

Ed and Meredith Adams Top North Americans at Marblehead

Competitive fleet of 66 challenged by light, steady winds.

Ed and Meredith Adams of Newport, RI, claimed the 1987 Snipe North American Championship over an extremely competitive 66 boat fleet.

Hosted by the Eastern Yacht Club, the series was sailed September 10-22 off Marblehead, Massachusetts. Snipers came from as far afield as Florida, California, Bermuda and Argentina to race.

The regatta was sailed in predominantly light but steady winds, putting a premium on good starts and boatspeed. The Adams team clearly mastered both, never finishing below sixth in the seven-race series. With one throwout allowed,

they had the luxury of sitting out the final race, still winning the title with a 14-point lead over runners-up Jens and Marie Hookanson, also of Newport.

The Eastern Yacht Club Race Commit-

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tee was put to the test right from the beginning, as the regatta opened with a light, fluky southerly. By the time the breeze settled down enough to set a square start-

ing line, there was only time for one race on Thursday. The breeze was steady over the first triangle of the Olympic course, then mixed things up with a 30-degree wind shift on the run and a 15-degree shift on the final beat.

Friday's three races were characterized by a very steady five-knot easterly. A strong current running with the wind caused a huge sag in the starting line — an unusual situation in a very aggressive fleet. The Adams capitalized on the opportunity, easily winning the day's racing.

Saturday's three races were sailed in a southeasterly that built from 5-12 knots over the day. A storm offshore resulted in 3-6 foot swells along with the easterly chop, adding an element of interest to the conditions. With no current holding people back from the starting line, the Race Committee was faced with repeated general recalls, and had to rein in the fleet by using the penalty of disqualification for anyone over the line within one minute before the start. The Adams again dominated the day's racing, with a pair of second-place finishes securing the series for them before the final race.

Third and fourth places for the series went to two women skippers who exhibited outstanding talent throughout the range of conditions of the regatta. Sandy Adzick and Steve Brodsky, of Marblehead, and Allison Jolly and Lynne Jewell, of Los Angeles, both sailed a very consistent series to capture the third and fourth place spots.

Ten skippers chose to race in B Division, which was offered to encourage less experienced Snipe sailors to participate in the regatta. All Snipes raced together, with scoring broken down into A and B Divisions. Andrew Moeller and Tom Fleming, of Grosse Pointe, MI, topped the division with a narrow two-point lead over runners-up Karen Long and Sherry Eldridge. Bill and Sherry Welch, of St. Petersburg, FL, placed third.

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Marblehead Snipe Fleet*

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 35 of 66 Boats)

Boat	Skipper/Crew	Club	Places	Points	Finish
26099	Ed Adams/Meredith Adams	Newport	2-4-6-1-2-2-ns	16.75	1
26289	Jens Hookanson/Marie Hookanson	Newport	5-10-12-3-1-9-3	30.75	2
26449	Sandy Adzick/Steve Brodsky	Marblehead	6-11-4-4-6-29-10	41	3
26109	Allison Jolly/Lynn Jewel	Los Angeles	23-18-7-2-15-4-2	48	4
20369	Jerry Thompson/Beth Towle	Alamitos Bay	3-3-2-15-5-20-31	48	5
26307	Bryan Fishback/Lisa Foulke	Annapolis	7-31-9-11-4-13-9	53	6
26461	Kirk Donaldson/Phyllis Donaldson	Ann Arbor	4-7-18-49-8-8-16	61	7
25164	Rob Brodsky/Debbie Dudas	Marblehead	13-20-11-12-11-5-13	65	8
25764	Sue Taylor/Scott Taylor	Annapolis	9-21-1-25-12-6-19	67.75	9
26894	Harry Levinson/Harry Levinson	Medford	18-2-19-13-37-14-4	70	10
25871	Henry Filter/Dina Kowalyszyn	Waltham	12-15-17-19-14-21-1	77.75	11
25165	Pedro Lurson/Mimi Lurson	Port Washington	33-8-10-5-19-31-8	81	12
26810	Rob Gorman/Lisa Gorman	Marblehead	8-28-8-7-34-25-11	87	13
25412	Art Rousmaniere/John Keane	Winchester	45-19-36-14-7-1-5	90.75	14
25708	Ron Sandstrom/Cathy Duffy	Winchester	17-26-26-47-17-3-6	95	15
25430	Chris Friend/Cindy Goff	Newport	19-27-13-23-10-22-12	99	16
25223	Robin Gales/Scott Barnard	San Diego	16-14-20-6-25-26-23	104	17
25484	Fred Rozelle/Jane Rozelle	Michigan	22-9-3-10-3-dsq-dns	109	18
24605	Tarasa Davis/Mike Bowers	Atlanta	11-5-16-36-29-18-32	111	19
25127	Chris Klotz/Diane Klotz	Lorain	1-1-21-28-43-30-35	115.5	20
26468	Eric Gesner/Pam Hite	Rochester	30-13-28-8-30-17-21	117	21
25779	Lorie Stout/Donald MacKenzie	Annapolis	36-17-33-21-23-11-25	130	22
26004	Lee Griffith/Sara Adducci	Pine Beach	21-42-15-9-26-37-22	130	23
25460	Fred Abels/Vicki Spindler	Locust Valley	40-16-32-46-21-7-20	136	24
25990	Leigh Savage/Art Kubert	Grosse Point	10-33-34-42-20-12-30	139	25
26759	James Jacobs/Sandy Forester	Annapolis	15-25-36-31-13-40-28	148	26
23280	Tom Nute/Rochelle Mateffy	San Diego	27-12-30-45-38-35-7	149	27
23971	Joni Palmer/Steve Ross	San Diego	28-32-23-18-36-36-15	152	28
26459	Alex Stout/Paul Button	Annapolis	25-48-22-33-18-27-29	154	29
25090	John Drayton/Mary Jodice	Newport	48-22-25-26-33-33-17	156	30
26453	Martha and Sam Altreuter	Marblehead	14-37-46-30-27-28-24	160	31
26754	Bill Page/Julie Kastacheak	Marblehead	37-57-24-37-41-10-14	163	32
26174	Dave Lence/Dave Koepp	Winchester	29-35-37-22-24-24-33	167	33
12733	Torkel Borgstrom/Juan Jose Grande	Argentina	31-6-5-17-49-dsq-dns	170	34
26670	Roger Link/Sue Kaufman	Annapolis	49-30-44-16-16-16-ns	171	35
B FLEET					
25678	Andrew Moeller/Tom Fleming	Grosse Point	6-1-3-3-4-2-3	15.75	1
26382	Karen Long/Sherry Eldridge	Annapolis	2-3-2-8-2-1-dnf	17.75	2
27027	Bill Welch/Sherry Welch	St. Petersburg	3-7-4-6-1-6-1	20.5	3
26489	Phil Richmond/Larke Wade	Annapolis	1-2-1-1-7-ns-ns	21.25	4
24695	Owen Mathieu/Mathieu-Girard	Marblehead	8-4-5-2-5-4-4	24	5