

Brazil's Schmit Is Junior World Champion

Brazil's Torben Schmit and Eduardo Mascarenhas beat out Randy Smith and Dean Palmer of the U. S. for the Count Vieri Lasino Trophy, symbolic of the Snipe Junior World Championship. The racing was held in the Pacific Ocean by Mission Bay Yacht Club October 12-15, with the best 6 of 7 races counting for the trophy. Terua Watanabi and Todaiki Itoh representing Japan were third, Carlos and Maria Garcia of Argentina fourth, and Augusto Kuhlmann and Marcos Escobar of Brazil were 5th despite a DSQ in the second race.

Torben jumped to an early lead with two firsts to Randy's 2nd and 4th. Randy came back with a first in the third race, and pulled within 3 points of Torben who had a 4th place finish. Randy took the lead in the 4th race and held it through the fifth, but Torben won the race and the lead in the 6th race and "iced" the finish by again beating Randy in the 7th and last race.

The racing began in light air with heavier going toward the end of the series,

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Top 8 of 15 entries)				
Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Points	Finish
Torben Schmit/Eduardo Mascarenhas	Brazil	1-1-4-6-4-1-5	26	1
Randy Smith/Dean Palmer	U.S.	2-4-1-2-3-5-8	29.7	2
Terua Watanabi/Tadaishi Itoh	Japan	9-3-5-5-6-2-1	40.4	3
Carlos/Maria Garcia	Argentina	11-2-2-13-7-1-4	44.5	4
Agusto Kuhlmann/Marcos Escobar	Brazil	3-dq-8-4-4-6-3	53.1	5
Tom Bjorndak/Peter Holborn	Finland	5-10-3-1-5-7-8	53.7	6
Natalio Camos/Mateo Umas	Spain	6-11-6-3-10-10-2	64.8	7
Steve/Neil Garland	U.S.	8-8-11-12-2-3-7	66.7	8

favoring the heavier Brazilian team. Fog obscured the start of the 5th race but lifted in time to complete two races that day, ensuring that the series would be completed with a throw-out.


"If I have to lose, I don't mind so much if it's to a skipper like him," a quote from Randy Smith, emphasized one of the goals of the championship which is to foster friendship and understanding among young people of the class.

Competitors were housed in homes of members of the Mission Bay Yacht Club and entertained California style by the local young sailors.

Note: If the name Schmit of Brazil is familiar, expect it to get more so. Torben is the nephew of Axel Schmit. Remember the Schmit twins, Axel and Eric, who

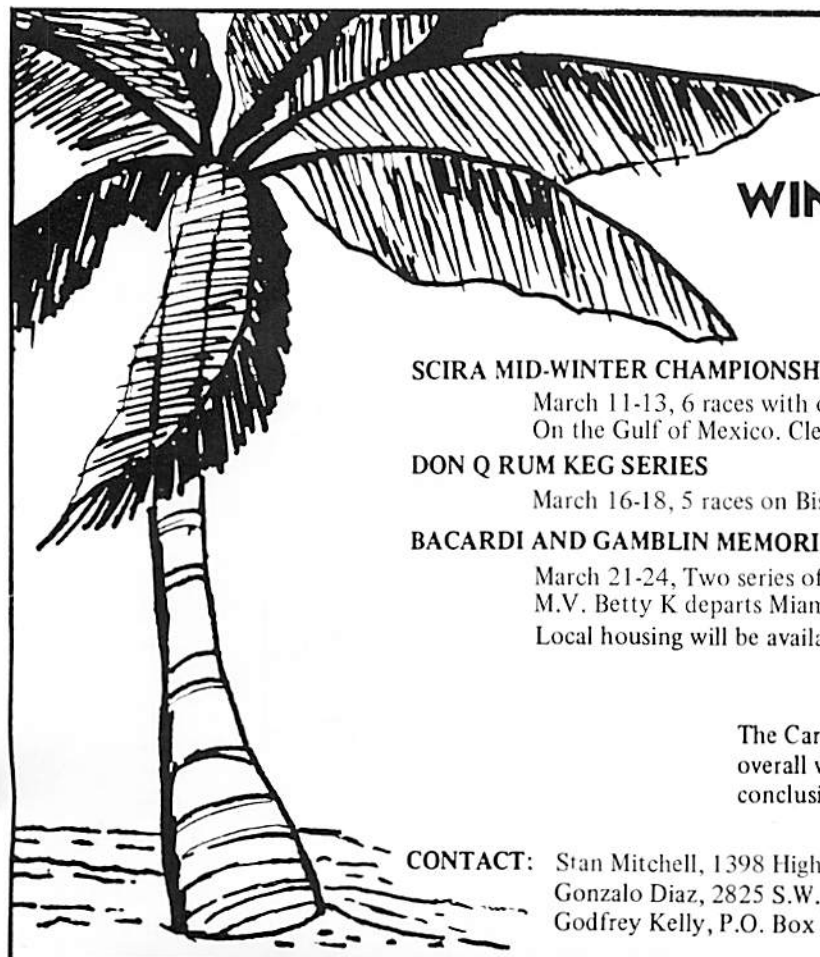
dominated the Class World Championships in the 60s? Here they come again.

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