

2005 Winter Circuit Midwinters - Clearwater, Florida

Sixteen boats gathered in Clearwater Fla. for the 67th Annual Snipe Midwinter Championship, the first stop of the 2005 Winter Circuit. Crews traveled from as far away as Norway, California, Wisconsin, and Rhode Island.

Racing started on Sunday under clear skies and mild temperatures. The wind came in from the west, light and shifty, which kept the race committee busy with numerous course changes. Two races were sailed with Nicolas Granucci and Patricia Fonovich jumping out to an early lead with two firsts.

Monday was another picture perfect day. After a short postponement, three races were sailed in a building southerly breeze. Peter and Sheehan Commette had a very good day with a sixth and two firsts and were leading the regatta after five races.

Peter Commette moderated a debriefing of the days racing on both Sunday and Monday. This Q & A covered tuning, tactics, sail trim, and just about anything relating to making a Snipe go faster. It was very well received by the sailors and I think everybody learned from it.

Unfortunately, racing was cancelled for Tuesday due to approaching storms and wind in the twenties, therefore everyone packed up early and got ready for the awards banquet.

The Clearwater Yacht Club once again did a great job hosting the event with excellent race committee work and the traditional rum and pizza party. Thanks to CYC and its members. We are all looking forward to next year!

—Mike Blackwood



Photos:

Top - tight action at the start of the Don Q!!
Left: Nicolas Granucci and Patricia Fonovich share a laugh during the race.

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	Sail #	Crew		1	2	3	4	5	Total
USA	30089	Peter/Sheehan Commette	Master	6	2	6	0.75	0.75	15.5
USA	30195	Nicolas Granucci/Patricia Fonovich	Open	0.75	0.75	3	5	7	16.5
USA	8853	Hal Gilreath/George Gibbs	Open	8	3	0.75	3	2	16.75
USA	24702	Jerry Thompson/Morgan Commette	Master	2	4	2	8	4	20
NOR	29940	Birger Jansen/Castilla Da Hane	Master	9	8	4	6	3	30
USA	29620	Mike Blackwood/Dan Goudard	Open	11	6	7	2	6	32
USA	30299	Andrew Pimental/Julia Landford	Master	4	7	5	4	16DNC	36
USA	29992	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Greg Saldana	Master	5	5	11	10	5	36
BRA	29143	Bibi Jucza/Marcos Mascarenhas	Master	7	9	8	7	8	39
USA	30221	Don Hackbart/Joe Williams	Master	3	10	10	11	9	43
NOR	30355	Henning/Heinz Riber	Open	10	11	9	9	12	51
NOR	29973	Halvor/Edel Poulsen	Master	12	13	12	12	10	59
USA	30262	Stephen/Monica Jgens	Master	13	12	13	13	11	62
USA	9966	Bob Foster/Anne Rogers	Master	15	14	14	14	13DNC	70
USA	30223	Nancy/John Fox	Master	14	15	15	15	16DNC	75
USA	29955	Stewart/Arley Lippincott	Open	16DNC	16DNC	16DNC	16DNC	16DNC	80



2005 Winter Circuit Don Q - Miami, Florida

XXXIX ANNUAL
DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA
MARCH 11-13, 2005

Peter Commotto and Barb Evans won the XXXIX Annual Don Q Regatta after 3 days of perfect weather in Biscayne Bay. The Sea breeze (Southeasterly winds) showed up every day! Weatherman could not have treated us any better! With 32 boats participating including our 2004 National Champion Ernesto Rodriguez, our World Champion Augie Diaz and 2003 US National Champion Andy Pimental there was plenty of competition for Peter and Barb. Outstanding performance with a 3rd place by Lee Griffith and Lisa Griffith on their new J/Boe Tech Snipe.

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Race Committee headed by Bruce Schneider with the

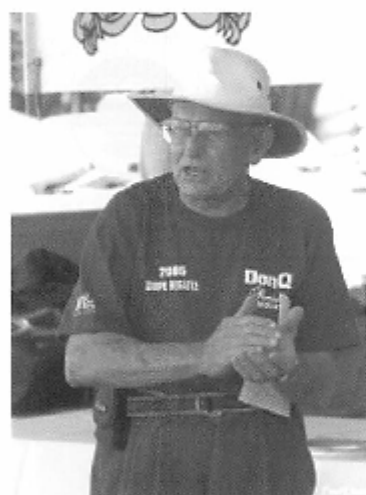
help of Club members and friends: Jaime Ramon who also donated the use of his boat as the signal boat, Bill Beavers, Marvin Schenker, Denise Schneider, Jeanne Buntzen, Rick Rahm, John Degan, Susan Walcott, Tricia and Megan Reeder, Kathy Peak, Carl Oddyke, Roy Hellman. Protest Committee: Mike Weber, Rob Quinlivan and Vlad Stroleny. SCIRA Rep, Brainard Cooper Jr. This was an excellent team that ran great races for us. Again, many thanks to all of them.

We had a great Don Q Rum Keg party Saturday night followed by the now traditional Cuban Dinner. Thanks to Carmen Diaz and her helpers for their hard work in the party and the dinner.

Our Vice Commodore Vlad Stroleny presented trophies to the first 10 crews right after the last race on Sunday.

This will be a Don Q to be remembered. Next year will be the 40th Don Q. Come and sail with us.

--Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.



Above: Where would the Don Q be without The Old Man?

Pl	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Peter Commotto/Barb Evans	4	0.75	3	2	10	19.75
2	Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina	2	4	2	5	12	23
3	Lee Griffith/Lisa Griffith	3	2	6	9	4	26
4	Andy Pimental/Julia Longford	8	3	4	13	5	33
5	Mike Backwood/Patty Mueller	5	9	6	3	11	34
6	Hal Gilreath/Andy Culver	19	5	5	11	3	42
7	Nick Grunco/Patricia Fonovitch	9	6	19	7	7	48
8	Charlie & Nichols Busanwarte	7	14	12	10	9	52
9	Thomas Hornos/Morgan Commotto	6	18	9	4	16	53
10	Gonzalo Grimaldo/Lynn Hoparick	0.75	DNC	4	6	8	59.75
11	Bill Schenker/David Hubert	13	10	17	15	7	62
12	Birger Jansen/Cecilia Delaine	16	7	7	12	21	63
13	Jerry Thompson/Zack Kelchner	10	20	20	8	6	64
14	Augie Diaz/Fam Kelly	DNC	DNC	0.75	0.75	0.75	65.25
15	Henning Bazer/Heinz Bazer	21	11	11	18	17	78
16	Claus Carphof/Freddy Wegelius	20	6	18	24	18	86
17	Dan Hackbart/Jay Janda	15	16	13	21	25	91
18	Ris Jueter/Marcos Mascarenhas	23	17	15	17	19	91
19	Ken & Kay Voss	12	12	29	19	20	93
20	George Goss/Leonard Doshill	17	21	27	20	14	94
21	Gonzalo Diaz/Kristi Fasterson	17	13	22	27	15	94
22	Enrique Quintana/Simon Sanders	DNC	DNC	10	14	13	95
23	Robin Salen/Lance Platt	14	19	16	23	23	95
24	Stephan & Monica Ingens	19	15	24	16	29	102
25	Halvor & Edel Poulsen	25	24	25	30	22	106
26	John & Nancy Fox	24	22	28	28	28	130
27	Nick Voss/David Hernandez	DNC	DNC	21	22	24	131
28	Tom Peterson/Tim Purney	22	25/DNF	25	26	31	131
29	Ray Schme/Wendy Frank	26	25	31	29	25	136
30	Greg Saldana/Grace Fang	DNC	DNC	23	25	27	139
31	Bob Parza/Joseph Parza	27	26	30	31	30	144
32	Bill Blochman Crew?	DNC	DNC	DNC/DNC	DNC	DNC	164



Right: Competitors and trophy winners gather for the annual group photo.

