



The winners: Ed and Meredith Adams

THE NORTH AMERICANS One To Remember

Ed and Meredith Adams repeat '81 and '83 victories.

The Annapolis Snipe Fleet and Severn Sailing Association hosted the 1985 North American Championship on Sept. 19-21. Donated thirteen years ago by the Portage Lakes Yacht Club, the trophy is commemorative of SCIRA's second Executive Secretary, the late Birney Mills. In attendance this year were entries from Canada, Bermuda, Tennessee, Ohio, Rhode Island, New York, Michigan and California.

This year's championship was convincingly won by Ed and Meredith Adams. In replicating their earlier victories in '81 and '83 Ed and Meredith completed their "hat trick" with a consistent performance that included finishes of two firsts, a second, a third and a fourth for a total of 10½ points. As the six race series allowed a drop race they were forced to discard a ninth. With 67 high spirited entries slugging it out on the water the act of discarding a ninth was accepted with the usual Corinthian level of sportsmanship we have come to expect at good Snipe events. Fred Thurston immediately went to work on Ed's and Meredith's car tires, Id Crook

torched their sails while mumbling satanic incantations; and in the end a collection was taken up to send the talented winning duo on to the Beirut Opens later this year.

In the light to moderate winds that prevailed, Mark Reynolds sailed solidly. In a tight duel with Steve Callison, Mark overcame a PMS in the fourth race to finish 9½ points behind the Adams Family and a scant ¾ points ahead of Steve. Steve handled his television interview well. In answering an inquiry about his consistently high finishes in major regattas of late he serenely attributed his success to the combination of a high fiber diet and "Twisted Sister" recordings. The Reverend Jerry Thompson won all around honors by first sailing a borrowed boat to fourth place (narrowly edging out local Jonathan Bartlett), hearing confessions and selling indulgences at the beer truck, and rendering last rites to John Johns and Terry Timm who are soon to experience marital bliss. Impressive performance by a relative newcomer had to be Jens Hookinsen who could not overcome some frustrating disasters

but won three races. Top woman honors went to local Cori Fischer, our current Adams Cup Champion. Doug Nugent was the first Canadian and Stephen Soares was the standard bearer for Bermuda.

John Bonds' good race management was evidenced by the occurrence of only one general recall and seven mark changes. Utilizing a mid-line boat on the starting line enabled the race committee to call the line accurately, avoiding a mid line sag (or bulge) and serial recalls that initiate the "one minute rule" peril that often results in congested line ends.

Competitors were treated to a welcome party on Thursday night that included catered munchies, a steel band from Trinidad, and a rum party courtesy of Pussers. In addition, LaBatts decided to introduce draft beer to the U.S. via this event and supplied a five tap beer truck for the entire event. Those who survived that holocaust were greeted by three good races on Friday, the last of which was sailed in the strongest air of the series (12-13 kts). The

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proximity of the top five boats on the finish leg of that race produced a tacking battle that seemed less a war than a synchronized ballet. First Rosenberg would flip and before his jib was sheeted Reynolds was over followed in quick succession by Fischer, Bartlett and Hookinson. With less than one and a half boat lengths separating each of the competitors this domino drill was repeated with near flawless precision more than a dozen times. Friday night the good times continued with the unending flow of cold beer complimented with Chesapeake Bay oysters and shrimp. Late that night Team Bermuda overwhelmed a feisty Team Canada to liberate the LaBatts banner for their bar at Spanish Point Yacht Club.

Only one race was sailed on Saturday as the fleet was forced to wait for the southerly to fill in and the 250 boats starting the Oxford race to clear out down the bay.

Many SCIRA illuminaries were in attendance including U.S. National Secretary



Start of fifth race in 1985 North Americans. Note the middle-of-the-line flag boat.

Ralph Swanson, Canadian Secretary Id Crook, Past Commodore Doug DeSousa, Governors Jerry Thompson, Sam Mollet and Larry White. In a pleasant surprise Vice-Commodore Wayne Soares had flown in Friday with Carlos Bosch. "Boschy" had come primarily to demonstrate a new high tech device designed for

communication enhancement. Since being "networked" with this machine from Mars all telephone reception at the club resembles Cyndi Lauper gargling in pain.

After a chicken and rib dinner Saturday, Wayne presided at the trophy awards in his inimitable style that all those fortunate enough to experience Bermuda Race Week would remember and appreciate.

The evening dance was a blow out. No attempt to describe the mayhem would do it justice. You really just had to be there. Beyond the vision of sixty people all on their backs on the dance floor waving their arms and legs at the ceiling, Eric Purden's unique "break dancing" style and Jerry Thompson's incredible body english to "Shout" was the scene I most remember. After the paddy wagons arrived I was attempting to mollify a nervous police sergeant and turned around and cringed to see that Craig Leweck had organized a long Car-Can line on the club balcony for the constable's benefit. I remember thinking then that one thing we had not done for this regatta was to put a bail bondsman on retainer.

I suppose a lot of things help make a good regatta. Planning, good personnel, and a lot of luck help. But this time there seemed to be some nameless intangible extra that sparked this event and made it special and memorable for all the participants.

For all those who have traveled here, and in some cases traveled a great distance — many of them regularly — the Annapolis Snipe Fleet sincerely thanks you. It is your continuing participation and encouragement that has made it important for us that you get the best we can offer. Come back and make it happen again!

Phil Richmond
Annapolis Fleet 532

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 45 of 68 boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Fleet	Places	Points	Finish
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Fort Adams SA	2-1-14-9-3	10.50	1
25815	Mark Reynolds/Scott Lindley	San Diego YC	6-2-6-dns-4-2	20.00	2
24008	Steve Callison/Jane Faust	Newport YC	5-3-2-1-11-15	21.75	3
70769	Jerry Thompson/Todd St. John	Alamitos Bay	16-9-12-2-13-4	40.00	4
25761	Jonathan Bartlett/Alex Stout	Severn Sailing	7-14-14-8-2-10	41.00	5
26289	Jens Hookinson/Jonathan Pope	Narragansett	1-dns-32-19-1-1	43.25	6
25220	Steve Rosenberg/Pat Maguire	Alamitos Bay YC	25-11-27-5-5-5	51.00	7
25460	Frac Abel/Dan Coughlin	Pine Beach YC	13-10-28-12-10-8	53.00	8
26109	Greg Fischer/Dick Mitchell	Hoover YC	23-5-11-14-3-28	56.00	9
25762	Gari Fischer/Michael Udell	Severn Sailing	18-4-48-10-8-17	57.00	10
25781	Eric Effert/Jon Effert	Newport YC	19-20-41-3-7-14	63.00	11
25888	James Evans/Amy DeCuzzola	Hoover YC	17-dns-29-7-6-6	65.00	12
24735	Doug De Souza/Misc McLaughlin	San Diego	3-1-4-21-15-18	7.00	13
25949	Christopher Snow/Cheryl Beck	Severn Sailing	22-7-21-15-dns-7	71.00	14
25977	Rick Merriman/Carol McBride	St. Pete YC	8-23-21-9-22-11	71.00	15
25731	Terry Tunn/Kati Heywood	Barton Boat Club	26-17-9-11-19-13	71.00	16
25844	Craig Leweck/Beth Poon	Hoover YC	21-12-18-24-21-9	81.00	17
23624	Sam Mollet/Neil Green	Portage Lakes	9-8-15-27-36-26	85.00	18
23664	John Fry/Karin Fry	Severn Sailing	11-6-30-21-24-25	88.00	19
23749	Griff Hill/Mary Park	Severn Sailing	29-13-10-23-17-30	92.00	20
24116	Doug Nagent/Ken Mitchell	Oakville YC	15-32-16-16-dns-6	95.00	21
26108	Paul Cannon/Luke Wade	Severn Sailing	27-22-7-11-45-19	96.00	22
2-708	Jac Petrucci/Robin Greenberg	Portage Lakes	28-38-17-6-16-dns	101.00	23
26110	Rick Wood/Neil Goodman	Severn Sailing	10-dns-5-41-26-21	105.00	24
25782	Dina Horvitz/Ted Hardenberg	Severn Sailing	4-25-37-30-14-32	105.00	25
26165	Eric Purden/Tim Dull	Severn Sailing	46-28-8-29-12-34	111.00	26
23810	Rob Gorman/Wayne Huntley	NCYC	39-15-51-21-25-12	112.00	27
25766	Susan Clelland/Saxon Taylor	Severn Sailing	20-37-17-17-28-dns	119.00	28
31182	Bob Blomquist/Marty White	Severn Sailing	34-21-3-33-34-33	124.00	29
24004	Lee Griffith/Karla Griffith	Pine Beach YC	45-33-23-18-18-39	131.00	30
19091	Peter Davosin/Jane Duvalin	Prinzner YC	35-16-43-32-47-20	146.00	31
26300	Bill Rockles/Tom Gonzales	Cleveland YC	dns-27-35-20-29-36	147.00	32
24633	Shawn Sullivan/Fran Pizzuto	Quassipung YC	14-46-38-dns-32-22	152.00	33
23600	John Bonds Jr./Margaret Richardson	Naval Academy	30-36-31-33-40-23	153.00	34
26337	Nancy Luby/Ken Campbell	Mt. Vernon YC	12-29-25-47-46-dns	159.00	35
26106	Chris Hains/Don Hains	Oakville Harbor	41-24-44-42-35-19	161.00	36
26719	Lore Jones/Russ Snyder	Severn Sailing	dns-dns-26-26-20-27	167.00	37
23332	Rob Frechette/John Frechette	Portage Lakes	24-50-24-54-37-38	173.00	38
23622	Car Cheney/Pat Cheney	Severn Sailing	40-26-54-40-23-45	174.00	39
24599	Joan Watts/David Krebs	West River SC	36-51-19-38-42-44	179.00	40
25777	Fred Thurston/Colin Marshall	Severn Sailing	37-18-31-50-44-50	183.00	41
23394	Bob Tan/Trey Peterson	Severn Sailing	44-30-45-46-33-31	183.00	42
23957	Jack Willy/Kip Willy	Lake Mohawk YC	31-43-47-28-39-dns	188.00	43
25989	Michael Coleman/Carsten Hansen	Severn Sailing	48-dns-40-34-27-41	193.00	44
25186	Hal Whitacre/Alison Whitacre	Severn Sailing	43-49-49-25-31-33	197.00	45