Mark Reynolds Triumphs At Midwinters

Two young Californians, U.S. National Champion Mark Reynolds and Craig Martin, best out Jeff Lenhart and Junior U.S. National Champion Randy Smith, also of California, by 3 points for the 1979 Snipe Midwinter Championship at Clearwater March 11-13. Both 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, Villani, was third. Tom Nute, Mission Bay, fourth, and Dave Chaplin, Springhill, Ill., was fifth. Bob Russell, Miami, won the Junior Trophy, and was in 6th place. Jerry Thompson, Akron, Ohio, was 7th. Pete Duvallin, Chattinupga, 8th. Robin Gales, Mission Bay, 9th, and Greg Fisher, Columbus, Ohio, rounded out the top ten.

THE RACES

Most of the races were won by the practice race on Saturday, a mild affair, with wind out of the south, and not much wind out of the west. Most of the 50 boats were out and 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 boil and a shiver, a cruel joke on the Northern folks who had come north to thaw out.

Racing was first postponed, and later cancelled for the day, when the wind shifted from the south to the west, bringing in a very strong wind that lasted all day. The races resumed on Monday, as scheduled for an early start, but as rain started to fall, the wind died down and shifted to the south, and the races were abandoned.

The second race was more of the same, with the fleet getting lots of starting practice and not much to show for it. The winds were 5-10 knots, and the course was set for a long race. The fleet was scattered all over the bay, with no one leading at any point.

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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 disqualified before the racing began — and that didn't slow the skippers down any.

New mats should be available from the West Coast SOON!

SOCIAL SCENE
The hospitality of the Clearwater Yacht Club and Snipe Fleet #6 was as great as ever. Donuts and coffee greeted contestants on all the chilly mornings. Leo Murphy had to go home, but the Cuba Lake crew and bear party he planned was enjoyed ever 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 #6 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." Capt Commodore Freddy Schenk, SCIRA ree for the regatta, presented Mark the trophy, and expressed his pride in Mark and Jeff and their crews at U.S. Representatives to the Pan Am Games.

Stan Mitchell was both Regatta Chairman and Race Committee Chairman, and Phil Meier is Fleet Captain for Fleet #6.

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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 backed to west, it was warm and the Snipers got a leg of beer to compete around!

Saturday did not look any better! We put in one race for the day with 20 entries finishing in that race. Mark Reynolds and Craig Martin doing a hard job on the fleet, followed by Tom Nute, Gulf Hill and Dave Chapin. Each to the Club for boat repairs and the Super Don Q Party with Yonana Delupain and many others. TO TOOT, 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 10:40 A.M. with the wind from the east. Dave Chapin crossed the finish line in first closely followed by Sam Moller, Mark Reynolds, Jeff Lewit and Boris Ostergren (The World Champion sailing a chartered boat).

The second race on Sunday started approximately at 11:45 A.M. with light reaching the course, the wind moving to East Southeast. This time it was Mark Reynolds first followed by Tom Nute, Dave Chapin, Augie Dye and Grant Hill. For the third and fast race, the wind moved to Southeast still a perfect day. Lewit was first followed by Mark Reynolds, Augie Dye, Boris Ostergren and Dave Chapin.

The Snipe Class is very grateful to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Don Q Rum Company for sponsoring this regatta, to all the members of the Club that helped to put it up. Special thanks to Bob McCague, Jack Russell and Soni Dye who not only helped personally but used their boats as RC boats, to Bill Ackard, 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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1979 DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA
( Top 29 of 55 entries )

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