

2016 (50th Annual) Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta Report

by Carol Newman and Jensen McTighe

Biscayne Bay in March: what could be better? 38 teams came to enjoy the hospitality of Don Q Rum, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and Old Man/Carmen Diaz who have been in charge of this event almost since it started. With five races over three days in breeze that ranged from 6-20 knots, every team had a chance to shine. And all enjoyed the post-race socializing, fueled by daiquiris and Carmen's famous Cuban dinner on Saturday night.

As you can see from the scores, Ernesto Rodriguez/Claudia Loiacono won the event (and races 2 and 4), closely pursued by Jensen McTighe and Andrew Guaragna who won the first (and lightest) race of the event. Augie Diaz/Jessica Claffin won the other two races, but an early Z flag penalty kept them a few points behind right from the start.

Friday's building breeze gave the light air specialists a chance in the first race, before building to a steady 12 knots for race two. An early finish to the racing after two downwind finishes left plenty of time for renewing old friendships, and talking through tuning setups, back on the lawn at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Saturday's conditions were epic Biscayne Bay. With an approaching front bringing 15-20 knots from the south, sailors refreshed their reaching skills for the double triangle courses. Best of all was finishing both races after the second reaching lap, with the final race (to the dock) a continuation of great wave riding and planing conditions. Daiquiris ashore tasted all the sweeter after such a constant saltwater rinse.



Following a delicious Cuban dinner, Old Man passed the microphone around and everyone shared memories of previous Don Q events. Stephanie Muto from Boston was attending her first Don Q and said it was great to be back in the Snipe again. "It's like a family," she said. Peter Commette remembered a 1992 capsized at the jibe mark that took him from first to not quite last (though he and Connie still won that year). And we all toasted Old Man, who was the only one present (besides Carmen, of course) who had attended all 50 events.

Sunday's conditions consisted of shifty breeze from the south-southwest with large variations in pressure. The fleet seemed a little skeptical of a last minute course change from the Race Committee, turning the last downwind leg into a triangle course finishing downwind. Some were able to take advantage of the change of course and made large gains on the fleet, though it was a parade for most. Congratulations to Ernesto Rodriguez and Claudia Loiacono for placing first by six points!

Big thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for running this Regatta, to the Don Q Rum (Destileria Serralles, Puerto Rico) for sponsoring it and to the Race Committee including: Jaime Ramon (PRO), Brainard Cooper (Scira Rep), Dottie Rostorfer, Liz Balbin, Joel Krieger, Jaime Ramon Jr., Catie Patton, Carolyn LaPointe, Susan Walcutt, Cathy Buller, Mike Ledwell, Ron Rostorfer, Blake Middleton, Allen Cox, Philippe Dussier, Elena Shishkova, Carol Cottrell, Rick Klein, Bob Welbon, Denise Schneider, Ev Hoffman, and the Stand by Judges: Rick Mallinson, Jane Ann Pincus, Mike Catalano. Also big thanks to Joe Dapena for the use of the Signal Boat.

Rank	Boat	Sail No	Helm Name	Crew Name	Nat	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1st	46	31130	Ernesto RODRIGUEZ	Claudia Loiacono	USA	NA	4	1	2	1	5	13
2nd	12	30027	Jensen McTIGHE	Andre Guaragna	USA	LYC	1	5	3	2	8	19
3rd	71	30288	Augie DIAZ	Jessica Claffin	USA	CGSC	ZFR14	4	1	5	1	25
4th	26	28854	Randy LAKE	Maddy McGrath	USA	Sdyg	2	6	5	7	ZFR10	30
5th	42	29442	Peter Commette	Connie Commette	USA	LYC	3	14	4	9	9	59
6th	41	29114	David HERNANDEZ	Christine DeSilva	USA	CRYC	5	12	8	12	3	40
7th	19	30337	George SZABO	Diana Waterbury	USA	SDYC	19	7	6	6	7	45
8th	27	28814	Nicholas VOS	Nicole Popp	USA	CRYC	14	11	10	16	4	55
9th	75	ITA 15790	Pietro FANTONI	Julia Mallon	ITA	Circolo della Vela Muggia	13	10	9	13	13	58
10th	74	8653	Hal GILREATH	Brandon Farnsey	USA	Florida	8	13	11	11	16	59
11th	24	30904	Lee GRIFFITH	Nikki Bruno	USA	Surf City Yacht Club	7	9	15	17	12	60
12th	31	30229	Gavin OHARE	Erika Saemon	USA	Eastport YC	9	2	24	10	19	64
13th	32	30474	Arthur BLODGETT	Sarah Streater	USA	LYC	12	3	27	8	ZFR14	64
14th	50	31313	Alex PLINE	Lois Plina	USA	SSA	20	8	13	19	11	71
15th	11	30860	Carol CRONIN	Sharon Johnson/Kim Couranz	USA	Savem Sailing Association	16	15	14	14	15	74
16th	13	31355	Andrew PIMENTAL	Megan Place	USA	Sail Newport	10	16	7	4	39 DNC	76
17th	57	31357	Eric REINKE	Alex Darnley-Smad	USA	Savem Sailing Association	26	20	12	3	17	78
18th	14	31114	Seth SIEGLER	W Mason	USA	Mission Bay Yacht Club	11	34	17	15	10	87
19th	47	PER 31147	Diego FIGUEROA	Benjamin Vidal	PER	Club Regatas Lima	15	21	31	24	14	105
20th	23	30391	Bratt DAVIS	Christina Persson	USA	SSA, SDYC, NYCC	29	18	16	18	24	106
21st	28	30028	Chris JANKOWSKI	Samantha Parisi	USA	SSA	23	29	18	23	18	111
22nd	36	29511	Taylor SCHEUEMANN	Gaofray Calderone	USA	CRYC	24	19	19	22	27	111
23rd	77	29782	Zachary KELCHNER	Lauren Schoone	USA	SSA	25	28	20	21	20	114
24th	37	29602	Doug BROEKER	Sarajane McMahon	USA	Coral Reef YC	22	17	21	28	31	119
25th	15	29572	Charlie BUSTAMANTE	Michale Bustamante	USA	None	17	33	29	30 DNF	25	134
26th	29	30181	Guy THOMAS	Steve Tautz	USA	Lincoln Sailing Club	32	32	32	20	23	139
27th	25	29044	Sonya SMITH	Steve Pickel	USA	Savem Sailing Association	21	27	33	26	32	139
28th	17	30089	Andrew KLEIN	Kathleen Tocka/Daniel O'Farrell	USA	Winchester Boat Club	18	22	34 DNF	39 DNC	29	142
29th	35	ITA 30428	Andrea GEMINI	Giovanna Giampiano	ITA	qvc	30	35	30	27	22	144
30th	55	31157	Martin BEBB	Bruno Mello	USA	Dallas Snipe Fleet #1	27	25	34 DNF	39 DNC	21	146





50th ANNUAL DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA 2016



2016 Snipe Midwinter Championship

Clearwater, FL
March 13-15, 2016

Pos	Sail	Skipper	1	2	3	4	Total	Pos
1	8653	Hai GILREATH/ brendan feeney	1	1	1	1	4	1
2	30	Andrew Pimental/ Megan Place	2	2	2	2	8	2
3	31157	Martin Bibby/ SHEEHAN COMMETTE	8/DNS	3	3	3	17	3
4	29044	Smith Sonya/ Steve PICKEL	4	4	4	8/DNS	20	4
5	30337	Robert Dunkley	3	8/DNF	8/DNS	8/DNS	27	5
6	31063	Diego Figueroa/ Benjamin Vidal	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	32T	6
6	29963	Steve Lang/ Nadia Daggett	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	8/DNC	32T	6



Winter Circuit - 2016 Nassau, Bahamas



DUDLEY GAMBLIN MEMORIAL 2016

Rank	Helm	Crew	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total	Nett
1	Robert Dunkley	Lori Lowe	29616	1	2	1	1	1	6	6
2	Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	31157	2	1	3	2	5	13	13
3	Hanna - Lena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	30833	3	3	2	3	3	14	14
4	Adam Boorman	Daisy Tinkler	29410	DNC	DNF	5	4	2	25	25
5	Bryan Reich	Terra Berlinski	29963	4	DNF	4	5	6	26	26
6	Steve Lang	Nadia Daggett	28678	DNF	4	DNC	6	4	28	28

BACARDI CUP 2016

Rank	Helm	Crew	SailNo	R1	R2	R3	Total	Nett
1	Paul deSouza	Spencer Cartwright	29616	3	1	2	6	6
2	Robert Dunkley	Lori Lowe/Nicholas Colclough/Diane DeCardenas	29616	2	5	1	8	8
3	Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	31157	1	3	4	8	8
4	Cochise Burrows	Adam Boorman	29410	4	2	3	9	9
5	Hanna - Lena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	30833	5	4	5	14	14
6	Bryan Reich	Terra Berlinski	29963	6	6	DNS	20	20
7	Steve Lang	Nadia	28678	7	7	6	20	20

SCIRA Zimmerman Trophy 2016

Skipper	Crew	Country	Sail #	Midwinters	Don Q	Bacardi	Gamblin	Zimmerman
Martin Bebb	Sheehan Commette	USA	31157	3	30	3	2	38
Robert Dunkley	McKenzie McGurkin/Lori Lowe/Nicholas Colclough/Diane DeCardenas	BAH	30337 30360 29616	5	33	2	1	41

