



Winners Mark Reynolds, left, and Craig Martin, right. (Pete Duvoisin photo)



Second place Jeff Lenhart. (Pete Duvoisin photo)



Augie and Gonzalo Diaz were third. (Pete Duvoisin photo)

Lenhart caps close second at Clearwater

Mark Reynolds Triumphs At Midwinters

Two young Californians, U.S. National Champion Mark Reynolds and Craig Martin, beat out Jeff Lenhart and Junior U.S. National Champion Randy Smith, also of California, by .3 points for the 1979 Snipe Mid-Winter Championship at Clearwater March 11-13. Both will represent the U.S. at the Pan Am Games in Puerto Rico.

All 5 races were sailed in the Gulf of Mexico off Sand Key; and since only 5 races were completed, there were no throw-outs.

Augie Diaz, Miami, was third, Tom Nute, Mission Bay, fourth, and Dave Chapin, Springfield, IL, was fifth. Bob Russell, Miami, won the Junior Trophy, and was in 6th place. Jerry Thompson, Akron, OH, was 7th, Pete Duvoisin, Chattanooga, 8th, Robin Gales, Mission Bay, 9th, and Greg Fisher, Columbus, OH, rounded out the top ten.

and wind shifts, led to several recalls before the fleet got off. The winds had diminished to a good hiking breeze, but the waves were 3 to 5 feet, and higher near the beach. Mark and Jeff quickly established the fact that it was to be their battle, and finished in that order, with Dave Chapin 3rd, Augie Diaz 4th, and Robin Gales 5th.

The second race was more of the same, with the fleet getting lots of starting practice before getting away to a good start. Jeff won this one, with Mark in second, Tom Nute 3rd, Gonzalo — The Old Man — Diaz 4th, and Augie 5th. The third race of the day was a repeat, with cannons still booming for recalled starts, but the wind had picked up a little and the windward mark had to be shifted before the race could begin. The winds increased to 15 to 18, and were the highest for the series.

Mark won, followed by Jeff, Dave Chapin, Augie, and Tom.

Tuesday's racing was again scheduled for an early start, but it was obvious that the six races necessary to provide a throw-out could not be completed, as the boats drifted out under the bridge to begin racing on the Gulf, now flat as any lake in the Midwest.

The wind picked up enough for crews to hike, as the off shore breeze filled from the southeast. The wind gradually died and shifted more westerly, leaving those who got caught on the wrong side of the shift to drift across the finish with poles out, in no wind at all. Jeff won the race and the lead, with Augie in 2nd, Mark in 3rd, and Pete Duvoisin — "playing the lake shifts" — in 4th. Robin Gales was 5th.

The fleet drifted, ate lunch, and

MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (Top 25 of 50)

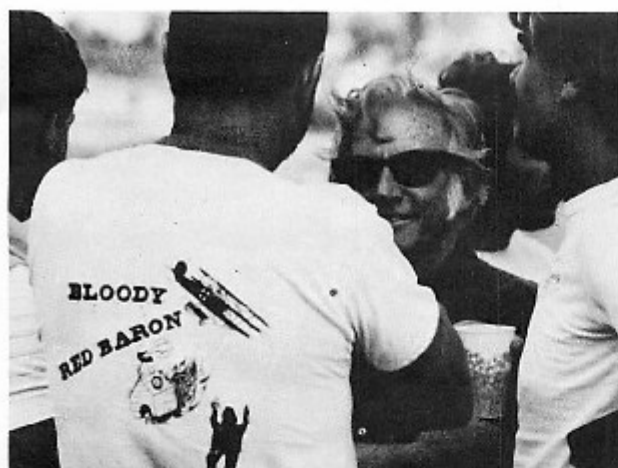
THE RACES

Don Hite won the practice race on Saturday, a mild affair, with wind out of the south, veering to the west. Most of the 50 boats were out enjoying the sunshine and testing their equipment. BUT — just before daybreak on Sunday — the predicted front went through with a bang, and Sunday morning dawned with a blow and a shiver, a cruel joke on Northern folks who had come south to thaw out.

Racing was first postponed, and later cancelled for the day, when the wind stayed marginal for a legal start, but wave conditions both in the Gulf and South Bay, were such that the boats could not safely get to the course, let alone sail a race.

Monday's racing was scheduled for an early start, but eager sailors, plus tide,

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
22515	M. Reynolds/C. Martin	Mission Bay	1-1-1-3-1	8.7	1
20560	J. Lenhart/R. Smith	Mission Bay	2-1-2-1-2	9	2
23712	A. Diaz/G. Diaz	Miami	4-5-4-2-9	44	3
22696	T. Nute/S. Biell	Mission Bay	8-3-5-9-7	57.7	4
19432	D. Chapin/S. Karstrand	Island Bay	3-24-3-6-4	61.1	5
19389	B. Russell/B. Lackey	Miami	11-6-7-15-5	72.7	6
19059	J. Thompson/G. Hill	Lake Angelus	10-7-6-13-20	75.7	7
19091	P. Duvoisin/M. Duvoisin	Privateer	5-16-12-4-13	78.7	8
23660	R. Gales/M. McLaughlin	Mission Bay	5-21-13-5-10	82	9
22851	G. Fisher/D. Neri	Columbus OH	16-17-19-14-3	95.7	10
19913	E. Ponson/P. Bradford	Annapolis	15-9-10-16-19	99	11
23700	B. Buckles/W. Tu	Cleveland	13-3-18-11-26	106	12
23182	B. Blomquist/G. Blomquist	Annapolis	22-10-14-8-28	112	13
20707	T. Tamm/C. Wertz	Jar on BC	9-14-24-23-15	115	14
19267	D. Hite/R. Moore	Lake Angelus	21-18-6-25-6	115.7	15
6995	F. Seavy/K. Guida	Clearwater	31-26-9-10-14	120	16
21712	G. Diaz/A. Ribas	Miami	14-4-22-30-22	120	17
23634	S. Mollet/B. Mollet	Portage Lakes	12-28-20-21-11	127	18
21143	F. Levinson/C. Bubin	Clearwater	20-13-23-19-23	128	19
21800	J. Brown/D. Maybank	Oakville	23-22-29-18-8	130	20
19177	F. Thurston/P. Fisher	Annapolis	7-32-27-7-29	132	21
22826	L. Coon/M. Coon	Newport Beach	25-2-11-37-18	133	22
23037	R. Fox/B. Brooks	Alumet Bay	17-30-8-27-24	136	23
16699	E. Gram/T. Williams	Cuba Lake	24-29-17-20-21	141	24
22212	G. Hall/S. Diendorf	Annapolis	18-25-31-22-16	142	25



"Bloody Red" Colyer and Francis Seavy. (Pete Duvoisin photo)



Past Commodore Bruce Colyer and Gonzo Diaz. (Pete Duvoisin photo)

drifted some more, wondering if this was to be the end of the regatta, but the light breeze filled in from the west, and the 5th race was sailed in a classic battle of light wind, much current, and wicked shifts. Again, it was Mark — the winner — with Jeff second, Greg Fisher 3rd, Dave Chapin 4th, and Bob Russell 5th.

WHAT'S NEW?

One of the games for Mid-Winters is always "what's new?". This year: Nothing much — a few new boats — the only new gimmick — a cut-out boom, was disallowed before the racing began — and that didn't slow the skipper down any.

New masts should be available from the West Coast SOON!

SOCIAL SCENE

The hospitality of the Clearwater Yacht Club and Snipe Fleet 46 was as great as ever. Donuts and coffee greeted contestants on all the shivery mornings. Leo Murphy had to go home, but the Cuba Lake cheese and beer party he planned was presided over by Dick and Glenda Edwards on the dock on Saturday afternoon. Frank and Joann Levinson invited the whole group over for a cook-out on Sunday night, and marvelous desserts provided by the women of Fleet 46 were served with the "sloppy Joes." Monday night there was a buffet at the Yacht Club, and the final banquet and trophy presentation was at "The Bank." Past Commodore Freddy Schenck, SCIRA rep for the regatta, presented Mark the trophy, and expressed his pride in Mark and Jeff and their crews as U.S. Representatives to the Pan Am Games.

Stan Mitchell was both Regatta Chairman and Race Committee Chairman, and Phil Blair is Fleet Captain for Fleet 46.



Patti Fisher who crewed for Fred Thurston rests between races. (Pete Duvoisin photo)

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Reynolds Tops Record Fleet At Don Q Regatta

55 Snipes registered for the 13th Annual Don Q Rum Keg Regatta, the largest crowd ever, but Mother Nature sent us strong winds and that trimmed our fleet down to 49 boats. Friday it was blowing 25 to 30 knots and had no races, it was warm and the Snipers got a keg of beer to compete around it!

Saturday did not look any better! We put in one race for the day with 20 snipes finishing in that race. Mark Reynolds and Craig Martin doing a horizon job on the fleet, followed by Tom Nute, Griff Hall and Dave Chapin. Back to the Club for boat repairs and the Super Don Q Party with banana Daiquiris and many others! To top it, the Club Cook Out!

On Sunday the forecast was not much better, but turned into a beautiful day with winds 10 to 15 knots. First race started at 10:00 A.M. with the wind from the East. Dave Chapin crossed the finish line in first closely followed by Sam Mollet, Mark Reynolds, Jeff Lenhart and Boris Ostergren (The World Champion sailing a chartered boat).

The second race on Sunday started approximately at 11:45 A.M. after slight resetting of the course, the wind moving to East-Southeast. This time it was Mark Reynolds first followed by Tom Nute, Dave Chapin, Augie Diaz and Griff Hall. For the third and last race, the wind moved to Southeast, still a perfect day. Lenhart was first followed by Mark Reynolds, Augie Diaz, Boris Ostergren and Dave Chapin.

The Snipe Class is very thankful to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Don Q Rum Company for co-sponsoring this regatta, to all the members of the Club that helped to put it up. Special thanks to Bob McTague, Dick Russell and Saul Diaz who not only helped personally but used their boats as RC boats, to Bill Aicardi, our fleet Captain, and to Jim Weber who did again a super-fantastic job and happens to be this year the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Commodore.

Gonzalo E. Diaz
Miami Fleet 7
SCIRA Vice-Commodore

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(Top 29 of 55 entries)

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22815	M. Reynolds/C. Martin	San Diego YC	1-3-1-2	8.7	1
19432	D. Chapin/S. Karsmond	Island Bay YC	4-1-3-5	23.7	2
23712	A. Diaz/C. Bustamonte	Coconut Grove SC	7-8-4-3	40.7	3
22696	T. Nute/S. Biehl	Mission Bay YC	2-4-2-25	57	4
22212	G. Hall/S. Dierdorf	Severn Sail Assoc.	3-6-5-18	61.7	5
20560	J. Lenhart/R. Smith	Mission Bay YC	dnf 4-6-1	62.7	6
19000b	M. Weisschen/P. Oliveira	Jagadeiros, Brasil	5-18-10-8	64	7
19059	J. Thompson/G. Hill	Lake Angelus YC	8-7-18-9	66	8
20707	T. Tim/C. Wertz	Barton Boat Club	6-12-12-14	67.7	9
19091	P. Duvoisin/M. Duvoisin	Privateer YC	9-6-17-17	72.7	10
23624	S. Mollet	PLYC, Akron OH	dnf-2-7-19	84	11
23187	B. Blomquist/C. Blomquist	SSA Annapolis	10-23-19-11	87	12
19389	B. Russell/B. Lasker	Coconut Grove SC	15-20-20-12	91	13
22851	G. Fisher/P. Fisher	Hoover YC	12-25-9-22	92	14
20590ke	J. Belford/P. Belford	Oakville YC	14-26-15-15	94	15
23420bl	B. Ostergren/E. Neugebauer	Velocios P.A. Brasil	dnf-5-28-4	95	16
21712	G. Diaz Sr./A. Ribas	Coconut Grove SC	dnf-24-8-6	98.7	17
21711	G. Diaz Jr./A. Goldweber	Coconut Grove SC	dnf 13 11-7	104	18
19177	F. Thurston	SSA Annapolis	16-21-21-24	106	19
21705	E. Stibitz/M. Stibitz	Coconut Grove SC	18-28-24-20	114	20
20816	G. Bustamonte/A. Bustamonte	Coconut Grove SC	dnf 11 25 10	119	21
20221	S. Sedlatz/C. Suddath	Rudder Club Jax.	19-15-13-dns	120	22
21763ba	G. Kelley/S. Kelley	Royal Nassau SC	11-34-30-26	123	23
20007	B. Colyer/R. Russell	Coral Reef YC	dnf 9 14 dnf	125	24
19267	D. Hite/R. Moore	Lake Angelus YC	dnf-17-32-21	131	25
6995	F. Seavy/K. Guco	Clearwater YC	dnf-27-23-13	136	26
23060	R. Galz/M. McLaughlin	Mission Bay YC	17-22-29-dns	141	27
23037	R. Fox/B. Brooks	Alamitos Bay YC	dnf-39-27-16	143	28
21800ke	L. Brown/D. Maybank	Port Credit YC, Can.	13-29-39-38	143	29



Above: Mark Reynolds and Craig Martin getting ready to race. Opposite page: top photo: L to R, Mark Reynolds, Craig Martin, Dave Chapin, Steve Korstrand, Charlie Bustamante, Angie Diaz, Tom Nute, Sean Biele, Griff Hall and Susan Dierdorf. Bottom photo: Boats preparing for Saturday's race in 25 knots of wind.



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