The Zimmerman Trophy—Jeff Wins Again

Jeff Lehnert triumphs in Winter Circuit for third straight year.

The BULLETIN staff is especially grateful to Pete Duvivier who took his scope recorder and camera to the Winter Circuit. Not only provided much of the material for the Winter Circuit write-up, including an exclusive and enlightening interview with the Commodore; he also interviewed Mike McLoughlin, Earl Edens, and Tom Nute about boats, masts, and sails. These interviews will appear in future BULLETINS.

Midwinter Championship

Jeff Lehnert again proved his mastery of Snipe sailing by winning first at Clearwater, March 5-7, and going on to dominate the Circuit and take the Zimmerman Trophy back to California. He was followed by Mark Reynolds, the new phenom from Southern California, and SCIRA Board Member Doug DeSouza, Greg Fisher, Newport, R.I., and Nute was 4th, Tom Nute, Francis Servy, Goazar Dicz Jr., Keith Donald, and Robin Gales rounded out the top ten in that order.

A blustery cold front went through Clearwater with such force that Saturday's scheduled tune-up race was cancelled. Winter weary northern sailors, and Californians hoping to turn their masts to tan, had to wait for Sunday to set their equipment and evaluate what it was in the Snipe world for the 1978 season.

Sunday was still cold. The only one who had tested the course the day before was Commodore Bruce Cady. The wind was 15 to 18 out of the northeast for the first race, which was rather short. By the time the race started the wind was switching to the northwest and some planting was possible on the reach.

Because of the large registration — 51 boats — the boats were divided into three with two flights for each race. In the first race the two winners were Doug DeSouza and Robin Gales.

In the second race, the win dropped to about '70-15. The winners were Greg Fisher and Jeff Lehnert.

Monday with winds out of the east, the race was started toward the shore. As it lightened to almost nothing and shifty, the course had to be changed, and shortened. Mark Reynolds and Doug DeSouza both won their divisions.

The second race of the day was started in winds out of the east-northeast at 8-10 and dying. Reynolds again won his division and Tom Nute took honors for the other flight.

Tuesday's winds were brisk, out of the southeast, building into a gale from moving down on Florida. Dr. Don Cochran, assisting with the Race Committee predicted that it would blow out of the southeast until about 12 and then shift to the south and that it would blow hard.

The winds were described as 15 to 20 and the current was friendly, with the winds and waves both increasing in the first race. With gusts to 25 there were lost and boat whisker poles, and more damage might have been done to equipment, except that the course were two triangles plus windward leg, rather than Olympic. The winds dropped somewhat for the last race of the series. The first race winners were Earl Edens, by a horizon shot, and Lehnert again. In the second race, Jeff wins his division, with the second division won by Keith Donald.

Lighter Side of the Midwinter:

Doctor D interviews the Commodore:

D. "This is the Brett Red — the former Bloody Red now the Commando. Would you care to say a few words?"

C. "I've been blooded! What would you like to hear? Do you want to ask Barry?"

D. "Yeah, Barry's going to get this. It has all the validity of it."

C. "It was a lovely regatta. Lovely. The boats move well."

D. (_initializer) "Over the bow — especially if you don't let the thing off."

C. "Sailed every race in the Gulf on the first time in what? Eight years? It was just fantastic."

D. "It was great and I was very happy to see the new boats moving — and the old boats moving — all the boats moving!"

D. "You're Donald in a 14,000 boat?"

C. "An old Lippincott boat — just like I told — with Seaford sails and a stiff, stiff mast."

D. "Are 1 bet you money you are..."
going to buy one back!"
C: "Right, right — and you are buying Earl's boat!"
D: "Right, right..."

Don Q Rum Keg Regatta

Fifty one boats showed up at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for the 12th Annual Don Q Rum Keg Regatta, March 10-12. On Friday, race was never to take place as the wind went up to 25 knots gusting 30 to 40. The Race Committee called it off for the day. Sunday, March 12. The start of the second race was scheduled for 9:00 A.M. with the intention of getting in 3 races with a 5:00 P.M. deadline to start the last race of the day. At 9:00 A.M. there was no wind. It finally started to fill in from the southeast at 10:00 A.M. Dirk Kuekman and crew Robert Mova, the only Canadians attending the circuit this year, took an early lead to the first place followed by Timm Herr, local Ben Russell and Californian Mark Reynolds.

Third race and wind ranging from 10 to 12 mph. Steve Sudduth from Jacksonville, Florida, sailing an old Agustinian (wood) boat No 14789 grabbed the lead and crossed the finish line in first place followed by Sam Molee (Ohio), local Pete Melvin (Youth World Champion), Doug DeSantis (California) and Canadian Dirk Kuekman.

Sixth race and 40 to 15 mph. Augie Diaz took the lead at the first weather mark closely followed by Elms, Lemkait and Sudduth. At the finish line it was Lemkait first, then Augie, Steve Sudduth, Greg Fisher and Earl Ens. The Snipe Class is very thankful to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Don Q Rum Co. for co-sponsoring this regatta. To all the members of the Club that helped to put up this Regatta, Friday Don Q Cocktail Party and Cookout, to Dirk Russell who helped in the Race Committee and supplied the Race Committee Boat. To Jim Weber, Race Committee Chairman, who, again, did a super job this year; without his effort we would have never had 4 races in this Series.

A special thanks, too, from the fleet, to Fleet Captain Bill Aiardi for all the work in organizing the regatta and working with the Race Committee. Also to the constants: There were no protests — NOT A SINGLE ONE!

Gonzalo E. Diaz
Miami Fleet No. 7

Bacardi Cup

A group of Snipe sailors aboard BRUCE'S RIBS anchored at Nassau's yacht Haven compiled the following report on the Bacardi Cup, held Mar. 15-16.

"What was it like, The Bacardi Cup? Who won? — Drinks won? — What did he have?"

"The slowest creature ever built, old fashioned Cobra mast, and worn out Ulman sails. What's more, he fell out of the boat on the final run, jumped back (Continued on page 9)"
Above, right: Bruce and Don Cudmore in Clearwater Y.C. parking lot. Right: Big 5 - at the Midwinter with the new Clearwater Y.C. in the background. (Pete Duvall photo)

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Bacardi Cup
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in, and still won the race.

"I meant what we'd promised. You
are handling it!"

"Why don't you take that thing out
side and turn the music back on?"

"I can't believe that Tom Note who
was third in the Bacardi Cup, said that."

"Great Lord, that thing's not on it!"

Unanswerable gobbledygook background.

"Sure it is — it's candid: What was the
regatta like?"

"Wind conditions were mild — all
under 12. It was too strong and shifty. You
had to go to one side or the other."

"What do you say, Doggs?"

"I say they should have had four
trophies. I was 4th for the 4th time."

"Look what happened to Elms. He
was 8th."

"What happened to you, Earl?"

"I was put away — it was a
misunderstanding — close encounter — I was
bowed."

"O.K., Mike, how bad was the
bowing?"

"Hardest bowing you ever saw. A spear
job!"

"I am going outside and give the
scores. This crowd is unruly!"

Gambling Memorial Regatta

Jeff won the Gambling Trophy and
cpitched the Zimmerman Trophy in spite
of a capsize in the last race which
dropped him to 15th in that event. He
had lost company in the water. The
race winner, Pete Daviscas, described the
wind as "really howling." Tom Note was
second for the regatta, Mark Reynolds
was third, Ed Elms fourth, and Bill
Buscheck fifth.

The series began Mar. 16 in light,
shifty weather; but on the second day, a
front moved through with winds to 25
knots. In the planning conditions,
there were many position changes and
some capsizes, and equipment failures.

The last race was a real test, and a
great buster. The start was delayed by a
squat and as the skies cleared, there
was some doubt that the winds would be
before the limit for a克斯 start. The
winds did calm down a little — and the
race was on, for a fitting high wind race
to end the 1978 winter circuit.

Jeff Wins Again!

Jeff Lehnart, skipper with the best

BACARDI CUP
(Top 26 of 31 Entries)

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The total score for the Circuit's 16 races, sailed in all kinds of conditions, is the
1978 Zimmerman Trophy winner. The
race was won by a score of 13, which
had the trophy 5 times in all. Of the 16
boats qualifying by entering all the re-
gattas, all the top 5 were from Southern
California.