

"OLD MAN" DIAZ TAKES ZIMMERMAN!

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., known affectionately to his friends as "The Old Man," won the 1992 Zimmerman Trophy, as the overall winner of the 1992 Winter Circuit. He and his crew, Arron Haller, finished 10th at Clearwater, and 14th in the Don-Q. For the Nassau portion of the competition his crew was his son, "Gonzo." They took third

in the Bacardi and first in the Gambelin. While the attendance was down from previous years, the competition was strong and the sailing was memorable. Congratulations to all who participated! Special thanks to the volunteers who make this great series possible. We couldn't do it without you!

CHRIS LARSON SWEEPS MIDWINTERS IN CLEARWATER

by Bob Foster

The 1992 Midwinter Championship was held in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Pass in mid-March with ideal weather and 41 boats. Chris Larson and Jon Rogers won the first five races to lock-up the title before the last race was sailed. As a matter of interest, Larson's boat was a standard 25000 series McLaughlin. Ed Adams and Julia Trotman were second, with Hal Gilreath and Will Glenn finishing third.

The weather was cloudy and a little cool for Saturday's practice race but most of the sailors were glad for the chance to tune-up. Race one started on Sunday in 10-knot

northwest winds and 65 degrees. Bryan Fishback led at the first windward mark followed by Doug Hart and Sam Mollet. Larson was in sixth place. After one lap the order was Fishback, Charlie Bustamante, and Larson. At the second windward mark the order was the same except that Adams had moved ahead of Larson. Going into the last beat Bustamante had taken the lead followed by Adams, Larson, and Fishback in that order. However, on the last beat Larson moved up to take the win over Bustamante and Adams.

The second race started in the same

winds and Larson led all the way. Hal Gilreath took second and Doug Hart worked his way up from 12th at the first mark to finish third.

Monday saw sunny skies with the temperature in the 70's with 8 to 10 knot winds that shifted slightly to the west as the day went on. In race three Larson led at the first mark and did a horizon job on the fleet. Argyle Campbell finished second with Adams third.

Race four was started as the winds increased to 15 knots and then diminished to less than 10 knots at the end of the race.

Ivan Pimental squeezes the Madshark past the windward mark. Dennis Kelly photo.



Adams led at the first mark followed by Mike Pinckney and Larson. Larson moved up to second and during the last beat he was able to break loose of Adams' cover with the help of wind blankets from boats coming down on the previous run. At the finish it was Larson, followed by Adams and Andy Pimental. Peter Commette started to get back up to speed with a fourth place.

Tuesday began with a southeast breeze at 5 to 7 knots, sunny skies and temperatures close to 80 degrees. However, this is not an ideal combination on the west coast of Florida. It almost guarantees the wind will clock to the southwest and lighten for awhile as the sea breeze starts to develop. This happened early as the race committee tried to get race five started. The line was changed several times after general recalls but each time the wind would clock more to favor the committee boat.

The new Zulu black flag rule was used after the first general recall and during the next three attempts at a start 10 of the 36 starters gathered percentage penalties.

One boat got two percentage penalties. At this point the wind died almost entirely until the sea breeze fully developed. The breeze did come in but as race started a third of the fleet had percentage penalties through no real fault of their own. Maybe Zulu is not the universal answer.

At the first mark Henry Filter with Nancy Green crewing led, followed by Gonzo Diaz and Charlie Louis in second and Peter Commette with Connie Suddath in third. Larson was in seventh place. By the second windward mark Larson was in

second behind Filter and he moved into first on the run.

At the finish it was Larson, Filter, and Commette. During the race many skippers favored the right side, towards an expected continuing shift to the west, but it did not pay off until the last beat.

At this point Larson had the Championship due to the throwout with six races. Race six was started in a five knot breeze from the west. Gonzo Diaz led at the first mark followed by Gilreath and Marty Kullman. Adams was in twelfth and Larson was twentieth. By the second weather mark Filter was in first with Fishback sec-

ond and Gilreath third. Larson was in sixteenth. At the finish it was Filter who took the gun with Fishback and Gilreath still right behind. Larson showed he had not just been out to take it easy by tacking on every little shift to finish sixth.

The social side of the regatta was upheld with a hamburger cookout at the Club on Sunday night, the traditional grapefruit and rum party Monday evening, and a fine prime rib dinner in the Club's dining room for the awards banquet on Tuesday night.

The boats then moved on to Miami for Friday's start of the second leg of the Midwinter Circuit, the Don Q regatta.



Francis Seavy (left) and Bob Foster pose with the Seavy Perpetual trophy at the Midwinter awards banquet. Dennis Kelly photos.

1992 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
Clearwater Yacht Club, Clearwater, Florida
Top 25 of 41 Boats

Finish	Skipper/Crew	Places	Points
1	Chris Larson/Jon Rogers	1-1-1-1-1-5	3.75
2	Ed Adams/Olia Tremont	3-2-3-2-21p-17	27.00
3	Hal Gilreath/Will Glenn	5-4-10-6-12-3	29.00
4	Henry Filter/Nancy Green	7-10-20-11-2-1	30.75
5	Rayon Fishback/Lari Scur	5-5-14-5-15-2	31.00
6	Andrew Pimental/Carol Newman	4-12-1-3-25p-11	34.00
7	Doug Hart/Steve Swanson	10-1-7-12-11-4	35.00
8	Argyle Campbell/Dine Krets	12-11-2-16-24p-10	37.00
9	Ian Brown/Doug Maybank	15-6-25-9-14-12	37.00
10	Gonzalo Diaz/Arnon Haller	22-15-9-14-14-8	60.00
11	Charlie/Michele Bustamante	2-16-8-15-27p-20	61.00
12	Ivan Pimental/Joan	15-8-5-10-25p-25p	61.00
13	Don Hedden/Wade Blomgren	19-13-26-20-4-7	67.00
14	Gonzo Diaz/Charlie Lewis	18-18-22-17-7-9	69.00
15	Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	4-DNF-17-4-3-DNS	69.00
16	Alex Stout/Tamara Randall	DNS 9-12-8-26p-18	73.00
17	Mara/Jean Davoian	25-20-23-19p-3	76.00
18	Tom Nard/Anda Clesner	17-19-15-13-27-14	78.00
19	Merin Kilman/A. Callahan	9-14C-DNS-DNS-4-10	78.00
20	Mike Packard/R. Martin	13-14-20-7-30-12	89.00
21	Jules/Rebecca Ivester	21-27-11-23-21-DNF	103.00
22	Mara Turner/M. Grunander	25-28-6-21-30p-25	103.00
23	Sara McLeod/Silkeborg	14-17-21-22-DNS-DNS	115.00
24	Scott Zetters/Kim Ross	20-26-54-16-11-21	116.00
25	Jerry Thompson/Rob Linsky	11-16-34-DND-36-13	116.00



Chris Larson (right) and crew, Jon Rogers, are the proud Midwinter winners.

FISHBACK AND STOUT ROMP TO DON Q WIN

by "Old Man" Diaz

Bryan Fishback and Lorie Stout from the Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, Maryland easily won the XXVI Don Q Rum Keg Sailing Regatta with three first and two thirds, posting a total of 8.25 points. As they had already qualified to represent the U.S. at the 1992 Western Hemisphere Championships, by virtue of their finish at the 1991 U.S. Nationals, the qualifier selected is Hal Gilbreath and Will Glenn, who finished third here.

Second overall went to Snipe great, Ivan Pimental from Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. He and crew Will Gongalves posted a total of 23 points. Special thanks to Ron Payne for lending his boat to Ivan and Will. The participation of teams from Bermuda and Canada helped to add an International flavor to the event.

Friday was a heavy air day, with Westerly winds gusting to 25-30 knots. All of the rescue boats were quickly occupied and so we were only able to hold one race. This forced three races on Saturday, and although the morning Northeastlies were light, they built as the day went on, finally blowing in the 15 to 20 range for the day's final race. Many of the teams were heard to say that the sail back into the Coconut Grove Sailing Club was some of the most fun that they had had in a long time, as it was a flat-out plane all the way in!

They were greeted at the dock by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's super ladies, the C-Gulls, with trays of Don Q Rum Daiquiris, kicking off the traditional party that lasted two hours.

Sunday saw the return of the usual warm trade winds (Southeasterly) in the 10 to 15 mph range. It was a cloudy day, but it was warm and the sailing was great!

The CGSC Race Committee with Chairman Mike Anderson conducted a very successful regatta. Art Auwaerter and Dick Reinke donated the use of their boats for Race Committee and helped during the entire event. Also helping the Race Committee were SCIRA Representative Phil Richmond, and Brainard Cooper. They helped with weighing boats and measuring sails and also provided on-the-water expertise.

Special thanks to CGSC and Snipe Fleet 007 members Kay and Ken Voss. Kay and Ken hosted a party on Saturday night and also helped with computer scoring. We used the latest revision of the SCIRA Standardized Sailing Instructions and the new Race Committee guidelines and it

helped make the whole event more successful. Special thanks to Phil Richmond for his hard work on the development of these most important tools!

Make plans to join us in 1993! The sailing here is great and we think we've found a perfect balance between competition and parties. Ask anyone who was here.

1992 (XXVI) DON Q RUM KEG REGATTA Coconut Grove Sailing Club March 20-22, 1992 Top 25 of 40 Boats

Finish	Sail	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Placed	Points
1	26397	Bryan Fishback/Lorie Stout	Severn Sailing, Annapolis	1-1-1-1-3	8.25
2	22912	Ivan Pimental/Will Gongalves	Rio de Janeiro, Brasil	3-10-2-4-4	23.00
3	23483	Hal Gilbreath/Will Glenn	Severn Sailing, Annapolis	8-2-5-5-7	31.00
4	25186	Doug Hart/Steve Swenson	Mission Bay Y.C., San Diego	10-4-6-10-5	35.00
5	28994	Henry Filter/Nancy Green	Severn Sailing, Annapolis	13-5-3-7-18	46.00
6	28214	Peter Coenette/Connie Sudduth	F. L. Lander Y.C.	23-7-10-20	46.00
7	28999	Ed Adams/Julia Trotman	Newport, RI	2-9-10-1-1	46.50
8	27299	Alza Skou/Laura Randall	Severn Sailing, Annapolis	7-9-9-8-17	48.00
9	27572	Ken Brown/Doug Maybeck	Toronto, Canada	6-11-21-5-8	51.00
10	27522	Tim Nant/Anne Glenn	Mission Bay Y.C., San Diego	11-6-12-11-13	53.00
11	26917	Mike Pickney/Carla Hilson	Charleston, S.C.	20-12-8-12-6	58.00
12	24776	Gordon Dixon/Charles Lewis	Coral Reef Y.C., Miami	5-8-16-15-15	60.00
13	27872	Charles/Michèle Buemann	Royal Turkey Y.C., Palm Beach	14-15-11-13-11	61.00
14	26795	Gonzalo Diaz, Jr./Alicia Hader	Coccat Grove S.C., Miami	34-13-13-4-10	78.00
15	24302	Jerry Thompson/Rob Lindley	Azules Bay Y.C., Long Beach	21-24-4-20-14	83.00
16	27054	Lee Gillette/Steve Eldridge	Pine Beach Fleet, N.J.	4-25-27-14-12	86.00
17	28242	Bill Backus/Steve	Cleveland Y.C., Ohio	18-28-17-9	90.00
18	25077	Maxwell Smith/Julie Grayson	Spanish Point, B.C., Bermuda	19-18-15-15-21	92.00
19	25971	Don Harkback/Erk Krebs	Marble, GA	17-26-20-19-16	98.00
20	28141	Angie Campbell/Ramsey Campbell	Newport Harbor Y.C., CA	28-16-14-22-23	103.00
21	25335	Andy Pimental/Carol Newman	Newport Y.C., RI	9-20-7-24-35	109.00
22	26658	Tim Payne/Ten Schuman	Lake Lanier S.C., GA	16-31-22-21-20	110.00
23	26926	David/Tracy Whitford	Lighthouse Point, Miami	26-14-24-27-22	113.00
24	27850	Tony Ray/Hannah Swen	Larchmont Y.C., NY	12-17-15-34-39	117.00
25	20282	Ken Voss/Andrew	Coconut Grove S.C., Miami	34-21-17-34-25	121.00



Don Q trophy winners; standing, left to right: Ivan Pimental, Ed Adams, Peter Coenette, Bryan Fishback, Doug Hart, Hal Gilbreath, and Henry Filter; kneeling, left to right: Will Gongalves, Julia Trotman, Connie Sudduth, Lorie Stout, Steve Swenson, Will Glenn, and Nancy Green.

DIAZ AND DIAZ WRAP UP ZIMMERMAN IN NASSAU

Royal Nassau Sailing Club hosted the two-regatta final stop on the 1992 Circuit and as usual it was a great mix of super sailing and great social events.

Local sailors Robert Dunkley and crew, Adam Boorman posted three bullets to win the Barcardi Cup. Don Bedford and Wade Blomgren from San Diego were second and the Diazs were third.

In the Dudley Gamelin Memorial it was the Diaz team taking the win with 10.75 points. 1991 Zimmerman winner Jimmy Lowe and crew, Sean McCarroll were second and California's Argyle Campbell with crew, Eric Krebs were third. Also notable was George Walker and Fast Commodore Doug DeSouza's victory in the third and final race of the series.

As usual, the Royal Nassau Sailing Club did a great job with these events. Special thanks is also due to those who provide housing and hospitality. Without your help this event would not be possible!



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1992 BARCARDI CUP Royal Nassau Sailing Club Top 10 of 24 Boats

Finish	Shipper/Crew	Place	Points
1	Robert Dunkley/Adam Boorman	Nassau	1-1-1
2	Don Bedford/Wade Blomgren	San Diego	3-6-5
3	Gerardo Diaz, Sr./Gonzalo Diaz	Miami	7-3-5
4	Tom Nuz/Arnie Gleason	San Diego	9-2-9
5	Jimmy Lowe/Sean McCarroll	Nassau	13-1-3
6	Argyle Campbell/Eric Krebs	Newport Beach	5-11-4
7	Jeff Thompson/Rob Lindly	Long Beach, CA	4-5-11
8	George Walker/Doug DeSouza	San Diego	2-7-12
9	George Dambrosio/Travis McKinney	Nassau	10-10-10
10	Earl Elms/Adrian White	San Diego	8-8-15

1992 DUDLEY GAMELIN MEMORIAL TROPHY Royal Nassau Sailing Club Top 10 of 24 Boats

Finish	Shipper/Crew	Place	Points
1	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Garcia	Miami	6-1-4
2	Jimmy Lowe/Sean McCarroll	Nassau	3-2-9
3	Argyle Campbell/Eric Krebs	Newport Beach	7-6-2
4	Don Bedford/Wade Blomgren	San Diego	1-5-11
5	Eric and Jane Grant	Cuba, NY	9-3-5
6	George Walker/Doug DeSouza	San Diego	10-8-1
7	Jeff Thompson/Rob Lindly	Long Beach, CA	13-4-3
8	George Dambrosio/Travis McKinney	Nassau	2-11-10
9	Earl Elms/Adrian White	San Diego	5-14-6
10	Tom Nuz/Arnie Gleason	San Diego	8-7-13

SOBSTAD, PUMPKINS & TURKEYS

Following the big three fall regattas, with 168 boats competing, one thing stood alone and above the crowd - Sobstad.

San Diego - Sobstad sailor Chris Raab wins the Carolyn Nute Memorial Oct. 26 - 27 over a record fleet of 65 boats. Fellow Sobstadors were close behind, with Mark Gulison in second, Don Bedford fifth and Sean Biehl in sixth. Speed was a true factor, allowing these sailors to escape the mob starting line.

Atlanta - Shawn Burke, powered by Sobstad, claimed victory in the Halloween regatta Oct. 26 - 27. A fleet of 78 boats competed on Alatoona Lake, with Hal Gureath (3rd), Steve Burke (4th) and Raymond Burke (6th) all flying the Sobstad colors. Plenty of water and good winds characterized the '91 event.

Long Beach - While steadily improving each season, the diligence on the part of Chuck and Leslie Tripp saw its reward Nov. 23 - 24 when they won the Turkey Day regatta. Sobstad again. The 25 boat event saw the creme rise, with Sobstad - driven boats by Lisa Lewick in 3rd, Todd Smith in 4th and John Jackman in 5th.

Its time to plan for the new season. With the Turkeys
and the Pumpkins now gone, Sobstad stands alone.
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