SEGERBLOM TAKES CIRCUIT HONORS

Wins Zimmerman and Midwinter Trophies. Greg Fisher takes Don Q, Alex Snigelski and Keith Dodson top Nassau regattas.

Mike Segerblom of the Alumitos Bay Fleet won the Circuit opener at Clearwater, finished second in the Don Q, and went on to Nassau with the Zimmerman overall Circuit trophy almost locked up. Class newcomer Alex Snigelski of Miami, and Keith Dodson, Alumitos Bay, split the Nassau regattas between them, but Segerblom turned in the best combined score for the series to take home all honors.

Good attendance and good weather prevailed throughout the Circuit. Clearwater, with attendance up by a dozen boats, featured sailing in the Gulf of Mexico in sunshine and moderate winds for all but the final day of racing.

At the Don Q, Biscayne Bay provided almost ideal conditions of 10 to 15 knot sea breezes which only failed to appear for the one race sailed in winds of less than 10.

Perfect sailing conditions prevailed on Nassau's Montaga Bay for the Snipes when the Gulf Stream crossed on the Betty K, to make up the 21-boat fleet.

Segerblom Paces 49 Entries at Midwinters

Four days of sunny skies greeted the 49 entries at the Midwinter Championship in Clearwater, FL, March 14-17. The racing was held off Sand Key in the Gulf of Mexico with varied wind conditions, modest waves, and little current.

The overall fleet was quite competitive and eager to race. The black flag rule was in effect after the second general recall but even that did not slow the fleet from charging up the line. Several DSQs resulted.

Mike Segerblom won the Championship followed by Allison Jolly in second and Jack Franco in third. Craig Lewick took fourth place.

The first four boats were all from California but in fifth place was Birger Jansen and Janet Krafting from Norway.

Greg Fisher and Keith Dodson both won two races only to finish 20th and 21st overall due to two DSQs each.

RACE 1: After many recalls the first race Sunday was started as a 10 knot breeze that had clocked around to the southwest. Franco led all of the way followed closely by Jolly and Segerblom. The second race of the day was postponed with plans for three races on Monday.

RACE 2: The wind was eight knots from

the southwest and built up a bit during the race. Dodson won this race followed by Francesco and Lewcock.

**RACE 5:** The winds had picked up to about 15 knots from the southwest as Fisher took out. But the leaders Charlie Rasmussen and Dave Prichard in third. The fourth race was to follow immediately.

**RACE 4:** The fourth race started in the same general area. But the leaders had changed to the northeast and the southwest wind had the wind coming around to the southwest during the last few. The wind changed to a southwesterly for some boats and jogged most boats positions behind the leaders. Dodson won the second race of the day followed by Francesco and Steve Callison.

**RACE 5:** Tuesday’s race began with a fresh breeze of 15 to 20 knots from the southeast. During the last beat the wind gusts to 25 knots with several capsizes. Waves were not a great factor since the wind was off the shore. Fisher won his second race with Segersdorff finishing second and Bill Buckhle with a new racer in third.

**RACE 6:** The last race followed immediately with the winds dropping back to 15 to 20 knots from the southeast. Segersdorff won this race to wrap-up the Championship. Jolly took second in the race and the regatta with Alex Stout taking third in the race.

Everyone arrived at the excellent cocktail party on Monday evening, and the fireworks before the show. Excitement at the yacht club on Tuesday night.

Sam Mullan was awarded the Blair Masters Trophy, Keith Dodson was awarded the Levinson Sportsperson Trophy, and Ted Hanley received the Seavy Fleet 45 Trophy. Birger Jansen predicted more sail time for Norway for next year. — On to Miami —

**Bob Foster**

**Clearwater Fleet 45**

**Greg Fisher Sweeps Don Q at Miami**

Greg Fisher and Martin Kemp from Hoover Yacht Club, Columbus, Ohio, won the XXI Don Q Rum Regatta with 11.5 points, earning second place 8.5 points behind.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20:** First race. Winds from the northeast 10-15 knots, shifting to the east during the race with Lewcock, James Jacob, Lewcock, Dodson and Segersdorff finishing in third place. Second race. Winds 10-15 knots from the east and very steady. Steve Callison and Antonio Tanasescu won this race followed by Fisher, Dodson, Bill Buckhle and Charlie and Michele Rasmussen.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21:** Third race. Southwesterly winds less than 10 knots, and with a tide pushing the fleet over the line it was inevitable that we had one general recall! Another slalom for Lewcock followed by Fisher, James Jacob and Lorris Stout from Annapolis, Tom Brocen and Aaron Butler from our Miami fleet and Peter Comanica and Alex Segersdorff also from our Miami fleet.

Fourth race. Southwesterly but gusting up to 10-15 knots with Fisher and Kemp winning their first race followed by Steve Callison with teammate Segersdorff, Griff Hall and Lisa Fowlke from Annapolis, Gene Evans and Charles Swift and Birger Jansen and Janet Krafting from Norway.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22:** Fifth race. Northwesterly with 10-15 knots with Greg Fisher and Martin Kemp working out on a horizon job followed by Keith Dodson, Mike Segersdorff, Steve Callison and Birger Jansen.

We have to be very thankful for the beautiful weather we had, one of the best Don Q. And of course everything went smoothly thanks to our Super Race Committee Chairman Jim Walker, Jr., assisted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club fleet captain Paul Collins, Bob McTague who donated his yacht Nina III for the race committee work and also worked in the race committee, our SCIRA Crew.

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**MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP**

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necore Wayne Stotes who came all the way from Bermuda and also helped the race committee, Stephane Weber who ran the computer and helped registration, Sid Doreen and Ray Regan who ran crash boats and hand led protest (only one — good Snipe sailors) and many other Coconut Grove S.C. members who helped.

This year we had the outstanding participation of a Norwegian crew, Birger Jansen and Janne Kreiling who demonstrated superb sailing abilities. They shipped their boat (Skipper Snipe) all the way from Norway just to attend our Snipe Winter Circuit which they did with flying colors (the Norwegian flag covering the transom of their boat. Ask me!)

The Don Q Rum Key Baqueros Party Saturday afternoon was the highlight of the regatta as always with our Coconut Grove S.C. C-Gulls serving the daiquiris right at the dock upon arrival of the competitors! See you all next year!

Gonzalo Diaz
Miami Fleet 7

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Smigelski, Dodson Split Nassau Regattas

This year, the Royal Nassau Yacht Club and Montauk Bay provided sunshine and perfect sailing conditions, and a congenial group of 27 Snipes made for an excellent regatta, including a dazzling day at MacCaggart’s Beach on Roosevelt Island on the Sunday following the races.

On the final day, the winds of 16-8 mph were straight out of the east with no gusts, but for the rest of the races, the wind came from the southeast behind the eastern corner of the Island at 15 mph and made things a bit.

Commander Star sailor Alec Smigelski switched positions with Peter Connette and sailed off with the Bacardi Cup, taking the first two races by wire margins.

Consistent left-leeward with pretty and efficient Tara Davis took second place and Craig Lawson and Scott Lindley were one point behind for third. Bahamian Robert Denney with Californian Eric Reels took fourth place by winning the third race and placing second in the second race.

Two raw “novices” turned up from San Diego, North American Champion Mike Segerblom, who took home his first Circuit with Kenyon Martin as crew, and Keith Dodson with Mike Bartell took home the Dudley Ballin Memorial Trophy, beating Lahrhart and Davis by four points and Smigelski and Connette by four and one half points.

In this five-race series, Segerblom and Martin were fourth and Lawton and Lindley fifth. The “sixth man” was with Gino
crow and also had a good regatta, taking sixth place in the Charles Kelly Memorial Trophy counting all eight races.

Norwegian National Secretary Birger Jansen with a new Skipper Snipe shipped all the way from Norway, and joint Krei
ing, a former Miss Norway, also had a good regatta and their strong showing in the Circuit gave them third place in the Championships.

The only all-girl team of Williams and Fox, also newcomers, found the winds hard going at times, but displayed good seamanship.

The Bacardi party on Wednesday, Commander Edgar Mathis’s party on Thursday and the dinner-dance presentation on Saturday night were enjoyed by all. We look forward to doing it all again next year with more boats from Canada and Europe.

Rear Commodore George Kelly and his race committee were complimented by the sailors on several occasions for their proper handling of the races.

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