



The Don Q Regatta — rally around the barrel

This year's Don Q Regatta in Miami was the best ever — with plenty of great sailing, free daiquiris, and beer — for three whole days, March 5, 6, and 7. The host Coconut Grove Sailing Club went all out with social activities — coffee and donuts in the mornings, free beer Friday after the races, the Don Q party Saturday featuring Don Q Rum daiquiris and grilled hamburgers, and free beer again Sunday. Not to be forgotten were Jim Weber, Race Chairman and Pat Hamilton who organized the races. They had their work cut out at the starts with such a large fleet.

As the second of the series of three regattas on the Winter Circuit, the Don Q attracted teams from a dozen states,

Canada, and Brazil with a total of 52 boats.

Heaviest air of the regatta started the racing with winds of 15-20 from the east-southeast, typical sailing on Biscayne Bay. After a general recall, the first race got underway with Pete Branning getting an early lead. Van Wesley, Bruce Colyer and Gonzalo Diaz closed in and the finish was Diaz first, Wesley second, Tom Nute third, Don Hite fourth and Jeff Lenhart fifth. In the second race Gonzalo Diaz — affectionately known as the "Old Man" — won again followed by Nute, Hite, Wesley and Branning.

The second day, the wind subsided to 10-15 from the southeast. Tom Nute won the third race followed by Earl Elms,

Lenhart, Colyer and Branning. Van Wesley, the regatta winner, won the fourth race followed by Lenhart, Elms, Branning and Hite.

The final day of the races, the wind died to almost nothing. After a two hour postponement, and two general recalls, the final race was sailed in a shifty southeasterly of 10-15. The Brazilian team skippered by Paulo "Pistola" Paradedá won, followed by Lenhart, Wesley, Elms, Buddy Culbertson and Francis Seavy.

Trophies, identical wood barrels for skipper and crew, were awarded by Commodore Bill Young to Van Wesley, first; Jeff Lenhart, second; Tom Nute, third; Earl Elms, fourth and Gonzalo Diaz, fifth. The perpetual trophy, a large barrel, was also awarded to Van Wesley. A special sportsmanship award, a model sailboat, was presented to Harvey Griffith, a novice Snipe sailing his first circuit.

Griffith, having trouble with a defective deck support, was aided Saturday by former Snipe skipper Bob Brown of Miami, who repaired the boat in time for Sunday's competition. Brown, now out of competition, was following the results of his 3 sons, all Miami Snipe sailors.

A special guest of the regatta was Carl Zimmerman, past SCIRA Commodore, who donated the Zimmerman Trophy for the overall winner of the Winter Circuit.

In all, a good time was had by everyone at a fantastic regatta! Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club from the Snipe crews attending. We're all waiting for Don Q 1977.

Pam Brown
Fleet No. 7

DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA (Top 25 of 52 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home Town	Placed	Points	Finish
21021	Van Wesley/Steve Cooper	Privateer	2-4-6-1-3	28.4	1
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Don Krobe	Mission Bay	5-6-3-2-2	33.4	2
22212	Tom Nute/Randy Smith	Mission Bay	3-2-1-6-9	35.4	3
20328	Earl Elms/Carl Hultgen	Mission Bay	8-9-2-3-4	45.7	4
21713	Gonzalo Diaz/Mark Williams	Miami	1-1-13-10-7	48	5
19267	Don Hite/Terry Timm	Lake Angelus	4-3-8-5-10	53.7	6
21512	Pete Branning/Reid Hutchinson	Miami	6-5-5-4-20	65.7	7
20002	Bruce Colyer/Gail Colyer	Miami	7-17-4-15-13	85	8
20933	Harry A. Levinson/H.N. Levinson	Indianapolis	11-23-12-8-8	92	9
22380	Bill Buckles/Mark Schrieber	Cleveland	14-12-10-7-23	96	10
21597EL	Pistola Paradedá/Marcio Ribeiro	Jangadeiros	9-7-13-1	105	11
18926	Lou Dixon/Tim Dixon	Springfield	15-21-7-21-11	105	12
21706	Buddy Culbertson/L. Culbertson	Miami	22-16-14-22-5	108	13
6995	Francis Seavy/Rick Catlett	Clearwater	18-24-24-11-6	112.7	14
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer	23-8-22-16-14	113	15
20690KC	Jim Belford/Phyllis Belford	Oakville	16-20-16-9-22	113	16
71884	Means Davis/Peggy Davis	Atlanta	27-19-19-14-17	126	17
19393	Gonzalo Diaz/Charlie Bustamante	Miami	13-10-26-20-23	127	18
16853	Charles Fowler/Eric Sheeder	Miami	21-15-9-27-26	128	19
07387	Jerry Thompson/Fred Schenck	Akron	19-14-21-24-21	129	20
21716KC	Diek Kacouman/John J. Haire	Oakville	24-22-20-17-18	131	21
19723	Mike Brown/Vicky Siebbins	Miami	2-13-27-31-30	143	22
19389	Clemente Inclan/Paco Calve	Miami	20-15-18-25-25	143	23
21705	Bob Brown/George Siebbins	Miami	10-11-32-30-32	145	24
21703KC	Peter Baillie/Celia Chassels	Oakville	31-29-30-28-12	158	25

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Tom Nute Wins Overall Bahamas Championship

Fritz Gram wins Bacardi, Jeff Lenhart takes Gamblin

NASSAU, Bahamas—Veteran sailor and sailmaker Tom Nute and crewman Randy Smith of San Diego won the Bicentennial edition of the Bahamas Winter Snipe Championships on Montagu Bay.

Nute, winner of the Bacardi Cup series last year and a consistent front runner in North American Snipe sailing, placed second in the Bacardi series with finishes of 6-1-8. In the five race Dudley Gamblin Memorial Series he again placed second with a 6-1-3-1-2 record.

Jeff Lenhart with Don Krebs of Newport Beach, CA, won the Gamblin series with finishes of 1-2-7-2-1. He placed fifth in the three race Bacardi series with finishes of 19-3-5, and the overall finish earned Lenhart the Carl Zimmermann Trophy, which is based on the cumulative results of the Tampa Bay Snipe Regatta, the Don Q Regatta in Miami and the Bahamas Winter Championship.

Fritz Gram with crewman Ray Schmidt of Olean, NY, won the Bacardi series with first, fourth and sixth place finishes. Buddy Culbertson of Coral Gables placed third with improving finishes of 14-11-2. Gonzalo E. Diaz of Miami finished fourth and Lenhart was fifth.

In the Gamblin series it was Lenhart, Nute and 1973 Sunfish World Champion Pierre Siegenthaer of Nassau with a



Tom Nute leads the fleet. (Roberts photo)

2-3-6-4-4 record. Van Wesley of Chattanooga, TN, with a 12-4-5-5-5 slate finished fourth followed by Gonzalo Diaz with a record of 15-6-1-dsq-3.

There were 35 boats in the international fleet sailing out of the host Royal Nassau Sailing Club.

Gordon Loner
Bahamas Ministry of Tourism



Fritz Gram (second from right) and crew Ray Schmidt receive Bacardi Cup from U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, Mr. Seymour Weiss. Looking on, from left, are Orfilio Polaez of Bacardi Company and Dawson Roberts, commodore of the Royal Nassau Sailing Club. (Wm. Gus Roberts photo)

BARCARDI CUP, NASSAU
(Top 20 of 35 Boats)

Boat	Skipper	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
16699	Fritz Gram	Cuba Lake	1-4-6	19.7	1
22212	Tom Nute	Mission Bay	6-1-8	25.7	2
21706	Buddy Culbertson	Miami	14-11-2	37	3
21713	Gonzalo Diaz	Miami	3-6-15	38.4	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart	Mission Bay	19-3-5	40.7	5
22378	Earl Elms	Mission Bay	4-7-14	41	6
20306BA	Pierre Siegenthaler	Nassau	8-5-16	46	7
21105KC	Rusty Baillie	Oakville	12-8-10	48	8
21021	Van Wesley	Privateer	5-9-21	52	9
20690KC	Jus Belford	Oakville	9-14-11	52	10
19091	Pete Duvoisin	Privateer	15-17-4	52	11
21703KC	Peter Baillie	Oakville	11-12-12	53	12
17387	Fred Schenck	Alamos Bay	2-18-20	53	13
19267	Don Hite	Lake Angelus	10-22-7	57	14
19177	Fred Thurston	Annapolis	16-10-13	57	15
6895	Francis Seavy	Cleveland	26-16-3	59.7	16
22380	Bill Buckles	Cleveland	28-2-24	67	17
21597HL	Pistola Paradedda	Jangadeiros	7-af-9	69	18
20701BA	John Dunkley	Nassau	18-15-18	69	19
21716KC	Dick Kneulman	Oakville	25-13-17	73	20

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20306BA	Pierre Siegenthaler	Nassau	2-3-6-4-4	36.4	3
21021	Van Wesley	Privateer	12-4-5-5-5	56	4
21713	Gonzalo Diaz	Miami	16-6-1-4-3	77.4	5
19267	Don Hite	Lake Angelus	3-7-11-20-11	78.7	6
20701BA	John Dunkley	Nassau	23-10-10-3-7	79.7	7
21763BA	Godfrey Kelly	Nassau	14-13-2-12-14	80	8
20002	Bruce Colyer	Ft. Lauderdale	11-11-14-11-5	82.7	9
21597BL	Pistola Paradedda	Jangadeiros	4-17-12-7-19	87	10
21703KC	Peter Baillie	Oakville	20-14-8-6-15	92.7	11
21706	Buddy Culbertson	Miami	5-af-4-13-9	93	12
19019	Pete Duvoisin	Privateer	18-5-13-16-17	98	13
21105KC	Rusty Baillie	Oakville	13-9-af-10-10	101	14
19393	G. A. Diaz	Miami	32-8-9-8-18	105	15
22380	Bill Buckles	Cleveland	15-18-21-14-12	110	16
21705	Bob Brown	Miami	26-15-16-9-20	116	17
17387	Jerry Thompson	Lake Angelus	7-af-15-18-13	118	18
20690KC	Jim Belford	Oakville	22-19-17-17-16	121	19
21700	Henry Davis	Omaha	24-16-20-21-15	136	20



U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas, Mr. Seymour Weiss, presents Dudley Gamblin trophy to Jeff Lenhart and crew Don Krebs. At left is Dawson Roberts, commodore of the Royal Nassau Sailing Club. (Wm. Gus Roberts photo)

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