

Craig Martin Tops Winter Circuit

Consistency pays as regatta wins split three ways

CHAPIN TRIUMPHS AT MIDWINTERS

Despite gasoline prices almost twice as high as last year's, the Snipes still showed up in force at this year's Snipe Midwinters. Sixty Snipes competed at Clearwater Yacht Club's March 9-11, in the first of four regattas making up the Winter Circuit.

This regatta, sailed on the Gulf of Mexico, is renowned for heavy winds and big seas. This year's regatta started out with only enough wind for one race of the scheduled two races.

Day two brought better conditions and two races were completed with 15 knots and planing reaches. The last day, the breeze dropped again, but current world champion Dave Chapin, with crew Gary Knapp squeezed out a first in the opening race, which virtually wrapped up the regatta for them. They were the most consistent finishers, which enabled them to win the regatta despite a poor finish in the last race. Robin Gales finished second, with John Walton third.

Mark Reynolds,
Mission Bay Yacht

REYNOLDS LEADS DON Q FLEET

The second stop in the Snipe winter circuit is the Don Q held on Miami's Biscayne Bay. This year 64 boats competed in brisk north winds lasting all three days. The third race was held in winds of 20 to 25 knots which brought wild planing reaches and a few capsize at the gybe mark. The racing was close over in these conditions.

Defending Circuit champion Mark Reynolds of San Diego, CA, won the March 14-15 series sponsored by Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Don Q. Reynolds, and his crew, Jeff Rubin, Miami, placed 4-3-1-14-2. Craig Martin, also of San



Above, l to r: Race Committee Chairman Jim Weber, winning crew Jeff Rubin, skipper Mark Reynolds and Commodore John A. Brennan of Coconut Grove SC, pose with the Don Q Run Kog Perpetual trophy. Right: Regatta Chairman Bruce Cochran presents SCIRA Midwinter trophy to 1980 champion Dave Chapin. Photo by Buzz Levinson.

Diego, and his crew Mike McLaughlin, Privateer, TN, placed second, finishing 3-5-5-6-1. In third place was Felix Gancedo and his crew Carlos Llamas Malaga, Spain. They finished 10-1-6-4-3.

Otis Wragg
Mark Reynolds

LENHART TAKES BACARDI, GAMBLIN

The Royal Nassau Sailing Club was host



to the annual Bacardi Cup and SCIRA Winter Championship held March 19th-22nd in Montego Bay, Nassau, Bahamas.

Of the 26 entries, 20 were from the U.S.A., one each from Spain and Puerto Rico, and 4 from Nassau. Four Snipes were transported across the Gulf on

MIDWINTER REGATTA (Top 20 of 60 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Home	Places	Points	Finish
24094	Dave Chapin	Springfield, IL	5-2-4-1-22	49	1
23069	Robin Gales	La Jolla, CA	8-6-3-1-14	68.4	2
23423	John Walton	Detroit, MI	3-24-19-3-2	69.4	3
23750	Craig Martin	San Diego, CA	9-4-2-20-16	74	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart	San Diego, CA	4-1-10-25-19	80	5
19981	Felix Gancedo	Milaca, Spain	19-5-5-25-1	80	6
23619	Greg Fischer	Columbus, OH	17-19-15-4-3	82.7	7
24069	Bill Backles	Cleveland, OH	32-10-1-10-21	97	8
22291	Pete Melvin	Miami, FL	11-37-6-14-4	99.7	9
19091	Pete Duvoisin	Chattanooga, TN	24-15-13-13-9	106	10
6995	Francis Scary	Clearwater, FL	13-25-25-6-10	107	11
19888	Rick Merriman	Sr. Palenburg, FL	21-3-14-42-6	112.4	12
24110	Robert Gorman	Chelmsford, MA	15-20-12-23-15	115	13
22285	Harry A. Leviason	Indianapolis, IN	12-17-19-29-11	116	14
17514	Mark Converse	Rochester, NY	7-9-21-33-20	120	15
24041	Bruce Colyer	Fort Lauderdale, FL	31-8-8-19-26	122	16
2102	Matt Gregory	Chattanooga, TN	18-16-23-18-18	123	17
23279	John Johns	BBC	1-36-6-22-31	124	18
23621	Bruce Cochran	Clearwater, FL	28-7-27-25-23	124	19
23182	Bob Elomquist	Towson, MD	14-30-28-8-17	127	20



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"Bruce's Boat" while the remaining 18 were shipped from Miami on the M.V. "Betty K."

Californians Jeff Lenhart and crew Mike Bartell won the Bacardi Cup, with 2 seconds and a fourth. They inched out Craig Martin and crew David Himmel who took second place with a second and 2 thirds. Third was former World Champion Felix Gancedo and crew Carlos Llamas with 2 firsts and a disappointing twelfth.

The traditional Bacardi Daiquiri Party was held at the Club on Wednesday evening following the first two Bacardi Cup Races and was much enjoyed by everyone.

This year the March winds did not reach their expected strength, and no doubt the heavy wind sailors were a little disappointed. The first 4 races were sailed in Easterly breezes of 10-12 knots and the final two days saw the wind just getting to 15-18 knots, causing one capsize. Shifting winds caught some sailors

zigging when they should have been zigging or vice versa!

The top 2 positions in the Gambini Series remained the same as in the Bacardi Cup with the winner, Jeff, streaking to 3 first-place finishes. Californians Robin Gales and crew Randy Gallman were third.

The Charles Kelly Memorial Trophy, awarded for the third time, was won by Jeff Lenhart, the skipper with the best total score for all the races in the two Nassau Regattas. The Carl Zimmerman Trophy was won by Craig Martin, the overall winner of the Winter Racing Circuit.

The Trophy Presentation took place at the Club on Saturday night where there was dinner and dancing and lots of fun and good fellowship. Sunday was spent relaxing on the beach at Green Cay, near Rose Island.

Godfrey Kelly

DON Q RUM REGATTA (Top 20 of 60 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home	Places	Points Finish
22815	Mark Rynolds/Jeff Robin	San Diego YC	3-4-1-14-2	36.7 1
23750	Craig Martin/Mike McLaughlin	Mission Bay YC	3-5-5-6-1	37.4 2
19981	Felix Gancedo/Carlos Llamas	Real Club Mar. Mal.	10-1-6-4-3	41.4 3
23060	Robin Gales/Randy Gallman	Mission Bay YC	2-21-10-1-8	60 4
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Mike Bartell	Mission Bay YC	1-2-9-23-6	60.7 5
23711	Gonzalo Diaz Jr./Ron Russell	Coconut Grove SC	7-14-2-13-5	67 6
23713	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./David Himmel	Coconut Grove SC	16-8-8-3-12	73.7 7
20707	Terry Timm/Erle Sheeder	Barton BC, Detroit	9-13-7-7-9	75 8
23963	Tom Nute/Pat Muglia	Mission Bay YC	13-6-12-2-20	77.7 9
23619	Greg V. Fisher/Dan Neri	Hoover YC	18-73-16-19	89.7 10
24142	Steve Sudduth/Connie Sudduth	Rudder Club Jax	6-15-21-11-10	92.7 11
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer YC	15-17-15-5-16	97 12
24110	Bob Gorman/Wayne Hufley	LOYC	8-23-23-8-7	98 13
24042	Bruce Colyer/Anne Duvoisin	Cora. Reef YC	21-9-14-13-11	98 14
23188	Ethan Bixby/Trudy A. Banger		14-16-20-17-13	110 15
23712	Angie Diaz/Baird Lobree	Coconut Grove SC	11-11-4-18-17	116 16
23624	Sam Mollet III/Brian Mollet	P. YC Ohio	20-12-11-30-22	125 17
24069	Bill Buckles/Parti Fisher	Cleveland YC	44-24-12-18-4	131 18
19389	Bob Russell/Josh Rubin	Coconut Grove SC	12-32-17-20-dnf	147 19
23423	John Walton/Prim Pulhemus	CSYC	43-38-16-12-15	154 20

BACARDI CUP (Top 12 of 26 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home	Places	Points Finish
23560	Jeff Lenhart/Mike Bartell	Mission Bay	2-4-2	14 1
23750	Craig Martin/David Himmel	Mission Bay	3-2-3	14.4 2
19981	Felix Gancedo/Carlos Llamas	Spain	12-1-1	18 3
24042	Bruce Colyer/Ann Duvoisin	P.L. Lauderdale	1-5-8	24 4
23713	Gonzalo Diaz/Carlos Bustamante	Miami	11-2-4	34 5
23711	Gonzalo Diaz Jr./Ron Russell	Miami	8-10-5	40 6
23060	Robin Gales/Randy Gallman	Mission Bay	9-8-10	45 7
19059	Jerry Thompson/Tom Thompson	Lake Angeles	7-9-14	48 8
23662	Pete Fenner/Susan Fenner	Dallas	5-3-dg	48.7 9
23963	Tom Nute/Pat Muglia	Mission Bay	4-14-16	50 10
21071	Matt Gregory/Karen Gregory	Privateer	16-1-6	50.7 11
23624	Sam Mollet/Erle Sheeder	Portage Lakes	17-16-11	51.7 12

GAMBINI SERIES (Top 12 of 26 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Home	Places	Points Finish
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Mike Bartell	Mission Bay	1-1-1-2-5	13 1
23750	Craig Martin/David Himmel	Mission Bay	5-2-3-4-1	26.7 2
23060	Robin Gales/Randy Gallman	Mission Bay	10-9-2-8-2	51 3
19981	Felix Gancedo/Carlos Llamas	Spain	2-4-7-1-dg	54 4
20306	Pierre Siegenthaler/D. Martinborough	Nassau	6-6-5-6-7	58.1 5
23713	Gonzalo Diaz/Carlos Bustamante	Miami	1-8-10-3-4	60.7 6
23662	Pete Fenner/Susan Fenner	Dallas	3-11-12-11-9	72.7 7
23624	Sam Mollet/Erle Sheeder	Portage Lakes	12-5-13-5-10	73 8
21021	Matt Gregory/Karen Gregory	Privateer	8-15-11-12-3	76.7 9
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer	7-10-4-15-15	79 10
24069	Bill Buckles/Charles Harbort	Cleveland	16-7-8-7-12	80 11
19059	Jerry Thompson/Tom Thompson	Lake Angeles	16-13-9-12-8	86 12

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