

# The Zimmerman Trophy—Jeff Wins Again

*Jeff Lenhart triumphs in Winter Circuit for third straight year.*

The BULLETIN staff is especially grateful to Pete Duvoisin who took his tape recorder and camera to the Winter Circuit. He 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 McLaughlin, Earl Elms, and Tom Nute about boats, masts, and sails. These interviews will appear in future BULLETINS.

## Midwinter Championship

Jeff Lenhart 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., sailmaker was 4th, and Earl Elms was 5th. Tom Nute, Francis Seavy, Gonzalo Diaz 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 rust to tan, had to wait for Sunday to test their equipment and evaluate what is new in the Snipe world for the 1978 season.

Sunday it was still cold. The only one who had tested the course the day before was Commodore Bruce Colyer. 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 playing was possible on the reaches. Because of the large registration — 51 boats — the boats were divided into fleets



*Jeff Lenhart, the winner — Midwinters, Gambler, and Zimmerman trophies. (Pete Duvoisin photo)*

with two flights for each race. In the first race the two winners were Doug DeSouza and Robin Gales.

In the second race, the winds dropped a little to about 10-15. The winners were Greg Fisher and Jeff Lenhart.

Monday with winds out of the east, the race was started toward the shore. As it lightened to almost nothing, and shifted, 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 west-northwest 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, blowing into a new front 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 conditions as hairy, with the winds and waves both increasing in the first race. With gusts to 25 there were lost and bent whisker poles, and more damage might have been done to equipment, except that the courses 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 Elms, by a horizon job, and Lenhart again. In the second race, Jeff won his division, with the second division won by Keith Donald.

## Lighter Side of the Midwinters:

Doctor D interviews the Commodore

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

C: "I've been bloodied! ... What would you like to hear, Doc? Are we talking to Buzzy?"

D: Yeah, Buzzy's going to get this. It has all the results on it."

C: "It was a lovely regatta. Lovely. The limber masts are moving well."

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

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

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

D: "Yes! Keith Donald in a 14,000 boat!"

C: "— An old Lippincott boat — just like I said — with Seefield sails and a stiff, stiff mast."

D: "And I 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 35. The Race Committee sent everybody back home. That was all for the day.

Saturday, March 11. First race was started in light winds from the south. Bruce Nolan crossed the finish line in first place followed by Augie Diaz, Jerry Thompson, Pete Fenner and Tom Nute. The light winds continued forcing the Race Committee to call 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 2 races with a 3:00 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 Kneulman and crew Roberto Mura, the only Canadians attending the circuit this year, took an early lead never to be challenged with Augie Diaz in second place followed by Terry Timm, local Bob Russell and Californian Mark Reynolds.

Third race had winds ranging from 10 to 12 mph. Steve Suddath from Jacksonville, Florida, sailing an old Argentinian Berdolari (wood) boat No. 14789 grabbed the lead and crossed the finish line in first place followed by Sam Meller (Ohio), local Pete Melvin (Youth World Champion), Doug DeSouza (California) and Canadian Dirk Kneulman.

Fourth race and last: winds picked up from 10 to 15 mph. Augie Diaz took the lead at the first weather mark closely followed by Elms, Lenhart and Suddath. At the finish line it was Lenhart first, then Augie, Steve Suddath, Greg Fisher and Earl Elms.

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 Cook Out, 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 superb 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 Aicardi for all the work in organizing the regatta and working



Midwinter winners: L to R: Earl Elms, Greg Fisher, Jeff Lenhart, Mark Reynolds, Doug DeSouza. Front: Dan Neri, Bill Brooks, Craig Martin, Mike McLaughlin. Not present for picture, Marc Duvoisin. (Pete Duvoisin photo)

### MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 30 of 51 Entries)

Skipper/Crew	Home	Places	Points	Finish
Jeff Lenhart/Bill Brooks	San Diego, Ca.	2-1-2-1-1	6	1
Mark Reynolds/Craig Martin	San Diego, Ca.	3-1-1-2-2	11.4	2
Doug DeSouza/Mike McLaughlin	San Diego, Ca.	1-1-5-2-3	18.7	3
Greg Fisher/Dan Neri	Newport, R.I.	2-1-2-7-4	25	4
Earl Elms/Marc Duvoisin	San Diego, Ca.	3-3-3-3-1	25.1	5
Tom Nute/Craig Hill	San Diego, Ca.	4-2-3-1-9	31.7	6
Francis Seney/Kevin Gryde	Clearwater, FL	9-2-3-5-6	45.4	7
Gonzalo Diaz, Jr./Louis Verlaep	Miami, FL	5-2-7-4-6	45.7	8
Keith Donald/Peggy Bradford	Heller Town, Pa.	7-8-9-3-1	47.7	9
Robin Gales/Donald Krebs, Jr.	La Jolla, Ca.	1-4-13-4-7	48	10
Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./George Guerra	Miami, FL	5-6-2-11-5	51.7	11
Dick Tillman/Laurie Tillman	Satellite Beach, FL	9-5-10-4-2	52	12
Dick Kneulman/Robby Mura	Oakville, Ontario	7-7-6-6-3	55.1	13
Bob Russell/Sally Russell	Miami, FL	9-4-4-11-4	56	14
Jerry Thompson/Gez Reischman	Akron, Oh.	4-7-6-8-5	56.7	15
Peter Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Chattanooga, TN	6-6-7-6-6	60.4	16
Bill Buckles/Sherry Powers	Cleveland, Oh.	4-8-8-7-7	62	17
Bill Shere/Donaie Shore	Newport, R.I.	3-1-3-11-3-12	63.4	18
Eric Stibitz/Ed Hammen	Miami, FL	12-5-2-9-3	66.7	19
Terry Timm/Becky Self	Ypsilanti, MI	14-10-5-5-10	77	20
Sam Moller/Erian Moller	Canton, Oh.	11-13-7-5-8	78	21
Fred Thurston/Diane Cooper	Annapolis, Md.	8-12-12-5-13	82	22
Alvin Bugbee/Lucius Bugbee	Dover, N.H.	11-11-13-10-8	83	23
Stewart Waugh/Ed Schneider	Memphis, TN	17-13-8-6-11	84.7	24
Bob Blomquist/Glenda Blomquist	Annapolis, Md.	9-12-17-15-12	95	25
Bob Dean/Julie Dean	Ft. Myers, FL	15-14-9-10-17	95	25
Ron Fox/Karen Fox	Long Beach, Ca.	11-16-11-14-13	95	25
John Mohlhausen/Bill Barkell	Atlanta, Ga.	14-15-10-13-14	96	28
Ken Simons/Bill Simons	Hixson, TN	15-16-8-12-15	96	28
Fred Bradshaw/Barbara Bradshaw	Atlanta, Ga.	10-18-10-14-15	97	30

with the Race Committee. Also to the contestants: 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 BOAT 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? — Dunks won" — what did he have?"

"The slowest Clubaseo ever built, old fashioned Cobra mast, and worn out Ullman sails. What's more, he fell out of the boat on the finish line, jumped back (Continued on page 9)





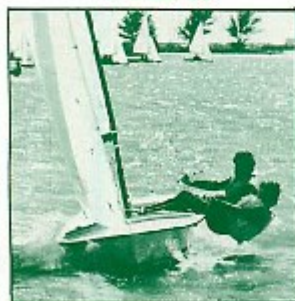
*Aboard Bruce's Boat: Commodore, Gail, Tom Nute.  
(Pete Duvoisin photo)*



*Above, right: Bruce and  
Don Cochran in Clearwater  
Y.C. parking lot. Right:  
Big E - at the Midwinters  
with the new Clearwater  
Y.C. in the background.  
(Pete Duvoisin photos)*



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## Bacardi Cup

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in, and still won the race."

"I meant what were his finishes. You are harassing me."

"Why don't you take that thing outside so we can turn the music back on?"

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

"Good Lord, that thing's not on is it?"

Untranslatable giggles in background.

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

"Wind conditions were mild — all under 12 — maybe 10 to 14 out of the southeast and shifty. You had to go to one side or the other."

"What do you say, Doug?"

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

"Look what happened to Elms. He was 5th."

"What happened to you, Earl?"

"I was put away — it was a misunderstanding — close encounter — I was boned!"

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

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

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

## Gamblin Memorial Regatta

Jeff won the Gamblin Trophy and cinched the Zimmerman Trophy in spite of a capsizing in the last race which dropped him to 18th in that finish. He had lots of company in the water. The race winner, Pete Duvoisin, described the winds as "really howling." Tom Nute was second for the regatta. Mark Reynolds was third, Earl Elms fourth, and Bill Buckles 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 planing conditions, there were many position changes and some capsize, and equipment failures.

The last race was a real test, and a gear buster. The start was delayed by a rain-squall and as the skies cleared, there was some doubt that the winds would be below the limit for a Stripe 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 Lenhart, skipper with the best

## DON Q REGATTA (Top 26 of 51 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Finish
21712	Augie Diaz/Barbara Chesney	Miami	2-2-12-2	1
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Bill Brooks	Mission Bay	10-7-8-1	2
14786	Steve Sackath/Candice Eakin	St. Johns, Tex.	15-14-1-3	3
23177	Earl Elms/Marc Duvoisin	Mission Bay	6-8-11-5	4
22815	Mark Reynolds/Craig Martin	Mission Bay	7-5-7-11	5
22716	Dirk Knechtson/Roberta Mann	Oakville, Canada	18-1-3-20	6
20318	Pete Penner/Suzan Riddle	Ballas	4-11-17-4	7
22321	Doug DeSousa/Mike McLaughlin	San Diego	12-22-4-6	8
21713	Gonzalo E. Diaz/Jorge Guerra	Miami	12-6-10-9	9
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer	12-16-15-8	10
20259	Robin Gales/Donald Krebs	Mission Bay	17-23-9-7	11
20707	Terry Tamm/Becky Self	Barton B.C.	24-3-23-0	12
6995	Francis Seave/Kevin Guido	Clearwater	11-15-21-13	13
22851	Greg Fisher/Dan Neri	Newport	9-26-24-4	14
23179	Tom Nute/Grant Hill	Mission Bay	5-17-28-12	15
21502	Brian Nolan/Margarita Nolan	Miami	1-25-18-27	16
20365	Jerry Thompson/Sue Reischmann	Lake Angelus	3-20-35-15	17
21711	Gonzalo Diaz Jr./Louis Verloop	Miami	8-24-6-21	18
19389	Bob Russell/Eric Sheeder	Miami	30-4-22-22	19
9582	Pete Nelson/Morgan Reese	Miami	2-1-ns-3-5	20
14902	Keith Donald/David Himmel	Annapolis	25-10-27-16	21
21706	Buddy Culbertson/Ron Russell	Miami	25-ns-3-5	22
22822	Sam Nollett/Brian Mollett	Akron	35-19-2-26	23
16104	Joan Mathiesen/Jon Roddey	Atlanta	32-9-25-21	24
23182	Bob Blomquist/Gita Blomquist	Annapolis	21-30-16-23	25
23061	Bill Buckles/Glen Darden	Cleveland	38-12-30-17	26

## BACARDI CUP (Top 15 of 24 Entries)

Skipper	Home	Places	Finish
John Dunkley	Nassau	1-3-3	1
Jeff Lenhart	Mission Bay	2-12-1	2
Tom Nute	Mission Bay	3-5-4	3
Doug DeSousa	Mission Bay	5-8-2	4
Pierre Siegenthaler	Nassau	4-6-5	5
Terry Tamm	Barton B.C.	15-2-9	6
Fritz Gann	Cuba Lake	9-7-6	7
Earl Elms	Mission Bay	7-1-nd	8
Robin Gales	Mission Bay	8-11-7	9
Sam Mollett	Akron	11-4-15	10
Buddy Culbertson	Miami	6-18-11	11
Dirk Knechtson	Oakville, Canada	16-9-10	12
Pete Duvoisin	Privateer	15-15-14	13
Mark Reynolds	Mission Bay	ds-10-8	14
Jerry Thompson	Lake Angelus	10-17-16	15

## GAMBLIN MEMORIAL REGATTA (Top 15 of 23 Entries)

Skipper	Home	Places	Finish
Jeff Lenhart	Mission Bay	6-2-1-1-18	1
Tom Nute	Mission Bay	3-6-3-4-5	2
Mark Reynolds	Mission Bay	1-1-6-17-4	3
Earl Elms	Mission Bay	5-3-12-2-10	4
Bill Buckles	Cleveland	2-11-5-6-7	5
John Dunkley	Nassau	4-13-9-8-3	6
Pierre Siegenthaler	Nassau	10-4-4-12-6	7
Pete Duvoisin	Privateer	15-5-10-13-1	8
Robin Gales	Mission Bay	8-7-8-7-11	9
Dirk Knechtson	Oakville, Canada	20-12-2-3-8	10
Doug DeSousa	Mission Bay	7-nd-7-3-9	11
Jerry Thompson	Mission Bay	13-8-nd-14-2	12
Terry Tamm	Barton B.C.	14-9-11-10-14	13
Godfrey Kelley	Nassau	18-10-17-11-13	14
Ron Fox	Alamitos Bay	19-17-14-15-12	15

total score for the Circuit's 16 races, sailed in all kinds of conditions, is the 1978 Zimmerman Trophy winner. The win makes it 3 in a row for Jeff, who has won the trophy 5 times in all. Of the 16 boats qualifying by entering all the regattas, all the top 5 were from Southern California.

## DISTRICT V REGATTAS

May 20-21	Northeasterns, Cuba Lake
June 3-4	New York State Open Chautauque Lake
June 17-18	Chautauque - Kauka Lake
July 7-8-9	Dist. V Championships Newport
July 22-23	Ontario Open, Oakville Canada
Aug 19-20	Bridget, Onondaga
Sept 9-10	Onondaga Open, Onondaga