



A clean start in Nassau. Dennis Kelly photo.

BAHAMIANS LOWE AND WEIR TAKE ZIMMERMAN

The 1991 Winter Circuit was notable for several reasons, the most significant being the Zimmerman win by Jimmy

Lowe and crew, David Weir, making the first time that this coveted trophy has been won by a non-U.S. team. Canadian Ian

Brown of Pier 4 Sailing Club was second by a narrow 1/4 point margin over Miami's Gonzo Diaz.

COMMETTE AND SUDDATH TAKE NARROW VICTORY AT CLEARWATER

The weather in Clearwater is always unpredictable. This is one event where you pack everything you own, as you never know if it will be sunny and hot, or blustery and cold. This year was blustery and cold, with the first day of the schedule blown-out. With northerly winds of 20+ knots bringing huge waves to the Gulf of Mexico, the Committee wisely decided that it was better to call off the action early rather than try to sail in Clearwater Bay, so everyone had a chance to either work on their boats, or take off and do some local sightseeing.

When the racing got underway on Monday, the winds were still from the north, greatly diminished from the day before, but it was chilly, and the temperature seemed to drop as the day progressed. Commette and Suddath won the first race, with Snipe newcomer Chris Larson and crew Will Jeffers in second and "Team Navy," Hal Gilreath and Rob Halliwell, in third.



Finland's Claus Carpelan and Freddy Wegelius have the lead approaching the weathermark in Clearwater. T. Payne photo



Don-Q trophy winners. Standing, left to right: Charlie Lewis, Art Aumetter, Rob Hollowell, Bridget Young, Hal Gilreath, Janny Lowe, Ed Adams, and Greg Morton. In front: Bob Behan, Ian Brown, David Weir, Lisa Griffith, and Nancy Haberland.

Looks like Doug Clark and Scott Taylor are headed for the bottom of Clearwater. T. Payne photo



Race two went to "Fast Eddie" Adams and supercrew Nancy Haberland, with Larson and Jeffers taking another second. Californians Gregg Morton and Lisa Griffith were third. Commette and Suddath were fourth.

By now the crews were beginning to tire, as the winds continued to hoak, but there were races to be made up from the first day, so a third race was started. Commette, Adams and Larson were 1-2-3. The Canadian team of Ian Brown and Don Behan were fourth, topping off a great day for them.

For Tuesday's three races the winds had shifted to the south, bringing some warmth. Commette and Adams had another battle going, with Adams taking the gun. Lowe apparently liked the warmer going as he was up to third. Larson dropped to eleventh, but rebounded to take a bullet in race 5, with Adams in second and Commette in third. At this point it seemed that the title would go to Commette and Suddath if they could beat Adams in the final race. They took the gun, with Doug Clark and Scott Taylor in second, and Lowe in third. Adams dropped to fourth. Commette and Suddath had won, but there was trouble back in the harbor.

The sailing instructions had some archaic language that said that top five bouts in each race had to show their safety equipment after each race. Commette forgot to do this after race five. He was DQ'd for the race. (There's a lesson here: All sanctioned regattas should use the new SCRA standardized sailing instructions!! Write the office for a copy!).

Much to his relief, he still had enough points to take a narrow win over Adams. Larson was third overall, and the consistent Clark was fourth. Lowe had a great final day (compared to his dismal first day!) and ended up eighth overall.

ADAMS AND HABERLAND TAKE DON-Q

by Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz
Ed Adams and Nancy Haberland, representing the New York Yacht Club, dominated a fleet of 56 Snipes in the XXV Annual Don Q Rum Keg Regatta, scoring two firsts and three seconds for a total of 7.5 points.

On Friday the winds were from the Northeast at 15 to 18 miles per hour. After several general recalls, the fleet finally took off with Commette and Adams quickly grabbing the lead. They finished in that order, with Gregg Morton in third.

For the second race we had the W flag (windward/leeward course). Sam Mollet and Gonzalo Diaz favored the left side on the first windward leg and took the lead. At the finish it was Gonzalo, Adams, Commette, and Mollet.

Saturday brought small craft warnings with northeasterly wind 15 to 20 miles per hour, gusting to 25. It was rough, but not cold. Both races were T flag (double Triangle). Adams and Haberland posted two bullets to consolidate their lead. Birger Jansen and Keith Dodson each posted a second place. Jimmy Lowe had great speed on the reach and took two thirds. Commette and Suddath had trouble at the jibe mark and did a 1440 (two 720s) which put them well back in the fleet.

The fleet was back to the dock to be met by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club ladies serving Don Q Rum Daiquiris and to mark the start of the Don Q Rum party that went on for a couple of hours.

The final day, Sunday, was vintage Biscayne Bay with warm southerly breezes, 10-15 mph, and warm sunshine! Doug Clark and Scott Taylor of Annapolis had made major repairs to their rig and showed great speed to win the final race. Adams took second and Jan Brown took third.

Art Auwaerter, the Race Committee Chairman, conducted a very successful championship with the help of many Co-

2ND ANNUAL MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Charleston Yacht Club
March 9-12, 1991

Top 25 of 31 Bouts
(5th race, one throw-out)

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Team	Places	Points
1	Peter Commette/Gonzalo Suddath	Miami	1-4-1-2-DNQ-1	8.25
2	Ed Adams/Nancy Haberland	Newport	6-1-2-1-3-4	9.50
3	Chris Larson/Will Jeffers	St. Pete	2-3-5-14-1-10	17.75
4	Doug Clark/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	5-8-5-6-12-2	26.00
5	Craig Lowe/Dark Weir	Mission Bay	10-4-7-4-19-6	35.00
6	Jan Brown/Don Behan	Canada	7-8-4-10-5-17	35.00
7	Kit Gurevich/Kob Hallowell	Annapolis	3-7-6-11-7-15	38.00
8	Jimmy Lowe/David Weir	Nassau	17-19-18-3-6-3	47.00
9	Charlie/Mikele Bustamante	Miami	13-15-21-15-11-5	59.00
10	Mike/Libby Toppi	St. Pete	14-21-1-7-13-11	59.00
11	Doug Nugent/John Ramsten	Edmore!!	19-5-13-18-14-12	62.00
12	Bryan Fishback/Lori S. Stou	Annapolis	11-PM-3-16-8-12-18	65.00
13	Keith Dodson/Bridget Young	Alamos Bay	21-14-10-14-10-8	67.00
14	Georgi Murnan/Lisa Griffith	Alamos Bay	16-3-27-27-4-19	69.00
15	Birger Jansen/Carina Jellison	Norway	12-13-10-23-20-16	71.00
16	Sam Mollet	Delmar	22-DNQ-9-9-9-22	71.00
17	Sam Mollet		25-10-14-5-21-23	73.00
18	Gonzalo Diaz/Charlie Lewis	Miami	20-20-15-12-18-9	74.00
19	Rick Wood/Neil Green	Portage Lake	23-17-22-21-8-14	82.00
20	Rubin Gales/Tom Fisher	Mission Bay	29-12-1-1-10-23-20	85.00
21	John/Karen Fry	Annapolis	15-25-35-30-16-13	88.00
22	Julie Hinkley/Pat Wagner	Lizabeton	26-27-24-13-22-7	92.00
23	Alex Soud/Dale Byers	Annapolis	8-22-20-25-23-DNS	100.00
24	Bill Buckles/Tammy Gonzales	Cleveland	18-14-18-30-29-21	105.00
25	Mike Zink/Tony Fure	Miami	4-11-6-DNF-DNF-DNS	112.00

DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA

Coconut Grove Sailing Club
March 15-17, 1991

Top 25 of 51 Bouts

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Team	Places	Points
1	Ed Adams/Nancy Haberland	Newport	2-2-1-1-2	7.50
2	Gonzalo Diaz/Charlie Lewis	Miami	10-1-5-1-6	25.75
3	Pat Gurevich/Kob Hallowell	Annapolis	12-5-6-6-12	41.00
4	Gregg Morton/Lisa Griffith	Mission Bay	3-14-4-10-13	42.00
5	Jan Brown/Don Behan	Canada	11-16-9-7-3	46.00
6	Birger Jansen/Carina Jellison	Norway	7-11-2-17-13	47.00
7	Keith Dodson/Bridget Young	Alamos Bay	6-18-7-2-14	47.00
8	Jimmy Lowe/David Weir	Nassau	5-19-3-3-17	47.00
9	Craig Lowe/Dark Weir	Mission Bay	14-7-14-3-8	48.00
10	Bryan Fishback/Lori Stou	Annapolis	9-12-11-8-21	61.00
11	Charlie/Mikele Bustamante	Miami	8-4-25-13-5	61.00
12	Doug Clark/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	4-1-19-DNF-1	71.75
13	Bill Buckles/Tammy Gonzales	Cleveland	22-9-16-9-24	80.00
14	Peter Commette/Gonzalo Suddath	Miami	1-3-8-DNS-10c	81.75
15	Harry Fishback/Nancy Green	Coconut Park	18-10-32-18-7	85.00
16	Doug Nugent/John Ramsten	Edmore, Canada	25-17-10-18-26	89.00
17	"Old Man" Diaz/Gonzalo Suddath	Miami	15-24-10-16-9	89.00
18	Alex Soud/Dale Byers	Annapolis	23-8-27-22-19	95.00
19	Rubin Gales/Tom Fisher	Mission Bay	17-DNS-13-14-4	99.00
20	Sam Mollet/Alex Diaz	Portage Lake	21-4-15-DNS-13	106.00
21	Larry Soud/Carla Ziemer	Miami	16-23-22-21-25	107.00
22	Robert Hinkley/Adam Boorman	Nassau	15-DNF-17-13-13	108.00
23	John/Karen Fry	Annapolis	27-22-27-19-20	115.00
24	Rick Wood/Neil Green	Portage Lake	20-15-21-30-DNS	127.00
25	Chris Carpenter/Fredrick Wegelin	Finland	26-31-24-22-23	127.00

ZIMMERMAN STANDINGS

Total points—19 races

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Team	Points
1	Jimmy Lowe/Dark Weir	Royal Nassau Sailing Club	144.75
2	Jan Brown	Pier 4 Sailing Club, Canada	144.00
3	Gonzalo Diaz	Miami Fleet 107	135.25
4	Keith Dodson	Alamos Bay Fleet 218	102.50
5	Birger Jansen/Carina Jellison	Oslo, Norway	100.50

comat Grove Sailing Club members and a few non-members assisting.

It is important to mention the participation of two Finnish teams, Claus Carpelan and Freddy Wegelius and Ilkka Hallava and Krister Tornroos. Thanks to our Executive Director, Tom Payne, and Alex Pline of Cleveland, for lending their boats so that we can expand our international participants on the Circuit. Sailors from Norway, Finland, Canada, and the Bahamas add to the international flavor of this event, and we look forward to having more foreign teams in the future.

DODSON AND BIEHL (MRS. BIEHL, THAT IS!) **DOMINATE NASSAU**

(Compiled from "eyewitness" telephone reports)

Keith Dodson with crew Jerelyn Biehl finally found the front of the fleet to win both the Bacardi and Gambelin trophies in Nassau, but the big story was homeboys Jimmy Lowe and David Weir.

None of the top finishers in the Mid-winters or Don Q were able to make the trip this year, so the Zimmerman was up in the air. Canadian Ian Brown and SCIRA Board Member Gonzo Diaz were fighting for the coveted award, but Lowe and Weir sailed consistently enough to take it. This touched off a wild celebration at the Royal Nassau Sailing Club that lasted until 3:00 a.m. But where was Jimmy while the party was raging? His celebration started as soon as he hit the dock, and rumor has it that he "retired" to the back seat of his car "around ten or so"!

It was a typical Nassau event, with plenty of wind, sunshine and the famous hospitality that marks this great event, and even though the attendance by U.S. boats was off, that didn't prevent some great fighting for the top honors. As mentioned above, Keith and Jerelyn dominated, with Lowe, Diaz and Jansen battling among themselves for the other winning positions. Ian Brown and crew Douglas Maybank never found the formula, and that left the Zimmerman for Lowe and Weir.

Comette and Salduth—
91 Midwinter winners
T. Payne photo

BACARDI CUP **Royal Nassau Sailing Club** **Nassau, Bahamas** **March 20, 1991**

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Team	Places	Points
1	Keith Dodson/Jerelyn Biehl	Alamitos Bay	1-1-2	3.50
2	Jimmy Lowe/David Weir	Royal Nassau	2-2-4	8.00
3	Gonzo Diaz/Michael Bustamante	Miami	5-2-1	11.75
4	Binger Jansen/Catrine Jullussen	Oslo, Norway	5-4-5	15.00
5	Gregg Morison/Lisa Griffith	Mission Bay	3-2-13	19.00
6	Ian Brown/Douglas Maybank	Canada	4-6-10	20.00
7	Bill Buckles/Tommy Gonzales	Cleveland	8-12-3	23.00
8	John Dinkley/Robert Brown	Royal Nassau	12-11-7	30.00
9	Sean Biehl/Doug DeSoto	Mission Bay	10-5-12	30.00
10	John/Cathy Johns	Barnes Boat Club	9-13-9	31.00
11	Robin Gales/Tom Fisher	Mission Bay	7-17-8	32.00
12	Steven Kelly/Peter Bruce Wassisch	Royal Nassau	11-11-10	32.00
13	Fernando DeCardenas/Dwayne Wallis	Royal Nassau	16-9-19	44.00
14	Myles Pritchard/Ted Smith	Royal Nassau	14-14-18	46.00
15	Gwen Crook/Adam Bonnam	Canada	17-16-14	47.00
16	Fred Thurman/Craig Bonnam	Miami	18-15-15	48.00
17	Robert Dinkley/Fat Farmer	Royal Nassau	DNS-DNS-5	51.00
18	Peter Christie/Mark Jones	Royal Nassau	15-15-17	51.00
19	Georgiell Daminos	Royal Nassau	DNS-7-DNSP	52.00
20	David Kuhn/Kevin Biss	Spanish Point, Bermuda	19-15-16	53.00
21	Godfrey Kelly/Diane Holowenko	Royal Nassau	13-DNF-20	55.00
22	Leo Murphy/Julia Van Baten	Dunelm Valley	20-20-DNS	63.00

DUDLEY GAMBLIN MEMORIAL TROPHY **Royal Nassau Sailing Club** **March 21, 1991**

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Team	Places	Points
1	Keith Dodson/Jerelyn Biehl	Alamitos Bay	3-3-3-3-4	15.00
2	Gonzo Diaz/Michael Bustamante	Miami	2-11-3-1-5	21.75
3	Jimmy Lowe/David Weir	Royal Nassau	5-8-3-4-1	23.75
4	Binger Jansen/Catrine Jullussen	Norway	DSQ-1-1-5-2	30.50
5	Bill Buckles/Tommy Gonzales	Cleveland	1-4-3-15-7	31.75
6	Robert Dinkley/Fat Farmer	Royal Nassau	11-9-7-2-8	37.00
7	Ian Brown/Doug Maybank	Canada	4-12-11-7-3	37.00
8	Sean Biehl/Doug DeSoto	Mission Bay	6-7-12-8-5	39.00
9	Gregg Morison/Lisa Griffith	Mission Bay	7-5-1-1-15	42.00
10	Robin Gales/Tom Fisher	Mission Bay	9-5-10-6-14	45.00
11	John/Cathy Johns	Barnes Boat Club	14-2-8-12-11	47.00
12	John Dinkley/Robert Brown	Royal Nassau	8-15-15-18-16	56.00
13	Steven Kelly/Peter Bruce Wassisch	Royal Nassau	12-10-9-21-12	60.00
14	Myles Pritchard/Ted Smith	Royal Nassau	12-14-14-6-21	70.00
15	Gwen Crook/Adam Bonnam	Canada	10-15-DNS-13-18	77.00
16	Georgiell Daminos	Royal Nassau	15-DNS-DNS-10-9	81.00
17	Peter Christie/Mark Jones	Royal Nassau	15-16-13-17-17	82.00
18	Godfrey Kelly/Diane Holowenko	Royal Nassau	15-17-16-16-19	83.00
19	Fred Thurman/Craig Bonnam	Miami	18-DNS-DNS-14-12	90.00
20	Fernando DeCardenas/Dwayne Wallis	Royal Nassau	17-DNS-DNF-19-18	93.00
21	David Kuhn/Kevin Biss	Spanish Point	DNS-DNS-DNS-20-20	109.00
22	Leo Murphy/Julia Van Baten	Dunelm Valley	DNS-DNS-DNS-22-22	113.00

