

1995 Winter Circuit

Franco/Lindley Win Midwinters in Clearwater

Whenever I start driving from San Diego to Clearwater for the start of the Winter Circuit, I always hope that some movement of the continental plates would have occurred in Texas. Driving cross-country is two solid days, and Texas is most of it. After 45 hours, we still won't there. So much for hope. We were, however, very close. And we were going to make "last call" at the Beach Bar. On a Friday night, the Beach Bar in Clearwater Beach can make you forget about a cross-country drive. When I didn't go to bed until Saturday night, it all became very clear. The 1995 Winter Circuit had begun.

—Craig Leweck

Clearwater Yacht Club hosted the 56th Midwinter Championship, March 14-17 on the Gulf of Mexico in warm weather and good winds. Jack Franco and Rob Lindley won by six points over Doug Clark and Alex Stout. Bryan Fishback with Lorie Stout crewing took third overall.

As usual, a formal practice race was held Saturday with registration continuing through Sunday morning. Winds were 10 knots on Saturday with a temperature of 70 degrees. Sunday's two races started at 1 p.m. in east winds of 15-18 knots which provided great planing on the reaches of the triangular courses.

In the first race, Argyle Campbell and Rod Graham led at the first mark followed by Franco and Birger Jansen with Carino Juliusen crewing. By the second weather mark the same three rounded ahead with Jansen in the lead. Clark had moved up from 7th to 4th. At the finish it was Jansen first, Franco second and Clark third.

The second race started after a short rest on the water. Winds were unchanged and the sailing was great with few waves due to the offshore breeze. At the first mark in the second race it was Mark Beaton and Bonnie Shope in first with Franco and Campbell close behind. At the second weather mark Franco had the lead followed by Campbell and Fishback. These three held their positions to the finish with Craig Leweck and Yurio Dornberg moving up from 14th at the first mark to finish 7th.

The third race started Monday morning in 15 knots easterly winds that increased to 20 knots by the first mark with puffs to 25 knots.

Clark led at the first mark followed by Jansen and Fishback. The triangular course provided some wild planing and a few capsize at the jibe mark. By the second weather mark, Clark still led now followed by Franco and Leweck. These positions remained unchanged to the finish. Commodore Jimmie Lowe and Gavin McKinney showed their heavy weather skills by moving up from 11th at the first mark to finish 4th. Jimmie said they didn't take time to pull their board up the entire race and had inadvertently left their compass on shore! Quite a few boats had dropped out of this race and the committee wisely canceled the second race of the day.

Tuesday's racing again saw easterly winds of a more moderate 12-15 knots. Planing was possible only occasionally on the reaches. Franco led at the first mark in the fourth race followed by Jansen, Clark, Dave Chapin with Alan Capellen crewing. At the second weather mark it was Franco, Jansen, and Chapin. These positions were held to the finish.

The fifth race started with the same winds. Jerry Thompson and Dee Schilling led at the first mark over Lowe, Jansen and Clark. At

the leeward mark five of the lead boats came in together with many disagreements on right-of-way. Later on shore, Jansen and Lowe lost protests over this incident. At the second windward mark Clark had taken over the lead followed by Thompson and Franco. However, at the finish it was Leweck working his way up to take the win over Thompson, Clark and Franco in that order. Franco had won the five race regatta.

On the social side, the sailors enjoyed Monday evening's traditional rum-in-a-grapefruit cocktail party with grapefruit home grown and picked by Dick Edwards. The cocktails and snacks were again followed by a pizza party on Bill and Sherry Welch's floating home, "Sails."

Tuesday evening the awards banquet was prime rib with the trimmings. Jack Franco and Rob Lindley were presented the Midwinter Championship Trophy, Steig Juliusen won the Levison Sportsmanship Trophy, Jerry Thompson won the Blair Masters Trophy, Marc Duvoisin won the Fleet 46 Seavy Trophy and Lorie Stout won the Roberts award for the highest finishing female.

The Clearwater Yacht Club ran another fine regatta with Norm Zehny heading up the on the water race committee and Shirley Taylor the land side activities.

—Bob Foster

Midwinter Results - top 25 of 34

	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1.	28702	Jack Franco/Rob Lindley	2-1-2-1-4	9.50
2.	28050	Doug Clark/Alex Stout	3-5-1-4-3	15.75
3.	28575	Bryan Fishback/Lorie Stout	4-3-5-5-7	24
4.	28672	Craig Leweck/Yurio Dornberg	8-7-3-6-1	24.75
5.	28468	Argyle Campbell/Rod Graham	6-2-8-7-5	28
6.	28450	Dave Chapin/Alan Capellen	7-8-11-3-6	35
7.	24702	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	13-9-6-10-2	40
8.	28810	Birger Jansen/Carino Juliusen	1-4-7-2-dsq	40.75
9.	28842	Dave Prichard/Erk Kingaard	11-12-9-9-9	50
10.	28142	Mark Beaton/Bonnie Shope	12-6-10-12-15	55
11.	27800	Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts	5-11-12-8-dnf	60
12.	25235	Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	9-10-4-11-dsq	61
13.	24686	Marc Duvoisin/Scott Adams	10-13-14-15-10	62
14.	28470	Stephan Irgas/Monica Bigard	15-18-13-18-13	77
15.	24776	Gonzo Diaz/Sherry Welch	23-16-16-14-14	83
16.	2777	John Hagman/Dawn Wylcray	dnf-15-dnf-17-8	88
17.	28361	JR Francis/Aaron Stange	17-17-15-16-dnf	89
18.	26395	Gonzalo Diaz/Aaron Haler	dnf-14-dnf-13-11	96
19.	28571	Don Hackbent/Kerry Tyson	14-21-17-pns-16	97
20.	27734	Darryl Waskow/Ros Carper	20-19-dnf-19-19	101
21.	25172	Gordon Hackbent/A. Franklin	18-22-dnf-21-17	102
22.	26397	Bob Foster/Carley Franklin	21-23-dnf-pns-12	109
23.	26448	Andrew Crocker/M. Wynan	19-24-dnf-22-dnf	123
24.	27270	Chris Klotz/John Martin	16-20-dnf-dnf-dnf	24
25.	27772	Bill Welch/Steig Juliusen	dnf-dnf-dnf-20-18	140

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1995 Annual Don Q Rums of Puerto Rico Regatta

Doug Clark and Alex Stout from Annapolis, Maryland comfortably won the XXIX Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta with two first places and a third. Birger Jansen and Carine Julussen from Norway placed second with 10 points and last year runner up Craig Leweck, from San Diego, California, in third with crew Yumio Dornberg.

This year, for the first time ever, we lost two days (Friday and Saturday) to stormy weather. A big low hanging over Florida produced severe storms. The fleet of 45 boats had to settle to sail 3 races on Sunday. It was a breezy day with winds from the northwest at 20 knots but a magnificent day!

Again, a very international regatta with boats from Norway, Finland, Sweden, Bahamas, Canada and from all over the United States.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee with chairman Dick Reinke did an excellent job with the help of SCIRA Representative and club member Art Auwaerter and club members and friends: Mike Anderson, Al Chapin, George and Mary McCullough, Danielle Seppembre, Lew Geer, Roy Hellman, Marvin Schenker, Linda Timmons, Bill Page, Art Ahrens, Bill Wilson and Arturo Alamo.

On Friday and Saturday, after the storms, we had a great time with Snipe sailors showing great camaraderie helping each other fix their boats. Reports have come in of one group straightening 7 masts in one day!

And of course, the Don Q Rum Keg party had 100% attendance Saturday afternoon and was successfully organized by Carmen Diaz with great help from our Club staff Nick and Laura and club members Mary McCullough and Ana Fernandez.

A word of thanks to the Rums of Puerto Rico for supporting this Snipe regatta. Thanks to them, this regatta remains with no registration fee!

Hope you all come back for the 1996 Don Q Rum Keg Snipe regatta!

--Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
Regatta Chairman



Don Q top 10 skippers standing from left to right: Doug Clark (Marblehead, MA), Birger Jansen (Norway), Craig Leweck (San Diego, CA), Chris Rash (Sunset Beach, CA), Argyle Campbell (Newport Beach, CA), Lee Griffin (Yardley, PA), Robert Dunkley (Baton Rouge, LA), Jimmie Lowe (Hialeah, FL), Dave Chapin (Orlando, FL), Jerry Thompson (Long Beach, CA). Crew kneeling: Alex Stout, Carine Julussen, Yumio Dornberg, Tommy Gonzalez, Rod Graham, Sherry Eldridge, Lori Roberts, Alan Capellen, Sean Biehl, Dee Schilling.

Don Q Results -- top 30 of 45

Sail	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1. 28050	Doug Clark/Alex Stout	1-3-1	4.5
2. 28810	Birger Jansen/Carine Julussen	2-6-2	10
3. 28672	Craig Leweck/Yumio Dornberg	6-4-3	13
4. 28702	Chris Rash/Tommy Gonzalez	4-7-6	17
5. 28468	Argyle Campbell/Rod Graham	11-8-4	23
6. 27054	Lee Griffith/Sherry Eldridge	7-19-8	25
7. 27800	Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts	16-1-9	25.75
8. 25235	Jimmie Lowe/Sean Biehl	3-12-11	26
9. 28450	Dave Chapin/Alan Capellen	9-13-5	27
10. 24702	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	8-9-14	31
11. 28044	Pedro/Mimi Larson	12-16-7	35
12. 28575	Bryan Fishback/Lori Stout	5-2-dnf	38
13. 24776	Gonzalo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	14-5-24	43
14. 26926	Alex/Lisa Pline	18-11-15	44
15. 26900	Ken/Kay Voss	13-18-18	49
16. 27457	Bjorn Alm/Kristina Rook	22-17-12	51
17. 28707	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	19-23-10	52
18. 24605	Tarasa Davis/Carla Zimmer	17-15-21	53
19. 27872	Charlie Bustamante/T. Haley	21-19-16	56
20. 28655	Hal Gilreath/Rob Ostrom	10-20-dnf	61
21. 24802	Sean Fiddler/Harold Stackpoole	15-cnf-19	68
22. 23623	William Spencer/C. Bateman	24-21-25	70
23. 26395	Gonzalo Diaz/Sam Seppembre	27-cnf-13	70
24. 28571	Don Hackbarth/Kerry Tyson	20-30-20	70
25. 28470	Stephan Irgens/Monica Bigard	23-27-22	72
26. 28694	Wennerstrom/Wennerstrom	cnf-cnf-cnf	80
27. 23391	Fernando de Cardenas/C. Kelly	28-28-26	82
28. 24995	Montarroyo/Montarroyo	20-24-23	87
29. 25374	Roberto Lizano/Barbara Torres	25-24-dnc	94
30. 26077	Eddie Vadia/Kippy Bolz	35-cnf-28	100



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The Bacardi/Gamblin in Nassau

The 1995 Bacardi Cup was held in unusually lighter conditions than the Snipe class is used to in the Bahamas. Races in Montague Bay were raced between 8-12 knots with the wind coming off the main island. Big shifts played mind games with the entire fleet, but Hal Gilreath and Alan Carscaddon hit most of them and came out on top. Bahamians Robert Dunkley and Lori Roberts showed light air speed to garner second and Snipe ace "JT" and crew Dee Schilling managed to squeak by Norwegians Birger Jansen and Carine Juliusen.

The first race of the Dudley Gamblin started out in the same wind range with "JT" hitting his stride. Race 2 was a powered up 15-18 knots and the entire fleet enjoyed perfect sailing conditions. The Norwegians showed their stuff with a very close win over SCIRA Commodore Jimmie Lowe and crew Gavin McKinney. Race 3 started to show the usual Bahamian sailing conditions with pretty close to 20 knots and plenty of sunshine. Msrs. Lowe and McKinney showed local speed with a win and Jansen/Juliusen second and the other Bahamian team of Dunkley/Roberts getting third. The last day of the Gamblin started out promising but turned into a day of big gambles on big shifts and small wind. Robert Dunkley and Lori Roberts (soon to be Lowe...) could do no

wrong and smoked with a couple of firsts. With that exception, the rest of the fleet went through flip-flops that provided lots of conversation at the trophy dinner.

Birger and Carine won the Gamblin and a deserved Zimmerman trophy (Overall

Snipe Southern Circuit). Despite a somewhat small turnout, the Bahamian sailors provided their usual great hospitality and the main topic of discussion was how to combine the end of the circuit and next year's North American Championships in order to turn all Snipe sailors on the beauty of sailing Snipes at the Royal Nassau Sailing Club.

Sean Biehl

The Bacardi Cup

Sail	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1. 28655	Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscaddon	2-2-1	4.75
2. 27800	Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts	1-3-3	6.75
3. 24702	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	5-4-2	11
4. 28810	Birger Jansen/Carine Juliusen	7-1-4	11.75
5. 24776	Gonzo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	4-6-7	17
6. 26900	George Walker/Kay Voss	9-5-5	19
7. 25235	Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	3-8-12	23
8. 26104	Sean Biehl/Eric Krebs	8-9-6	23
9. 28571	Don Hackbarth/Cindy Hackstaff	6-7-11	24
10. 28144	Johnny Christie/PB Wassitch	11-12-8	31
11. 25843	Bent Poulson/Id Crook	12-10-9	31
12. 27800	Fernando DeCardenas/C. Kelly	10-11-14	35
13. 28693	Peter Christie/Joan Weiberg	14-13-13	40
14. 25172	Gordon Hackstaff/S. McAllister	16-16-10	42
15. 28282	Leo Murphy/Jennifer Ayers	15-14-16	45
16. 278002	Sean Andrews/Dwayne Wallas	17-15-15	47
17. 25531	Tony Wallas/Stig Juliusen	13-17-17	47

The Dudley Gamblin Memorial

Sail	Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1. 28810	Birger Jansen/Carine Juliusen	2-1-2-2-5	11.75
2. 28655	Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscaddon	4-3-4-3-2	16
3. 24702	Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	1-4-5-4-3	16.75
4. 27800	Robert Dunkley/Lori Roberts	7-7-3-1-1	18.50
5. 26104	Sean Biehl/Eric Krebs	6-5-7-7-4	29
6. 24776	Gonzo Diaz/Nancy Gilreath	5-6-6-6-9	32
7. 25235	Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	3-2-1-dnf-11	32.75
8. 278001	Fernando deCardenas/C. Kelly	12-10-9-5-6	42
9. 28144	Johnny Christie/PB Wassitch	11-8-8-9-7	43
10. 28571	Don Hackbarth/Cindy Hackstaff	9-9-11-8-10	47
11. 25843	Bent Poulson/Id Crook	dnf-12-10-11-12	62
12. 26900	George Walker/Kay Voss	8-13-dnf-10-dnf	64
13. 28693	Peter Christie/Joan Weiberg	10-11-16-15-15	65
14. 28282	Leo Murphy/Jennifer Ayers	13-14-12-14-14	67
15. 25172	Gordon Hackstaff/S. McAllister	14-dnf-15-15-8	70
16. 25531	Tony Wallas/Stig Juliusen	dnf-dnf-14-12-13	72
17. 27241	Dwayne Wallas/	dnf-15-17-dnf-dnf	82

Zimmerman--overall Winter Circuit

1. 28810	Birger Jansen	74.25
2. 24702	Jerry Thompson	98.75
3. 27800	Robert Dunkley	111
4. 25235	Jimmie Lowe	142.75
5. 24776	Gonzo Diaz	175
6. 28571	Don Hackbarth	238
7. 25843	Bent Poulson	398

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