

Clockwise from right: (l. to r.) Ed Adams and crew, Meredith O'Dowd, regatta chairman Jack Williams and Commodore SCYC Lou Mastellone. Second place winners, l. to r., crew Dan Neri, skipper Greg Fisher, Jack Williams and Lou Mastellone. Fred Ables with crew Ben Capuco overtaking Greg Fisher and Dan Neri on the last downwind run. (Photos by John Ward)



Adams Cops Perfect Record At North American Regatta

As the majority of the Snipe fleet jockeyed for position to start the eighth and final race of this year's North Americans, Ed Adams, Newport, RI, was packing up to return home. After taking seven bullets in a row and being assured that there was a drop race, he and his championship crew, Meredith O'Dowd, headed for Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

According to Greg Fisher, who sailed a super series, taking second over all, "Ed was behind me at the first weather mark in every race but managed to get into first place on either the first or second reach." Three days of Long Island Sound three-foot chop, and winds of 16-18, coming from the North, assured the fleet of 44 boats a fantastic ride on the water; lots of spills, thrills and light sailing for those who love hiking.

Alan Burtis and the Sea Cliff Yacht Club Race committee did a superior job. They started everything on time; no delays, no postponements, two general recalls, no cancellations; and the radio communication between the R.C. and crash boats was magnificent.

It was significant that Ed Adams and

his crew were the first to arrive at the regatta, and the first boat testing out the course each A.M. There must be a reason they won seven in a row. They beat such Snipe greats as Steve Callison and Mike Brockenski from Annapolis, Sam and Brian Mollet from Ohio, and John Walton and Patti Fisher from Michigan. Greg

Fisher with his crew Dan Neri did a creditable job taking second place.

The Regatta was held September 18-20 at the burned out, not rebuilt Sea Cliff Yacht Club. The on-shore activities were limited to a fantastic cocktail party on the beach, sponsored by Paul Ricard Liqueur, and the 50th Anniversary dinner

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 20 of 44 entries)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points Fin.
24684	Ed Adams/Meredith O'Dowd	Newport	1-1-1-1-1-1-1-(dns)	0 1
23619	Greg Fisher/Dan Neri	Ohio	2-2-(dns)-2-3-2-4-3	31.4 2
24608	Steve Callison/Mike Brockenski	S.S.A.	(9)-3-3-8-7-5-2-1	55.7 3
23624	Sam Mollet/Brian Mollet	Ohio	7-7-3-4-5-4-(dnf)-4	65.7 4
24688	John Walton/Patti Fisher	Mich.	6-1(2)-2-7-4-1-1-3-8	72.4 5
18100	Jonathan Bartlett/Bill Lawson	S.S.A.	3-4-6-5-6-(dns)-7-7	73.1 6
23620	Fred Ables/Ben Capuco	Sea Cliff	8-5-9-9-2-6-(0)-5	78.7 7
24110	Rob Gorman/Wayne Huntley	Mass.	5-13-10-3-(dns)-9-8-6	91.4 8
23279	John Johns/Cheri Kaizema	Mich.	4-9-1-(dns)-9-8-10-9	100 9
24683	Lucius Bugbee/Alvin Bugbee	Cuba Lake	13-10-4-6-8-10-3-(dnf)	103.7 10
14002	Keith Donald/Roderick McCormick	S.S.A.	(24)-8-7-15-18-14-5-10	118 11
24307	Dick Mitchell/Wan Tu	Ohio	25-22-(dnf)-14-17-7-6-2	129.6 12
24266	Randy Nord/Chris Williams	Pine Beach	19-18-15-(27)-13-13-15-12	147 13
22594	Bill Johns/Libby Messenger	Newport	11-15-16-16-15-(dns)-19-19	153 14
24116	Doug Nugent/Dan Nugent	Oakville, Ont.	10-(dnf)-(dns)-22-12-3-11-18	154.7 15
24332	Leigh Savage/Sally Jordan	Mich.	23-20-(dnf)-12-16-17-17-14	151 16
23584	Byron Dougherty/Joe Schuber	Sea Cliff	21-14-12-13-(dnf)-(dnf)-12-11	155 17
23834	John Corbisley/Lori Corbisley	Mass.	27-(dnf)-(dnf)-17-11-15-16	131.1 18
17728	Jack Williams/Dan Coughlin	Sea Cliff	(33)-24-17-32-31-18-20-20	194 19
21630	Dave Roger/Dave Coughlin	Conn.	15-17-ns-11-40-ns-18-(dnf)	209 20

at the Hillwoods Common, C.W. Post College. Housing was provided by local Yacht Club members and the visitors were grateful and appreciative.

The high point of the Saturday evening celebration was a Leo Murphy-Jack Williams-La Belle production of Gunga Din, in costume, Joe Murphy was the sun and the late great Fred Thurston put on a twisty piece of rag and a turban, and a goat skin water bag to play Gunga Din. A raffle, an impromptu auction, a fantastic hat game, and a speech by Phil Benson, our oldest Snipe sailor, who won the Worlds in 1936, highlighted the rest of the evening.

Beer and soda were distributed on the race course thanks to Michelob Beer, who also gave us some super trophies. Our thanks to Michelob and Paul Richard, who provided marks, hats, tee shirts and a tent for the Friday night party.

CALL-OF-FALL - Long Island Open

The annual fall classic in District I is the Call-of-Fall Series. The twenty-seven Snipes from District I, of the 44 registered for the regatta, were considered for the honors in the Long Island Open, which was held in conjunction with the North American Championship.

Scoring only District I boats, Ed Adams and his crew Merideth O'Dowd were first, Steve Callison and Mike Bochenski of Annapolis were scored second, and in third place was Jonathan Bartlett, with crew Billy "IOR" Lawson. Local champ Fred Ables, with crew Bon Capuco was fourth, and Rob German and Wayne Huntley were fifth over all.

A super job was done by the members of Snipe Fleet 4, making this sailing weekend one of the great events of the year. Special thanks to Bryan Dougherty, sponsors; Dan and Alicia Grandy, lunches; Pat Dillon, score keeper; Ben and Bobby Howe, housing; Dana Schripper, off shore; Lois and Alan Burtis, R.C.; Steve and Melissa Shepstone, Dave and Joan Lawson, social; Jay and Rue Hays, Registration-trophies; and my dear wife Judy, who made it all happen. With hard working committee people like these, anybody could serve as Regatta Chairman.

*Jack Williams
Sea Cliff Fleet 4, Regatta Chairman*

Top photo: Third place winner Steve Callison with crew Mike Bochenski, S.S.A. in the lead, last race of the North Americans.

Middle: Jonathan Bartlett rounding the leeward mark. Bottom: in foreground, Sam and Brian Mollett rounding the last leeward mark in the championship.

(Photos by John Ward)



