

Snipe Southern Winter Circuit Inaugurated

Jenkins Won Bacardi Cup and Tom Nute the Gamblin Trophy at Nassau

Jerry Jenkins, U. S. National Snipe Champion in 1984 from Warren, Michigan, made the best of a 10-15 knot wind and seas with a heavy chop to win the three-race Bacardi Cup Series sailed on Montagu Bay February 26-27th.

Strong, chilly winds and rough seas on Sunday forced postponement of the first day's programme of the Bahamas Snipe Winter Championship. As a result, Monday's schedule was crammed with two races back-to-back during the morning and one afternoon sail.

Sanctioned by SCIRA and hosted by the Royal Nassau SC, the Bacardi Races got off to tight starts with a 27-boat fleet taking the gun. The near-six-mile modified Olympic course was swept by an ENE wind.

Jenkins came across the finish line 3rd in the first race — 35 seconds behind winner Tom Nute of San Diego, California; won the 2nd by 7 seconds over Nute; and came in 8th at 3 min. -10 secs. behind winner Pierre Siegethaler of Nassau in the 3rd.

Nute was a potential series winner until he encountered jib difficulty and lost his top running position while rounding the second mark. Dropping to the back of the fleet, he worked furiously to get his racer going again. Tacking and reaching in an attempt to overtake the strong fleet, he was forced to abandon the race when his jib gave way again.

Defending champion Godfrey Lightbourn of Nassau finished 5th in the series. His chances were ruined when he voluntarily withdrew from the 2nd race after fouling.

There were no private duels between skippers throughout the series, but finishes were exciting, especially in the last race when the first 8 boats across battled in pairs to reach the line — Lightbourn crossed a second ahead of Godfrey Kelly, Capt. Bertie Pengelly of Nassau a second ahead of Peter Christie of Nassau; and Basil Kelly a second ahead of Jenkins.

Final Results - Bacardi Cup - Feb. 26-27, 1987 - (Top ten)

SKIPPER	Crew	Fleet	Pts.	Fin.
Tom Nute	John Shine	San Diego, CA	7039	1
Bert Levinson	Gus Locke	Indianapolis, IN	7053	2
Pierre Siegethaler	Collin Hollender	Nassau	7053	3
Dave Ullman	Winfred Levinson	Salinas, CA	6620	4
Kenneth Albury	Buck Johnson	Nassau	5814	5
Basil Kelly	Peter Wasiloch	Nassau	5663	6
Jerry Jenkins	John Schuch	Warren, MI	5389	7
Godfrey Kelly	David Kelly	Nassau	5211	8
Peter Sweeting	Brad Bethell	Nassau	4918	9
Godfrey Lightbourn	Derek Rizzo	Nassau	4815	10

GAMBLIN SERIES - Bahamas Winter Championship Regatta

Tom Nute, of San Diego, Calif., established himself as the Renaissance man of Snipe racing on Wednesday, March 1st by winning the prestigious Dudley Gamblin Memorial Trophy against a tightly matched fleet of 26 racers (13 Bahamian and 14 foreign) on breezy Montagu Bay.

The 24-year old sailmaker, skippering a Snipe he built from scratch, posted a first, 3 seconds, and 5th in the two-day, five-race series for a point aggregate of 7459.

"From the first race, everything seemed to go just right for John Shine (crew) and me," said Nute, who sails with Mission Bay Fleet 495. "During the first two heats Tuesday, we always managed to be in the right position at the right time. And in the final two races, we just stuck with Buzz Levinson and covered him around the course, since I knew he was our biggest threat." And Nute's shadow act on Levinson's 15.5 footer proved to be the deciding factor in the mustacheed Californian's victory.

Fresh 10-knot breezes rippled the surface of Montagu Bay as they began the second trophy series in the regatta Tuesday.

During the first race of the series, Siegethaler took an early lead, but gave way to the hard-charging Nute, who mastered a brief challenge from Buzz Levinson of Indianapolis during the second heat. Siegethaler raced into 2nd with a strong burst to the finish, while Jenkins was 4th behind hard-luck Buzz. Ted Wells crossed 5th, but race officials had already disqualified him for failing to respond to a recall.

That afternoon, in the 2nd race, Wells, determined to make



U. S. SAILORS GET THE BIG ONE - His Excellency the Governor Sir Ralph Grey (center) presents the Dudley Gamblin Memorial Trophy to skipper Tom Nute (right) and crewman John Shine.

— Article by Ding Cambridge-Photo by Lockhart-Bahamas N. R. aments, opened up an early lead and widened his margin over the fleet at every mark, until he jibed for the leeward run nearly 30 seconds ahead of second place Buzz. Just as Wells approached the Committee Boat, Nute skirted in towards the line on a long starboard tack. Wells nipped him by 5 secs., but the game San Diegoan slipped past the finish exactly 3 secs. ahead of the outmaneuvered Levinson to steal 2nd.

But this ruffled in Buzz's heart, and under up, he proceeded to post a runaway victory when the series was resumed on the final day Wednesday and he led Nassau's Pierre Siegethaler by 2 min. 47 seconds when he finished. This fine victory and two show finishes from Tuesday put him ahead in overall standing and Nute realized he was the man to beat.

During the two afternoon heats, Nute managed to gain windward position over Levinson's boat on almost every leg of the 6 - mile course, holding him to a 4th and 5th in the two series finales, while he himself recorded two 2nds. It was a very consistent performance and a well-earned and deserved victory.

Third in overall position was Siegethaler, who had a pair of 2nds, a 4th, and a brace of 5ths for 7003 points.

Dave Ullman of California, teamed with Winnie Levinson (wife of 2nd place Buzz) surged into 4th place on the strength of back-to-back victories in the last 2 races. Kenneth Albury and Buck Johnson of Nassau earned 5th place with 5814 points.

"I certainly hope to return to Nassau for the world championships in November," said Nute, after the final race. "But," he added, with instinctively crossed fingers, "first I'll have to earn the right to represent the U. S. by winning the Nationals."

Final Results - Gamblin Trophy - Feb. 27-Mar. 1 - (top ten)

SKIPPER	Crew	Fleet	Pts.	Fin.
Jerry Jenkins	John Schuch	Warren, MI	4133	1
Godfrey Kelly	David Kelly	Nassau	3898	2
Pierre Siegethaler	Collin Hollender	Nassau	3845	3
Gus Locke	Buzz Levinson	Indianapolis	3837	4
Basil Kelly	Peter Wasiloch	Nassau	3477	5
Peter Christie	Berene Thompson	Nassau	3474	6
Tom Nute	John Shine	San Diego	3317	7
Peter Sweeting	Brad Bethell	Nassau	3210	8
Godfrey Lightbourn	Derek Rizzo	Nassau	3066	9
Dave Ullman		Salinas, CA	2961	10

Elms Won Miami Regatta



A CUSTOMARY GOOD START - Earl Elms is off in first in this race. He finished that way, too. - Miami N.B. Photo.

Earl Elms, the U.S. National Snipe Champion, continues to show that he is top man in the class by his victory over 32 starters in the Miami portion of the Snipe Southern Winter Circuit. (Earl did not race in the first regatta of this circuit held the previous week in Nassau).

This series of regattas, designed to provide a combination of travel, sunshine for the family, and top racing for the skippers was an apparent success in view of the large turnout this first year.

Elms emerged as victor after 3 long heats on Biscayne Bay in winds which varied from 8-14 knots. Bill Alcardi (7-2-3) of Miami, nosed out Francis Saavy of Clearwater by virtue of the tie breaking Snipe scoring system to take the 2nd slot. Jerry Jenkins made a sensational comeback when, in spite of a low 17th in the first race, he bounced back strong with a 3-1 in the last two races to get the overall 3rd spot.

Conditions were ideal with clear skies and a warm wind that remained fixed from the SE. Some of the lake sailors did experience a little difficulty mastering the sloppy chop, while the California and Miami skippers found it to their liking.

After the races, skippers were met by the ladies of the fleet and introduced to the 'Don Q Rum' cocktail party with frozen Daiquiris served to them aboard their own Snipes. A pair of Randy Boatsh - Boatsh with a Grip-Deck action - was given to each skipper and his crew, while a fried chicken box lunch was served on the water between races Sunday. There was no registration fee, thanks to the sponsorship of the 'Don Q Rum' Co., Inc. All hands were most happy that the entire regatta was without charge.

Final Results - Don Q Rum Regatta - Mar. 4-5, 1967

Boat	Skipper	Heat	Races	1	2	3	Pls.	Fla.
10700	Earl Elms	San Diego, CA		1	4	5	465	1
9009	Bill Alcardi	Phoenix, Grove St		7	2	3	417	2
6951	Francis Saavy	Clearwater		1	6	3	4115	3
11576	Jerry Jenkins	Clearwater, FL		17	3	1	3620	4
10508	Bill Hancock	Indianapolis		2	5	14	3504	5
19206	Don Leinonen	Indianapolis		3	8	5	3427	6
16228	Don Haco	Piscataway Bay, NJ		5	8	10	3334	7
9617	Don E. Sherry	Clearwater		snf	1	4	3090	8
10111	Donna Witz	Cornwall, Grove St		8	7	13	3039	9
10540	Carl Lindebaum	Miami Beach Club		6	11	12	2961	10
10128	Basil Kelly	San Jose, Bahamas		9	14	7	2876	11
12789	Jeffrey Kelly	San Jose, Bahamas		13	10	8	2876	12
10806	Pete Swearingin	San Jose, Bahamas		11	15	11	2176	13
10225	Ted Wells	Arden, FL		21	13	5	2176	14
9554	Don Swiler	San Jose, Grove St		10	16	10	2176	15
14453	Don Conman	Clearwater		24	12	17	1888	16
10407	Amor Anderson	Indianapolis		12	snf	16	1768	17
4130	Walter Rogers	Key Biscayne Y.C. Club		18	18	21	1438	18
10888	Don Sumet	Missouri, FL		15	21	22	1437	19
10591	Bill Hunt	Virgin Islands		19	19	20	1409	20
17362	Bill Fustian	Miami, FL		22	20	18	1370	21
14501	Carol Davidson	Miami, FL		snf	17	19	1322	22
11142	Bill Alcardi	San Jose, Grove St		14	24	snf	1129	23
14600	Kit Somers	Peoria, IL		16	23	snf	1070	24
10701	Carlos Roman	San Jose, Grove St		24	22	snf	774	25
10591	Don Williams	Miami, FL		27	25	23	765	26
14598	Salim Yeh	S. Okech, W.I.		13	24	snf	761	27
14515	Bill Noche	Miami Y.C. FL		19	29	24	629	28
14525	Roger Hope	Miami Y.C. FL		16	28	25	600	29
14357	Don Owing	Miami Y.C. FL		28	27	26	593	30

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Earl Elms Won 30th Midwinter Championship Regatta His 1-1-1-1-2 Tally Put Jerry Jenkins in 2nd Place and Francis Seavy in 3rd

When Francis Seavy, defending champion, contemplated the regatta this year, he knew he couldn't beat his perfect score of 1-1-1-1-1 last year, but he did recognize a chance of breaking his tie with Ted Walls for the honor of the most victories in the 30-year event (6 each). But both veterans had to step aside for a newcomer to the event - rugged 26-year old Earl Elms of California, present U.S. National Champion.

Fresh from victory at Miami the week before, Elms maintained a dizzy pace with 1-1-1-1-2 for the 5 races that counted, discarding a 5th place finish. Just one boat from Seavy's perfect 1965 score! His 7931 points were 618 ahead of 2nd place Jerry Jenkins of Detroit, 1964 U.S. Champion, with 3-4-1-4-2 and 7333; Seavy's 2-3-3-3-1 garnered 7098 and 3rd place. Bill Hancock of Indianapolis was 4th and Howie Richards of Oakville, Canada, finished 5th.

25 entries from 12 different states and from Bahamas, Virgin Islands, and Canada sailed in this 30th annual U.S. Regatta, the 2nd in importance to the U.S. Nationals. 6 races were scheduled from Tuesday Mar. 7 - Friday 10th to be sailed over modified Olympic courses in the Gulf of Mexico.

12-15 mph wind from NW brought clouds and whitecaps plus small craft warning which necessitated postponement of the 1st race Tues. A.M., but transfer to protected South Clearwater Bay enabled an afternoon race. The start was a perfect picture as all crossed together; they sailed that way to the first mark where Elms and Hancock showed their mettle by leading the parade around, with Seavy and Jenkins not far behind. Then, as Hancock dropped behind, Elms took over and although Seavy pressed him within a boat length at times, he could not close the gap. Elms' first place set the pattern!

Wednesday saw ideal conditions on the Gulf with winds 12-15 mph and 75 degree temperatures. The A.M. race started with Seavy leading Richards and Elms in 8th after 2 legs. But Earl came on like a gangbuster and kept passing boats until he ended up winning handily.

The winds picked up for the afternoon race and it was a faster and closer contest. Jenkins finally emerged on top with Nute 2nd for his best finish of the series. Seavy was 3rd, while Elms got 5th, which turned out to be his worst race. At this point, only 87 points separated Seavy and Jenkins from Elms, so either could move into first rather easily and it was anybody's guess who would triumph.

Thursday's important races took place in the Gulf with the lightest winds to date - 8-10 mph from NW to NNW. It turned out to be one in Earl's dish! He won both of them! He didn't lead all the way, however - at least not in the morning sail. He was back in 2nd place rounding the weather mark, but then rallied to take over his favorite spot on the next leg to lead the fleet home. He required about 1 1/2 hours to sail the course and beat Clearwater's Frank Levinson across the finish line. 3rd was Hancock, while Jenkins and Basil Kelly were next. Seavy fell back to 8th (a light weather jinx?).

In the 6th race that afternoon - which was an ideal one for sailing - Elms led from the start to finish in a walkaway. Jenkins got 2nd, which increased his lead over Nute in a close contest for the grand total overall point score in the Southern Snipe Circuit, for Tom got 5th. Bill Hancock, still sailing very consistently, got 4th. Seavy, still in his morning rut in the doldrums, registered his second 8th for the day.

At the end of the day, Elms had the title all wrapped up. Jenkins, his closest competitor, could not catch him regardless of the outcome of the final 6th race. It was now a question of who would grab 3rd spot, for Seavy's two 8ths put him in jeopardy - Hancock was now only 70 points behind! Likewise, it was important to Jenkins in his bid for the Zimmerman award.

The wind from the SW Saturday afternoon had increased to 12-15 mph, which Seavy found very much to his liking. He jumped right out and sailed away over the waters he knows best to a beautiful victory and thus got undisputed 3rd place in the regatta. There had been a chance that Elms wouldn't sail in



A LOT OF SILVERWARE - Top skippers were awarded many trophies at the banquet at the Clearwater YC. From left to right are crew Tom Cloutier and Jerry Jenkins, runners-up. Jerry is also holding the big new Zimmerman Trophy Reverse Bowl for the high overall score in the Snipe Southern Circuit; David Ullman, crew for Earl Elms, who has a firm grasp on the Championship Trophy; third-place Francis Seavy, defending champion, and his crew Gil Graham. --Sun Photo.

this one, for he had sold his boat the night before; however, the buyer did not take delivery then and Elms chased Seavy around the course for a 2nd. Jenkins, although dropping to 7th, scored enough to protect his overall standing as runner-up and victor in the total point score of the Circuit Regattas.

And once again, Bud Blair and crew Jim Carroza were awarded the Charlie Morgan plaque which goes to the junior finishing highest in the regatta.

Elms' victory was won under varying wind and sailing conditions which emphasized his versatility. All competitors felt that he would have been hard to beat under any circumstances. Veteran Don Cochran, Sr., one of the original Snipe sailors who has attended practically all these regattas here and a real expert about the class, praised him as one of the best sailors he has seen compete in the Midwaters. Everyone is inclined to agree.

The awards banquet was held Saturday night in the CYC. At this time, very few complaints were heard about the courses, the weather, or regatta in general, but this could be expected because, for the 2nd straight year, not a protest had been filed. That in itself speaks well for the high caliber of the event.

No wonder this regatta is considered one of the real "meats"

on every Skipper's calendar! --Ed Haver

Final Results-INTERNATIONAL MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Clearwater Yacht Club - Clearwater, Florida - March 7-10, 1967

Boat	SKIPPER	Home Town	Races	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts.	Fin.
16700	Earl Elms	San Diego	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	7931	1
16576	Jerry Jenkins	Warren, MI	2	4	1	1	1	1	2	7333	2
6995	Francis Seavy	Clearwater	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	7098	3
16512	Bill Hancock	Indianapolis	4	2	4	3	4	4	4	6706	4
16545	Howard Richards	Oakville, Ont.	5	2	8	4	4	4	4	6573	5
16549	Frank Levinson	Clearwater	10	6	4	2	2	2	2	6246	6
16524	Tom Nute	San Diego	14	5	5	5	5	5	5	6151	7
16478	Basil Kelly	London	4	11	7	5	12	6	6	5777	8
16475	Goffrey Kelly	London	2	7	8	10	12	6	6	5540	9
16774	Peter Duvolski	Chattanooga	9	9	9	9	11	12	12	5073	10
16525	Ed Wallis	Alhambra, CA	21	7	def	7	11	12	12	4729	11
16565	Don Cochran, Jr.	Chattanooga	28	13	13	13	13	13	13	4444	12
16588	Joe Kugel	Lake Oswego, OR	6	16	def	16	16	16	16	4061	13
16589	Peter Sweeting	London	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	3876	14
16591	William Chandler	St. Croix, V.I.	14	12	9	9	21	def	15	3645	15
16592	Wayne Heller	Pittsford, PA	78	11	12	def	12	11	11	3612	16
16510	Jack Michel	Syracuse	28	20	13	15	16	15	15	3318	17
16448	Dick Edwards	Duba Lake, MO	17	16	16	17	16	16	16	3250	18
16595	John Nelson	Langley, PA	16	17	19	16	28	17	24	2921	19
16598	Bud Blair	Clearwater	21	17	18	18	18	18	18	2767	20
16577	John Jory	Akron, OH	24	21	23	19	19	19	19	2735	21
16563	Bob Van Halbe	Stevenson, IL	21	24	17	20	def	def	def	2705	22
16447	Earl Shultz	Galveston, TX	def	22	21	22	21	18	24	2651	23
16514	Tom Forrester	Madison, NY	16	24	24	24	24	24	24	2294	24
16566	Lance Lee	Akron, OH	22	24	24	24	24	24	24	2011	25

Jerry Jenkins First Winner of Southern Circuit Trophy

For many years, when Havana, Nassau, and Clearwater were holding successful annual regattas, efforts were continually made to pool their events and create a winter racing circuit for Snipes, but nothing ever officially resulted except conjecture and talk. After Cuba became inactive in 1960, the project was dropped.

During the winter of 1965-66, the Snipe Fleets at Nassau, Miami, and Clearwater, began planning for a continuous Snipe racing series at the three locations. Very good publicity was obtained by half-page ads in the Dec., Jan., and Feb. BULLETINS and attendance was very satisfactory in the first regatta, which has been covered in detail in the accounts of the various series of races on preceding pages of this BULLETIN.

An overall perpetual trophy was offered by veteran Carl J. Zimmerman, 1953 SCIRA Commodore and still actively sailing in his retirement years. He donated a splendid base Boreas bowl to be awarded to the skipper with the best overall total score earned in competing in all 17 races (8 in Nassau; 3 in Miami; 6 (with 1 dropout) in Clearwater). Thus only those who attend all 3 regattas scheduled consecutively over a two-week period can qualify.

This first year, the races were all sailed in moderately heavy winds at Nassau with the others in light to moderate. Jerry Jenkins of Detroit, after winning the first series at Nassau and placing 7th in the second, almost lost the works with a 17 in the 1st Miami race, but came back with a 3 and 1 in the next 2 races, and an overall 2nd in Clearwater, to take first place in the whole circuit with 20443 points. Tom Bute lost out by 0.6% and took 2nd with 20283. Next in order were Basil Kelly, Godfrey Kelly, Peter Sweeting (all of Nassau), and Ted Wells of Wichita. These 5 were the only skippers eligible this year. Next year, there should be three times as many!



TWO TOP SNIPERS - Earl Elms and Tom Bute from Mission Bay Fleet 495 at San Diego, Calif. Not hard to tell how they placed! — Sun Photo.

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