Snipe Southern Winter Circuit Inaugurated

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


Perry Smith and Alf Borgen swept to winds of 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.

Sponsored by SCBA and hosted by the Royal Nassau YC, the Baccarat Races got off to a fast start with a 71-boat fleet taking to the start line. The near-shore-mile modified Olympic course was swept by an ENE wind.

Jenkins came across the first line 1st in the first race — Borgen behind winner Perry Smith of San Diego, California, won the 2nd by 7 seconds over Nute and came in 8th at 2 min, 40 seconds behind winner Pierre Borgen of Nassau in the 3rd. Jenkins anticipated the wind and was surprised by the second course winner. He was forced to make a dramatic change in setting and was forced to abandon the race when his life gave way again.

Jenkins' champion quality Lightning of Nassau finished 1st in the series. He was not selected when he voluntarily withdrew from the 1st sail after hailing.

There were no points given between the second and third series, and finishes were exciting, especially in the last race when the first 3 boats were well matched but unable to break the line — Lightning crossing second ahead of Godfrey Kelly, Capt. Doc Borgen of Nassau a second ahead of Peter Charles of Nassau, and Alton Smith a second ahead of Jenkins.

Final Results - Baccarat Cup - Feb. 26-27, 1967 — Top Ten

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Two Nutes, of San Diego, Calif., established themselves as the Renaissance man of race as Skipper and helmsman on the prestigious Daily Baccarat Memorial Trophy to winner Tom Nute (right) and co-skipper Don Mathers.

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Elms Won Miami Regatta

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

Earl Elms, the U.S. National Snipe Champion, continues to show that he is top man in the class by his victories over 12 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.

The dates of regatta, 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 race.

Elms emerged as victor after 3 hour bouts on Biscayne Bay in winds which varied from 8-15 knots. Bill Aicardi (7-4-30) of Miami, however, Francis Stacey of Clearwater in virtue of the tie-breaking score scoring system to take the 2nd slot. Jerry Jenkins made a sensational comeback, in spite of a low T.I. in the first race, to finish back strong with a 3-1 in the last two races to give the overall 3rd spot.

Conditions were ideal with clear skies and a warm wind that remained steady from the SE. Some of the lake sailors still experienced a little difficulty mastering the snippy boat, while the Californians and Miami skippers found it to their liking.

After the races, skippers were met by the ladies of the Reef and introduced to the 'Don Q Rum' cocktail party with frolicking Samba dancers to add to their overall enjoyment. A pair of Randy Goetze - Bouchee with a Gob-Dock action was given to each skipper and his crew while a hearty chuckle was heard as the water between races subsided. 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 Key Regatta - Mar. 4-5, 1966

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Earl Elms Won 30th Midwinter Championship Regatta
His I-I-H-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 it couldn’t have a better start to the perfect score of 1-1-1-1-1 from 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). The bantam veterans had to step aside for a newcomer in the event - rugged 26-year-old Earl Elms of California, present U.S. National Champion.

From victory at Miami in week before, Elms maintained a close race with 1-1-1-1-1 for the I race that counted, discarding a 5th place finish. But one boat from Seavy’s pair, turned 1965 score! His 1961 scores were 1-1-1-1-1 aboard the 2nd Place Jerry Jenkins of Detroit, 1965 U.S. Champion, with 2-2-2-2-2 and 1938; Seavy’s 2-2-2-2-2 scored 1966 and 2nd place. Bill Handcock of Indianapolis was 4th and Bowle Richards of Oakville, Canada, finished 5th.

25 entries from 12 different states and from Bahamas, Virgin Islands, and Canada entered in this 30th annual U.S. Regatta, the 3rd in importance in the U.S. Nationals. 6 races were scheduled from Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Friday 10th to be sailed over modified Olympic courses in the Gulf of Mexico.

12-15 knot wind from SW brought close and shifty plus small craft which whipped necessary postponement of the last race Tuesday A.M., but transfer of Saturday’s course was in an ocean race meeting an afternoon race. The wind was a perfect partner in all, crossed together, giving the racers to the first mark where Elms and Handecock showed their ability by leading the pack in round three, with Seavy and Jenkins not far behind. From there, as Handeck dropped behind, Elms took over and although Seavy pressed him within a boat length at times, couldn’t close the gap. Elms’ first place set the pattern!

Wednesday saw ideal conditions on the Gulf with minus 14-15 mph and 75 percent humidity. The A.M. race started with Seavy leading Richards and Elms in 6th after 2 laps. But Earl came on like a powerhouse and kept pacing 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 atop with 1-1-1-1 for his best finish of the series. Seavy was 1st, while Elms got 5th, which turned out to be his worst race. At this point, only 57 points separated Seavy and Jenkins from Elms, no other boat could move into the powder room and it was anybody’s game who would triumph.

Thursday’s important race took place in the Gulf with the highest winds to date - 4-10 mph from NW to NNW. It turned out to be an Elms’ day! He won both of them! He didn’t lead all the way, however - at least not in the recording! He was in 2nd and place rounding the weather mark, but rather than take over the lead, he dropped back to the front of the fleet home. He required about 1 1/2 hours to sail and beat Cleaver’s Frank Lefort across the finish line. 3rd was Jenkins, while Jenkins and Bowle Richards were 4th. Seavy fell back to 5th (a light weather fowl?).

In the 5th race that afternoon - which was an ideal one for sailors - Elms led from the start to finish in a walkover. Jenkins got 2nd, which increased his lead over Nuts in a close contest for the overall round overall score in the Southern Slope Circuit, for Tom 5th. Bill Handeck, still sailing very consistently, took 6th. Seavy still in his missing the lead, registered his second 8th for the day.

At the end of the day, Elms had the title all wrapped up. Jenkins, his closest competition, 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 wins put him in leadership, but Elms was not only on point behind. However, it was important to return in the bid for the Championship award.

The result from the 6th Saturday’s event increased to 32-13-15, which was more favorable much to his liking. He dropped right out and sailed away from the others - he observed best to a beautiful victory and thus got undoubted 3rd place in the event. There was a chance that Elms wouldn’t sail in
Jerry Jenkins First Winner of Southern Circuit Trophy

For many years, when Hatteras, Narragansett, and Clearwater were holding successful annual regattas, efforts were continually made to pool their events and create a continuous racing season 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 1963-64, the Skippers Fleet at Nassau, Miami, and Clearwater, began planning for a continuous Snipe racing series at the three locations. Two pool parties were held - one-page ads in the Dec. 1963 and Feb. 1964 SAILBOAT STARS and attendance was very satisfactory at the first meeting which was covered in detail in the accounts of the various series of races on preceding pages of this SAILBOAT STARS.

An overall annual trophy was offered by veteran Earl A. Zimmerman, 1963 SKILLA Commodore and still actively sailing in his retirement years. He donated a splendid boulder to be awarded to the skimmer with the best overall total score earned in competition at all 6 races (5 in Nassau; 3 in Miami; 8 with 1 dropout in Clearwater). Those are the events in the following schedule consistently over a three-month period at each location:

This 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 3rd at the second, almost lost the win with a 17 in the 1st Miami race, but came back with a 5, 14 in the over 2 races, and an overall 2nd in Clearwater, to take first place in the early circuit with 504.9 points. Tom Safe beat out B. 85 by 302 and took 2nd with 2825. Next in order were Basil Kelly, Colty Kelly, Peter Nevin (all of Nassau), and Jan West of Atlanta. These were the only skippers sailing this year. Next year, there should be three times as many.

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