

## Winter Circuit 2015

### Midwinters - Clearwater, Florida **Diaz Wins**

The Clearwater Midwinters kicked off the winter circuit March 15-17 with 22 entries. The weather cooperated with moderate breeze all three days, so the fleet sailed 9 competitive races. This year, a lot of international sailors attended with representatives from Finland, Canada, Norway, Columbia, Argentina, Ecuador, and the US. The racing naturally split into two almost equal fleets. The top 10 boats saw almost anyone with a top 3 score, but Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke remained consistent and sailed well the last day to take the regatta over Ernesto Rodriguez and Eduardo Mitzas. The bottom 10 boats had almost an equally competitive regatta with lots of close finishes and serious sailing.



*Above: Kathleen Tocke & Augie Diaz accept the Midwinters trophies.*

*Below: Gonzalo Diaz poses with Don Q winners Andre Guaragna and Raul Rios - Puerto Rico*

### Don Q Regatta 2015 - **Raul Rios & Andre Guaragna**

by Nikki Bruno

Snipe sailors representing eleven countries converged upon Biscayne Bay for the 2015 Don Q Rum regatta, hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thirty-eight teams comprised of champions, veterans, and novices completed five races over three days of classic Miami sunshine, warm water, and cool breezes.

On Friday the sea breeze didn't start to fill in until noon, so there was plenty of time for more bagels and coffee. Winds varied between 7-10 knots, mostly from the southeast. Finishing first in the first race was Luis Soubie and Diego Lipszyc of Argentina, followed by Raul Rios of Puerto Rico and local Andre Guaragna, and third saw locals Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke. Raul and Andre took over first place the next race, with Augie and Kathleen still right behind. Louis and Diego slipped back to eighth while locals Peter Commette and Jensen McTighe picked up



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the third.

Saturday began much the same way, and the sea breeze picked up to 7 knots around 1pm, quickly building up to a steady 11 for the rest of the afternoon while it clocked right from the southeast. Locals Nick Voss and Nicole Popp finished first in race three, while Augie and Kathleen mixed it up, finishing in second just ahead of Raul and Andre



who took third. Determined to keep their lead, the fourth race was led much of the way by Raul and Andre who put a sizable gap between their boat and second place, locals Ernesto Rodriguez and Eduardo Mintzias, who were followed closely by Augie and Kathleen in third.

After racing the second day, sailors were greeted at the dock with Don Q daiquiris that, after a brief supply shortage scare, continued to flow freely throughout the delicious Cuban dinner buffet at the club.

The breeze kicked in Sunday morning around 10:30, which worked out perfectly with the usual earlier start time. One race was completed in a steady 9 knot breeze that shifted left from the southwest. Raul and Augie, who had been duking it out the first four races, slipped back to ninth and tenth respectively this race, while Louis and Diego reclaimed the first spot. Closely behind were north-easterners Andrew Pimental and Nikki Bruno. Nick and Nicole came back as well for a final finish in third.

Awards were given to the top ten placing teams, representing Puerto Rico, USA, Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador. Raul and Andre took the overall win and perpetual trophy with a total of 16 points. Augie and Kathleen won second overall with 20 points and in third were Louis and Diego with 30 points.

The Snipe class would like to thank our hosts, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the race committee who kept us in line, and all those who helped feed us and run the show.

### Midwinters - final results. Top 18 of 22

	Skipper/Crew	Sail #	
1.	Augie Diaz/Kathleen Tocka	USA30288	18
2.	Ernesto Rodriguez/Eduardo Mitzas	USA31130	20
3.	Luis Souble/Diego Lipszyc	ARG28701	25
4.	Peter Commetta/Lara Dallman-Weiss	USA29442	38
5.	Evert McLaughlin/A. Damley-Strnad	CAN30439	39
6.	Esteban Echavarria/Juanes Restrepo	COL30718	46
7.	Edgar Diminich/Ibarth Costante	ECU31035	47
8.	Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz	USA30860	54
9.	Jasus Bailon/Marcelo Vera	ECU31028	67
10.	Hal Gilreath/Brandon Feaney	USA8653	84
11.	Jefferson/Tracy Hall	CAN29610	91
12.	Sharon Seymour-Johnson/Julia Malton	USA30571	95
13.	Birger Jansen/Jeanette Jansen	NOR30090	100
14.	Harri Palm/Molly Kurvink	CAN29317	105
15.	Ian Brown/Gary Poyntz	CAN30868	110
16.	Julian Ingls/Leo Arseneault	CAN39536	122
17.	Gord Richards/Inessa Townsend-Fish	CAN29314	134
18.	Stephan/Monica Irgens	USA28470	140

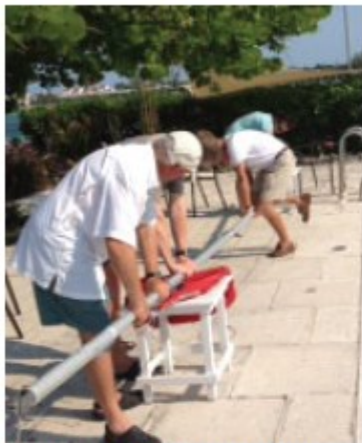
### Don Q - final results. Top 18 of 38

	skipper	Sail #	Pts
1.	Raul Rios	PUR29841	16
2.	Augie Diaz	USA30288	20
3.	Luis Souble	ARG28701	30
4.	Ernesto Rodriguez	USA31130	32
5.	Falipe Linhares	BRA31121	38
6.	Andrew Pimental	USA30928	40
7.	Nick Voss	USA28814	44
8.	Peter Commetta	USA29442	44
9.	Carol Cronin	USA30860	51
10.	Edgar Diminich	ECU30337	57
11.	Esteban Echavarria	COL30718	65
12.	Taylor Schaefermann	USA29511	68
13.	Jasus Bailon	ECU31028	69
14.	Enrique Quintero	USA30759	70
15.	Alex/Lexi Pine	USA30510	76
16.	Zachar Kalchner	USA29782	79
17.	Pietro Fantoni	ITA15790	94
18.	Dany Delgado	COL29652	101





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*Mast straightening poolside at the RNSC, Bahamas*



*Above: Stuart Grulke & Tara Levy  
Below: Spencer Cartwright & Daniel Gibson*



### Snipe Bacardi Cup 2015

		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	Robert Dunkley and Michelle Lakin Hope	1	1	2	4
2	Jimmie Lowe and Cameron Symonette	4	3	1	8
3	Martin Bebb and Terra Berlinski	5	4	3	12
4	Reino Suonsilta and Benjamin Darbyshire	3	5	4	12
5	Stuart Grulke and Tara Levy	6	2	5	13
6	Hanna-Lena Lehtinen and Juha Lehtinen	2	7	6	15
7	Steve Lang and Jennie Scheafer	7	6	DNS 8	21

### Snipe Dudley Gamblin Memorial 2015

		1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Jimmie Lowe and Cameron Symonette	2	3	1	1	2	9
2	Robert Dunkley and Michelle Lakin Hope	1	1	DNF 9	2	1	14
3	Stuart Grulke and Tara Levy	4	4	2	3	4	17
4	Spencer Cartwright and Daniel Gibson	6	2	3	5	3	19
5	Martin Bebb and Terra Berlinski	3	5	4	6	6	24
6	Reino Suonsilta and Benjamin Darbyshire	5	6	5	7	5	28
7	Steve Lang and Jennie Scheafer	7	DNF 9	DNS 9	DNS 9	DNS 9	43
8	Hanna-Lena Lehtinen and Juha Lehtinen	DNF 9	DNF 9	DNS 9	4	7	27+11

Concord Jimmie Lowe and Cameron Symonette  
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Basil Kelly - Reino Suonsilta and Ben Darbyshire  
Zimmerman: Martin Bebb

