At the Western Hemisphere Championships

International races at Clearwater Y.C. Racing from left to right, seated: Rocky Carroll, U.S., Roy Ko-Keen, Canada; Pierre Mattos, Brazil; Carlos Ribeiro of Brazil; Ted Wells, U.S.; Ted Lane, Canada; Harvey Doane, Canada; Carlos Sela, Cuba; Standing: L to R., Walter MacKinley, Canada; Norris Whitney, U.S.; Helena Lima, Brazil; Hanny Justs, Brazil; Ronald Marshall, Bermuda; George Soares, Bermuda; Francis Vallis, Bermuda; Kenneth Simons, Bermuda; Jorge Mantilla, Cuba; Clemente Inclan, Cuba; Carlos Blanc, Cuba; Charles Henry U.S. Two of the Bermudians on the right. The photos on this and opposite page were sent in by Guy Roberts, Gonzalo Melendez and Cliff McKay.

WELLS WINS WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPS
Five Nations Send Two Skippers Each to Clearwater Yacht Club Races

Ted Wells, U.S. National Champion, with Charles Henry as crew, succeeded in winning the Clearwater, Florida, races November 25-28 and annexing the Hayward Trophy emblematic of the Western Hemisphere Championship. Five races were held with each skipper using a different boat in each race. Boats were brought from Chattanooga and Atlanta to get the necessary ten good boats for the competition. Wells turned in a brilliant job of sailing to wrest the championship from Dr. Clemente Inclan the defending champion from Cuba. Dr. Inclan took second place and Jorge Mantilla, also of Havana, wound up in third.

The first day's race was sailed on the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach over a triangle course with a 10 mile east wind. Wells took an early lead which was never threatened, crossing the finish 50 seconds ahead of Jorge Mantilla, third spot went to Kenneth Simons of Bermuda and Harvey Doane of Canada came in fourth. Norris Whitney, U.S. Junior Champion and runner-up in the US Nationals, came in fifth. Pierre Mattos of Brazil was sixth; Walter MacKinley of Canada was seventh; Dr. Inclan was eighth and Miss Hanny Justs of Brazil was ninth. George Soares from Bermuda was tenth.

The second day, Wednesday, two races were held on the Gulf of Mexico. The morning race was triangular again with a strong east wind. Wells again took the lead and held it for the entire six mile course. George Soares of Bermuda, second, followed in order by Inclan, third; Jorge Mantilla in fourth Harvey Doane, fifth and Norris Whitney, sixth. Walter MacKinley was eighth and Miss Justs and Pierre Mattos, both of Brazil, were ninth and tenth.

The afternoon race started in a breeze from NE which died down to almost a dead calm before the boats finished the first windward leg. From the gun it was a battle between Wells and Inclan with the former winning the duel. Wells was second. Mattos came up from 10th to third and was closely followed by Harvey Doane. Bermuda's George Soares, fifth and Jorge Mantilla, sixth. Kenneth Simons came in seventh; Norris Whitney, eighth; Miss Justs, ninth; and Walter MacKinley, tenth.

Dr. Inclan made big inroads in Wells' lead in the fourth race by taking first place. This race was held in the Bay near Clearwater with a fifteen to seventeen mile wind from the NE. Dr. Inclan took an early lead and increased it on every leg of the windward-leeward course. He came in 55 seconds before Jorge Mantilla, who was second. Whitney was third and Wells in fourth spot. Mattos was fifth, Harvey Doane, sixth and Ken Simons, seventh. Walter MacKinley was ninth, Miss Justs tenth and Bermudans George Soares in tenth place.

The fifth and final race was again held in the Bay with a northwester of from 17 to 20 miles an hour. Ted Wells hit the starting line with full way on and stopped fouling around. He added to his lead throughout the race, crossing the finish line well ahead of young Norris Whitney who was second. Inclan was third, followed by Mattos in fourth and Mantilla, fifth. Simons was sixth and Soares came in seventh. Miss Justs was eighth, Doane ninth and Walter MacKinley was tenth.

Results and summary, Western Hemisphere Regatta at Clearwater Yacht Club, November 25-28, 1952 for the Hayward Trophy.

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Adding up the scores for each boat for the five races the standings by countries is as follows:

- U.S.A. 14,265 points
- Cuba 14,305 points
- Bermuda 11,955 points
- Canada 11,616 points
- Brazil 11,611 points

To CLIFF McKay in Appreciation

Dear Cliff:

It is amazing to me how one man, without any encouragement, could put on such an outstanding regatta as Cliff McKay has done this week. When Cliff came to me several months ago with the idea that Clearwater should have the Western Hemisphere Snipe Championships, I tried myself to discourage him, as I felt we were not able to finance both the MidInter Championship and the Western Hemisphere. But Cliff was determined and his untiring efforts paid off in a big way.

I think the regatta, which finished yesterday, was, in my opinion, the best that was ever run in Clearwater. It was thoroughly organized and went off without a hitch. The boats, as a whole, were

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MORE SCENES AT CLEARWATER — Top, left: 9144, Dr. Inclan 7966 is George Soares of Bermuda, U.S. Whitney on extreme right. Others not identifiable. Brazil’s two, Mattos and Ribeiro. No. 6772 is Jorge Mantilla, Cuba. The two girls from Brazil make up to Cuba’s handsome Carlos Selu. On right is a scene as two Cuban boats were towed out to the Gulf. In center are the winners: Jorge Mantilla, 3rd; Ted Wells, 1st; Clemente Inclan, 2nd. Below, left; Cliff McKay, hiding behind a mike, fills Hayward Trophy for Ted Wells as Herbert Brown, Mayor of Clearwater looks on. Lower right is the Champ himself, Ted Wells, Wichita, Kansas and Charles Henry, his crew, who is telling Ted all about the big fish that he almost caught.

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