

2001 North American Championship

Nassau, Bahamas
March 31-April 3

The 2001 North Americans followed the Midwinter Circuit from Clearwater & Miami, Florida to Nassau. With a compressed Circuit schedule for the Baccardi Cup and Dudley Gamblin Memorial, a days rest was given to all competitors with the measurement team busy certifying all boats & sails for the North Americans.

The first day of the North Americans had threatening weather with the morning race postponed. Once the AP was dropped, the fleet went out with 2 races scheduled back-to-back. Clearing skies, flat water and a 12-15 knot breeze in paradise! Alexandre Paradedas and cousin Eduardo Paradedas (Brazil) led at the weather mark, but Bill Hardesty and Jon Rogers (USA) passed them at the bottom mark to lead the rest of the race. These two teams would exchange first place among themselves for the rest of the regatta.

Race 2 was an Olympic course in varying breeze of 12-15. Paradedas/Paradedas were fast off the start line and had the race in the bag from start to finish. Hardesty/Rogers and Andrew Pimental/Monique Gaylor (USA) were in the hunt as well as Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney (Bahamas). But at the finish, it was Paradedas, Hardesty/Rogers, Pimental/Gaylor, Rick Arneson/Gus Wirth (USA) and Lowe/McKinney rounding out the top 5. The sailors were greeted at the dock with fresh coconuts and gin and a steel drum band, giving everyone time to chat and dance.

The second day was an absolutely perfect day for sailing Snipes..... 10-12 for the morning race across crystal blue waters and warm temperatures. Paradedas once again had a perfect start and never looked back. A w-l course sent the fleet off. Szabo/Cronin and Hardesty/Rogers duking it out for 2-3 with a left shift coming in for the finish. After another great lunch break and Margaret's hamburgers & Kaliks, the fleet set off for 12-15 knots on Montague Bay. Hardesty/Rogers punched off the start (with the "Z" flying). Paradedas was deep but clawed his way back to 2nd. Marcatelli/Zapatoski (Argentina) hit a big left shift

to round 3rd at the 2nd windward mark. The next group changed places on every leg with really tight competition.

ANOTHER perfectly beautiful day in Nassau. The fleet went out for the final 2 races at a 9:30 start with back-to-back races and winds of 12-15. After a recall, the fleet was off on a w-l. Hardesty/Rogers rounded first with Szabo/Cronin 2nd, but Paradedas got Szabo/Cronin at the first leeward mark. Puffs came and went and the right would kick in giving a few a better position. At the finish: Hardesty/Rogers, Paradedas, Szabo/Cronin, Marcatelli/Zapatoski, Mike Funsch/Marty Kullman in the top 5. 2nd race was another recall with a "Z" flag and a clean start. Hardesty/Rogers started in the middle with Paradedas on their hip. One shift out to the right and Paradedas were in the lead with a nice margin. Arneson/Wirth stayed in 2nd with



Funsch/Duffy in 3rd to lock up 4th overall. Hardesty/Rogers sailed their drop race of 5th.

The Royal Nassau Sailing Club put on another terrific combined Midwinter Circuit/North Americans. The Snipe Class is growing in Nassau, and regattas with great attendance help to fuel the fleet!

Congratulations to Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas as the new North American champs and for a great regatta!



Photos: top, new NA champions Alexandre & Eduardo Paradedas of Brazil. Bottom: 2nd place Bill Hardesty & Jon Rogers of the USA with Bahamians Lori Lowe and Regatta chairman Peter Andrews. Photos courtesy of Edward Roberts.

2001 North American Championship Results

	<i>Skipper/Crew</i>	<i>Country/Sail #</i>	<i>finishes</i>	<i>Total</i>
1.	Alexandre Paradedá/Eduardo Paradedá	BRA 29821	(2)-1-1-2-2-1	6.25
2.	Bill Hardesty/Jon Rogers	USA29222	1-2-3-1-1-(5)	7.25
3.	George Szabo/Carol Cronin	USA29672	4-7-2-5-3-(dnf)	21
4.	Kevin Funsch/Wact Duffy	USA29628	6-6-6-6-9(1)-3	27
5.	Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly	USA20810	7-(9)-4-4-6-7	28
6.	Mike Funsch/Marty Kullman	USA28065	5-(11)-7-7-5-8	32
7.	Rick Arneson/Gus Wirch	USA29781	8-4-(11)-9-9-2	32
8.	Jimmie Lowe/Gavin McKinney	BAH28811	9-5-5-8-(10)-6	33
9.	Andrew Pimental/Monique Gaylor	USA29899	3-3-12-12-7-(dnf)	37
10.	Adrian Marcatelli/Fernando Zapatoski	ARG29339	11-(dns)-14-3-4-10	42
11.	Gonzalo Diaz/Barb Evans	USA28812	(13)-12-10-13-8-9	52
12.	Carr Moody/Rick Jarchow	USA29442	14-15-13-(16)-14-4	60
13.	Birger Jansen/Liv Ulveie	NOR29710	12-14-9-10-20-(dnf)	65
14.	Carolyn Brown/Eric Krebs	USA28955	17-17-15-15-(25)-12	76
15.	Robert Dunkley/John Christie	BAH29210	16-20-17-(23)-13-11	77
16.	Eric Reinke/Kim Courtz	USA25483	10-10-(22)-22-18-19	79
17.	Paul Cronin/Kate Fears	USA29882	18-8-(23)-21-19-13	79
18.	Shinichi Uchida/Michiko Oka	JPN29003	(25)-13-18-18-15-16	80
19.	Jerry Thompson/Jerelyn Biehl	USA24702	22-16-8-19-16-(dnf)	81
20.	Peter Bruce Wasstech/Ted Smith	BAH29778	19-18-(26)-20-12-14	83
21.	Agustin Zabelua/Mariano Arroyo	ARG28786	15-(dnf)-19-14-17-18	83
22.	Don Hackbarch/Yuki Yanaga	USA29014	20-(27)-24-11-24-15	94
23.	Claus Carpelan/Freddie Wegelius	FIN29019	23-21-(27)-17-21-17	99
24.	Woody Norwood/Julie Smithers	USA29200	21-22-(28)-26-28-20	117
25.	Gweneth Crook/Emiliano Colella	CAN25843	24-19-29-(30)-23-22	117
26.	Robin Baker/Janet Plitt	USA28466	27-(30)-16-24-27-23	117
27.	Halvor Poulsen/Edele Rager	NOR29673	(dns)-23-20-25-22-27	117
28.	Jorn Haga/Ida Saetersoal	NOR29855	26-24-25-(27)-26-26	127
29.	Peter Christie/Sean Lovejoy	BAH29616	28-26-31-(32)-30-21	136
30.	Lori Lowe/Bob Coyte	BAH25235	30-25-(32)-29-31-25	140
31.	Rhett/Caroline Simonds	USA29592	dns-29-21-(zpg)-32-29	145
32.	Jody Lowe/Lynn Fitzpatrick	BAH26144	29-26-30-31-(33)-28	146
33.	Camilla/Magnus Christiansen	NOR26333	31-(dnf)-33-33-29-24	150

