

Jeff Lenhart Earns Southern Circuit Honors

New scoring system proves successful in winter series.

Consistency is Jeff Lenhart's trademark, and it kept him on top of the Snipe Winter Circuit '84, giving him the Zimmerman Trophy. Jeff, defending champion for the Circuit, had a fifth place finish in both the Midwinters at Clearwater, won by Mark Reynolds, and the Don-Q at Miami, won by Bob Hodges of the hot New Orleans fleet. Jeff came back to take a first and second in the Garblin and Bacardi in Nassau. Mark was second overall. Having won the Midwinters, he then had to live with two very bad finishes in the Don-Q, when he was over early and had to re-start. Mark split with Jeff in Nassau, also taking a first and a second place.

Weather was variable throughout the Circuit, and participation was up. Clearwater had heavier than average winds for the first two days of racing, and both Miami and Nassau had relatively light air. Both Don-Q and Nassau reported record attendance.

The new SCIRA low point scoring system was reported to have been enthusiastically accepted by the contestants. This was the first trial in a major series of the simplified system — 1/2 point for first place, and place points equal to the finish for the rest.

Midwinters

Mark Reynolds and Robert Lindley, Mission Bay, CA, won the 45th International Snipe Midwinter Regatta March 10-13. The regatta was jointly sponsored by Clearwater Fleet 46 and the Clearwater Yacht Club. Francis Seavy was general chairman.

Mark and Robert set the pace by winning the first race, and taking the championship with 13.25 points, as they also won the third and fourth races. Ed and Meredith Adams, Newport, RI, were 2.75 points back in second place, having placed second in three races. Steve and Connie Suddath of the Lake Lanier fleet were third, Jerry Thompson and Grant Hill, Alamos Bay, CA, fourth, and defending champion Jeff Lenhart, with crew Scott Lindley finished fifth.

Two Canadian boats joined Snipes from all over the U.S. to make up the 43-boat fleet.

The weather was good — mostly sunny and warm, and all races were sailed on the Gulf of Mexico. Winds were medium (15-18) for the first two races, heavy (18-22) for the third and fourth, and ended light (8 to 10) for the last two races. Bob Welton was R.C. Chairman, assisted by the Clearwater Yacht Club Race Committee.

Board member (and District III Governor) Sam Mollett, with son Brian crewing, won the tune-up race but faded to 14th in the overall standings, a position which was still good enough to take the Phil Blair Masters Trophy for the regatta.

The Frank Levinson Sportsmanship trophy (selection for this honor is by vote of the contestants) went to Greg Fisher, who finished sixth.

Social highlights included the final trophy presentation at the Clearwater Yacht Club and the "welcome" cocktail party given by Leo Murphy and his parents.

Nassau Seavy

Don Q

Bob Hodges and Leslie Weatherly of New Orleans won the 1984 DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA in a record fleet of 66 Snipes. They showed excellent consistency

in a series of five races, no throwout, placing always among the first nine boats.

Race Committee and Regatta Chairman Jim Weber came up with another super job and was ably assisted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club members. Our thanks to them and to the Don Q Rum Company.

The DON Q RUM KEG PARTY was again the highlight of the Regatta (Saturday after the races) with Daiquiries being served on the dock at arrival of the Snipe sailors.

Friday, March 16: First race — easterly winds 10-15 mph. Beautiful day! You have to have at least one day like this in Biscayne Bay! Steve and Connie Suddath took an early lead and crossed the finish line followed by Bob Hodges, Bill Buckles, Greg Fisher and Mark Reynolds.

Second race — same excellent weather conditions. Ed and Meredith Adams won, followed by Earl Elms, Brent McKenzie, Mark Reynolds, and Jeff Lenhart.

Saturday, March 17: Third race — the fleet had to wait nearly two hours for the wind to settle from the east at 10 mph. After a couple of recalls and a slow race, we could not have a second race that day. Steve and Connie Suddath won again fol-

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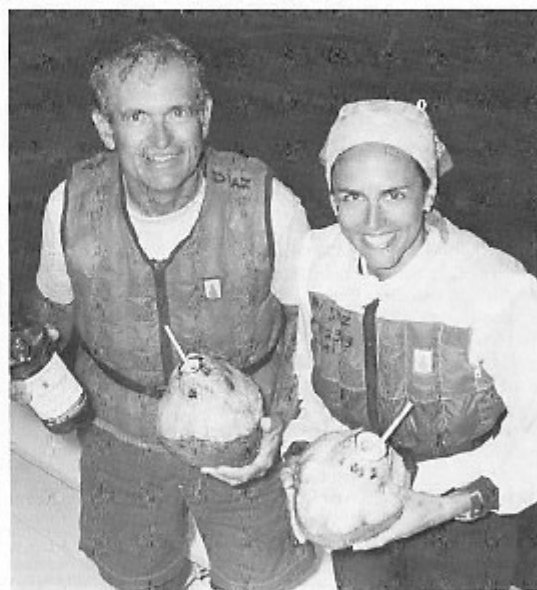
MIDWINTER REGATTA (Top 25 of 43 entries) Scored with new SCIRA low point system.

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
25732	Mark Reynolds/Robert Lindley	Mission Bay, CA	1-3-1-1-8-9	13.75	1
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Narragansett, RI	5-5-2-2-13-2	16	2
24807	Steve Suddath/Connie Suddath	Lake Lanier, GA	3-6-6-3-4-3	19	3
20369	Jerry Thompson/Grant Hill	Alamos Bay, CA	7-7-3-10-9-4	20	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Scott Lindley	Mission Bay, CA	9-8-5-6-1-1	20.50	5
25619	Greg Fisher/Jeff Elmer	Hoover Lake, OH	7-1-4-7-2-7	20.75	6
74774	Brent McKenzie/Steve Burke	Lake Lanier, GA	14-4-8-4-5-12	33	7
24730	Dave Pritchard/Shawn Burke	Lake Lanier, GA	4-15-7-5-25-8	39	8
24608	Steve Callison/Doug Frost	Rochester, NY	6-7-11-11-10-24	62	9
75406	Craig Lewick/Doug McLean	Hoover Lake, OH	11-10-16-8-20-21	65	10
25412	Arthur & Jennifer Roussaniere	Narragansett, RI	25-13-22-16-7-13	71	11
25960	Ira Abels/Todd St. John	Sea Cliff, NY	10-17-10-21-30-15	73	12
25233	Gonz Diaz/Juan Torres	Miami, FL	41-11-18-18-12-16	75	13
23624	Sam Mollett/Brian Mollett	PLYC, OH	8-21-15-11-22-25	77	14
25555	Mike McLaughlin/J. Whelan	Privateer, TN	2-5-13-20-32-30	84	15
25737	Doug Weller/Kris Meyer	Sea Cliff, NY	17-31-17-24-11-6	85	16
25761	Jessie Ann Bartlett/B. Clawson	Annapolis, MD	19-26-12-14-1-24	87	17
25707	Bill Buckles/Tom Gonzalez	Lorain, OH	17-12-27-13-29-20	89	18
25764	Susan Diendorf/Cory Fischer	Annapolis, MD	21-14-21-22-12-19	90	19
19091	Pete Duvoisin/Jane Duvoisin	Privateer, TN	22-25-14-23-6-27	90	20
25433	Jeri Belloni/Phyllis Belford	Oakville, Canada	16-19-25-12-25-26	97	21
25172	Charlie Bussananne/W. Zolph	Miami, FL	13-23-17-9-31-22	98	22
25550	Marty & A.M. VanWolfswinkel	Houston, TX	29-27-24-26-14-10	101	23
24116	Doug Nugent/Dave Behrman	Oakville, Canada	18-15-9-30-28-17	102	24
25784	Joan & Anna Zuercher	Annapolis, MD	30-22-19-29-21-11	102	25



At left: First leeward mark in the last race at the Don-Q. Craig Lewick (25405) leads The Old Man (23713) and Gonzo Diaz (25233) around the turn. Below: The Old Man and Ana celebrate winning two races on the Circuit (Cus Roberts photo). Bottom, right: Crowded mark rounding in the third race of the Gamblin Memorial Regatta. (Freddy Maura, Bahamas News Bureau photo)

Below: Midwinters General Chairman Francis Seavy presents first place trophy to Mark Reynolds, center, as winning crew Robert Lindley looks on. Center photo: 1984 winners Bob Hodges and Leslie Weatherly of New Orleans pose with the Don-Q trophy. Bottom photo: Smoke rises from the gun on the start of the Gamblin Memorial third race. Was Donald Martinborough (25516) over early? (Freddy Maura, Bahamas News Bureau photo)



A busy crowd scene:
The Tenqueray gin
party met the sailors
as they came ashore
after the third race of
the Gamblin Me-
morial. (Gus Roberts
photo)



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lowed by Ed Adams, Augie Diaz, Charlie Bustamante and Greg Fisher.

Sunday, March 18: Fourth race — the fleet had to wait for an hour for the wind to come from the southeast at 6-10 mph, but during the race it shifted to the east. Dave Pritchard and Shawn Burke won this race, followed by Ed Adams, Greg Fisher, Earl Elms and Scott Myers.

Fifth race — easterly winds 10-15 mph. Gonzalo and daughter Ara Diaz won this race, followed by Jeff Lenhart, Jerry Thompson, Tom Bremen and Mark Reynolds.

Gonzalo Diaz Sr.

Bacardi/Gamblin Series

The Royal Nassau Sailing Club hosted the annual Bacardi Cup and SCIRA Winter Championship held March 21-24 in Montagu Bay, Nassau, Bahamas.

Of the 38 participants, 23 were from the U.S.A., three from Canada and 12 from Nassau. The visiting Snipes were transported across the Gulf from Miami on the M.V. "Betty K." and their crews put up in the homes of Club members.

Edgar Mulhall, Vice-Commodore of the host Club, was Race Committee Chairman. He was assisted by Charlie deCadenas, and Commodore Gene Tragus was aboard as observer. The Committee is to

DONORUM KEG REGATTA (Top 30 of 66 entries)

Bout	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
25429	Rob Hodges/Leslie Weatherly	New Orleans	2-3-8-6-9	33	1
25619	Greg Fisher/Jef Eiber	Columbus, OH	4-18-5-3-10	40	2
25730	David Pritchard/Shawn Burke	Lake Lanier, GA	7-14-10-1-16	47.75	3
25715	Earl Elms/Peter Bryce Wassitch	San Diego	14-2-19-4-15	54	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Scott Lindley	San Diego	16-5-6-26-2	55	5
25715	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Ana T. Diaz	Miami CGSC	18-23-14-8-1	63.75	6
24776	Augie Diaz/Robin Kiser	Miami CGSC	8-26-5-16-11	64	7
25233	Gonzalo Diaz Jr./Eric Krebs	Miami CGSC	9-24-7-19-8	67	8
20369	Jerry Thompson/Grant Hill	Alamos	15-6-24-20-3	68	9
24608	Steve Callison/Doug Faust	Newport YC, NY	22-16-12-7-13	70	10
25377	Scott Myers/Joe Lonigan	Atlanta	6-13-31-5-26	81	11
26099	Ed Adams/Michael Adams	Newport, RI	49-1-2-2-12	84.75	12
25732	Mark Reynolds/Robert Lindley	San Diego	5-4-37-39-5	85	13
25172	Charlie Bustamante/Michele Richard	Miami CGSC	20-20-4-25-19	88	14
25485	Leonard Doherty/Diana Healy	Winthrop, MA	11-21-16-31-22	101	15
25515	Pete Penner/Fried Hlin	Dallas, TX	13-15-17-35-21	101	16
25482	Gabriel Bustamante/Guy Irving	Miami CGSC	12-32-37-15-14	110	17
22412	Arthur Rousmaniere/Jennifer	Narragansett, RI	42-17-21-10-23	113	18
74026	Matt Gregory/Linda Duvalsin	Chattanooga, TN	32-29-20-11-29	121	19
25707	Bill Buckles/Tom Gonzalez	Cleveland	3-35-23-13-48	122	20
25764	Susan Dierdorf/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	19-7-29-42-25	122	21
25460	Fred Abels/Todd St. John	Sec Cliff, NY	26-34-9-25-33	128	22
24950	Scott Weston/Tam Eiam Ilen	Miami CRYC	17-9-35-41-30	132	23
19091	Peter Duvalsin/Jane Duvalsin	Chattanooga, TN	34-28-58-14-20	134	24
25550	Martin Vanwolfswinkel/Hideaki Dai	Houston, TX	44-39-11-9-36	139	25
23624	Sam Mollet/Brian Mollet	Akron, OH	24-10-33-46-27	140	26
18321	Doug DeSocza/Kenyon Martin	San Diego	36-27-25-47-6	141	27
22292	Alex Cavaglia/Danny Nogu	Miami	21-36-26-40-18	141	28
24774	Brent McKenzie/Steve Burke	Atlanta	30-3-22-21-dnf	142	29
24995	Tom Bremen/Arion Haller	Miami CRYC	35-42-13-48-4	142	30

be congratulated on a job well done.

As the first race for the Bacardi Cup was about to begin, dark, threatening clouds arrived from the West and a front moved in. The race was sailed in shifting winds from the southwest to the northwest, and wind velocity varied from zero to 18 knots. The weather was more stable for the second race that afternoon with winds up to 20

knots from the northwest. At the end of the day, two races had been sailed over an Olympic-type course. Jeff Lenhart led with two second place finishes and Mark Reynolds was in second place with a first and a fourth. That evening the weary sailors were energized by the Annual Bacardi Daiquiri Party.

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