

Dinner Jackets, Cricket Paddles, and Painters who paint nudes on walls....

The third AND fourth stop on this year's marathon Snipe Circuit was Nassau for a compressed Bacardi Cup, Dudley Gamblin Trophy, and then the main event, the North American Championship. The Bacardi Cup was compressed into three races on March 27th. Weather conditions provided a nice 12 to 15 knots to introduce rookies to Bahamian length courses. The evening's entertainment consisted of the "Coat and Tie Required" Bacardi Party, which was stellar as usual.

The Dudley Gamblin followed the next day with 3 more races and the final race on the following morning in a little lighter conditions. The Royal Nassau Sailing Club Commodore hosted the fleet and club members for the evenings "conch and cocktails" party, and the "Coat and Tie Required" helped distinguish the Snipers from party crashing Star sailors looking for a little sanity. The fourth race of the Dudley Gamblin was held Friday morning in the 10 to 12 knot region.

Measurement for the North Americans was accomplished Friday afternoon and the first two races followed Saturday morning. The NAs settled into the more familiar Nassau schedule of a morning race with enough time to recover before the afternoon race. Circuit travelers appreciated the lunch break after the wicked 9:30 AM start 3 race days of the previous regattas. Saturday followed the medium air trend with shifty conditions and some big gains on the right side. Sailors were met at the dock by a Steel Drum band and the Coconut Water and Sapphire Bombay Gin party kicked into gear. Sailors were seen dancing up a storm to the most creative (and maybe longest lasting) version of Happy Birthday done in honor of 6 year old Ian Johns.

Sunday's conditions began to show a little more of the traditional Montagu Bay breeze hitting 15-18 knots. The wind was off the land creating very shifty conditions at the top mark. Almost all the crews came in discussing "auto-tacks."

The Girls from Brazil provided the evening's entertainment with a fashion show. Billy Holowesko's music provided the vibes and the result was an outdoor dance with some of the models giving dance lessons to Snipers. After dancing up a storm, some of sailors, supposedly led by the Californians, decided to take a midnight swim to cool off.

Monday kicked in with wind conditions that most people have come to expect in Nassau. Estimates of 20 to 23 knots at the start were agreed upon by worn out sailors.

Nassau - 1996 Bacardi, Gamblin and North American Championships

Bacardi Cup -- top 10 of 42

Skipper/Crew	Finishes	Total
1. Doug Hart/Watt Duffy	1-1-1	2.25
2. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	6-2-2	10.
3. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	5-3-5	13
4. Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	4-4-7	15
5. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	7-9-4	20
6. Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	3-6-12	21
7. Argyle Campbell/Rob Lindley	2-5-18	25
8. Jack Franco/Lisa Griffith	10-14-3	27
9. Robert Dunkley/Eric Krebs	9-8-16	33
10. Stu Robertson/Nancy Grubbs	16-7-13	36

Dudley Gamblin Memorial -- top 10 of 42

1. Doug Hart/Watt Duffy	2-1-3-1-6	12.5
2. Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	1-4-10-6-2	22.75
3. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	5-3-2-11-3	24
4. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	6-10-1-8-1	25.5
5. Robert Dunkley/Eric Krebs	8-5-7-7-14	41
6. Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	10-7-5-5-15	42
7. Don Bedford/Steve Stewart	3-9-6-13-13	44
8. Robin Gales/Jeff Baker	15-6-12-3-9	45
9. John/Maggie Manderson	16-8-8-9-7	48
10. Argyle Campbell/Rob Lindley	9-2-4-17-p20	49

North American Championship -- top 10 of 41

1. Doug Hart/Watt Duffy	1-(5)-4-4-2-3	13.75
2. Scott Nixon/Samantha Rosemont	(10)-1-1-2-9-8	20.5
3. Henry Filter/Carol Newman	(17)-13-3-1-3-2	21.75
4. Jack Franco/Jon Rogers	7-(12)-7-5-4-1	23.75
5. Willie Graves/Lisa Griffith	6-(19)-6-3-5-6	26
6. Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	4-7-(17)-6-7-5	29
7. Birger Jansen/Carine Juliussen	5-6-8-7-6-(dnf)	32
8. Peter/Connie Commette	8-8-(14)-14-1-10	40.75
9. Jerry Thompson/Dee Schilling	2-10-12-9-(13)-9	42
10. Argyle Campbell/Rob Lindley	15-4-(19)-8-8-7	42

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