

THE WINTER CIRCUIT: Leweck Wins Overall Honors

Dave Chapin wins Clearwater Midwinters, Augie Defends Don Q, Jeff Lenhart 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 predominated, with only two light 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 throw-out of a fourth.

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.

Sunny skies again greeted the sailors on Monday with winds of 12-15 knots. Chapin won the first race of the day followed by Chris Snow second, Buzzy Heausler third, and Art Roismaniere 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

bout 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 Biffert 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 Heausler won the Seavy 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

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Start of Don Q's fifth race, showing Paul Levinson/Dan Orr (26462), Charlie and Michele Bustamante (25172), Dave Helnick/Aaron Haller (26457), Jimmy Lowe/Tom Brown (25235), and Craig Leweck/Hal Gilreath (25848).

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Snipe Regatta in a fleet of 54 Snipes. This was the the Don Q's 20th annual regatta! Augie has won five of them: 1970, 1972, 1978, 1985 and 1986! Mark Reynolds has also won five of them, but consecutives, from 1979 to 1983!

The series of five races, no-throwouts, went smoothly thanks to perennial Don Q Regatta and Race Committee Chairman Jim Weber, Sr., assisted by CGSC Fleet Captain John Martin. Commodore Jack Myers presented trophies right after the fifth Sunday race. Our thanks to them and to the many CGSC members who helped and donated their time and their boats to

run the races, and to the Don Q Rum Company (Serrallia) for supporting this regatta!

The Don Q Rum Keg Sailing Party Saturday afternoon was again the highlight of the regatta with our club C-Gulls serving them right at the dock!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, First Race. The 54 Snipes 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 end of the line, Bill Buckles of Lorain, Ohio, led a group off the right side and into the lead. Throughout the scheduled Olympic course, local sailors Augie Diaz and Mike Zani used their notable offwind speed to get back to second, with Jeff Lenhart of 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 patterns of the previous contest began to gain credibility as Paul Levinson of Indianapolis led all the way when he expertly came off the right side of the first weather leg. Admittedly a low starter in the race, Augie Diaz, once again, continued his trend of working through the fleet to finish second. Scott Weston was third with Greg Fisher, Columbus, Ohio, fourth and Craig Leweck from San Diego fifth.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, Third Race. Another warm, beautiful day for Biscayne Bay, very much like the previous day with the strong southerly producing a steep chop. The port end was slightly favored, so John Dunkley from the Bahamas took advantage of his 400 pound crew weight to lead at the weather mark with Leweck in second and Diaz in third. At this point Augie's reaching speed was pretty obvious and it did not take him long to take the lead for good! Lenhart moved into second by the second weather mark and held on to that position for the race with Fisher in third, Tom Lihan of Miami in fourth and Charlie Bustamante also from Miami in fifth.

Fourth Race. Since the right side had done the job for him once before, Paul Levinson went for it again to lead at the weather mark with Leweck in second and Augie Diaz in third. It was no surprise to see Diaz in the lead for good by the leeward mark, once again showing his "jets" on the reaching legs! Leweck got by Levinson on the last weather leg to grab second with Levinson in third, Lenhart 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 Lenhart, Leweck and Fisher were quite close in the no-throwout series. The wind was from the east 14-17 knots, with strong shifts working the breeze slowly to the right. Tom Lihan worked the right side to lead at the top mark and managed to hang on for the course of the race. Henry Filter of Detroit, MI, finished second and Buckles ended in third. The critical battle for overall placing was going just behind. After a slow start, Leweck held the edge over Lenhart and Fisher as the group moved up toward the front of the pack. Going into the last weather leg in third, Leweck gave the favored right side too much credit as Lenhart and Fisher banged left immediately. With the three boats converging by the

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MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

(Top 25 of 37 Entries)

Boat	Skipper	City	Place	Points	Finish
24702	Dave Chapin	Long Beach, CA	4-1-1-1-1-1	3.75	1
25848	Craig Leweck	San Diego, CA	1-11-7-4-2-3	18.75	2
26109	Greg Fisher	Columbus, OH	3-14-5-2-9-2	21	3
24608	Steve Callioux	Rochester, NY	10-2-13-3-14-4	32	4
26162	Paul Levinson	Indianapolis, IN	2-6-9-14-3-19	34	5
25951	Dave Pritchard	Lawrenceville, GA	6-5-19-6-dnf-1	39	6
25949	Chris Snow	Annapolis, MD	9-18-2-dnf-4-8	41	7
25911	Mike Egan	New Orleans, LA	11-3-17-7-11-9	41	8
25761	Jon Barlen	Annapolis, MD	5-12-11-9-5-16	42	9
25412	Art Roussaniour	Tewksbury, MA	12-15-4-18-8-11	50	10
25840	Brian McKenzie	Norcross, GA	20-dns-14-12-6-7	59	11
25172	Charlie Bustamante	Miami, FL	22-dns-16-8-7-10	63	12
20690	Jack Mitchell	Burlington, CAN	7-9-22-13-16-20	65	13
25781	Eric Elfen	Rochester, NY	28-4-10-10-22-22	68	14
24686	Marc Buyniska	Titusville, FL	8-4-25-15-dns-13	69	15
23871	Henry Filter	Grosse Pointe, MI	dnf-10-20-16-19-6	71	16
21503	John Vance	Jensen Beach, FL	19-dns-15-11-15-15	75	17
25945	Bobby Hausler	Clearwater, FL	13-dns-3-20-10-dns	83	18
25233	Genzo Diaz	Miami, FL	18-7-21-25-21-17	84	19
25400	Fred Abelt	Cologne, NJ	15-22-8-21-20-24	86	20
23978	Mark Bryant	Buffalo, NY	30-13-25-31-13-12	91	21
23751	Tom Payne	Gainesville, GA	23-19-12-24-17-21	92	22
26485	Jim Jacob	Alexandria, VA	17-dns-18-19-18-23	95	23
26995	Francis Seavy	Clearwater, FL	dns-20-30-23-12-14	99	24
23997	Jeff Mitchell	Oakville, ONT, CAN	29-17-26-17-23-16	99	25

** Race 2 was (thrown out), and resulted lost.

DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA

(Top 27 of 54 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Place	Points	Finish
24756	Augie Diaz/Mike Zani	Coconut Grove SC	2-1-1-1-4	10.5	1
23848	Craig Leweck/Hal Gilman	Mission Bay YC	6-3-8-3-4	25	2
21860	Art Lenhart/Teresa Davis	Mission Bay YC	5-10-2-4-8	27	3
26109	Greg Fisher/Berle Goring	Hoover YC	10-4-3-6-6	28	4
26162	Paul Levinson/Dan Orr	Indianapolis YC	11-1-1-3-7	34.75	5
19723	Tom Lihan/Johnny Smith	Lauderdale YC	16-18-4-9-1	47.75	6
26300	Bill Buckles/James Jacob	Cleveland YC	1-17-25-8-3	53.75	7
24608	Steve Callioux/Jane Poust	Rochester	8-7-24-11-11	61	8
25949	Chris Snow/Cheryl Book	Savannah Sailing Ass'n	7-8-14-19-13	61	9
26457	Dave Helmick/Ann Heller	Coral Reef YC	4-11-21-16-13	67	10
25400	Fred Abelt/Pete Kallman	Pine Beach YC	22-12-9-13-12	68	11
25412	Art Roussaniour/T. Roussaniour	Winchester Boat Club	9-6-10-6-46	77	12
25871	Henry Filter/Pati Burton	Crescent Sail YC	26-27-12-12-2	79	13
24950	Scott Weston/Christina Lohoe	Coral Reef YC	5-3-19-35-17	79	14
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Tom Brown	Royal Nassau SC	15-25-7-17-16	80	15
25761	Jonathan Bartlett/Mike Udell	Savannah Sailing Ass'n	21-16-21-21-9	82	16
25172	Charlie Bustamante/M. Bustamante	Boat Ratons	14-45-3-7-19	90	17
26995	Genzo Diaz Sr./Nadine Franciszyk	Coconut Grove SC	13-14-22-24-32	100	18
25182	Gaby Bustamante/Kira Logan	Coconut Grove SC	27-22-15-30-24	118	19
18321	Doug DeSnooze/Sean Rich	San Diego YC	12-51-20-10-28	121	20
22285	Harry Levinson/Sarah Levinson	Medford Boat Club	19-28-32-18-25	122	21
21503	John Vance/Ann Vance	Jensen Beach	31-19-23-27-23	133	22
24687	John Dunkley/Dunkley	Royal Nassau SC	47-24-6-15-34	133	23
25233	Genzo Diaz Jr./Juan Torres	Coconut Grove SC	17-26-25-26-26	133	24
23751	Tom Payne/Tom Schroder	Lake Lanier SC	36-30-30-14-18	138	25
23750	Peter Christle/David Weir	Royal Nassau SC	18-16-36-33-27	130	26
26100	Woody Norwood/Scott Bowers	Atlanta YC	20-13-34-29-39	135	27



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Don Q trophy winners, skippers standing and crews sitting (left to right): Augie Diaz and Mike Zani, Craig Leweck and Hal Gilreath; Jeff Lenhart and Tarasa Davis; Greg Fisher and Bertie Gerling; Paul Levinson and Dan Orr.

At the first weather mark during the fifth race on Biscayne Bay, Jonathan Bartlett and Mike Udell (25761, 19) of Annapolis prepares to tack ahead of Scott Weston and Christian Labbee (24930, 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 Diaz and Mike Zani, and CGSC Commodore Jack Myers.

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middle of the leg, Leweck was just ahead of the two boats. Lenhart split to the right and Fisher went back left, and Leweck was able to beat both to get fourth in the race and second overall. Augie slid in for fifth and Fisher was sixth.

Gonzalo E. Diaz
Miami Fleet 7

BACARDI CUP AND DUDLEY GAMBLIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

The 1986 Winter Circuit is now in the record books. As usual heavy weather dominated both the Miami and Nassau regattas, the latter losing the last two races of the Gambelin series to a major cold front that brought 30 mph winds on Saturday morning.

The Nassau turnout, March 19-22 at the Royal Nassau Sailing Club, had 13 U.S. boats, 2 Canadians, and 9 Bahamians. We welcomed two newcomers to the front ranks; namely Craig Leweck of San Diego with Hal Gilreath as crew, and Peter Commette with Star sailor Alex Smigelski as crew. Leweck admirably substituted for new father Mark Reynolds (it's a boy!) by winning the shortened Gambelin series. Commette, now an attorney in Fort Lauderdale, and a new member of the Coconut Grove fleet, lived up to his reputation in the heavy air, particularly up-wind, taking second in the Bacardi Cup. Jerry Thompson was missed. Jeff Lenhart enjoyed the beauty and skills of Tarasa Davis, who brought him out on top in the Bacardi Cup and the Charles Kelly Cup for the combined series with no drop.

This year our friends, the John Bull Store, donated four gold Heuer Mariner wristwatches to the first and second boats for the combined series dropping one race. Those were won by Jeff Lenhart and Tarasa Davis first, and Peter Commette and Alex Smigelski second.

The Zimmerman Trophy for the whole circuit was handily won by Craig Leweck and Hal Gilreath.

The Snipe fleet and the RNSC 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 RNSC Race Committee, led by Commodore Edgar Mulhall, ran the races with their usual competence, and RNSC members again provided accommodation for the visiting Snipers. The Commodore's party on Thursday was enjoyed by all. The

Bacardi party Friday night led to a good evening at the club, and the Saturday night gala dinner/dance and trophy presentation was enjoyed by some till 7:30 a.m. The weather on Sunday was not conducive to a picnic.

The Nassau fleet made a better showing this year. Jimmy Lowe with Graham Lawrence won a race and placed third in the Bacardi Cup. John Dunkley with Richard Farrington took a second in one race of the Gambelin series and finished third in the Charles Kelly combined series. The Pierre Siegfrieder Concordia Trophy for the best Bahamian in the combined series with one drop race went to John Dunkley, but he delivered it to Mark Holowesko 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

DUDLEY GAMBLIN MEMORIAL (Top 15 of 23 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
25848	Craig Leweck/Hal Gilreath	1-1-1	2.25	1
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Tarasa Davis	4-2-2	8	2
26395	Gonzalo Diaz/Ana Diaz	6-3-4	12	3
25228	Mark Holowesko/Michael Scott	5-5-6	16	4
25731	Terry Tamm/Donaldson	7-6-8	21	5
24687	John Dunkley/Richard Farrington	2-4-19	25	6
25084	Peter Commette/Alex Smigelski	3-20-3	26	7
24806	Robert Dunkley/Jenkins	10-7-10	27	8
18321	Doug DeSouza/Sean Biehl	8-8-12	28	9
16699	Feirz Gram/Jane Gram	13-13-7	33	10
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	11-16-9	36	11
20690	Jeff Mitchell/Jack Mitchell	14-12-11	37	12
24813	Andrew McKinney/Burnett	ns-9-5	38	13
23332	Rob Frachette/John Frachette	15-11-17	43	14
25471	Myles Pritchard/Holowesko	17-10-16	43	15

BACARDI CUP (Top 15 of 23 Entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points	Finish
20560	Jeff Lenhart/Tarasa Davis	2-1-2	4.75	1
25084	Peter Commette/Alex Smigelski	1-7-3	10.75	2
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	8-6-1	14.75	3
24687	John Dunkley/Richard Farrington	6-2-8	16	4
26395	Gonzalo Diaz/Ana Diaz	9-8-5	18	5
18321	Doug DeSouza/Sean Biehl	7-9-4	20	6
24806	Robert Dunkley/Jenkins	4-10-6	20	7
25228	Mark Holowesko/Michael Scott	3-12-9	24	8
25731	Terry Tamm/Donaldson	ns-5-7	36	9
25472	Myles Pritchard/Holowesko	disq-4-10	36	10
20690	Jeff Mitchell/Jack Mitchell	9-16-11	36	11
16699	Feirz Gram/Jane Gram	11-13-14	38	12
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	10-15-13	38	13
24813	Andrew McKinney/Burnett	14-14-12	40	14
24087	Sam Mollet/Drian Mollet	12-11-dnf	43	15

CHARLES KELLY TROPHY — NASSAU OVERALL (Top 5 places)

20560	Jeff Lenhart/Tarasa Davis	8.75	1
25084	Peter Commette/Alex Smigelski	16.75	2
24687	John Dunkley/Richard Farrington	22	3
26395	Gonzalo Diaz/Ana Diaz	23	4
25848	Craig Leweck/Hal Gilreath	25.25	5

CONCORDE TROPHY — BAHAMIAN OVERALL (Top 5 places)

24687	John Dunkley/Richard Farrington	22	1
25228	Mark Holowesko/Michael Scott	28	2
25235	Jimmy Lowe/Graham Lawrence	34.75	3
24806	Robert Dunkley/Jenkins	37	4
24813	Andrew McKinney/Burnett	54	5

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