THE WINTER CIRCUIT: Leweck Wins Overall Honors

Dave Chapin wins Clearwater Midwinters, Augie Defeats Don Q, Jeff Lehuret and Craig Leweck split Nassau.

Craig Leweck, Mission Bay, California, teamed with All American Hal Gilreath, son of SCIRA past Commodore Harold Gilreath, to win the 1986 Zimmerman overall Snipe Winter Circuit Trophy. Heavy conditions preeminent, with only two tight wind races at Clearwater. The final two races in Nassau were cancelled when a cold front moved in with 30 mph winds on the last day.

MIDWINTERS

Thirty-seven boats attended the Snipe Midwinters March 8-11 in Clearwater, Florida. The weather was great with winds to suit everyone sometime in the series. Dave Chapin won the series for the third time with a perfect score of five firsts and a three-out-of-four.

The first race on Sunday was sailed in winds of 15 to 20 knots with Craig Leweck winning. Paul Levinson second and Greg Fisher third. Chapin finished fourth for his worst finish. The second race was won by Dave Pritchard but the race was thrown out due to a shifting 10 knot wind which resulted in an improper starting line and a parade to the first mark.

Sandy skis again greeted the sailors on Monday with winds of 17-15 knots. Chapin was the first race of the day followed by Chris Snow second, Buzzy Heasler third, and Art Rossmann fourth. Monday's second race was sailed in the same winds with Chapin again first, Fisher second, Callison third, and Leweck fourth.

Tuesday was very pleasant with winds of 8-10 knots and no appreciable seas. Chapin won the first race of the day followed by Leweck, Paul Levinson, and Snow in that order. Chapin won the next race but was pushed all of the way by Fisher. The two boats were rarely over a boat length apart. Pritchard was third and Callison fourth. The third race of the day was sailed as a make-up with Chapin first, Callison second, Marc Eagan third, and Eric Eiffert fourth.

An awards dinner was held Tuesday night at the Clearwater Yacht Club. Dave Chapin was awarded the SCIRA Midwinter Trophy. Francis Seavy received the Blair High Senior Trophy. Brent and Sharon McKenzie were awarded the Levinson Sportsmanship Trophy. Buzzy Heasler won the Skivy Trophy for highest finishing Fleet 46 boat. A good time was had by all.

Bob Foster, Clearwater Fleet 46

DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA

Augie Diaz and Mike Zani from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Miami, Florida, won the 1986 Don Q Rum Keg (Continued on page 10)

Start of Don Q's fifth race, showing Paul Levinson/Dan Orr (66462), Charlie and Michele Busmanegge (25172), Dave Helweck/Baron Holler (64457), Jimmy Love/Tom Brown (25235), and Craig Leweck/Hal Gilreath (5848).
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Snaps began in a flurry of 54 Sprakers. This was the Don Q Rum Regatta's 20th annual regatta. Angle has won five of them: 1970, 1972, 1978, 1985 and 1986! This year's regatta was again the highlight of the season for our club C-4s doing their thing right at the dock!

Friday, March 14. First Race. The 54 Sprakers were greeted on the race course with a warm southerly that ranged from 15-18 knots. As many of the locals positioned themselves near the slightly favored port side of the line, Bill Baer, Leif, Ohio, led a group off to the right and into the lead. Despite the scheduled Olympic course, local sans Augie Diaz and Mike Zani used their steady offshore speed to get back to second, with Jeff Lohr's Costa Mesa, California, in third. Dave Helmick of Miami in fourth and Scott Weston, also from Miami, in fifth.

Second Race. As the conditions remained almost the same, the patrons of the previous contest began to gain credibility as Paul Levinson of Indianapolis led the way in his beautiful white racing yacht. Instead of, he didn't take his time to make the lead for good! Lemberg moved into second within the second weather mark and held on to that position for the race. Mike Fisher in third, Tom Leden of Miami in fourth and Charlie brushing also from Miami in fifth. Fourth Race. Since the right side had done the job for him once, Jack Keough went for it again to lead at the weather mark with Lemberg in second and Augie Diaz in third. It was a surprise to see Diaz in the lead for you! By the second weather mark, see again showing his "jets" on the racing legs! Lemberg got by Levinson on the last weather leg to grab second with Lemberg in first, Leden in fourth and Fisher in fifth.

Sunday, March 16. Fifth Race. With one race remaining, Diaz had solidly established himself as the leader, however, second, third and fourth were very much up for grabs as Levinson, Lemberg and Fisher were quite close in the overall series. The wind was from the east 14-17 knots with strong working breaking to the next. Tom Leden worked the right side to lead at the mark and managed to hang on for the course of the race. Henry filter of Mystic, WM, finished second and Buckels ended in third. The critical battle for overall positioning was going just behind. After a slow start, Lemberg held the edge over Levinson and Fisher as the group moved up toward the front of the pack. Going into the last weather leg in third, Levinson gave the favored right side too much lead as Lemberg and Fisher bagged the lead left immediately. With the three boats converging by the

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Don Q trophy winners, skippers standing and crews sitting (left to right): Augie Dusz and Mike Zani, Craig Leweck and Hal Gilreath; Jeff Lenchard and Tara Scott; Greg Feher and Bertie Gerling; Paul Levitino and Dan Orr.

At the first weather mark during the fifth race on Bis-
cayne Bay, Jonathan Borrelli and Mike Udell (25761, 19) of Annapolis prepares to tack ahead of Scott Wesson and Christian Loebe (24559, 46) of Miami.

Jim Weber, Sr., who has commanded at least 10 Don Q Regattas, in action on committee boat.

Shown with perpetual Don Q trophy are, from left, Regatta and RC Chairman Jim Weber, Sr., Augie Dusz and Mike Zani, and CGSC Commodore Jack Hynes.
This year our friends, the John Bull Stono, donated four gold Hauer Maserati wristwatches to the first and second boats for the combined series dropping one race. Those were won by Jeff Isham and Tar- ran Davis first, and Peter Commette and Alex Smigelski second.

The Zimmermann Trophy for the whole circuit was handly won by Craig Leech and Mal Glithro.

The Skipper and the RNRC were shocked and saddened by the death of Godfrey and Sonia Kelly's son Ian who drowned while swimming near the club during the first race of the Bacardi Cup. Races were postponed and rescheduled to accommodate the funeral.

The RNRC Race Committee, led by Commodore Edgar Mullinax, ran the races with their usual competence, and RNRC members again provided accommodation for the visiting sailors. The Commodore's party on Thursday was enjoyed by all.

The Bacardi party Friday night took to a good evening at the club, and the Saturday night gala dinnerdance and trophy presentation was enjoyed by some toll 10:00 a.m. The weather on Sunday was not conducive to a picnic.

The Nassau fleet made a better showing this year. Tommy Lowery with Graham Lawrence was a place and placed third in the Bacardi Cup. John Dunkley with Richard Farrington took a second in one race of the Gamblin series and finished third in the Charles Kelly combined series. The Pierre Dingfielder Concorde Trophy for the best Bahamian in the combined series with one drop race went to John Dunkley, but he delivered it to Mark Holowasko and Michael Scott who had beaten him by one point without a drop race.

We look forward to our usual 35 to 40 boat fleet next year.

Peter Christie
Nassau Fleet 391