

# Reynolds Wins Winter Circuit With Firsts at Clearwater Midwinters and Nassau Bicardi

*Rum Keg goes to Augie. Dave Chapin best in Gamblin Memorial.*

Mark Reynolds took home the Zimmerman Trophy for the best total score in SCIRA's Winter Circuit. Last year's winner Jeff Lenhart was in second place.

Weather varied from a light air start in Clearwater to heavy winds for all but one race in Nassau. Miami's Don Q featured unusually light conditions until the last race blow-down in which both Dave Chapin and Greg Fisher suffered breakdowns.

Attendance was great with 49 entries for Clearwater, 50 for Miami, and 28 in Nassau.

## Reynolds Reigns In Midwinter Championship

The Clearwater Yacht Club hosted the 46th Midwinter Championship March 9 through 12 on the Gulf of Mexico. The weather was splendid with sunny temperatures in the 80s and winds from 7 to 15 knots during the four days of racing.

There were 49 entries from 13 states and 2 foreign countries. Jar Persson from Espergerde, Denmark and Freddy Wegehust from Uppsala, Sweden were the welcome international entries. Bill Welborn's race committee did a fine job handling the 49 boat starts and setting excellent courses.

Mark Reynolds and Ed Adams repeated their 1984 finishes by again being first and second. Mark left no doubt he was the one to beat by winning the first 3 races. He went on to win the series by 15 points. It was his fourth Midwinter championship. Second, third and fourth places were separated by only 1 1/2 points with Marc Eagan and Jeff Lenhart taking third and fourth respectively. Dave Chapin finished fifth with a DSQ in the fourth race after being in second place up to that point.

Jerry Thompson took delivery of a new boat and started out with a 32nd in the first race but progressively got the boat going to finish eighth overall.

A cook-out was held at the club after Sunday's races and a cocktail party after Monday's races featured Dick Edwards'

ever popular grapefruit with rum. Tuesday night an awards banquet was held at the club. Winners were presented crystal trophies which were coordinated with etched glasses given as favors.

Gonzalo Diaz won the Blair Masters Trophy for those over 50 years of age. The

"Old Man" finished seventh overall. Kurt Taulbee won the Levinson Sportsmanship Trophy.

Tom Linsky was covering the regatta for Sail magazine with a photographer. The national publicity will be a nice plus for a near perfect regatta.



*How sweet it is! Winner Augie Diaz gives a victory salute at the finish of the Don Q. Viani photo.*

## Augie Diaz Triumphs In Don Q Rum Keg Regatta

Augie Diaz and Alex Caviglia from Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, FL, won the 1985 Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta in a fleet of 50 Snipes. They showed excellent consistency in a series of 5 races, no-throws, placing always among the first 5 boats.

Race Committee and Regatta Chairman Jim Weber came up with another super job ably assisted by CGSC Fleet Captain John Schoendorf and Commodore Sid Doren. Our thanks to them, to the many CGSC members that helped and donated their time and their boats and to the Don Q Rum Company.

The Don Q Rum Keg Party Saturday afternoon was again the highlight of the regatta with daiquiries being served by our club C-Gulls on the dock at arrival from the races.

**Friday, March 15. First Race.** Winds from the south, 8-10 mph. After a good start, Steve and Connie Suddath were in control, but Augie Diaz and Alex Caviglia got a good shift from the left and rounded the weather mark in first place. On the second weather leg Suddath took the lead and Charlie Bustamante the second place. Things happened in the final weather leg and at the end it was: Jeff Lenhart, Charlie Bustamante, Augie Diaz, Dave Chapin and Greg Fisher.

**Second Race.** Winds from the south, 10-15 mph. Mark Reynolds and Mike O'Brien controlled from the beginning followed by Augie Diaz, Chapin, Suddath and Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

**Saturday, March 16. Third Race.** Winds from the south, 8-12 mph. Ed and Meredith Adams had a good start and never let go the first place. Reynolds came from behind to finish second followed by Lenhart, Chapin and Augie Diaz.

**Fourth Race.** Winds from the south, 10-12 mph. Suddath got off to a fast start and worked the right side to take the lead and hold it to the finish followed by Augie Diaz, Adams, Chapin and Jan and Jonathan Persson (all the way from Denmark!).

**Sunday, March 17. Fifth and Final Race.** Winds from the west, 22-28 mph. With the strong winds many breakdowns and DNFs were recorded. Dave Chapin and Greg Fisher were among the unfortunate ones. Scott Weston led at the first weather mark with Jerry Thompson, Steve Suddath and Jan Persson close behind. In the second weather leg Jan Persson and his son Jonathan showed us how to do it and took the lead to finish in first followed by

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Don Q top five L to R Back: Augie Diaz, Mark Reynolds, Steve Suddath, Ed Adams, and Jeff Lenhart. Front: Alex Caviglia, Mike O'Brien, Connie Suddath, Meredith Adams, Nadine Franczyk. Vian photo.

### DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA (Top 25 of 50 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
24776	Augie Diaz/Alex Caviglia	Coconut Grove SC	3-2-3-2-3	15	1
25815	Mark Reynolds/Mike O'Brien	San Diego YC	8-2-5-6	22.75	2
24807	Steve Suddath/Connie Suddath	Lake Lanier	6-4-20-1-2	32.75	3
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Newport YC	10-8-1-5-11	32.75	4
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Nadine Franczyk	Mission Bay YC	1-4-3-9-8	34.75	5
24702	Dave Chapin/Rob Lindley	Alamitos Bay YC	4-3-4-4-dnf	45	6
25704	Jan Persson/Jonathan Persson	Espergerde	15-9-26-5-1	55.75	7
26109	Greg Fisher/Joyce Ferguson	Hoover YC	5-1-8-8-dnf	62	8
25992	Jack Franco/Scott Lindley	Balboa YC	7-28-5-17-5	66	9
25761	Jonathan Bartlett/Alex Stout	Annapolis	21-10-10-20-7	68	10
24985	Tom Bremen/Aaron Hiller	Coral Reef YC	17-15-7-22-12	73	11
25676	Dick Mitchell/Maureen Hays	Loraine YC	18-13-14-10-19	74	12
24908	Steve Callison/Debbie Dudas	Newport YC	12-16-19-21-9	77	13
25233	Gonzalo Diaz/Eric Kuhn	Coconut Grove SC	22-12-23-7-17	81	14
25848	Craig Lewick/Bob Hodges	Hoover YC	31-18-18-13-4	84	15
25235	Janine Lowe/Craig Lawrence	Royal Nassau SC	28-21-12-11-14	86	16
25430	Chris Friend/Pam Pimental	Newport	14-23-17-15-20	89	17
24677	Allison Jolly/Mark Elliott	Alamitos YC	11-17-6-27-dnf	91	18
23624	Sam Miller/Brian Mallett	Portage Lake YC	13-22-22-12-dnf	99	19
25172	Charlie Bustamante/Michelle Richards	Miami	2-26-29-14-dnf	101	20
25482	Gabriel Bustamante/Joe Logan	Coconut Grove SC	16-7-32-15-dnf	101	21
24930	Scott Weston/Chris Lahber	Coral Reef YC	23-24-27-19-15	105	22
23713	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Ana Diaz	Coconut Grove SC	20-5-15-24-dns	114	23
25731	Terry Timm/Ron Moore	Grand Rapids	74-19-16-75-dnf	114	24
23623	Bill Spencer/Brian Spencer	Lauderdale YC	27-20-11-26-dns	134	25

### MINDWINTER REGATTA (Top 20 of 49 entries)

Boat	Skipper	Port	Places	Points	Finish
25815	Mark Reynolds	San Diego, CA	1-1-1-3-4-4	9.25	1
26099	Ed Adams	Newport, RI	7-9-3-9-5-2	26	2
25911	Mark Eagan	New Orleans, LA	6-2-6-6-16-7	27	3
20560	Jeff Lenhart	Costa Mesa, CA	19-3-4-7-1-13	27.75	4
24702	Dave Chapin	San Diego, CA	2-7-7-dsq-19-1	30.75	5
25992	Jack Franco	Balboa, CA	17-14-5-10-2-5	36	6
23713	Gonzalo Diaz	Miami, FL	4-10-7-4-31-12	37	7
26113	Jerry Thompson	Long Beach, CA	37-11-14-7-6-6	39	8
25951	David Pritchard	Norcross, GA	21-4-19-1-14-3	40.75	9
24807	Steve Suddath	Norcross, GA	3-72-18-5-13-14	53	10
25233	Gonzalo Diaz	Coral Gables, FL	24-8-21-19-3-9	60	11
23621	Matt Fisher	Westerville, OH	11-25-8-20-15-10	64	12
24774	Marin Zouanberg	Norcross, GA	14-17-26-8-18-8	65	13
25172	Charlie Bustamante	Boca Raton, FL	22-30-10-12-11-15	70	14
25045	Bazzy Heuser	Clearwater, FL	13-18-22-13-9-18	71	15
26109	Greg Fisher	Columbus, OH	23-6-9-dsq-12-22	72	16
25848	Craig Lewick	Columbus, OH	15-16-16-15-10-21	72	17
25430	Chris Friend	Newport, RI	9-23-25-14-18-25	76	18
24608	Steve Callison	Rochester, NY	16-27-11-16-7-29	77	19
25676	Dick Mitchell	Cleveland, OH	8-23-17-21-23-11	80	20

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Suddath, Augie Diaz, Craig Leweck and Jack Franco. Bob Hodges, last year's Don Q Regatta winner, was crewing this year for Craig Leweck. — *Gonzalo Diaz*

## Reynolds, Chapin Split Bacardi and Gamblin Races

The Royal Nassau Sailing Club hosted the annual Bacardi Cup and SCIRA Winter Championship on March 20-23 in Montagu Bay, Nassau, Bahamas.

Of the 28 participants, 16 were from the USA, 1 from Denmark, and 11 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. The Committee are to be congratulated on the fact that the starting lines were so good that there were no general recalls. Except for two races the conditions suited the heavy weather sailors as the wind blew 18 knots and more. For the first two races life preservers were obligatory.

California Mark Reynolds and crew Mike O'Brien won the Bacardi Cup by one position over Fred Abels of Locust Valley and crew Dan Coughlin who took second place. Third was Californian Jack Franco and crew Scott Lindley. Bahamian Myles Pritchard and his crew Jason McCarroll were fourth. Fifth was the only Danish entry Jan Persson and his son Jonathan.

Opening day for the three-race Bacardi Cup saw easterly winds of 18-20 knots. There were two races with Abels placing second and first. Franco posted a first and a fifth and Reynolds a fourth and a second. The next morning the winds were too strong and racing was postponed till the afternoon when the final race of the Bacardi Cup was sailed over two triangles finishing to windward in winds in excess of 20 knots. This race was won by Reynolds with Abels fifth and Franco ninth.

The five-race Gamblin Memorial series started immediately after the final race of the Bacardi Cup. Conditions were such that there was a shortened course with the finish downwind. This race was won by Reynolds with Persson second. The next day two races were sailed, the first in easterly breezes up to 18 knots and the second in light winds from the southwest. These two races were won by Reynolds and Chapin.

On Saturday, the last racing day, two back-to-back races were sailed in north-westerly winds at about 18 knots drop-

ping to 12 knots for the final race. These races were won by Abels and Chapin.

Chapin and his crew Robert Lindley dominated the Gamblin series winning handily with 8.5 points with 2 firsts, 2 seconds and a third. Franco took second place with a second, 3 fourths and a tenth. Reynolds was third, with 2 firsts, a sixth, a seventh and a disappointing twelfth following a jib halyard problem.

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.

The Charles Kelly Memorial Trophy

was won by Dave Chapin, the skipper with the best score (after dropping his worst race) for the races in the two Nassau regattas. The Carl Zimmerman Trophy was won by Mark Reynolds, the overall winner of the Southern Winter Racing Circuit. Myles Pritchard and Jason McCarroll won the Concorde Trophy awarded to the best Bahamian entry in the two series.

The trophy presentation took place at the club on Saturday night where there was dinner, lively dancing and reminiscing. For many, Sunday was spent swimming and relaxing on the beach at Rose Island.

— *Godfrey K. Kelly*

### BACARDI CUP (Top 15 of 27 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
25815	Mark Reynolds/Mike O'Brien	4-2-1	6.75	1
25761	Fred Abels/Dan Coughlin III	2-1-5	7.75	2
25992	Jack Franco/Scott Lindley	1-5-9	14.75	3
25417	Myles Pritchard/J. McCarroll II	8-3-6	17	4
25704	Jan & Jonathan Persson	3-7-10	20	5
23624	Sam & Brian Mollitt	5-6-18	29	6
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	10-10-12	32	7
26113	Jerry Thompson/Todd St. John IV	13-16-4	33	8
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Dawn Cole	20-12-2	34	9
24702	Dave Chapin/Robert Lindley	28-4-3	35	10
26161	William Denhart/Tam DeVin	9-9-17	35	11
24687	John Dunkley/Barrington Orr	6-26-7	39	12
25233	Gonzalo Diaz/J. Eric Krebs	7-26-8	41	13
25088	Godfrey Kelly/Steven Holowesko	11-15-16	42	14
24813	Gavin McKinney/Robert Van Wynen	15-14-15	44	15

### GAMBLIN MEMORIAL (Top 15 of 25 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
24702	Dave Chapin/Robert Lindley	3-2-1-2-1	8.50	1
25992	Jack Franco/Scott Lindley	4-4-10-4-2	24	2
25815	Mark Reynolds/Mike O'Brien	1-1-6-7-12	26.20	3
25761	Fred Abels/Dan Coughlin III	5-7-11-1-3	26.75	4
26113	Jerry Thompson/Todd St. John IV	8-12-2-3-4	31	5
25731	Terry Timm/Ron Moore	6-6-5-9-10	36	6
25704	Jan & Jonathan Persson	1-8-9-10-8	37	7
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Dawn Cole	10-3-4-8-13	38	8
25417	Myles Pritchard/J. McCarroll II	7-9-17-3-7	43	9
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	16-10-13-6-11	54	10
26161	William Denhart/Tam DeVin	17-7-3-14-6	57	11
23624	Sam & Brian Mollitt	11-5-12-16-16	60	12
24805	Robert Dunkley/Karen Jenkins	9-14-8-12-19	62	13
24687	John Dunkley/Barrington Orr	16-18-15-13-5	67	14
25233	Gonzalo Diaz/J. Eric Krebs	21-12-7-15-14	70	15



At the start of Friday's race, the starting line was so good that half of the fleet started at the Windward end and the other half at the Leeward end. Photo by Frederick Maura, Bahamas News Bureau.