

KEANE AND KEENAN OF U.S.A. ARE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPS

John Keane and Ted Keenan are an experienced team, having sailed together at Harvard, and that experience showed as they won a light-air, seven-race Western Hemisphere Championship, but the real story, from the viewpoint of team strength, has to be the super performance of the U.S.A.'s District One representatives, who took three of the top six spots. Bryan Fishback and Lorie Stout took the first race win on their way to fourth overall, while their Annapolis teammates, Hal Gilreath with Will Glenn crewing, took the win in race four and ended up in sixth overall. Argentina was just behind, team wise, taking second, third, and seventh overall.

The week got off to a great start with the Opening Ceremonies. Among the highlights were speeches by Bahamas' Minister for Tourism, the Minister of Sport, and finally, the Prime Minister himself. After the flags were raised the party started, an early indicator of just how adept the Bahamians are at mixing competition and fun.

Those who might have expected conditions similar to those reported from the Winter Circuit were surely disappointed, as it was a different time of year with totally different conditions. Serious hiking winds were rare, making tactics the determining factor. One need only look at the

record of seven-time Gambler winner Jeff Lenhart to see that experience gained in the month of March meant little or nothing in October and while some hometown spectators talked about local knowledge, Jimmy Lowe's second place finish in race six was the only Bahamian placing in the top five of any race.

Annapolis veterans Bryan Fishback and Lorie Stout got things off to a good start, taking the win in Race #1, with Argentina's John McCull and Sergio Ripoll in second, their only serious showing of the week. Keane and Keenan were third, followed by Brazilians Pepe D'Elia and Anders Schmidt, and Antonio Leme and Marcelo Maia in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Race two gave Keane and Keenan a chance to show that they were the team to beat as they took the win, followed by Pan-American Gold Medal winners, Manso and Lorenzo of Cuba in their best result of the series. Third was Ivan Pimental and Gustavo Farah of Brasil with Japans' Yoshikazu Itahashi and Mashiko Ota in fourth.

Day two started off with almost no wind. In the day's first race the Argentinean team of Cristian Omar and Alejandro Andres came rocketing (ghosting?) off the pin end of the line and had a horizon-job lead at

the first mark. As the race progressed several boats made moves to reel in the leaders, but all were unsuccessful. Meanwhile, back in the pack, Keane and Keenan were having a very hard time. They had apparently fouled someone at the start and after doing their turns started in what appeared to be last place. They managed to keep their cool, and picked off boat after boat to record a very impressive come-from-behind seventh place.

Race four was more light air, in fact at times it was a drifter and District One's Hal Gilreath, with crew Will Glenn, was up to the challenge, taking the bullet as the Autumn sun was setting. Second was to Guillermo Parada and Gonzalo Martinez, giving them the overall lead with a record of 6-6-3-2. Leme and Maia backed up their race two third with a second, putting them into contention with finishes of 5-9-2-3, no surprise for this team. Keane and Keenan faded to 11th, causing some to wonder if the light air was more than they could handle, or maybe if Keenan was a little too "beefy" to be paired with John.

Those doubts were put to rest on day three of the racing as the boys from Boston took a second in race five and backed that up with a bullet in race six. The action in race five was some of the week's

Members of Nassau's team pose for this shot at the Awards Banquet.





Crew Ted Keenan watches as John Keane pops the cork on the Moët!

best, featuring a three boat shootout between 1991 World Champions Axel Rodger and Jorge Quiroga of Argentina, 1989 World Champion and defending champion of this event, "Ricky" Fabini and Ivan Guicheff of Uruguay, and Keane and Keenan. The final leg was really exciting with Rodger in the lead, trying to decide who to cover while the two followers gave up a tacking duel to concentrate on boat speed in the dying breezes. Finally Keane eased-

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Finish	Boat	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Points
1	25781	John Keane/Ted Keenan	USA	3-75-7-1-2-75-(12)	24.50
2	10883	Guillermo Parada/Gonzalo Martinez	Argentina	6-6-3-3-10-5-9	31.00
3	26254	Axel Rodger/Jorge Quiroga	Argentina	116-9-4-4-78-8-10	31.75
4	26207	Bryan Fallick/Lorie Stout	USA	73-10-5-10-11-1-(7-9)	40.75
5	27749	Yoshihisa Nakashi/Masahiko Ota	Japan	7-4-9-(17) 5-11-8	44.00
6	25480	Hal Gilreath/Will Glenn	USA	10-11-(12)-75-4-12-3	44.75
7	12733	Eduardo Fumagallo/Maria Fumagallo	Argentina	8-(20)-18-8-4-7-75	45.75
8	25185	Ricardo Fabini/Ivan Guicheff	Uruguay	14-7-(24)-5-3-17-2	48.00
9	26682	Antonio Leme/Marcelo Maia	Brazil	5-9-2-3-22-(39)dc-15	56.00
10	25012	Ivan Flinzer/Gustavo Parsh	Brazil	17-3-(23)-13-14-10-5	62.00
11	10106	Nelido Maaso/Octavio Lacerzo	RC	11-3-15-(18)-17-18-4	67.00
12	27539	Pepe D'Elia/Anders Schmidt	Brazil	4-8-16-12-18-(21)-11	69.00
13	28322	Fasejima/Hichicano	Japan	(22)-13-8-6-6-19-18	70.00
14	20237	Cristian Orta/Alejandro Andres	Argentina	21-18-73-9-21-3-0-0)dr	72.75
15	29025	Alejandro Carlasca/Pacho Gara	Uruguay	9-12-10-7-(21)-16-21	75.00
16	25235	Jimmy Lowe/Serge Dominice	Bahamas	15-19-21-(27)-15-2-13	85.00
17	28210	John McCull/Serge Rapell	Argentina	2-(16)dr-25-26-9-13-14	89.00
18	27600	Robert Danley/Patrick Farmer	Bahamas	(29)-22-11-23-28-9-7	100.00
19	27872	Charlie Bustamante/Michele Bustamante	USA	13-(27)-19-22-12-19-20	101.00
20	25077	Malcolm Smith/John Grayson	KB	12-40)ND 6-24-(27)-14-6	102.00
21	27206	Alexandre Parada/Calo Vergo	Brazil	24-16-13-15-7-28-(33)dc	102.00
22	28316	Nobuhiko Kodama/Shoichi Kodama	Japan	(30)-15-20-21-16-6-26	104.00
23	27378	Ferranín Truilo/Edwardo Thode	Uruguay	23-14-14-(29)-23-24-16	116.00
24	14888	Stephen Dickson/Wesley Tucker	KB	25-17-30-14-19-20-(36)dr	125.00
25	27050	Eiji Matsumura/Mitsuru Hayakawa	Japan	19-21-17-20-26-25-(27)	132.00
26	18144	John Danley/Robert Brown	Bahamas	28-(30)-22-16-23-23-23	135.00
27	26580	Jeff Lantieri/Mark Irey	USA	20-25-26-19-(30)-23-24	137.00
28	26541	Andres Domato/Fabian McIlwain	Argentina	27-29-(31)-25-1-3-20-25	148.00
29	27879	Shigeru Shimizu/Tatsuya Matsumoto	Japan	(32) 31-28-31-24-26-17	157.00
30	27829	Ignacio Gomez/Sebastian Bova	Uruguay	(35)res-21-26)rc-24-20-20-22	157.00
31	27371	Rafael Franco/Bernard Harjeto	Brazil	16-23-27-30-(33)-27-28	161.00
32	25106	Christopher Hous/Donald Hines	KC	18-31-29-(36)rc-29-31-29	164.00
33	25227	Gregory Kelly/Dwayne Walker	Brazil	14-24-33-(36)rc-34-30-34)rc	161.00
34	27210	Joaquin Berensson/José Romero	Uruguay	31-32-32-32-(40)dc-33-30	191.00
35	27241	Peze Christie/Walter Mitchell	Brazil	33-34-34-(36)rc-32-34-31	198.00
36	26064	David Kuhn/Darlan Payne	KB	35-32-35-(36)rc-35)rc-36)rc-36)rc	230.00

Some World Champions were on hand: (l to r) Marcello Maia, Brazil, Crew in 1987; Ricardo Fabini, Uruguay, 1989; Jorge Quiroga, Argentina Crew, 1991; Axel Rodger, Argentina 1991; Jeff Lantieri, USA, 1981; and Axel Schmidt 1961, 1963 & 1965!!

