

# 1998 Midwinter Circuit

## Midwinter's

**Clearwater, Florida**  
**Clearwater Yacht Club**  
**March 21-24**

Former National Champion Doug Hart and Scott Lindley from San Diego, CA won the 60th annual Snipe Midwinters by half a point over defending champions George Szabo and Carol Newman. Moderate breeze and cool temperatures (50's on Sunday!) dominated the six race, one throwout series, and the victory came down to the final minutes of the last race.

Constantly changing conditions rewarded the gear changing Hart and Szabo had worked so hard on for last fall's World Championship. A breakdown in the first race used up Szabo/Newman's throwout, and a tight port tack approach to the weather mark the last race forced them to spin two sets of circles. Though they caught back up to sixth, they could not pass the one extra boat necessary to beat Hart/Lindley overall. Class newcomer Tyler Moore from Annapolis, teamed up with ace crew Samantha Rosemont, led overall until the throwouts were counted in. (28 boats)

## (XXXII) Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta

**Miami, Florida**  
**Coconut Grove Sailing Club**  
**March 27-29**

George Szabo and Carol Newman representing the San Diego Yacht Club and Mission Bay fleet #495 from California easily won the XXXII Don Q Snipe Regatta with consistent 2-3-2-1-3 finishes, 13.5 ahead of the second place Jimmie Lowe and Gavin McKinney from the Royal Nassau Sailing Club, Nassau Bahamas with 23 points.

We had sailors from Japan, Argentina, Bahamas, and Norway sailing in this Interna-

tional Regatta. The Japanese crew, Shinichi Uchida and Kenji Sawada, sailing a chartered boat, placed 4th with very consistent finishes 7-4-8-4-7. The Argentinians, Federico and Sebastian Romero, sailed very well to a 10th place finish in spite of a DSC.

High winds did not let us sail on Friday but we had magnificent weather on Saturday and Sunday, 3 races on Saturday with 10 to 15 kts winds from East and Northeast and 2 races on Sunday with Northeasterly winds 15 to 20 kts. Biscayne Bay at its best!!

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee Chairman, Jack King organized and successfully conducted the races and was helped by: SNIPE CLASS Rep. Phil Richmond from Annapolis and many C.G.S.C.



## Midwinter Results

Skipper/Crew	Snail #
1. Doug Hart/Scott Lindley	29314
2. George Szabo/Carol Newman	28672
3. Jack Frazee/Jeff Baker	29702
4. Tyler Moore/Sam Rosemont	2610
5. Alex/Lisa Hine	29147
6. Binger Jansen/Liv Ulveie	29410
7. Stu Robertson/Lisa Griffith	29109
8. Hal Gibbenth/Will Glass	28142
9. Craig/Mimi Beardley	29148
10. Don DeCofini/Steve Stewart	29013
11. Federico/Sebastian Romero	28983
12. Robert Cheng/Karl Warren	26130
13. Shinichi Uchida/Kenji Sawada	27283
14. Charles/Michele Bustamante	27873
15. Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Greg Saldana	28814
16. Matt Bryant/Ron Hyatt	29373
17. Harry/Sarah Levinson	26894
18. Don Hackbarth/Christenson	29014
19. Mitchell/Kristen Rogers	27273
20. Bill Welch/Anne Rogers	29400
21. James Richter/Buzz Levinson	24500
22. David Mulhausen/D. Hackbarth	15104
23. Halvar Fouslsun/Edor Rhyce	27410
24. Jerry Thompson/Allen Capellan	24703
25. Sherry Welch/Trudy Bixby	27772
26. Bob Foster/Carly Franklin	26397
27. James Arcimino/Hew Keller	24600
28. Tom Parks/Bonnie Robertson	24020

Fleet	Finishes	Total
Mission Bay	(9) 3-3-2-4-2	14
Mission Bay	(dab)-2-1-1-5-6	14.5
Alamitos Bay	2-(1)-2-6-1-5	15.75
Annapolis	6-1-6-4-3-(9)	19.75
Annapolis	(1)-9-7-3-6-3	28
Norway	7-(10)-8-5-10-1	30.75
Alamitos Bay	11-5-5-10-7-(14)	38
Lake Lanier	3-4-10-(14)-11-11	39
Lake Lanier	5-6-(14)-7-8-13	39
Mission Bay	4-(14)-12-8-9-7	40
Conlota, Argentina	1-8-4-12-(16)-16	40.75
Annapolis	10-15-13-(20)-2-10	50
Brestham, Japan	12-7-9-11-12-(20)	51
	8-13-11-13-13-(15)	58
Miami	17-12-(20)-16-15-4	64
St. Petersburg	16-18-15-18-(22)	75
Winchester	14-20-16-17-14-(21)	81
Atlanta	(20)-19-18-9-18-18	82
St. Petersburg	15-21-17-15-20-(24)	88
St. Petersburg	19-16-19-(22)-17-22	93
Indianapolis	21-(dnf)-22-21-23-17	104
Atlanta	24-22-25-19-(26)-19	109
Norway	22-17-24-23-25-(dnf)	111
Alamitos Bay	dnf-(4)-5-(dnf)-19-12	115
St. Petersburg	23-33-33-(24)-24-23	116
Clearwater	18-24-21-(dnf)-20-(dnf)	116
Atlanta	25-25-25-(dnf)-dnf-22	131
St. Petersburg	26-27-(dnf)-dnf-(dnf)	136

members and friends of the Miami Snipe Fleet. We received a lot of praises from the sailors about the excellent Race Committee work.

Hope you all come back for the XXXIII

Don Q Rum Keg Regatta in 1999!!

**Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.,**  
**Regatta Chairman**

### The Winners Photo:

Standing, left to right: Jimmie Lowe, Hal Gibbenth, Shinichi Uchida, Alex Pline, George Szabo, Craig Beardley, Binger Jansen, Jerry Thompson, David Tiltson, Federico Romero, Jack King R.C. Chairman and Carl Straw C.G.S.C. Commodore. Front: Lisa McKinney, Will Glen, Kenji Sawada, Lisa Pline, Mimi Beardley, Liv Ulveie, Robert Lindley, Barbara Tiltson and Sebastian Romero.

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## Don Q Results

Skipper/Crew	Sail #	Fleet	Finisher	Total
1. George Szabo/Carol Newman	28672	Mission Bay	2-3-1-1-3	9.5
2. Jammie Lowe/Garvin McKinney	28811	Nassau	5-8-11-3-2	21
3. Hal Gibreath/Will Glen	28142	Lake Lanier	4-3-p20-2-1	29.75
4. Shinichi Uchida/Kenji Sawada	27283	Fooshinus, Japan	p20-4-7-4-6	37
5. Alex/Jen Pine	29147	Annapolis	p20-11-3-12-10	53
6. Craig/Mimi Heardsley	29148	Lake Lanier	10-14-20-16-4	64
7. Birger Jansen/Liv Ulvie	29410	Norway	8-16-2-5-dnf	66
8. Jonny Thompson/Robert Lindley	24702	Alamitas Bay	14-17-15-6-15	67
9. David/Barbie Tilson	27567	Mission Bay	9-6-28-15-12	68
10. Federico/Sebastian Romero	28583	Cordoba, Arg	1-06-4-10-7	68.75
11. Gonzalo Diaz/Carlos Onevum	28812	Miami	13-23-10-7-dnf	69
12. Gonzalo Diaz, Sr./Greg Saldana	28814	Miami	17-21-14-14-5	71
13. Dong Hart/Scott Lindley	29314	Mission Bay	2-1-ocs-13-9	71.75
14. Robb Walker/Kawana Carlson	28044	Mission Bay	21-20-12-8-14	75
15. Stu/Erin Robertson	29109	Alamitas Bay	23-9-9-19-20	80
16. Ernesto Rodriguez/Naamy Basso	27363	Miami	11-12-6-17-ocs	87
17. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	29013	Mission Bay	ocs-5-8-20-8	88
18. Kevin Davenport/Cristi Stroud	24776	Miami	12-14-22-23-19	88
19. Roberto Lizzano?	28457	Miami	16-28-24-25-11	104
20. Bob Oberp/Michele Bustamante	25120	Annapolis	ocs-22-17-11-13	110
21. Steve/Julie Carr	27276	Miami	18-13-25-32-24	115
22. Brent McKenzie/Nancy Gilreath	25840	Lake Lanier	22-19-18-24-dnf	118
23. Gavin/Hally O'Hare	29016	Mission Bay	26-7-ocs-23-18	120
24. Kim/Say Voss	26900	Miami	30-23-15-29-23	121
25. Matt Bryant/Karen Park	29373	St. Petersburg	34-24-13-28-dnf	124
26. Don Hackbart/Maria Christensen	29014	Atlanta	ocs-10-23-26-21	127
27. Lee Griffin/Lisa Griffin	29204	Barnegat Bay	15-18-dnc-9-ocs	129
28. Curt Moody/Rick Jarchow	27364	Miami	35-30-p20-21-17	132
29. Bill Welch/Anne Rogers	29400	St. Petersburg	20-29-32-30-26	137
30. Tod Sackett/Lee Sackett	28575	Cleveland	28-26-31-23-22	141
31. Lori Lowe/Sherril Welch	25235	Nassau	33-36-34-27-25	154
32. Robin Baker/Robbie Kahle	25058	Miami	24-32-29-34-ocs	160
33. Fernando DeCardenas/Jeremy Roberts	689	Miami	21-39-30-25-27	162
34. Jay Chen/DJ Suarez	24950	Miami	37-40-28-27-28	170
35. Jim Janda/Mitch Harvey	28791	Miami	28-31-33-28-ocs	174
36. James Richter/Frank Workman	24500	Indianapolis	27-37-35-28-dnc	175
37. John Hill/Stephanie Carroll	28528	Atlanta	33-41-35-39-29	178
38. Henrik Wennestrom/Kippy Boltz	28694	Miami	19-27-ocs-dnf-dnc	178
39. Dave/Baboon Carroll	28244	Atlanta	36-33-21-dnc-dnc	182
40. Halvor Paulson/Rager Edell	27410	Norway	ocs-3-5-p20-31-ocs	191
41. Peter Welles/Sean Dougherty	25197	Atlanta	28-38-37-26-dnc	195
42. Montarroyo/Montarroyos	24995	Miami	[20-34-dnf-dnc-dnc]	202

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Photo: Start of the Race. 29314: Chuck Sacks/Scott Lindley; 29168: Don Bedford/Steve Stewart; 28672: George Szabo/Jeff Baker; 28069: Jim Bedford/Peter Dillon; 27015: Umberto Valle/Isra Alberta. Dennis Kelly photo.

## Overall Winter Circuit Zimmerman Trophy Final Results

1. George Szabo	121
2. Birger Jansen/Liv Ulvie	156.75
3. Federico/Sebastian Romero	168.25
4. Shinichi Uchida	172
5. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	186.75



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## Bacardi & Gamblin Series, Overall Zimmerman

Nassau, Bahamas

Royal Nassau Sailing Club

April 1-4 (Seabo's Snipe Journal)

Took the noon flight from Miami to Nassau, it looked like half of the Mission Bay Snipe fleet was onboard, a taxi cab to the sailing club, went straight to the bar, said hi to "your the man" Eddie the bartender, ordered a Kahlua and joined the rest of the Snipe fleet that was sitting on the porch. Eventually the boats showed up so we began rigging. Back in the clubhouse a new pecking order was being established on the ping pong table. Don Bedford had a strong start and was looking unbeatable. We threw everything we had on him. When no-one could beat him, our hopes were on Shinichi Uchida from Japan. Unfortunately Don beat him too, so now Don is the new man to beat on the ping pong table in Nassau. Maybe one day he will be able to put his name on the wall for that.

The first day of sailing it was blowing straight down the bay with good whitecaps. The whole fleet looked out and thought "we're not going out there" we later found that the wind funneled by the club and was stronger in front of the bar and the big white caps were caused by the outgoing tide. We ended up with 15 knots and Jeff and I won both races. The Bacardi Party was that evening. Three blenders running at one bar, enough rum to make the table sag at the other bar, and more Conch fritters than you wanted to eat.

Day two had lighter breeze, two more firsts for us but that was to be the end of our luck. John Papadopoulos had a great first heat and was in the front of the fleet for a bit and the heavy team of Bedford/Stewart (350lbs) had a great race before lunch but were a bit slower in the afternoon race. The Commodore's party is always the evening when you realize that Nassau can be a little bit different than the rest of the world. When we pulled up the man at the gate politely told us that the boss would like for us to park in the parking lot. Every house should have a parking lot.

Day three, back for more sailing, this time with shifty breeze off the land. Two teams were over early, one was us. When we finally got to the weather mark the fleet was just about at the reach mark. Ouch. Back at the pool at the lunch break the Argentinians who didn't go back we even more unhappy than we were. After lunch the second race was very shifty. A large shift just after the start put those that went right in front. We were on the left of course. That evening there was an

## Bacardi Results

Skipper/Crew	Sniff #	Fleet	Finisher	Total
1. George Szabo/Jeff Baker	28672	Mission Bay	1-1-1	2,25
2. Federico/Sebastian Romero	28983	Argentina	3-4-3	10
3. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	29013	Mission Bay	2-8-2	17
4. Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	28811	Nassau	5-2-8	15
5. Dave/Barbie Tillson	27567	Mission Bay	8-3-4	15
6. Birger Jensen/Liv Ulveis	29410	Norway	4-7-6	17
7. Chuck Sinks/Scott Lindley	29314	Mission Bay	7-6-7	20
8. Gavin/Holly O'Hara	29016	Mission Bay	10-9-5	24
9. Robb Walker/Ronwen Carlson	29044	Mission Bay	9-10-11	30
10. Stu/Erin Robertson	29109	Alamitos Bay	15-5-12	32
11. Jerry Thompson/Robert Lindley	24702	Alamitos Bay	6-13-11	35
12. Shinichi Uchida/Lori Lowe	27283	Japan	11-15-9	35
13. Don Hackbarth/Maria Christensen	29014	Atlanta	13-12-13	38
14. Robert Dumbrey/Pat Dillon	29201	Nassau	dnc-11-10	44
15. Halvor Paulsen/Eddi Raga	27410	Norway	14-14-9	47
16. Jim Bedford/Peter Dillon	29016	Canada	12-16-dnf	51
17. Walt/Pricella Duffy	25048	New Orleans	19-18-15	52
18. Peter Christie/Oliver Sosinsky	28693	Nassau	16-19-18	53
19. Jim Richter/Diet Klug	24500	Indianapolis	17-17-20	54
20. John Papadopoulos/Katrina	29015	Newport Harbor	20-20-16	56
21. Johnny Christie/Carol Osborn	28693	Nassau	18-21-17	56
22. Umberto Valle/Piera Alberta	27015	Italy	21-22-21	64

## Gamblin Results

Skipper/Crew	Sniff #	Fleet	Finisher	Total
1. Shinichi Uchida/Lori Lowe	27283	Japan	6-2-4-11-6	29
2. Jerry Thompson/Robert Lindley	24702	Alamitos Bay	11-5-5-4-4	29
3. Federico/Sebastian Romero	28983	Argentina	2-oct-6-2-1	32.75
4. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	29013	Mission Bay	8-9-12-1-2	32.75
5. Birger Jensen/Liv Ulveis	29410	Norway	5-3-15-5-5	33
6. Dave/Barbie Tillson	27567	Mission Bay	9-4-1-10-10	33.75
7. Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	28811	Nassau	3-1-10-oct-3	38.75
8. Robert Dumbrey/Pat Dillon	29201	Nassau	16-11-3-3-9	42
9. Stu/Erin Robertson	29109	Alamitos Bay	7-6-2-oct-13	50
10. Robb Walker/Ronwen Carlson	29044	Mission Bay	12-8-12-9-12	53
11. Don Hackbarth/Maria Christensen	29014	Atlanta	10-14-8-13-11	56
12. Gavin/Holly O'Hara	29016	Mission Bay	14-13-9-7-14	57
13. Walt/Pricella Duffy	25048	New Orleans	17-10-14-8-8	57
14. Jim Richter/Diet Klug	24500	Indianapolis	15-16-16-6-7	60
15. Scott Lindley/Chuck Sinks	29314	Mission Bay	4-7-7-dnf-dnc	63
16. George Szabo/Jeff Baker	28672	Mission Bay	1-12-11-dnf-dnc	67.75
17. John Papadopoulos/Pat Dillon	29015	Newport Harbor	13-17-17-1-16	77
18. Peter Christie/Oliver Sosinsky	28693	Nassau	18-15-19-12-13	79
19. Halvor Paulsen/Eddi Raga	27410	Norway	19-18-18-oct-dnc	99
20. Johnny Christie/Carol Osborn	28693	Nassau	20-dnf-20-dnc-dnc	106
21. Umberto Valle/Piera Alberta	27015	Italy	21-dnf-dnc-dnf-dnc	109

excellent Bahamian dinner at the sailing club.

The last day (4) of the Gamblin was the best. Blowing 20 knots, t-shirt and shorts and a great reach in the start (didn't I write the same thing last year?). The race started and we got to the mark first. Two screaming reaches and we opened up a nice lead until our shroud parted and the mast came down. Ouch. We tried hitch-hiking. The Argentinians wanted us to show them some leg but they then decided that our legs didn't look good enough. Oh well. On the second triangle Chuck Sinks' shroud came out of his spreader which bent his mast. When we got back to the dock we added up the points for the Zimmerman and found that we would still win so we packed our boat and sipped gin from coconuts for the rest of the afternoon.

The best story of the last day is all of the 'I

could have won if' stories. Of course if we hadn't broken a mast then . . . , if Jimmie Lowe had gone back when he was over early and had passed just one boat . . . , if Bedford hadn't had the 12th . . . if Jim Richter had tacked for the other end of the line and passed Shinichi then Jerry Thompson. . . could have won (upon learning Jim's story wanted to know where that Jim guy was and have a few words), and then there was Tillson's "If I hadn't stayed out so late. . ." The trophy dinner was great! Day five was spent at Rose island.

Day six we flew back to Miami, picked up the boats from the shipping company and spent the next 46 hours on the road driving back to California.

George Szabo