

MARK AND DEANN REYNOLDS WIN BIRNEY MILLS NORTH AMERICANS

by Sean Biehl

"They may run off and sail some other boat but sooner or later they come back to the Snipe." Overheard in the parking lot.

Taking a break from his Star Olympic campaign, Mark Reynolds proved that he hasn't lost the Snipe touch by winning the 1991 Snipe North Americans, held at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club on September 19-21. Jumping into the Snipe after what they estimated to be a two-year layoff, Mark and wife DeAnn survived long tows, fog-induced delays, a hectic social schedule, and the complete spectrum of sailing conditions to beat perennial Snipe ace Jeff Lenhart by 8 points.

The morning of Day 1 promised a stellar day of sailing as the fleet stretched its legs in the pre-race warm-ups. The visions of California sailing vanished as the fleet,

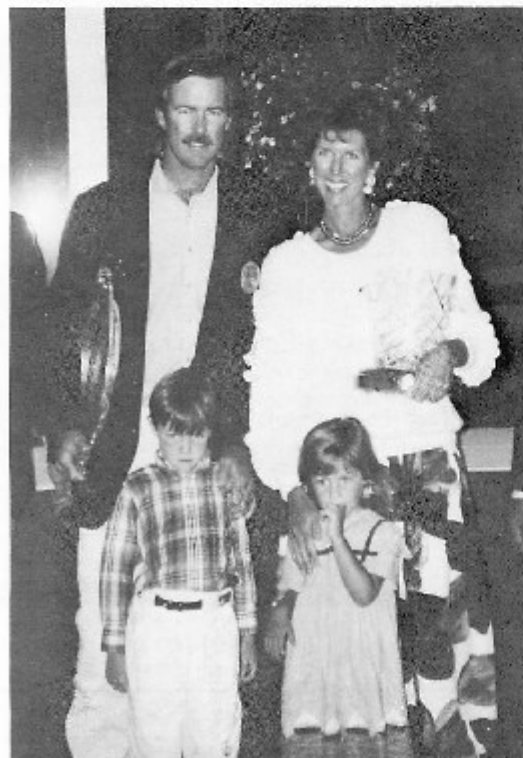
like all good little ducklings, scurried back to the Race Committee motherships as a wall of fog worked its way down the coast. After a 2-hour delay, the 52-boat fleet got underway in a light breeze and lumpy sea. Jeff McDermaid in a brand-new boat and Mary Bridgen-Snow showed the fleet around the course as the Reynolds used up their throw-out with a 21st. Due to the long delay, the day's racing was limited to one race, and the fleet returned to the NHYC where many Snipers successfully consumed their entry fee in free Margaritas.

Day 2 dawned foggy (in more ways than one ...) and during a rare break of sunlight the RC got off a clean start. The fog moved back in as the fleet approached the first mark and Keith Dodson and Reynolds led this time. By the second race, the clearing

westerly had begun to fill in, providing Bart Hackworth and Jack Franco a chance to show their sterns to the fleet. With dusk approaching, the fleet returned harborside to face the possibility of a three-race final day. Those Snipers needing Party Points to bring them back into the running headed off to the nearest reggae pub for a night of skanking and pool hustling and then off to Jeff Lenhart's for a dose of Neil Young.

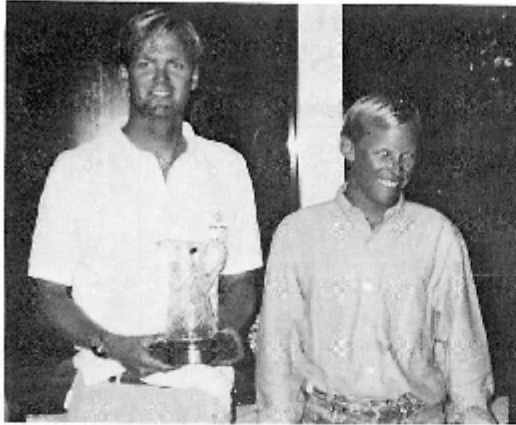
Day 3 provided more normal California sailing conditions as Reynolds, Hackworth, and Michael Zani showed the way around in the breezy choppy conditions. Race 5 proved many a contender's downfall as the over-anxious fleet put the RC through the test with five recalls. Finally the RC pulled out the multi-colored flag, which still failed to slow down the eager starters. (One of our new NHYC mem-

Mark and Deann Reynolds accepting the Birney Mills Memorial trophy. Nice-looking kids, too!



Chris...Chris Raab...the Rabrter...Raabarama...Sailing Fast... Rob and Nick...the Nickster...Nick Scandone...finishing third.





Bob Little and Mike Saurman were fifth over-all.



Rick and Carol Merriman were seventh over-all.

hers, while on vacation on Catalina Island, ran into members of the NHYC RC and they were still talking about the aggressive race 5 start... a month later!) Jeff Lenkart showed everyone he is still a threat as he beat Reynolds and Rick Merriman in the dying breeze of the final race of the regatta.

Snipes dressed quickly for the trophy dinner and cocktail party. After the beautiful awards were accepted by the victors the post-regatta discussion turned to the right-hand-sideness of the race course. Everyone agreed that picking the correct time to go left for some clear air was crucial. As the evening wore on crews described their persuasive arguments to keep desperate skippers from going too far left. Reasoning ranged from, "If you go left I'm signing the divorce papers and taking you for everything you're worth," to "OK, you can tack, but I'm counting to ten and we are going back, so don't even sit down!", to Chuck Sink's classic, "This is your brain on the left side. Any questions?" Unfortunately, some of this Snipe experience may have hurt the 470 sailors who were trying to get some time on the same course as the Olympic Trials. Rumor has it that two weeks later, during a big 470 event, left was the only way to go!

Newport Harbor Yacht Club did a great job hosting this demanding regatta and deserves a big Snipe "thanks." Race Committee Chairman Bill Crispin and his great crew were last seen mumbling about the Race Five recalls, and the sailors certainly hope that we haven't scared off such a great Race Committee. And certainly, not least, a big "YO!" to NHYC's Race Administrator, (what a concept!) Mene Masden. Somehow she was everywhere at once, taking care of everyone.

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Newport Harbor Yacht Club
September 19-21, 1992

Finish	Sail	Skipper/Crew	Placed	Points
1	258 S	Mark Reynolds/Dawn Reynolds	(11)-2-4-75-1-2	19.75
2	20950	Jeff Lombr/Mick Ivey	11 4 5 5 (52PMS)-72	27.75
3	22752	Chris Raab/Nick Santone	9-3-10-4-3-(52DNC)	29.00
4	25992	Bob Backlund/John Rogers	13-10-75-2-5-(35)	30.75
5	25949	Garard Coleman/Virginia Van Os	(52DNC)-7-3-3-75-7	31.75
6	25225	Bob Little/Mike Saurman	6-4-5-15-(52PMS)-4	37.00
7	26040	Mary Briggs/Sue/Chris Snow	2-15-12-9-2 (16)	40.00
8	26500	Rick Merriman/Carol Merriman	20(20)-(20)-7-7-9-2	46.00
9	26043	Kevyn Pusch/Walt Dully	4-20-6-(27)-6-9	47.00
10	26075	Keith Dodson/Ruth Parling	12-75-15-5-19 (52DNC)	51.75
11	28107	Jeff McDermott/Scott Munch	73-16-19-12 (52PMS) 5	53.75
12	27334	Kurt Mayo/Norm Cardo	(30)-13-5-18-10-14	58.00
13	28141	Angie Campbell/Tucker Campbell	5-16-6(2)-34-4-6	65.00
14	27521	Gregg Moran/Sarah Robinson	5-19-17-20-(31)-10	69.00
15	27522	Tom Nuss/Arnie Gleason	18-17-16-14-12-(22)	77.00
16	26605	Geoff Becker/Den Lakin	15 (11) 12-10-12-27	78.00
17	25482	Michael Zani/Bradford Gibbs	36-21-23-3 (52PMS) 8	79.00
18	24105	Chuck Trip/Babara Seigelid	(20)-11-26-18-8-14	81.00
19	23970	Dave Schilder/Lorraine Schilder	20 (24) 18 24 7 21	90.00
20	26104	Susan Bohl/Jeremy Bohl	17-5-23-19-(52PMS)-28	92.00
21	28069	Jerry Thompson/Marci Smith	23-(20)-14-21-16-9	93.00
22	27107	Liz Lawson/Dwayne Dora	22-18-21-26-(52PMS)-12	99.00
23	26782	Jane Barnes/Renee Vostreby	25-6-2-11-(52PMS)-52DNC	102.00
24	25483	Jim Barnes/Elise Dinsley	5-29-27-(52DNC)-17-25	111.00
25	24060	Chuck Sink/Lyan Sinks	16-22-24-20-25 (17)	115.00
26	26105	Greg Hill/Tom Furling	27-28 (52PMS) 23-23-24	124.00
27	27927	Mike Toppa/Libby Toppa	32 12 (52DNC)-17-29-34	125.00
28	27568	Robert Lindley/Lisa Griffiths	25-38-20-23-30-(52DNC)	126.00
29	23922	Edwene Willis/Lynn Niccoli	31-27-40-(52DNC)-15-20	133.00
30	25925	Susan Jacobson/Lyn Carter	6(2)-28-31-42-14-20	136.00
31	27505	Bob Bowden/Alison Cecil	39-(30)-28-12-22-35	138.00
32	23305	Susan Stewart/Robert Hunt	4(1) 25 28 30 18 34	139.00
33	27390	Doug Teitel/Keven Dorman	28 (41) 32 36 21 13	142.00
34	27929	Robin Gues	14-37-(52PMS)-52DNC-27-17	147.00
35	26038	Phil Ramolino/Chris Watson	37-42-30-(52DNC) 50-11	150.00
36	23378	Buddy Sils/Sue Sils	28-26-(34) 33 32 31	150.00
37	23330	Paul Gillo/Fred Gale	25 (20) 36 35 33 13	150.00
38	26756	Tan Hogan/Jeff Tighe	19-23-25-32-(52DNC)-52DNC	161.00
39	25550	Yor Wolfswinkel/Dave	24 6 (52RET) 52DNC 28 52DNC	162.00
40	26740	Joe Erdos/Karen Eckiges	7-47-4-(52DNC)-52PMS-25	172.00
41	25715	John Drayton/Anne Schack	40-23-22-37-(52PMS)-52PMS	174.00
42	24116	Mark Capper/Sandy Huber	4-(45)-30-11-34-29	174.00
43	27365	George Twiss/Patrick Regier	34-34-38-(52DNC)-24-52PMS	182.00
44	24222	Maribel Krump/Katy Marie Burch	42-42-15-(52DNC)-26-40	187.00
45	21094	John Barnes/Scott Jackson	17-18 17-23-(52PMS)-29	200.00
46	26168	Don Barnes/Nancy Gibbs	48-41-(52DNC)-35-32	211.00
47	23923	Tim Fisher/Dave Kent	68-10-13-(52DNC)-52DNC	213.00
48	26477	Jamie Durnston/Rob Sparr	44-49-43-(52DNC)-52PMS-26	214.00
49	25084	Suee Wilton/Jean Wilton	32-32-(52RET)-52DNC-52DNC-52DNC	220.00