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BIG BREEZE FOR MELGES FINALE!

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted its third and final regatta of the Inaugural Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series March 11 – 13, 2010. The three days of racing were part of the new Bacardi Miami Sailing Week which included five classes racing on three circles in the Bay. For this event, the Melges 20's were joined by a fleet of Melges 24's who also lived at CGSC and raced on the same circle with the 20's.

Social Side

The event started off with a huge regatta-wide party at CGSC Wednesday evening that was sponsored by Bacardi and featured new CGSC Chef Tara Abrams' excellent appetizers. The party was a great success in every way. Bacardi established a Hospitality Village under tents adjacent to the

Convention Center that was open all week, and included an excellent sailing color photography exhibit by Cory Silken. The awards presentation Saturday afternoon was in Peacock Park next to CGSC with more tents, music and food in addition to the trophies. The event is an outgrowth of the traditional Bacardi Cup Star Class Regatta, and should become an annual fixture on the Biscayne Bay sailing calendar.



The Racing

The first day of racing on Thursday saw an unusual wind pattern with a good SE breeze early that eased off for a while during the racing and then came back in Race 3. In the Melges 20's, Ft. Lauderdale's Jeff Ecklund, with an all-star crew of Harry Melges and Morgan Reeser, led

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Photo of Alex VanPuffelen during a race at an Opti regatta.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



I trust all of you are enjoying the great sailing weather over the last several months.

The Coconut Grove waterfront had much excitement with the Bacardi Race Week in the middle of March with CGSC hosting the Melges 20 fleet once again. I can tell you first hand that the sailing conditions were outstanding, with the CGSC race committee doing another exemplary job which was appreciated by all of our out of town guests. Team # 114 - Mike Lovelady, Adolfo Mrongowius and I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Bacardi Race Week. After sailing the Melges 20 for the first time the day before the Regatta started, needless to say we had a lot of fun and excitement during the Regatta and certainly look forward to racing the Melges 20 in the future.

By the time you are reading these words the bar renovation will be complete with the new menu in place. Bring your friends and enjoy the club with our Live Music Fridays! Doug Hanks continues to fill the social calendar with many offerings for the whole family to enjoy.

I look forward to sharing new information regarding the lease/agreement in the next Channel as we continue to pursue this at all levels of the city leadership. The moorings are first come first serve to the sailing community and for the past 65 years the CGSC has continued to provide the best venue to moor a sailboat on Biscayne Bay

The Annual Rendezvous is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Start planning to be there with your boat or on a friends sailing vessel. Bring the family and participate in the Event of the Year the 65th annual Elliot Key rendezvous. Keep enjoying the club to the fullest and bring your family and friends to enjoy our many sailing and social events. As I always say this is your club and is run by the hard work of our volunteers. If you have an idea to make the club even better contact the Committee Chair that with your help can implement your idea. I stress with your help, since only direct involvement by you will continue to make CGSC the best possible sailing club in the future. Now is the time for you to get involved. Get off the sidelines and join our hardworking men and woman as we work together to provide all who visit and those who enjoy membership the best and most affordable sailing venue in South Florida.

Go sailing and enjoy the club. This is the sailing season and every cool and breezy day is best spent with your family and friends on beautiful Biscayne Bay. I will see you at our oasis on the Bay. - The Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

*Nick Martens,
Commodore*

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

For those who may be new to the club, or not aware of the club structure and management, I thought it would be useful to review several important upcoming club events. We are fast approaching the end of the year at CGSC! Sounds strange, but as many of you know our fiscal year ends on June 30. This in turn sets in motion a number of year-end events at the club.

First among these in order of occurrence is the formation of the nominating committee which is charged with developing nominees for Secretary, Treasurer, Rear and Vice Commodore, and three board of director positions that will be coming open. The nominating committee must deliver its nominations no less than 30 days before the annual meeting. The Vice Commodore automatically succeeds to the office of Commodore. Richard Crisler has generously agreed to serve as Chair of the nominating committee, as he has done for some years. In addition to Richard there will be five other members appointed to the committee by the board of directors.

In addition to the nominating committee the Finance Committee will also be working over the next two months to develop a proposed budget for the Club for fiscal year 2010-2011. That committee is chaired by the Treasurer and includes the Vice Commodore and 3 other members. The proposed budget will be taken to

the Board of Directors at their April meeting, for review and subsequent approval at the May meeting.

That brings us to the annual meeting. Set in the by-laws, this meeting is held the first Friday in June. This year the meeting will therefore be held on Friday June 4. The major purpose of the meeting will be the election of officers and board members and the review and approval of the Club budget as further described in the by-laws. Traditionally, following the annual meeting is the Installation dinner where new officers are installed. The date for this has not yet been set, but normally occurs before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. New officers and board members take office July 1 and serve to the following June 30.

I hope this makes the important business of the club a bit more transparent. If you are interested in serving in an elected position at the club please feel free to discuss it with any of the officers or board members. You should also check the by-laws as there are some pre-requisites for certain positions.

See You on the Bay and at the Club

Alyn Pruett,
Vice Commodore



US Sailing Small Boat Instructor Program

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted its annual Level One Small Boat Instructor Certification Course the last weekend in March and the first weekend in April. This is a US Sailing certification taught by Bud Price. We had record attendance this year with 15 people coming from as far away as Massachusetts. It is a very dynamic 40 hour course that teaches basic teaching skills, class control and motivation and certifies power/safety boat handling skills and sailing ability. Graduates are ready to accept the responsibility of teaching potential sailors using the building block approach and US Sailing proven techniques. The main motivation for holding the course at the club is to certify our own instructors and keep the quality and safety of our programs high, but it is an opportunity for instructors from other clubs to do the same. This is our 10th year presenting this program.

Bud Price





From The Manager.....

Just the way sailing season started this year, it finished on a grand scale. We have hosted third and final Melges race of the season. More boats participated this month than in previous two regattas and with weather cooperating most of the days, we had some great sailing

and excellent results. Corresponding Miami sailing week party was held at the grounds of CGSC. I have heard only positive comments from Bacardi, Studio Milano and sailors about Club as a host of this great even. As many members noted, this was one of the largest event we had in many years. It was a great exposure for the Club as well as for our ability to organize and cater high profile events. Chef Tara has prepared tasty Hors D'oeuvres that won some seriously nice praises form all participants. Great job Tara!

The following week, we hosted traditional Don Q Snipe regatta with some more great special events. Although slightly smaller than in previous years, it was nevertheless a great success.

I would like to announce here that CGSC's first Beer Lecture and Tasting will take place in the Club on 15th of April at 630pm. I invite all interested members to make their reservation as soon as possible as number of seats is limited to 20. The price is \$15 per person and it would include cheese and cracker to cleanse the palate. I will talk about beer production and beer history, beer styles and food paring and we will taste 10 or so not too common beer style for American market. I predict interesting evening of beer facts and tastes that will tickle your palate.

I am also preparing new theme nights that are coming to the Club House. As of Wednesday, 21st of April, we will expand "Pasta special" into "Italian fiesta" night with specials designed to bring taste of Italy to you; for a month, every Wednesday, Chef Tara will feature several

appetizers and few main courses that represent "Italian point of view" in culinary World. After a month she will create another new and exciting Italian Fiesta menu. On the following day, on each Thursday, theme will be "Burger fest"; similar to Italian night, we are going to feature three to four special recipes for always loved hamburgers. The most popular burger recipe from the previous month will then become our new Commodore's burger for the regular menu. Imagination will lead us!

As you probably already noticed, we are in the middle of another semi-annual moorings inspection and repair; it will take few weeks to finish and we can be confident that we are ready for approaching hurricane season.

I would now like to thank personally to Mr. Dan Maher and his company, CDM, for donation of two 55 gallons drum oil-berm pallets. They were our last necessary step to achieve "Green Marina Certification". Cathy Buller will elaborate it in this issue. Thank you Dan!

I would like to touch the issue explained in the letter that the office sent few weeks ago in regards to member's monthly payments. We understand that two monthly payments in one month might be a burden on one's budget and therefore we are more than happy to arrange payment plan that can fit you. I would encourage everybody with a question or concern to stop by the office and we'll help you find the solution.


As I'm writing these words, we are finalizing details on bar renovation and new menu. Since Tara joined us, she has sourced out new, better, fresh ingredients for our old menu. Her new menu however, has changed the "accent". It is heart and taste buds pleasing American cafe style menu. With new bar look, food menu and wine list, I believe you should all concenter CGSC's bar and restaurant for your family's lunch and/or dinner. Check us out! I'm confident in it, you won't be disappointed.

That's all folks... see you at the Club....


Dragan Savin

GALLEY NEWS

Tuesday Night

"Dollar Dogs & Pitcher Beer" 
\$1.00 Hot Dogs and all the fix'ins plus pitcher beer from 6-9 pm. Donated sides or condiments are always welcome!
(\$2 Tacos the first Tuesday of the month.)

"Pasta Wednesdays"

We offer a different Pasta dish each 
Wednesday along with garlic bread for only \$5.95! Our regular dinner menu will also be available.

Steak Thursday \$12.00

WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday Bar and Kitchen closed
Tuesday SOCIAL NIGHT 6-9 pm
Wednesday Pasta Night 5-9 pm
Thursday & Friday
Lunch 11am 'til 2 pm
Dinner 5 pm 'til 9 pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am 'til 9 pm

Launch service 24/7

You can learn a lot by looking through the old Channels.

And, probably a few things you might not want to learn.

Much of the CGSC history is preserved in a history file, a collection of Channels, reports, newspaper clippings etc. maintained by the office going back to the 1945 meetings at the Coconut Grove Elementary School. This picture of Peter Branning is from a June 1964 Channel



New State Champ in Southeasters is PETER BRANNING with crewman JOHN TAYLOR, shown here with the Halsey Trophy.

Peter recalls that Junior CGSC members were a slightly different breed in those days. Life was a bit more.... how would you say it..."unstructured"? There were great wars out on the bay between Kurt's "Cayo Nina", Cai's "Noel" and Charlie's "Spindriff" sailing past one another throwing buckets of water (hopefully to leeward) We went snorkeling and spear fishing in the mooring area which was full of fish, and took off for days in the Keys with no adult supervision. Our most sophisticated diving apparatus was two bicycle pumps hooked up to fifty feet of garden hose. CGSC had its own football team which took on pick-up teams from the local schools in rough and tumble games in the park. Robert Clarrington was our chuckling conspirator and we were always on the edge of trouble with the Board Members.

Yet our notion of mischief was a pretty harmless version of what you see going on today. For example, the great 1962 junior member caper of painting the anchor on McFarlane was high level intrigue and serious criminal conspiracy requiring lots of planning (timing the police rounds) surveillance and scheduling (of what senior members were at the CGSC that night) and raw guts and courage (I picked out the colors - pink with black polka dots.) Somehow though, we all graduated high school and went off into the world with great memories, a keen sense of good fun, and no criminal records of any real significance. Ahhh yes...those were the days.

View from the Signal Boat

February 2010 was a very busy month for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee. The 41st Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta was held on February 6-7. PRO Jaime Ramon conducted races for the 2 days for 25 entrants. First place went to Miamians Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero. The 'Old Man', Sr. Diaz, ably handled the Trophy Presentations and led all with the La Bamba ceremony.



February 19th and 20th found the Club hosting the Second Regatta in the Melges 20 Miami Winter Regatta Series. The Melges 20 crews were on the Bay on Friday for practice sailing and registration at the Club. Our Race Committee team ran the 20's races on Saturday and Sunday for the 14 registered participants.

On Saturday, February 27th, the CGSC Race Committee stepped in to assist our neighbors up the street, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, in running the Barnacle's Washington's Birthday Regatta. Eighteen classic sailboats, including Sharpies, Mud Hens, Marsh Hens, Bay Hens and a 14 foot Bahamian Dingy, were registered. The weather threatened all day but we were able to get 3 races in for the fleet before the heavens opened. Everyone met back at the Barnacle for Trophy presentation and a Chowder Party.

March 10th to 13th was the Third and final Regatta in the Melges 20 Miami Winter Regatta Series, run in conjunction with the new Bacardi Miami Sail Week. The 20's were joined by their larger sibling, the Melges 24. A total of 13 Melges 20 and 8 Melges 24 enjoyed 3 days of racing.

March 19th to 21st will find the CGSC Race Committee working the 44th Annual Don Q Snipe Regatta. As a qualifier for the Snipe Nationals, we expect over 50 entrants for the 3 days of racing.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee is always looking for new recruits. There are many job requirements for every race or regatta, both on shore and on the Bay. Sailing experience is helpful but not required. We have both classes on shore and coaching on the water to train our volunteers. Contact me if you are interested...it is a wonderful way to spend a day on Biscayne Bay and help our Club at the same time.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair
walcutts@bellsouth.net



Friday was an interesting day with frontal approach bearing down on the Bay including heavy rains, wind and possible thunder and lightning. The only classes to race that day were

regatta, with Guy Mossman in third.

For the Inaugural Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series, which also included the first two regattas in December and February, it was an easy win for Jeff Ecklund who took every regatta. Eric Wynsma finished second in the Series with a 2-2-4 record. Michael Kiss on Macatawa, MI won the tie-break for third over Robert Wilber of Stony Creek, CT.



our two Melges fleets, as the Stars, Vipers and J-24 race committees abandoned on shore in the morning. Our Race Committee got in one shortened race before sending the boats home as the storm approached. Again, it was Ecklund and Keck leading the way among the 20's, while Doug Fisher and Guy Mossman led the 24's. Racing in the 24's, especially, was incredibly close.

The front came through Friday afternoon, paving the way for a big breeze on Saturday's last day of the regatta in clearing conditions. The wind was fairly steady from the West at 18-22 knots. The RC had set up the first warning signal to 1000 in order to get in more racing due to the Friday curtailment.



Race Committee

CGSC's Race Committee put on another demonstration of fine race management on the Bay, and was much appreciated by the competitors. Mike and Karen Castleberry's fine Tartan 372 Imagine was the Signal Boat, as was the case for the first two regattas. Bruce

Our Melges 20 Team!

Enter the CGSC Melges 20 team of Commodore Nick Martens with crew Mike Lovelady and Adolfo Mrongowius. They had jumped into an available Melges 20 for the medium breeze races Thursday and were learning the boat as the day went on. Unable to sail Friday due to work commitments, our team came on strong in the heavy breeze Saturday. At the first windward mark in the day's three races, they posted a super 4-1-2 standing. Off the wind some boats slipped by, but it was a great first display for the home team. Congratulations, guys!



Golison of Long Beach, CA was the PRO. Timing duties were split between Jo Ann Mathieu and Dottie Rostorfer while Steve Washburn did the scoring and Esther DiLeo handled the recording.



Result

Meanwhile, back with the veterans of the class, Chuck Holtzman of Farmington Hills, MI came on strong in the heavy stuff to post a 3-1-1 for the day and finish the regatta tied for second with Peter Keck. Jeff Ecklund sailed to a 4-2 for the day before retiring in Race 7 with a more than good enough score to win the Melges 20 regatta. In the 24's, Convexity and Blur had excellent results and finished 1-2 for the



Up to windward on the excellent RC power boat Alligator Boots from BBYC were Bill and Donna Moriarty and Kit Temple. The Gate Boat was skippered by Barry Simmons with Race Officer Taran Teague and our first responder Anne Edwards aboard. The Pin Boat was Don Poole's Grace Meredith, also from BBYC, with Susan Walcutt, Dave Brown, Jim Waldron and Ron Rostorfer aboard at various times.



All in all, the Series and the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week appeared to be excellent events for CGSC – well run, enjoyed by all, and a profitable undertaking by the Club. We hope this is the first of many Melges Miami Winter Series to come.



Ron Rostorfer

MELGES 20 EVENT #2 – LIGHT, BUT GOOD!

As most readers of The Channel know by now, Coconut Grove Sailing Club is playing host to the Inaugural Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series. This series consists of three regattas for this new one-design class. The first was a highly successful regatta in December, the second was



over the February 20-21 weekend, and the finale is Bacardi Miami Sailing Week, March 11-13.

For the February event, 14 of these hot boats were registered. The boats were accommodated by rafting off the Strip Dock and taking available moorings in our mooring field. This enthusiastic group seemed very happy to escape the cold and

snow up north in the Great Lakes and East Coast areas of the country to come to Miami for a nice weekend of sailing. Again, the regatta started with a Skippers Meeting and party with live band on Friday evening, February 19th at the Club.

Saturday morning dawned essentially windless. With the best wind forecast information available, the Race Committee put the fleet on harbor postponement waiting for the wind to fill in. Finally, the sea breeze began to develop, and a start occurred around 1500 hours. Two light air, but quality races were sailed, with hopes pinned on a better wind forecast for Sunday. After the Saturday racing, the Class held a “press conference” type de-brief of the day’s sailing. There was a panel of 5-6 expert racers to which intense attention was paid by the assembled crowd of 30 or so skippers and crews. CGSC hosted a regatta dinner Saturday evening, with new Chef Tara Abrams providing an excellent offering of beef, fish, chicken, potatoes, veggies, salad and Key Lime Pie. There were compliments from the racers.

In anticipation of a better breeze on Sunday, the Race Committee advanced the time of the first Warning Signal from 1100 to 1000. Sure enough, there was a sailable breeze at that hour, and an on-time Race 3 was conducted. Three additional races were sailed, bringing the regatta back to the scheduled six race format. Ft. Lauderdale’s Jeff Ecklund followed up his tie-break win in the first regatta in December with a more convincing four point win in Event No. 2. Second, again, was Eric Wynsma of Michigan. Another Michigander, Michael Kiss, made a huge step from December’s results to finish 3rd, followed by Erwyn Naidoo of Toronto, Canada and Mary Ann Ward of Cocoa Beach, FL.

The Melges 20’s launch, haul and store at Shake-a-Leg

Miami, so the trophy presentation was again up there Sunday afternoon. Anne Edwards of our RC did an excellent job of setting up the presentation and providing appetizers, etc. for the racers. Dottie and Ron Rostorfer were presented with trophies by the Class for their organizing efforts pertaining to the Series.

CGSC’s Race Committee again did an excellent job on the water. Our Signal Boat was, once again, Mike and Karen Castleberry’s Tartan 372, Imagine. The guest PRO was Bruce Golison from Long Beach, CA. Marvin Schenker was Timer, Steve Washburn was Scorer, Vicki Rosenbloom



and Karen Castleberry handled the flags, while Liz Balbin and Jo Ann Mathieu did the recording. Up to windward on the Mark Boat was Bill Smoak with his Robalo, Hiyaku, with Susan Walcutt, Dottie Rostorfer, Kit Temple and Jim Waldron depending on the day. The Gate Boat was our own

Mako 2 with Darren Stortz at the wheel along with Race Officer Taran Teague and first responder Anne Edwards. The Pin Boat crew aboard Grace Meredith was Skipper Don Poole with Brian Poole and Ron Rostorfer.

An interesting protest was heard Saturday evening by our Protest Committee, consisting of Jere Woltz, Jane Anne Pincus and Joan Lawrence. The guilty party withdrew, the fouled yacht’s score was affirmed, and the protest was withdrawn.

So, the racers returned to the frozen North happy with their regatta experience, and looking forward to Bacardi Miami Sailing Week three weeks hence.



Final Standings – Top Five Audi Melges Miami Winter Series Event #2

| <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Boat</u> | <u>Skipper</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | STAR | Jeff Ecklund | 6 |
| 2. | Superfly | Eric Wynsma | 10 |
| 3. | Bacio | Michael Kiss | 21 |
| 4. | Bohica | Erwyn Naidoo | 27 |
| 5. | M&M Team | Mary Anne Ward | 30 |

Adult Sailing

Positive developments are still in the news from your Adult Sailing Committee. In addition to continued strong support from our officers, board, staff and members, enrollment in the Adult Sailing programs available at CGSC continues good growth. The following opportunities for students to learn or increase new skills remain available:

Adult Learn-to-Sail - This is a two-day course taught on the popular Sunfish sailboat and is normally the second weekend of each month. Adults learn to sail on a boat by themselves along with students on additional boats. Class size is up to ten (10) students.

Basic Keelboat - This is a US Sailing certification series course, taught twice each month on the second and third weekends. Class size is up to three (3) students and is taught on the classic Ensign keelboat. No prerequisite courses are required before taking this course.

Basic Keelboat Certification - Students completing the Basic Keelboat course satisfactorily may apply to be tested for US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification. Experienced sailors may also challenge this test without taking the Basic Keelboat course. Tests are scheduled individually for each applicant.

Weekly Sunfish Clinic - This weekly three hour clinic is a fun, learning experience for Sunfish sailors who have completed the Learn-to-Sail course or have sufficient experience to participate. Students learn and practice a new skill each week, followed by several short, fun races to measure skill growth. Held on Thursdays, cool weather schedule is 9AM to Noon. From April through September, clinics are held from 4PM to Sunset.

Monthly Small Boat Clinic - Normally held on the fourth (4th) Sunday of each month this is a 9Am to 3PM fun sail to a nearby sandbar for lunch, socializing, swimming and just enjoying a day on the Bay with other small boat sailors. Students and qualified members may use our Sunfish, plus all members with small boats (even keelboats) are invited. On the return from the sandbar, most participate in a fun "drag race". At the close, most participants debrief on the club verandah with a beverage of their

choice and lots of laughs.

Before this article is published, CGSC will have sponsored a three (3) day US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructor Evaluation. We are expecting to get additional keelboat instructors from members who are participating in this serious, professional level class.

In February and early March, a US Sailing Level 1 (dinghy) Instructor course was hosted by Bud Price. We expect to be getting some additional help from members Javier Prado and Phil Adams who took this course. We have some good opportunity to grow our programs, and a team of certified instructors is essential to that success.

Have you noticed our sharp looking, recently hauled fleet of Ensign keelboat trainers? Both PAT and FOUNDATION are getting second looks and looking good on the Bay with their freshly painted topsides, new stripes and painted bottoms. Thanks to Director Nick for heading up the project and to Robert Bondi and Bruce Penrod for volunteering some muscle and sweat to help us refurbish these two work-horses in our training fleet.

Want more information about our Adult Training programs? Want to get involved as a volunteer? Want to participate in the fun of small boat sailing? Want to become keelboat certified? Just contact Richard or Nick.

Thanks for your continued support of our Adult Instructional Programs.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler, Chairman
Adult Training Committee
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Rendezvous at Marine Stadium

The fun started Saturday afternoon, when the fleet zipped across Biscayne Bay in 20+ knot winds for the relative shelter of Marine Stadium. Relative being the operative word in that sentence. Our fleet for the event: Merlin, Effortless, Seas the Moment, Fiji, Sirroco, Sweet Lime, Drift, and Island Dream (which had a perilous journey-- ask Steve, who as usual was smiling nevertheless).

We eventually rafted up for an evening of boat hopping, food and drink. As usual, there was enough sailor's fare to feed our crews as well as any other rendezvous that might be occurring within three nautical miles.

Fiji's Sean had spaghetti sauce simmering down below, Sirroco's Rick and Nancy loaded us up on appetizers, Sweet Lime's Will and Gail arrived with crab dip. Doug, crewing on Drift, slaved at a Publix check-out line and brought fried chicken. Effortless' Janice whipped up special recipe barbecue sandwiches, Drift's Chiara sauteed sausages. Seas the Moment's Javier and Claudia came through with cookies for dessert, joined by a carrot cake from Fiji that did not last long.

As night fell, the harbor provided an amazing view of downtown Miami lighting up. Then came an impressive fireworks show to the north (our best guess: a very expensive wedding at Jungle Island). The west wind never did let up, but everyone slept soundly knowing how well our anchors would hold in that harbor muck.



The next morning (minus one very missed hour, thanks to DST) brought the real show. In pitch black, crowds of top-notch athletes gathered at the shore for the start of the Miami International Triathlon. And our fleet was anchored just a few boat lengths off the first mark in the swimming le.

What a show! Drift's Dan and Chiara are triathlons and gave everyone the play-by-play (Chiara, president of the South Florida Hammerhead Triathlon Club, cleared the way with race organizers for our prime location and outfitted the fleet with Hammerhead flags -- so we were doubly official.) Rendezvous Chair Janice banged pans and cheered, joined by Oyster the Dog. Seas the Moment's Javier and Claudia played the crucial role of providing us all with donuts as we watched the swimmers glide by, followed by Fiji and Sirocco eggs, Drift egg salad and Merlin loxs and bagels (thanks Rosie and Rick!).

The coffee was warm and the athletes seemed particularly cold that morning. Some wandered off course to the fleet -- who could blame them? After the swimming was done, we could also watch the runners



on the far shore. As we finished up breakfast, it was time to sail through the rough waters again (some of us turned to the iron genny for help). This is an annual triathlon, so there are already plans to do it all again next year. We had the perfect spot.

Chiara Manton took these photos (with dink assist from Vice Commodore Pruett and Merlin's Rick). Check out more on our Photo Gallery page by clicking [here](#) or visiting [cgsc.org/galleries](#).

Apologies for any errors or omissions in this recap.

Doug Hanks

Following up after Doug Hanks' very successful
February & March seminars

BUYING A SAILBOAT 101

Coconut Grove Sailing Club is pleased to announce
a FREE new seminar

SAILBOAT RACING 101

With long-time CGSC Race Chair Ron Rostorfer

Saturday, May 22, 2010 – 0900 – more
details to follow

Register in advance with Lauren Simpson in the
CGSC office

305-444-4571, Ext. 10, or OfficeAssistant@cgsc.org

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING PIG ROAST

Saturday - April 10th, 2010

5:00 - 9:00 pm

We're not talking Polynesian Luau or Texas style BBQ "Pig on a Spit". We're talking traditional slow roasted pig, marinated for days in Mojo and additional spices, slow cooked on property and served with Caribbean favorites - Tossed Salad, Black Beans and Rice, Stewed Plantains, Cuban Bread and Flan. We even have

The pig roast dinner charges:

\$14.95 for tickets purchased through Wed., April 7

\$17.95 after 4/7 and at the door (if space available).

\$7.95 Children under 12 yrs of age.

Children under the age of 3 yrs old - FREE!.

Dinner and entertainment will begin at 5:00pm

Reservations ARE required and WILL BE BILLED

unless cancellation is made 72 hrs prior.

Please call the office for more details or to make/cancel your reservations.

Weather permitting, this event shall be held below decks and on our lawn

(if not, in the main room and on the deck).

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

April 1, 2010
Rotary Spring Break
Opti Regatta

May 29-30, 2010
Goombay Regatta

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION
FORMS ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD
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Join
CGSC's

Race Committee Team

A rewarding day on the Bay!

Contact Susan Walcutt
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | | 9-4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night | | Beginner level sailing Green Fl./Beg.racing Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing Laser/420/Flying Junior racing | |
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| | 6 pm Taco Night 7:30 Sea Scouts | 5 pm Pasta Night | 9-4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night | Live Music | Beginner level sailing Green Fl./Beg.racing Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 9am Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class 9am Basic Keelboat Course </div> | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | 6 pm Dollar Dogs | 5 pm Pasta Night | 9-4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night | Live Music | Baynanza Beginner level sailing Green Fl./Beg.racing Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Basic Keelboat - 9AM </div> Renezvous Comm. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Miami-Key Largo Regatta </div> | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | 6 pm Dollar Dogs 7:30 Sea Scouts | 5 pm Pasta Night | 9-4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night | Live Music | Beginner level sailing Green Fl./Beg.racing Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing Laser/420/Flying Junior racing | 9am Small Boat Clinic/Rendezvous |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | 6 pm Dollar Dogs | 5 pm Pasta Night | 9-4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night 6:30 General Mtg. 7:30 Officer Board Mtg | Live Music | Beginner level sailing Green Fl./Beg.racing Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing Laser/420/Flying Junior racing | |
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New; from Long Time CGSC Member; Tito and Roberta Figureoa

We are lying in Ste Anne, Martinique. By the end of March we will sail north to Antigua for the month of April. We've never been there so we're looking forward to new experiences. Then it's on to St. Croix for the hurricane season and 5 months at Green Cay Marina for air conditioning and boat maintenance. Then we will cruise the USVI and Spanish Virgins until our return to Miami in 2012.

We look forward to our return to our home town and joining in the social swirl at the Club to enjoy the good fellowship of our long time friends and to build new ones. Art Auwerter & Larry Whipple have already expressed an interest in helping me sail back to Key West from Puerto Rico as additional crew; that's in May of 2012 and Sue Walcutt has expressed an interest in joining us in Antigua sometime next month in April. That would be a hoot. It will be easier & less expensive for our friends to visit us in the USVI so the invitation is out.



Blessings to all

Tito