

## District 20 Regatta Report

Sun Mar 6th, 2005 through Fri Mar 11th, 2005

## 2005 Bacardi Cup



**Mark Mendelblatt and Mark Strube with the Bacardi Cup;**  
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Bacardi Cup Trophies:  
 Bacardi Cup – Mark Mendelblatt, 1st place skipper  
 Trofeo Jose Argamasilla Bacardi (The Tito Cup) – Mark Strube, 1st place crew  
 Tammy Rubin Award (highest finishing boat without an award) - Andy Beadsworth & David Carr  
 Master – Vince Brun  
 Grand Master – Tony Hermann  
 Exalted Grand Master – Gene McCarthy

**Mendelblatt/Strube Win 2005 BACARDI Cup**  
 Shiebler Is Day Six Winner

**Friday, Mar. 11** – Floridians Mark Mendelblatt and crew Mark Strube won the 2005 BACARDI Cup, a six-race series sailed annually in Biscayne Bay since 1962.

Howie Shiebler of San Francisco, CA and crew Anson Stookey of Middletown, RI won today's Day Six race and keep their second place overall standing from yesterday.

Two-time Bacardi Cup winner Peter Bromby and crew Rick Peters came in a disappointing eighth today, moving them down from first to third place overall. Defending Bacardi Cup champions Afonso Domingos and Bernardo Santos from Portugal keep their ninth place overall with a finish in 20th place today.

"It feels great to win especially after the stress of our OCS (false start) yesterday," said Mendelblatt of St. Petersburg, FL. "Our strategy was to start close to Peter, but when we saw that Howie was ahead we quickly adjusted and stuck close to him." And follow they did throughout most of the course to take second place in the Day Six race. "To beat Peter is an extra bonus in this regatta," said Mendelblatt. Strube and Mendelblatt first sailed together in the 2003 America's Cup in New Zealand on *One World* and this is only their second time together in a Star Class regatta. Both admit that their ultimate goal is the 2008 Beijing Olympics in Star Class.

According to Domingos, "The competition at the Bacardi Cup is always very good. I've done well in light winds this year, but you never know in America." Rick Merriman of San Diego, CA and crew Brad Nichol of Lake Sunapee, NH took third today and fourth place overall. Californians Erick Lidecis and crew Michael Marzahl took fourth and 16th overall. Andy Beadsworth of Great Britain and crew David Carr finished Day Six in fifth place moving them up to 11th overall.

Unlike the last three days of racing, there was little wind on the Bay for the 70 boats representing 10 countries. With a one-hour delay on the start, the fleet finally seized the five-knot gusts coming out of the south. The 10.5-mile course was changed slightly to take advantage of the wind shift to the SE and increase to 10-15 knots.

**Mar.10, 2005** – Olympian Peter Bromby of Bermuda and crew Rick Peters of Venice Beach, CA had a neck and neck race from the start to finish line with Howie Shiebler of San Francisco, CA and crew Anson Stookey of Middletown, RI in Day 4 of the prestigious BACARDI Cup. Two-time Bacardi Cup champion Bromby won it and is now in first place overall.

"Good things happened to us today," said Bromby. "We had a good lead on most of the fleet from the start and at the windward mark we were pleasantly surprised to see two of our closest competitors on the board," he said. Both Mark Mendelblatt and Vince Brun, who were first and second place overall on Day 3, were disqualified for false starts today.

Mendelblatt drops to 2nd overall and Brun, who was in 2nd, drops to 7th overall. "I felt it was pretty darn close, but I was called at the line. We had a good first beat, but then they told us about the OCS and we had to drop out," said Brun.

According to Shiebler who finished in the number two spot today, "We caught Peter on the run and got even halfway up the beat. I thought we had him at the end, but he had more pressure left of us. We tried to play the averages, but it didn't work out," he explained. Shiebler moves up from 17 overall to 3rd.

George Szabo of San Diego and crew Christian Finnsgard of Goteborg, Sweden finished in 3rd place today and held onto their 9th position overall. John MacCausland of Medford, NJ and crew Brian Fatih of Miami, FL came in fourth in today's race and are in 4th overall jumping up from 18th overall. Andy Macdonald and crew Austin Sperry took 5th today and are in 8th position overall.

Predicting what may happen on Day 6, Shiebler said it best - "Tomorrow will be refreshing; no one can afford a throw out and Peter and Mark will have the advantage."

**March 9** - Mark Mendelblatt of St. Petersburg, FL and crew Mark Strube of West Palm Beach, FL have moved into first place overall after finishing first and fourth in today's back to back races at the 2005 BACARDI Cup. Day 3 of racing was cancelled because of small craft warnings and the race was made up today.

"It was shift, windy and crazy out there today," said Mendelblatt. "Stars are a lot more complicated than Lasers," said Mendelblatt, who sailed a Laser in the 2004 Olympics and took Silver at the World Laser

Championships. "Today we were in the right place and had a bit of luck."

Mendelblatt admitted that the best sailors in the world are in Stars. Vince Brun of San Diego, CA and crew Doug Brophy of Rowley, MA placed fourth and 18, and slipped from first to second overall in a day of wet and windy racing on Biscayne Bay.

Bermuda ace sailor Peter Bromby and crew Rick Peters of Venice Beach, CA jumped to third place overall with second and sixth place finishes in today's races. Rick Merriman of San Diego, CA and Brad Nichol of Lake Sunapee, NH held their fourth position overall. Merriman said it was harder to see the pops on the water in the rain and "it was hard today to look upward when the rain hits right in the face."

Bromby is a two-time winner of the BACARDI Cup and said, "We've been the comeback kid so far and we'll do better tomorrow, if we get off the starting line better."

Defending champions Afonso Domingos and crew Bernardo Santos of Portugal are in fifth place overall followed by Miamian Augie Diaz and crew Bob Schofield of Annapolis, MD in sixth place. Domingos said he had a very good upwind in the second race today and felt more comfortable with more wind in the downwind when he passed quite a few boats. "Water was warm out there because we were so cold," he said. Temperatures in Miami were unseasonably cool today in the low 50's.

**March 8:** No race was completed. The forecast was for a major front to move through around noon, with winds around 30 mph. The race committee called an hour's postponement of the start, thinking that the weather would pass through. After the hour elapsed, the radar was still showing the front coming but it had slowed. Just before noon, The race committee made the decision to cancel for the day.

#### Vince Brun Wins Bacardi Cup Day Two Race

**Mar. 7, 2005** - Light and shifty air delayed the second day start of the Bacardi Cup in Biscayne Bay today. The international fleet of 70 Star Class boats waited on the water for almost an hour before a light 4 to 5 knot breeze arrived.

Six-time Bacardi Cup winner, Vince Brun of San Diego and crew Doug Brophy of Rowley, MA were the first to catch a breeze and they never let it go winning the second day race. The California skipper is now in first place overall.

Brun was the first around all three marks leading up until the 4th leg where Miamian Augie Diaz and crew Bob Schofield of Annapolis, Md. made a valiant attempt to catch him but ended up in second place.

"Vince dominated right from the start," said Diaz. "On a day like today, you have to have speed, luck and you have to do things right. Vince had speed and smarts," he added.

Rick Merriman of San Diego, CA and crew Brad Nichol of Lake Sunapee, NH, sailing a brand new Star boat, took third trailed by Arthur Anosov of St. Petersburg, FL and crew David Caesar of Toronto, Canada in fourth. Anosov said this is his 8th Bacardi Cup race and it is his best yet, "even though it was a tough and slow start."

For Merriman, all of his gains were made on the first beat by jibing early. "At the second and third marks, we closed up on Augie and Vince," he said.

Floridians Mark Mendelblatt of St. Petersburg, and crew Mark Strube of West Palm Beach, finished in fifth place. This is Mendelblatt's first Bacardi Cup.

First day top five finishers skippers Howie Shiebler and Peter Bromby were stuck in the middle of the pack for most of the race, with the Portuguese team of Afonso Domingos and Bernardo Santos even further back. Bromby stands in 6th place overall with Domingos holding 10th overall.

Racing continues through Friday, Mar. 11th.

#### Three BACARDI Cup Champions Place in Top 5

MIAMI, FL – March 6, 2005 – Defending Bacardi Cup champions Afonso Domingos and crew Bernardo Santos of Portugal, finished the first day of the six-day BACARDI CUP Regatta in fifth place.

Howie Shiebler of California and crew Anson Stookey took first place followed by Floridians Mark Mendelblatt of St. Petersburg and crew Mark Strube of West Palm in second place.

Two-time Bacardi champion Peter Bromby of Bermuda placed third with crew Rick Peters and six-time Bacardi Cup winner Vince Brun of California and crew Doug Brophy took fourth place.

After pulling into the U.S. Sailing Center dock, the 35-year-old Domingos said "After such a clean start, I'm disappointed with my 5th place finish. Unfortunately we had some problems with our hiking strap."

Domingos held third position from the start through the third turn and then lost downwind to push him into fifth place. He added, "Vince Brun was one of the toughest competitors today."

As for Brun, he's happy with his finish too despite a few mistakes. "We went long on the leeward mark and gave up quite a bit of distance. Then we spent the rest of the race trying to hold them back," he said.

Bromby was at the middle of the pack after the start and according to Rick Peters, they made huge gains. "We went flying downwind after the first turn and we passed almost 20 boats," he said.

One thing noticeable in today's race were the number of boats displaying a large 'Z' on their sails as a tribute to long-time Star Class sailor Frank Zagarino of Miami who died yesterday.

According to several competitors, "Zag" as he was affectionately called, was known as the guy who helped out everyone who ever came to Miami to sail.

## Star

Place	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Sail #	Fleet	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	8157	Mendelblatt Mark	Strube Mark	8157	USA	2.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	71.0 [OCS]	2.0	14
2	8207	Shiebler Howie	Stookey Anson	8207	USA	1.0	71.0 [OCS]	6.0	8.0	2.0	1.0	18
3	7988	Bromby Peter	Peters Rick	7988	BER	3.0	19.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	8.0	20
4	8222	Merriman Rick	Nichol Brad	8222	USA	9.0	3.0	5.0	14.0	6.0	3.0	26
5	8184	Maccausland John	Fatih Brian	8184	USA	6.0	71.0 [OCS]	7.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	31
6	8132	Brun Vince	Brophy Doug	8132	USA	4.0	1.0	4.0	18.0	71.0 [OCS]	6.0	33
7	7829	Szabo George	Finnsgard Christian	7829	USA	12.0	18.0	3.0	11.0	3.0	7.0	36
8	8162	Macdonald Andy	Sperry Austin	8162	USA	10.0	27.0	12.0	1.0	5.0	10.0	38
9	8145	Domingos Afonso	Santos Bernardo	8145	POR	5.0	23.0	10.0	2.0	7.0	20.0	44

10	8045	Diaz Augie	Schofield Bob	8045	USA	7.0	2.0	21.0	10.0	16.0	11.0	46
11	7953	Beadsworth Andy	Carr David	7953	GBR	11.0	14.0	8.0	21.0	11.0	5.0	49
12	7640	Anosov Arthur	Caesar David	7640	USA	8.0	4.0	16.0	17.0	9.0	16.0	53
13	7986	Allen Bill	Lichter Brad	7986	USA	18.0	6.0	11.0	15.0	18.0	13.0	63
14	7225	Perce Hyde	Nielson Chris	7225	USA	22.0	10.0	17.0	13.0	13.0	14.0	67
15	8176	Kelly Steven	Holowesko Bill	8176	BAH	20.0	38.0	9.0	9.0	15.0	15.0	68
16	7631	Lidecis Erik	Marzahl Michael	7631	USA	15.0	22.0	19.0	71.0 [DNS]	12.0	4.0	72
17	8033	Rotermund Philipp	Holweg Nils	8033	GER	13.0	11.0	15.0	16.0	71.0 [OCS]	17.0	72,0001
18	7567	Serinis Aaron	Avis John	7567	USA	21.0	8.0	13.0	20.0	48.0	22.0	84
19	8143	Cramer Brian	Greensmith Iain	8143	CAN	28.0	7.0	20.0	12.0	19.0	33.0	86
20	7763	Londrigan Jr Tom	Wallner Chris	7763	USA	71.0 [BFD]	16.0	28.0	24.0	10.0	18.0	96
21	7601	Hicks Michael	Hicks Patrick	7601	GBR	19.0	25.0	71.0 [DNS]	27.0	20.0	25.0	116
22	8177	Anderson Karl	Hopple Peter	8177	USA	17.0	46.0	29.0	23.0	8.0	71.0 [DNS]	123
23	8110	Nehammer Christian	Mitterhauser Grunther	8110	AUT	27.0	26.0	30.0	22.0	25.0	23.0	123
24	8112	Bainton Joseph J	Sharp Roger J	8112	USA	14.0	17.0	26.0	34.0	46.0	34.0	125
25	7956	Herrmann Tony	Monroe Scott	7956	USA	40.0	9.0	24.0	42.0	24.0	32.0	129
26	8217	Gay Todd	Klerk Jon	8217	USA	38.0	36.0	18.0	26.0	21.0	31.0	132
27	8181	Campbell Argyle	Yakovenko Dmitry	8181	USA	16.0	42.0	40.0	19.0	17.0	46.0	134
28	7042	Brown Steve	Monroe Eric	7042	USA	26.0	20.0	23.0	38.0	27.0	49.0	134
29	8038	Vanderhoff John	Parrish Andrew	8038	USA	23.0	13.0	41.0	37.0	37.0	26.0	136
30	8043	Kohlhas Jock	Zirkle Richard	8043	USA	33.0	31.0	52.0	32.0	14.0	28.0	138
31	7626	Folsetter Doug	Scott Larry	7626	CAN	71.0 [RAF]	37.0	25.0	7.0	34.0	37.0	140
32	8214	Vander Molen Jon	Ticknor Steve	8214	USA	29.0	32.0	31.0	36.0	22.0	29.0	143
33	7450	Lehnert Stefan	Menning Peter	7450	GER	30.0	29.0	42.0	45.0	30.0	21.0	152
34	6756	Hendershot Will	Vranderick Alain	6756	CAN	31.0	35.0	34.0	25.0	28.0	48.0	153
35	8087	McNeil Kevin	Mininger Seth	8087	USA	47.0	71.0 [OCS]	22.0	28.0	33.0	27.0	157
36	7545	Hampe Axel	Wagner Stefan	7545	GER	44.0	24.0	33.0	31.0	42.0	30.0	160
37	8036	Rickard Jack	Valasek Marek	8036	USA	48.0	41.0	36.0	35.0	32.0	19.0	163
38	8084	Teigte Bob	Burgess Rick	8084	USA	50.0	12.0	37.0	39.0	35.0	43.0	166
39	8077	Vander Molen Tom	Jackson Dave	8077	USA	37.0	39.0	49.0	44.0	23.0	24.0	167
40	8059	Vessella Peter	Trinter Phil	8059	USA	71.0 [DNC]	71.0 [OCS]	14.0	3.0	71.0 [OCS]	12.0	171
41	7993	Bainton Jr Joseph	Rogers Chris	7993	USA	25.0	34.0	27.0	71.0 [DNS]	45.0	41.0	172
42	8113	Weissenberger Gunti	Brown Chris	8113	USA	55.0	15.0	38.0	33.0	47.0	40.0	173
43	7732	MacDonald Gary	Leonidov Sergey	7732	USA	32.0	45.0	44.0	29.0	39.0	71.0 [DNS]	189
44	8111	Brethorst Rick	Pederson Matt	8111	USA	34.0	44.0	48.0	71.0 [OCS]	29.0	35.0	190
45	7863	Meyer Klaus	Boguhn Lutz	7863	GER	36.0	40.0	32.0	30.0	71.0 [DNS]	52.0	190
46	8183	Tamburini Antonio	Ricci Renzo	8183	ITA	43.0	33.0	39.0	41.0	71.0 [OCS]	36.0	192
47	8063	Collins Bert	Avellon Guy	8063	USA	46.0	53.0	46.0	40.0	26.0	38.0	196
48	7715	Swigart William	Heckmann Jeep	7715	USA	45.0	28.0	71.0 [DNS]	46.0	40.0	47.0	206
49	7368	Haarstick Steve	Schumacher Todd	7368	USA	35.0	49.0	35.0	71.0 [DNS]	52.0 [ZFP]	44.0	215
50	7670	Mccarthy Gene	Mccarthy Glenn	7670	USA	49.0	30.0	55.0	43.0	44.0	50.0	216
51	8083	Chiarella John	Carlson Bob	8083	USA	39.0	43.0	50.0	47.0	41.0	51.0	220
52	8175	Babel Jim	Hawk Bill	8175	USA	52.0 [AVE]	21.0	45.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [OCS]	39.0	228
53	8168	Vander Molen Jim	Waldorf Mac	8168	USA	42.0	52.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	36.0	42.0	243
54	7816	Lehner Marko	Langmaak Helge	7816	GER	60.0	54.0	43.0	49.0	49.0	56.0	251
55	8218	Stephenson Nelson	Chard David	8218	USA	41.0	47.0	47.0	48.0	71.0 [DNF]	71.0 [DNS]	254
56	7639	Rowse Sam	Bowers Robert	7639	USA	56.0	48.0	51.0	71.0 [DNS]	57.0 [RDG, 57.0]	45.0	257
57	8100	Bucher Hans	Dutton Todd	8100	USA	59.0	63.0	53.0	50.0	43.0	60.0	265
58	7833	Bonanni Claude	Sinner Philip	7833	USA	58.0	62.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	31.0	58.0	280
59	7228	Zambella Joe	Costa Peter	7228	USA	24.0	50.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	287
60	7970	Hopkins Sam	Kaplan Bart	7970	USA	63.0	58.0	54.0	71.0 [DNS]	51.0	61.0	287
61	7193	Joyce William A	Berger Thomas	7193	USA	54.0	57.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	66.0 [ZFP]	54.0	302
62	8000	Walker Harry	Warren Alan	8000	USA	52.0	56.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	55.0	305
63	7497	Wilson Kris	Elsaesser Bud	7497	USA	62.0	64.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	50.0	62.0	309
64	7434	Parks Bill	Anderson Clark	7434	USA	51.0	51.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [RAF]	67.0 [ZFP]	311
65	7934	Von Schwarz Karl	Vosbery Barbara	7934	USA	61.0	61.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNF]	59.0	323
66	7964	Kohlmann IV Charles	Kohlmann III Charles	7964	USA	53.0	59.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	325
67	7866	Thomsen Dierk	Thomsen Lars	7866	GER	71.0 [DNC]	55.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNF]	57.0	325
68	8189	Fields Bill	Butler Chad	8189	USA	57.0	60.0	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	330
69	8130	Voight Henning	Struve Dirk	8130	GER	71.0 [DNC]	71.0 [DNC]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	355
69	7936	Rubinkam Steve	Eggen Michael	7936	USA	71.0 [DNC]	71.0 [DNC]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	71.0 [DNS]	355

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