

(WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACES continued from Page 7)

(RACE 3) - Tuesday A. M. Wind NE at 12 mph and gale warnings from Esther. Good start but the experienced rough weather boys strung out at once. Spain led Brazil all away around in a beautiful race to finish 1st. U. S. overtook Denmark and Norway and slipped into 3rd at the third mark while Bahamas moved into their familiar 4th spot when a protest against Switzerland by British Guiana was upheld.

(RACE 4) - Sailed immediately with winds up to 14 and height of waves increasing. The Levinsons, now getting used to being knocked around and learning by bitter experience, asserted themselves from the start and passed every mark in 1st place. closely pursued by Brazil all the way, but edging them at the finish by 21 sec. with Norway 3rd. Spain was a close contender, but when tacking close to the finish line, the skipper caught his foot in the floorboards and he cried out in anguish as the boat went the other way. He temporarily lost control and four boats passed him, all 5 finishing within 7 seconds of each other. It was another tough break for Spain! But even then, the Duke still maintained 2nd in overall standing after Brazil with her two 1sts and two 2nds, with Bahamas and U. S. in close contention for 3rd.

(RACE 5) - In spite of dire predictions, the Wednesday morning race was started at 10:10 with wind shifted to ENE at 16 mph. Waves were now about 3 feet (6 ft. from bottom of trough to top of crest) and rolling down the Sound with sea steadily building up. Again, Spain duplicated her performance in the third race, but, with victory almost in her grasp with a nice lead at the end of the 2nd beat, disaster struck when the mast rattled down as the starboard chainplate pulled out, tearing a hole through the deck. The team sat disconsolately, watching their pursuers - Switzerland, Bahamas, U.S., and Brazil - pass them to finish in that order. Under the extremely rugged sailing conditions, France and Uruguay capsized; Japan did, too, but managed to right her boat and finish the race. The wind was now blowing about 20 mph and quits were called for the day.

With no races scheduled for Thursday, and bad weather reigning, everyone relaxed with a bus trip to New York with a tour through the United Nations, followed by a cocktail and dinner party at the New York Yacht Club, a most outstanding event.

True to predictions, Friday was a beautiful day for sailing. While Brazil now had a most convincing lead and Bahamas and U. S. were well ensconced in 2nd and 3rd, Spain, Norway, and Bermuda were practically tied for 4th.

These important last two races were thus sailed under nigh perfect conditions with winds of 10-12 mph from NWxW with wave action of no consequence. The light weather boys were happy!

(RACE 6) - A long starting line slightly favored leeward end with boats well strung out. Starboard tackers got the break and at the first mark it was Argentina, Brazil, Bermuda, U. S., and Spain. Brazil tussled with Argentina down the next leg and got the lead there, holding it for a 38 sec. margin at the finish line. On the

final beat, Argentina fell back to 4th with Bermuda and Norway moving up to 2nd and 3rd. The U. S. was 5th.

(RACE 7) - After lunch, wind dropped to 6-12 mph and quite shifty for the first time all week. Same course with same advantage to starboard tackers. Switzerland led at windward mark ahead of Brazil, Sweden, and Japan. Positions changed rapidly with wind shifts and puffs predominating, but Brazil worked ahead of Switzerland to win by the easy margin of 1 min. 24 sec., thus proving conclusively they could sail in all kinds of weather. Spain, U. S., and Japan followed in order. The heavy Bahamian team, frustrated by the light winds and a couple of bad tacks, relegated themselves to a 5th overall position in the regatta when they got a 12 and 17 for the day's races. Switzerland's fine 2nd place in the last race was a tough blow for them.

Practically everyone was glad to hear the final gun, for it had been a long week of racing. Even the hardest had a few bruises and so did some of the boats, and it will long be remembered for the hard tough fight it was against wind and waves to merely stay afloat and survive to say nothing about trying to beat someone else home, where they wanted to go anyway. Spain was the hard luck team of the series, for their 3 mishaps cost them dearly in final scoring. But boats and horses are alike - anything can happen at any moment. It was a real contest all the way!

Trophies were awarded by Commodore Penman Friday night at a banquet with many noted sailors of the area in attendance. All received prizes and a little silver cup memento, but outstanding was the big grab-bags of various items found on drug store shelves presented to every contestant and officials. Donations from Bud Hook of Indianapolis, the enormous boxes will serve to remind all recipients of the occasion for the next year at least.

Saturday morning, all were taken by cars to Middlebury Conn., for lunch and an afternoon of relaxation at the Quassapaug Yacht Club with members as hosts. That evening, after a cocktail party given by Terry's father, Harris Whittemore, Jr., at his country home, the guests were taken to various homes in the vicinity for dinner and overnight accommodations. A general party lasted far into the night. At 10:00 Sunday morning, all met in a park to say goodbye and board private buses on the final trip to New York and home.

And so SCIRA's big bi-annual regatta came to a close! To say that the U. S. Snipers are indebted to the people who served on the committees headed by Terry Whittemore is expressing it mildly; especially goes thanks to Ted Wells for his admirable job of running the races (there was no foolin', boys!); to Frank Hemle and Verner Smythe who served as race officials; to famed Arthur Knapp and Eddie Eagan for their moral support; and to Commodore James Mertz and his wife (Allegra Knapp) who were such fine hosts at the American Yacht Club.

But to Terry himself is reserved the greatest praise. He planned day and night for over two years and, with loyal assistance from his fine friends and relatives, he was the key man for the entire regatta. SCIRA will always remember his service here with gratitude and affection.

FINAL RESULTS - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACES - Sept. 16-22, 1961 - American Yacht Club, Rye, New York

BOAT	COUNTRY	SKIPPER - CREW	RACES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.	Fin.	
12741	BRAZIL	Axel Schmidt-Eric Schmidt		1	1	2	2	4x	1	1	9442	1	
12192	UNITED STATES	Harry Levinson-Alan Levinson		8x	7	3	1	3	5	4	8309	2	
13070	SPAIN	Duque de Arion-Louis Triay		5	2	1	8	DNF	x	3	8039	3	
11571	SWITZERLAND	Bernard Mach-Eugene Patry		7	5	DSQ	x	7	1	6	7954	4	
10052	BAHAMAS	Basil Kelly-Buck Johnson		4	4	4	4	2	12	17x	7838	5	
10625	NORWAY	Harold Grav-Leif Husebye		10x	6	8	3	5	3	7	7654	6	
9884	BERMUDA	Eugene Simmons-Robert Soares		3	9	5	6	10x	2	8	7599	7	
11839	ARGENTINA	Fernando Sanjurjo-Jorge Sanjurjo		2	3	13x	10	9	4	10	7280	8	
12726	BELGIUM	Daniel Graux-Pierre Van Bauvert		12x	10	10	5	8	11	9	6231	9	
11915	DENMARK	Jorn Beng-Kerstan Philip		6	12	9	13x	7	9	12	6111	10	
11500	FRANCE	Didier Poissant-Jean Claude Dumas		13	8	7	9	DNF	x	7	5938	11	
11702	ENGLAND	David Henry Crispin-Peter Bentley		9	11	6	11	12	10	13x	5851	12	
10678	JAPAN	Fujiya Matsumoto-Kenjiro Matsuda		DNF	x	16	12	14	15	14	5	4896	13
10100	CANADA	Harry Henderson-John MacLeod		11	13	17	15	6	17	18x	4737	14	
11628	BRITISH GUIANA	Ian Page-Cor Laan		DNF	x	14	11	12	11	15	15	4722	15
11658	SWEDEN	Viggo Almkuist-Berndt Prahl		14	17	16	18x	14	13	6	4668	16	
9193	ITALY	Denilo D'Isiot-Carlo Scognamiglio		15	18x	16	16	13	16	11	4286	17	
8010	URUGUAY	Victor Pena Pampin-Oscar Gilardini		DNF	x	15	14	17	DNF	DNF	16	3664	18