th year of operation, with the sailing of the North American Championship. The races, hospitality, and shore facilities made this a thoroughly enjoyable 3rd annual North Americans for all who participated.

### NORTH AMERICAN SNIPE CHAMPIONSHIP

Boat	Skipper	Town	Races	Points	Finish
20002	Bruce Colyer	Ft. Lauderdale	1-7-2-1-1-2	19	1
20306	Pierre Siegenthaler	Nassau	2-1-8-2-5-1	30	2
19066	John Dunkley	Nassau	4-3-5-3-7-3	48.1	3
21713	Gonzalo A. Diaz	Miami	3-6-3-10-3-7	57.8	4
21701	Basil Kelly	Nassau	8-12-7-4-2-4	64	5
21706	Buddy Culbertson	Miami	6-2-4-11-8-6	65.4	6
22380	Bill Buckles	Cleveland	12-5-1-5-9-15	74	7
22475	Terry Timm	Barton BC	7-11-6-6-6-5	75.1	8
21763	Godfrey Kelly	Nassau	5-4-11-9-11-9	82	9
19111	Wayne Soares	Bermuda	14-8-12-8-4-10	90	10
16699	Fritz Gram	Cuba Lake	10-14-10-7-10-11	98	11
16853	Charlie Fowler	Miami	11-9-15-17-12-13	113	12
22405	Gene Soltero	Dallas	17-17-9-13-13-8	113	13
20358	Peter Christie	Nassau	9-13-13-12-nd-14	114	14
22215	John Zipperer	Ft. Myers	16-10-17-15-15-12	121	15
20818	Peter Fenner	Dallas	15-15-14-16-14-ns	128	16
21718	Robert Dean	Ft. Myers	18-16-16-14-ns-ns	135	17
7428	Buzz Lamb	Privateer	13-18-18-18-ns-ns	139	18