

ADAMS AND NEWMAN TAKE NORTH AMERICANS

When the Oakville Snipe Fleet decided to schedule the 1993 North American Championship to begin on a Friday, the thirteenth, we knew we were tempting fate. Sure enough, the winds of Lake Ontario were not amused and kept 42 boats from all over the United States and Canada waiting most of the day. Late in the afternoon a light sea breeze came up and a race was begun. Peter Commette and Connie Suddath, defending champions, led all around the course. The second and third place boats shifted amongst the fleet, but Ed Adams and Carol Newman finished second with Jack Franco and Mark Ivey third. The wind quit after the race and tows were organized in order to make the scheduled Fleet 321 party at the home of Snipe Class supporters Don and Peggy Hains. It was a long, hot day and the sailors managed to "kill the keg" as well as make a serious dent in the food supply.

Day 2 was a copy of the first day, but with the wind up one hour earlier allowing for two races. Peter Commette and Connie Suddath were on their way to leading the first race when they went back to restart after half-way up the weather leg. Dick Kneulman, returning to the Snipe after a stint in the EtcHELLS 22, with crew Kathy Pask, led around the course to a fine win. Ed Adams and Carol Newman were a solid second with David Starck and Jill Swanson from Buffalo third.

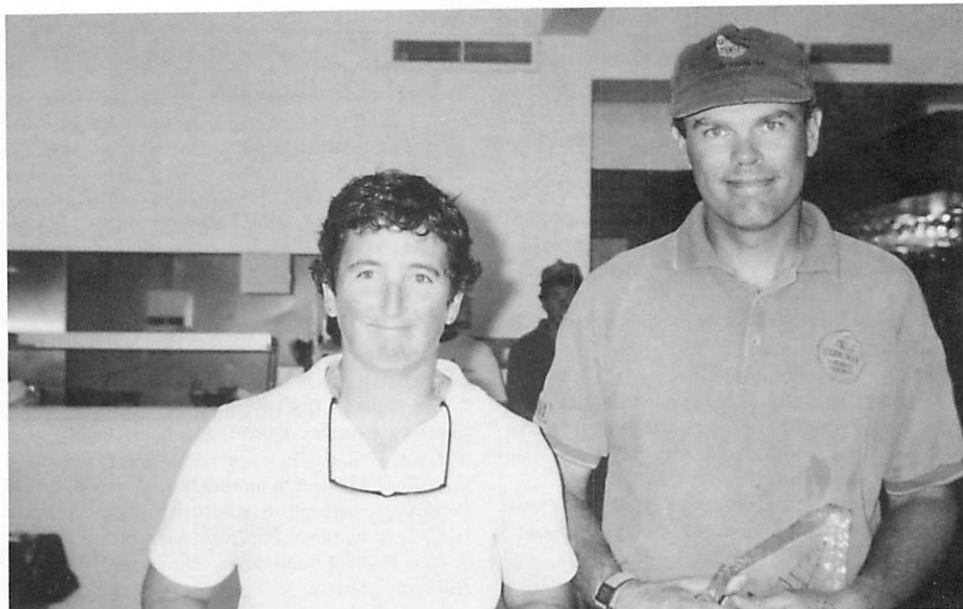
The second race Saturday saw Peter and Connie make no mistakes and they won it in fine style. Adams and Newman continued their consistent results by being second again. Leigh Savage and Marc Nutter from Detroit sailed fast to round out the top three. The fleet returned to a steak dinner at BHYC, along with the patented, "No Survivors" Green Can, invented by Fleet 321. It must have been good because the empty can was flying from the club mast the next morning.

Day 3 dawned with the prospect of little or no wind but a light easterly come up and with only three races completed, there could be no postponement. Adams and Newman won, putting Commette and Suddath in second. Hal Gilreath and Alan Carscadden from Annapolis finished third. This first race, it payed to go out in the lake on the first and second beats. This did not apply in Race 2 where it worked to hug the shore. Matt Heywood and Mark Spicknall lead all the way around the course until the end when Commette and Suddath caught them to win. A very fine effort by Matt and Mark who were sailing well and fast. They were presented with special prizes by the Bronte Harbour Yacht club in the form of two carved wooden ducks. Fred and Jan Rozelle of Detroit finished off a consistent series with a third place result to be second overall. Ed Adams and Carol Newman finished fourth having made a tremendous recovery from a disastrous start to finish first overall in the series.

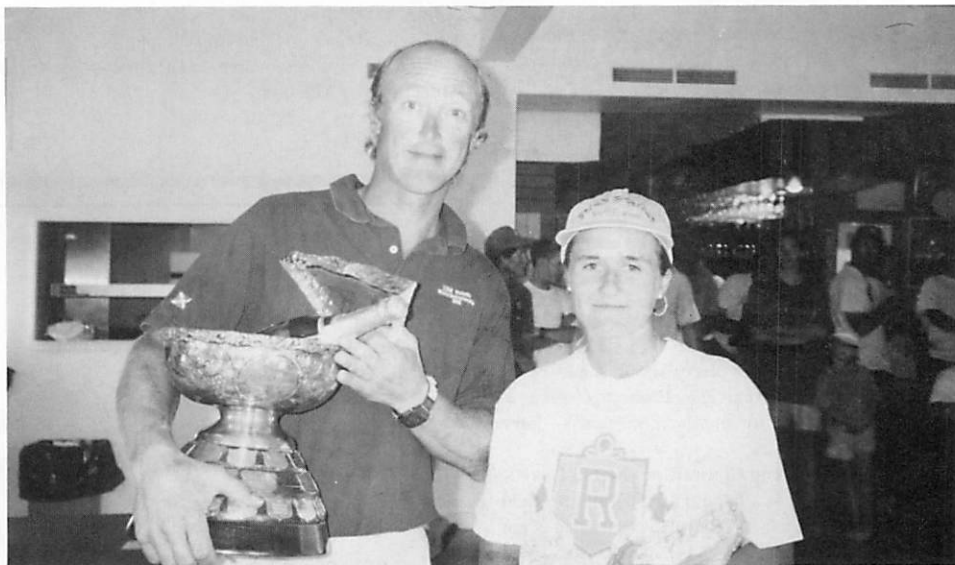
Ashore after the long tow back, the prizes were presented to the top ten finishers. The top Canadian boat was Dirk Kneulman and Kathy Pask who finished eleventh overall. Dirk received the Canadian National Championship trophy which he last won in 1977.

Special thanks for a job well done to the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club Race Committee under Bruce McIntosh. They did an excellent job under difficult conditions. Thanks as well to our Snipe friends and supporters everywhere who came to help and make the regatta such a success.

--Chris Hains



Carol Newman and Ed Adams, North American Champions. Gweneth Crook photo.



Canadian National Champions Dirk Kneulman and Kathy Pask ready to celebrate. Gweneth Crook photo.

North Americans/Ontario Open/Canadian Nationals

Top 20 of 42 entries

Results	Fleet	Country	Position	Points
1. Ed Adams/Carol Newman	Narragansett Bay	USA	2-2-2-1-4	10.75
2. Fred/Jan Rozelle	Detroit	USA	10-7-7-4-3	31.0
3. Rick Merriman/Nancy Greene	Mission Bay	USA	4-6-4-9-13	36.0
4. Hal Gilreath/Alan Carscadden	Annapolis	USA	6-4-8-3-19	40.0
5. Peter Commette/Connie Suddath	Miami	USA	1-37-1-2-1	41.25
6. Jack Franco/Mark Ivey	Alamitos Bay	USA	3-13-14-5-9	44.0
7. Jerry Thompson/Sherry Eldridge	Alamitos Bay	USA	5-15-11-8-6	45.0
8. David Starck/Ned Roseberry/Jill Swanson		USA	8-3-10-17-11	49.0
9. Bart Hackworth/Jon Rogers	San Francisco	USA	9-10-9-10-15	53.0
10. Lee Griffith/Kate Heywood	Pine Beach	USA	15-14-21-7-5	62.0
11. Dirk Kneulman/Kathy Pask	Oakville	CAN	18-1-5-24-17	64.75
12. John MacRae/Melitta King	Winchester	USA	7-5-18-12-23	65.0
13. Leigh Savage/Marc Nutter	Detroit	USA	21-12-3-21-8	73.0
14. John Jackman/Steve Stewart	Mission Bay	USA	11-11-12-13-26	73.0
15. Jan Brown/Don Behan	Oakville	CAN	12-17-31-6-7	73.0
16. Paul/Stasia Revere	Detroit	USA	28-8-6-15-21	78.0
17. Matt Heywood/Mark Spicknall	Barton Boat Club	USA	22-18-20-26-2	88.0
18. Rick/Kathleen Wood	Portage Lakes	USA	13-19-13-19-32	96.0
19. Jno Disch/Jen Dial	Cleveland	USA	14-28-28-14-18	102.0
20. Mark Capper/Dawn Satek	Alamitos Bay	USA	25-26-15-28-14	108.0