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B.S.U. meets C.G.S.C.

I knew nothing of Idaho, or its capitol, Boise, until visiting there (now twice) in recent years. What a beautiful, clean city nestled in a valley alongside a pristine river with friendly, active people and home to the beautiful campus of Boise State University. The Boise State Broncos made a name for themselves just a few weeks ago by completing a 14 - 0 perfect season and winning the Fiesta Bowl. It is an exceptional school with exceptional programs such as their Honors College and their Outdoor Program, which brings us to the real reason for this article.

an inquiry from Chris Hyer, coordinator for the Honors College outdoor activities program. They were exploring the possibility of bringing as many as twelve

(12) students to South Florida for recreational learning activities, the most important of which would be a Learn-to-Sail program, culminating with their own sailing regatta.

We are thankful that they heard of our facility and instructional opportunities through their counterparts at the University of Miami. We met with the Sailing Director and others and prepared a proposal,

Last October, your Adult Sailing Committee received originally for a three day program, With plenty of



Boise State students launch for first group sail.

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

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COMMODORE’S REPORT



As I write these words we are settling into 2010. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the recent earthquake victims of Haiti. Please contribute to the organization of your choice to help send aid to those affected.

On the home front many exciting events are scheduled for the upcoming sailing season in Miami. Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted yet another successful Orange Bowl Regatta and the best New Years party of the millennium was enjoyed by all at the sailing club. A great way to start the year. The sailing club is a host of the Olympic Classes Sailing Regatta at the end of January with sailors from around the world already in Miami enjoying our world class sailing venue preparing for the event. The Coconut Grove Arts festival and the Miami Boat Show will be scheduled for February 13-15 and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club will be hosting a Open House to showcase the club during this weekend.

Progress is being made as the executive committee with Peter Branning our in house council and board member continue to hold meetings with city officials regarding our agreement/lease with the City of Miami .The Mayor and city officials are very supportive of the club and recognize all the good work our volunteers are contributing to the City of Miami residents.

Our GM Dragan is doing an excellent job implementing the new menu and keeping the club running smoothly. Come join the fun as, there is always Live Music with a variety of the best bands Miami has to offer every Friday. Bring your friends and introduce them to the club , a great way to start the weekend. Doug Hanks our entertainment chair is planning a busy 2010 with more events than ever scheduled. Consult the Channel for dates. Our Sailing/Waterfront director Nick Mansbach and Richard Crisler our adult sailing director have even more events and instruction than 2009 slated for 2010, as our programs serve an ever expanding cadre of youth and adult sailors from the City of Miami.

What are your New Year resolutions? On the top of my list for the club, is to have all our members GET INVOLVED NOW . Its your club ! Share your unique talents to make the club even better in 2010! Go Sailing and enjoy the Bay with your friends and family.

I will see you at our oasis on the Bay. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Nick Martens, Commodore

RECRUIT A MEMBER. HAVE DINNER ON US!

This year, we are pushing to fill our mooring field and boost our membership roster. So we are launching a new incentive program for all members. If you recruit a new Regular Member, you will earn a \$75 credit for food and drink at the Grove’s Nest! Recruit two members, get \$150! While the credit is awarded for recruiting Regular Members, any member is eligible for the credit, Social Members, too, of course! So get out there and start recruiting. And remind your recruits to mention you on their application. Tell them their first CGSC dinner is on you! See details at cgsc.org/membership2009.

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

We continue to work on selecting the improvements we will be making to the bar, and held our second forum to discuss the design on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Approximately 20 people attended and there was spirited discussion about the nature of the proposed improvements. Several questions were asked and are worth repeating here, including:

Why do we need to make any improvements – I like it the way it is?

Some of the improvements— such as the purchase of new chairs and tables, which has already been accomplished – are necessary deferred maintenance items. Our old bar furniture was literally falling apart. Other proposed improvements such as installing a new floor and painting are intended to freshen and update the appearance of the bar. We are now getting great crowds at the club on Friday nights, and we want to keep the momentum going to encourage members to come and use the club more often. We want members to think of the club as their first choice for fellowship, good food, family activities and entertainment.

I thought the club was strapped for money. How can we afford the improvements?

The total cost of improvements, as approved by the board of directors will not exceed five thousand dollars. This money comes out of our capital funds which are the cumulative sum of member's initiation fees, and which are reserved for such investments. These are separate from our operating funds, which are unaffected by capital investments, and which are paid for by income from moorings, food and beverage, room rentals etc. In more general terms, we need to keep our club looking its best if we are to retain existing, and attract new members. Work weekend this past December went a long way toward "Improving our first impression", and we will

continue to make improvements where needed. For example other areas in need of improvement that we will be addressing in the near future are the men's and women's restrooms on the ground floor.

In regard to the physical improvements themselves, there are some areas of consensus. Among these are: the need to replace the carpet with a surface that is easier to clean; the need to update the member boat pictures (we have been unable to identify some 30 percent of them); and the need to maintain food quality. There is also some growing interest in using digital photo frames to display both member boat pictures and current events such as recent regattas, rendezvous' and other club activities.

One of the suggestions offered at the forum was that we allow members to provide comments on the proposed bar improvements via our website. As you read this article you should also be able to complete a brief questionnaire on-line that will allow those who could not make it to the forums to participate in the discussion regarding the physical improvements. This will be followed by a second questionnaire regarding the menu.

That's all for this month. As always if you have any comments or ideas about improving our club I want to hear them. You can catch me at the club or email me at apruett@cg.wrtdesign.com.

See you on the Bay and at the Club

Alym Pruett,
Vice Commodore



US SAILING INSTRUCTOR COURSE TO BE HELD AT CGSC

The annual instructor certification course will be held at the club on the weekends of February 27 and 28 and March 6 and 7. It is a dynamic 4 day 40 hour course that certifies instructors to teach using U S Sailing certified methods. Interested candidates should be able to sail a Sunfish sailboat in all types of winds displaying solid basic skills, understand the basic principals of sailing and be able to operate a power boat. The course is designed to test sailing and power boat operation skills and provide training in basic teaching principals, conducting effective lectures, land, and water drills.

The main reason for conducting this annual course is to get our instructors ready for teaching summer camp. It is however an opportunity for anyone, club member or not to get some great training and become certified as an

instructor. I took this course many years ago along with Dick Crisler. It led me to a lot of years enjoying teaching others and with further training conducting this course. Most of the instructors you see teaching at the club have been through this course either at the club or at another location.

The course is now posted on the U S Sailing web site. You go there and sign up directly with them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. You can also talk to Nick Mansbach and of course Dick Crisler. They have both been through the course and are very familiar with it.

Bud Price
Cell number 786 303 2921



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! We need to get the word out about our club in order to recruit members. Fortunately we have a great tool to assist us: our web site. Please encourage prospective members to visit www.cgsc.org for membership level details, applications, club activities, etc.

Why join CGSC?

Since 1946, Coconut Grove Sailing Club has set members sailing onto Biscayne Bay for adventure, member Rendezvous events & competitions, and introduced and educated more than 10,000 youths and adults to the world of sailing. With a spectacular view of Dinner Key, the Patio Lounge & Grove's Nest Restaurant are popular for members for private, club, and corporate events. Social and Regular Mooring Memberships are available to City of Miami residents who desire a convenient club to make a change that adds spirit and longevity to one's life. CGSC is right for competitive sailors, new entrants, and folks who just want to be a part of the sailing community.

Ten reasons to join the CGSC today: 1. It's a Place Where Sailboats Belong: Our mooring field is competitively priced at \$9 per foot, in a protected harbor. Get to your sailboat with our free 24-hour launch service. Plus: use of the dock, dinghies, ice machine, parking, showers, pump-out, and wireless internet access in the club house that sometimes even stretches out to the moorings themselves!

2. You Can Learn to Sail: Adult & Youth Learn to Sail Programs, Youth Summer Camp, Boat Maintenance & Hurricane Preparedness Seminars, Learn to Race/Crew Opportunities

3. A Great Racing Community: Host to BBYRA Events, University of Miami's Sailing Team and the Rolex Miami Olympic Class Regattas

4. Greatest View on Biscayne Bay: Excellent location for Private and Corporate Events with Meeting Chart room with AV set up and dining for up to 120 guests

5. A Great Sailor's Community: Come swap sailing stories at the Grove's Nest, our second-floor bar and restaurant.

6. Elliott Key: That's where we have our Annual Rendezvous. It's the highlight of a social calendar that includes a Fall Fish Fry, a Spring Pig Roast and Social Night EVERY Tuesday.

7. International Membership: Members hail from ports across the Globe – Mingle and Learn from the BEST!

8. A CGSC Membership Follows You: We share reciprocity privileges with hundreds of yacht clubs across the country.

9. You Don't Need a Boat: Club Vessels available to qualified members: Ensigns, Flying Scots, Sunfish & Kayaks

10. Location, Location, Location: We're located in the heart of Coconut Grove, and parking is free for regular members! PLUS: Our mooring field is the most protected field on the bay and easiest accessibility to the Grove - restaurants, grocery store, hotel, etc. all within walking distance, and public transit connects to all of Dade County - via Coconut Grove Circulator bus at \$0.25, and rapid rail, easy connection to downtown Gables via circulator and FREE Coral Gable trolley.

Regular Membership – Sailors WANTED! Regular Members may store/moor a boat at the Club. Regular/Family Memberships have one vote in Club matters, Club privileges are extended to the entire family, (children up through age 20). The Membership Committee, Board of Directors and the General Membership will review all applications. Attendance at one general membership meeting 20 days after your initial application is required. Further access to facilities are available after an approval vote from the Membership.

Social Membership: City of Miami Residents are eligible and welcome

to become social members. Social Members have full dining privileges, access to all Social events and crewing opportunities with the cruising or racing sailors. We invite you to join and become an active Social Member of one of the finest sailing clubs in the world!

Associate Membership: Persons between the ages 21 and 24 may apply for Associate Membership. This category provides use of Club facilities, yet Associate Members are excluded from boat storage or voting privileges. At age 25, a Regular Membership may be applied for.

Non-Resident Membership: Candidates must not reside within 100 miles of Miami for more than 3-months annually. No boat storage or voting privileges are included with this membership level.

Junior Membership: Youths from ages 8 through 20 are eligible. Rack storage only is available. There are no voting privileges.

The above is from our web site, please visit it for details on Regattas, Sail Classes, Social Events, and oh so much more.

Sincerely,

Clare Hamm, Rear Commodore



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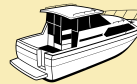
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Adult Sailing

In the recent past, the holiday season, starting in November and running well into January has always been very slow for adult sailing activities. For the past couple of years activity has increased significantly. This season Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve all fell on Thursdays, eliminating our popular weekly Sunfish Clinics on those days. Weather cancelled a couple of our planned events, but we were able to continue with our Basic Keelboat classes and during the holiday period, several people took advantage of time off for private keelboat coaching and to take the examination for Basic Keelboat Certification. Congratulations to member Martin Moehlin for achieving US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification since our last report.

A huge highlight of this past month was a four-day Sailing Instructional Seminar and Regatta conducted for Boise State University honors program students. A separate article in this issue refers to that outstanding event and experience for our club.

Our Sunfish fleet and equipment is in great shape, but during February we will be hauling both of our Ensign keelboats, PAT and FOUNDATION, for bottom and topsides work as well as some needed repairs. The work will be done nearby at Grove Key Boatyard. Anyone willing to give us a hand with this task is urged to contact Nick or Richard.

Instructor evaluation courses for both Level 1 (dinghy) instruction and keelboat instruction are being held in late February and March. Space is limited. If interested, contact Nick, Richard, Bruce Penrod or go online at www.ussailing.org.

for more information. Check our own website for detailed information as well. These evaluation courses are for those interested in becoming US Sailing Certified instructors.

Thanks for your continued support for our adult instructional programs.

Fair Winds and Full Sails,

Richard Crisler, Chairman
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From The Manager.....

With a cold front hitting Miami area at the beginning of the last month, activities at the Club were pretty slow for couple of weeks. However, we had a surprisingly good showing for our "Live Music Fridays" on the 8th which show to me clearly that, step by step, we are building

popular Friday evenings at the Club. We have lined up some new bands in the coming weeks and with some that brought great vibe already, I do expect excellent show every Friday. I strongly encourage you, if you have not visited Club House on Friday, to give it a chance.

The month of January was very busy for our hard working Race Committee. We had successful Olympic Class Regatta and as you read this issue, we are hosting the 29erXX Super Bowl Regatta. At the end of the month, Melges class is coming back to CGSC for the second of three regattas scheduled for this season. This will be another opportunity to shine and hopefully get them back the next season as well. It was also very busy for Junior Sailing last month and Nick's schedule seems equally filled in February and March. Great job guys.

A few words on our new menu now. In the previous issue, I announced that new menu will kick in by the end of January. However, since the work in the bar has been pushed back in order to conduct the survey on best option for the bar, the menu was postponed as well. The idea is to refurbish the bar

and present the new, Caribbean accented menu at the same time. As you read this article, I do expect to have the final date for opening of a new CGSC Bar and Caribbean grill.

As you perhaps noticed, one of our draft beer lines is changing frequently. The reason is that this line is becoming our "Monthly Special" line. It will be reserved for an American microbrew; which has become perhaps the most creative segment of the World's brewing industry. A Few members approached me with great suggestions and I'll try to introduce them in the future.

And now, I would like to announce the CGSC First Wine Lecture and Tasting for the 3rd of February... As a preparation for new wine list, which will be introduced with the new food menu, we will taste different options. In particular, we'll have seven or nine whites and seven to nine reds. After blind tasting and (I'm sure) energetic discussion, we'll vote on new 4 reds and new 4 whites for our wine list. I'll have some cheese and crackers to help digestive system as well as spit buckets and pitchers of water to cleanse the palate. Ticket costs \$15 per person and number of seats is limited to 25.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all regular members that picked up new, green parking sticker and encourage those that did not receive it yet to stop by the office and Lauren or I will provide you with one.

Thank you and see you all at the Club.....

Dragan Savin

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facilities to select from in South Florida, we were extremely pleased they chose CGSC. I made sure that our newest adult instructor, Bruce Penrod, would be available to co-instruct, and we jointly all agreed on January 11 - 13, with a "weather day" of the 14th if we needed it. Little did we know that we were selecting days that would be within a record-breaking c-c-c-c-cold spell for our area, not to mention other weather "negatives" that would occur. We also agreed the course would be taught on the Sunfish, our fun, fast, easily capsizable training boat.

On the chilly Sunday night before the class was to begin, I called the advisor to apologize for the cold and remind them to dress warmly and bring changes of clothes. He advised me that this hardy group had been overnight camping in the Everglades that weekend, which was cold and rainy ("indoor" weather for we South Floridians). I suspected then we had a hardy, game group. When they arrived Monday morning, the temp was in the 40s and the winds were blowing briskly. We didn't know until then that our classroom, the main CGSC meeting hall, was not heated. Bruce and I bundled up, and the class just took it in stride. It was too cold and windy for the required swim and capsizing drill so we shortened the day slightly, finishing with simulator drills and extending the class into the 14th.

On day two, Bruce and I conducted the "dreaded" swim and capsizing drills. We divided the class to speed up the process since we both had to remain in that frigid water until all students had completed the drill. Even with a shorty wet suit, it was the coldest I have ever been in thirty years in Miami. The

students jumped in the water as though they were penguins or polar bears and all successfully completed the test in order to proceed with the course. These tests now completed, we conducted the individual "first sail" exercise with each student sailing a course in the harbor with an instructor alongside in a safety boat. They were great!

After two days, it was obvious to Bruce and I how exceptional and gifted these students were.

They learned everything so fast, paid close attention to everything, stayed focused on the tasks at hand, were extremely courteous and appreciative of our work with them. I learned that to be accepted in the Honors College, the student must have graduated with at least a 3.5 GPA from high school and maintain a 3.5 GPA minimum to remain in the college. They have their own dormitory at BSU and work in an academically motivated environment with their peers. Their is a page and video at www.boisestate.edu/honors/ that explains their unique program. Further, as part of the honors college, they also can participate in a variety of Outdoor activities and trips. At www.boisestate.edu/honors/activities.shtml it states they "recognize that much of your education occurs beyond the walls of the classroom". Bruce, a retired educator himself, and I found great promise with this group. If these are our leaders of the future, we will be in good hands.

On the third day, our entire class was sailing in the bay around a prescribed course, practicing their skills and readying themselves for tomorrow's regatta. It was still pretty cool (three layers), and the sun didn't make itself very visible, but the students learned fast, and with only one day of sailing were able to make their way back to the dock sailing upwind in a narrow harbor against a north wind. Only one person capsized, and it didn't seem to phase her at all. She was one of the most active



*B-r-r-r-r-
r; Capsize
Recovery*

Hope I don't have to do this again.



*The 50 degree
classroom*



Learning to rig



Rigging competition



Wind-less regatta



No wind - but nice reflections

and involved of the group.

Finally it was Thursday..... Regatta Day. Everyone was hyped and ready. Without coaching, the students rigged and launched their boats and helped each other all the way. Thankfully it was warmer, but the winds were still out of the north and very light that morning, never meeting the prediction. It was fun, it was colorful, but it was S-L-O-W. By the third race, the wind had died completely and the boats were drifting with the tide. We waited... waited... waited.. and still... No wind. They seemed unphased, were laughing and enjoying the crystal clear water. It was like "snorkeling without a mask", one student remarked. We tied two groups of boats together and towed them back to the dock, a rare occurrence in an adult class.

After lunch we had a fun and informal ceremony, with Vice Commodore Pruett giving the Honors College a burgee and presenting individual Completion Certificates. Lots of "thanks" came our way and good wishes passed on to them. I have enjoyed teaching sailing at CGSC for over twenty years and had many wonderful experiences, but I agree with Bruce that this experience is at the "top" for an instructor. We hope to use this experience as a stepping stone to expand this type of program at CGSC. None of these students (only the advisor) had ever sailed before, and promoting sailing is what CGSC is all about.. "to support and encourage the art and sport of sailing".... the club's purpose.

This was a "win / win" event for BSU and CGSC. Thanks to Bruce Penrod for his co-leadership in this project and to

Alyn Pruett, Nick Mansbach, manager Dragan, and staff who all played a role in the success of this event.

Warm Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler, Chairman
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*Meredith
- Overall
winner with
3 firsts.*

*Kelsea -
2nd place*



Nate



Sheenah

*Class in CGSC T-Shirts -
Graduation Day*



Scott



VC presents Burgee



Nicole



1st race



Not the way to end a regatta

OLYMPIC CONTENDERS DUEL AT OB REGATTA

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's 47th annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta saw a duel of Olympic proportions, December 27-30. Young Laser Class Olympic hopefuls Robert Davis of Kingston, ON Canada and American Kyle Rogachenko of Collegeville, PA put on spectacular sailing performances, with one or the other winning all 10 of the races in the 25-boat fleet. Especially telling was that one race could be discarded, and for Robert, it was a second place finish!

The four-day regatta got off on a slow note, with very light air on Sunday, December 27. After a postponement waiting for wind, a 4-5 knot steady breeze developed and the fleet was sent on a windward-leeward twice around course. Not a fast race, but quality light air conditions prevailed. Two races had been planned that day, but only one was sailed due to the conditions.

CGSC's Race Committee used a rotating Principal Race Officer assignment for the regatta. Jo Ann Mathieu took over on Monday from Ron Rostorfer. A good, but shifty NW wind settled in, and four races were conducted, putting the regatta back on schedule. It was a grind for the competitors, even though the Race Committee passed out water and power bars after each race. David Hartman, a Great Grand Master was heard to remark to Jo Ann, "Why aren't we still racing, it's not dark yet?"

Kyle Rogachenko recovered from an opening race 4th to win three of the four races, with Robert Davis taking three seconds and a first. Gordon Lamphere from Lake Forest, IL emerged as third place in the fleet. Among the Laser Master fleet, who were also competing in the overall Laser Class standings, a good matchup emerged with CGSC's Augie Diaz holding a one point lead over Michael Matan from New York City after five races.

The PRO for the balance of the regatta was CGSC Race Chair Susan Walcutt. Tuesday was a transition day for the wind. The first lap of the windward-leeward course was to the NW, and the second lap to the EAST! It wasn't pretty, and the race was shortened at the second windward mark. Still, no time was wasted. Things steadied out from the NE after that, and two good quality races were completed. This brought the total to eight of the 10 races scheduled, with Robert and Kyle tied on points! Generally, after each race,



Top: Gordon Lamphere (Lake Forest, IL) leads Canadian Robert Davis to the leeward gate.

Above: Olympic contenders duel upwind: Canadian Robert Davis to leeward of American Kyle Rogachenko.

Left: Canadian Olga Koubrak heads upwind after rounding the gate.



(L-R) Lester Johnson and Laura Sherrod of the Orange Bowl Committee at the trophy presentation with Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer and Rear Commodore Clare Hamm.



CGSC OB Regatta Champion and US Olympic contender Kyle Rogachenko of Collegeville, PA.



Clare Hamm presents Laser Master 3rd Place trophy to Paul Wurtzbech of Woodridge, IL.



Orange Bowl representative Lester Johnson with Ron Rostorfer.

these two were seen sailing together discussing how the race was won – or not won! Michael Matan overtook Augie for the overnight lead among the Masters.

By Wednesday, our usual easterly arrived – a great sailing breeze, and fairly steady. Robert and Kyle again traded firsts and seconds. Augie had two bullets to win going away among the Masters. But, after ten races with one discarded, Robert and Kyle were still tied for first overall!

The trophy presentation featured The Orange Bowl Committee's sailing events Chair, Lester Johnson. Lester has held this office for many, many years, and is one of the finest gentlemen anyone could hope to meet. He's lived the history of CGSC's 47 Orange Bowl Regattas, and his remarks are always interesting. He introduced Laura Sherrod who will be taking over the OB Committee sailing chairmanship next year.

The only sad note at the presentation was that the tie between the two outstanding performances of Robert and Kyle had to be broken, with Kyle taking the win on the tie-breaker. Gordon Lamphere was 3rd. In 4th place was Puerto Rico's Francisco Medina, while Roman Plutenko of Chicago, but originally from the Ukraine, finished 5th. Among the Laser Masters, after Augie's win and Michael Matan's second, Paul Wurtzback of Woodridge, IL finished 3rd. Olga Koubrak of Toronto was awarded first place in the Laser Radial Class.

CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job, getting in all ten races in what were, at times, difficult conditions. Besides the three PRO's mentioned above, the Signal Boat owner was Henry Bernstein with his Hunter 34, Ivory Gull. Many thanks to Henry! Signal Boat crews included Marvin Schenker, Dottie Rostorfer, JoAnn Mathieu and Vicki Rosenbloom, along with Dick Podder and George Bradley.

Support boat crews included Dave Brown, skipper of the Mark Boat, Pin and Gate Boat skippers Art Auwaerter, Carl Updyke and Kit Temple, with crews Bernie Meier, Anne Edwards, and newcomers Megan O'Connell, Scott Findley and Alan Mercer.

Shore support personnel were led by CGSC Secretary Cathy Buller, with Nadia Maudsley and Elizabeth Libby.



Below: CGSC Orange Bowl trophy recipients Roman Plutenko (Chicago), Olga Koubrak (Toronto), Olympic contenders Robert Davis (Kingston, ON) and Kyle Rogachenko (Collegeville, PA), Laser Masters winner and CGSC's own Augie Diaz, Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer.

Above: Second place Masters champ Michael Matan of New York City.



View from the Signal Boat

November and December 2009 were busy ones for the CGSC Race Committee. Jo Ann Mathieu was PRO November 14th, for the CGSC Commodore's Cup, won by Tiburon, Eduardo Luaces, in the PHRF class and by Lady Hope, Henry Bernstein, in the One Design class. Several CGSC RC members were volunteers working the Farr 40 races mid-November. The Florida SE PHRF Championships with Ron Rostorfer as PRO were held November 21 and 22, 2009. Saturday's racing consisted of windward/leeward courses. On Sunday the Classes were sent on a Distance Race. Winners after 2 days were PHRF 1 Thin Ice, Stuart Hebb, and PHRF 2 CGSC's own Jammin', Russ and Vicky Horn.

December 12-13 were the dates for the Audi Melges 20 Inaugural Miami Winter Series. After several months of organization headed by Ron Rostorfer, the first event (of three) went off without a hitch. Leader after the first Regatta is Jeff Ecklund. Trophies are awarded for each of the three Regattas as well as an overall for the series. The Annual Orange Bowl, with PRO duties shared by Ron Rostorfer, Jo Ann Mathieu and me was held on December 27-30, 2009. After a full court press promoting the event, we had 27 Lasers registered from all over the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. The overall Laser winner was Kyle Rogachenko, a US Olympic hopeful. CGSC's Augie Diaz took first place in the Masters Class.

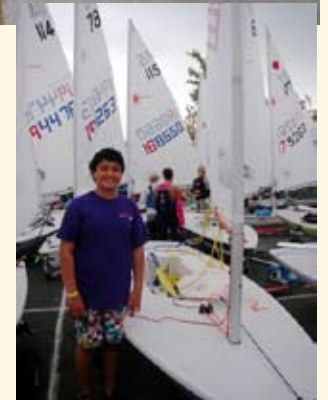
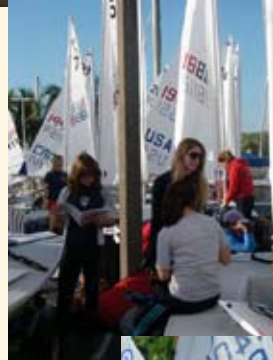
Full details of CGSC-run races can be found on the CGSC website. Click on Sailing Activities on the Home Page and then Race Results.

December's Work Weekend had Race Committee checking for leaks and cleaning all the Marks. All RC boat boxes were cleaned and restocked with supplies. Our major task was to clean up the Pontoon Boat by removing all the worn carpeting so new carpet could be installed. Painted surfaces were cleaned and repainted. A new radio will soon be installed with the last job of recovering or replacing the driver's seat still pending. If any CGSC member has a seat to donate or information on a good marine upholstery company, please let me know.

2010 Race and Regatta season is heating up quickly. We welcome any CGSC Members or friend to contact me if they are interested in joining the Race Committee Team. No experience needed, we will train you. It is a great way to spend a day on Biscayne Bay and support your Club at the same time.

See you on the Bay,
Susan Walcutt
Race Committee Chair
walcutts@bellsouth.net

Junior Sailors Compete at Junior Orange Bowl Regatta



Youth Perspective

My name is Leanne Nelson and I am a 9 year old third grade Miami Dade County Virtual School student enrolled in the CGSC Saturday sailing classes and a CGSC member.

On Saturday December 19, 2009 firstly, I arrived late at about 10 am at CGSC because my mom slept in and my group was out on their first sailing run going to three islands. We waited by the docks for my group to arrive back from their fun morning sailing time. My boat #1 was on the rack but I can't quite build a boat yet on my own. I can get the sails and everything and all the materials but for some reason I can't quite remember in my mind how to put it all together without help but eventually I will. While we were waiting we took pictures of grandma, my sister Susan and me. I chased my sister around and we played and had some fun while we waited for everyone to come back from their first morning sailing adventure. When they came back around noon we had lunch. I had spiral ham, large cinnamon sugar cookies and mini short bread cookies and apple juice. I sat with my group and sister and we had lunch together. My team mates are Kevin, Joshua and my teacher is Peggy.

Secondly, after lunch we went to the edge of the dock and Joshua got in the front of the boat and forgot to pull the sail rope in from the water and I was at the tiller. In a few minutes he remembered to pull in the rope and we sailed out to the ocean for the group's second sailing. Peggy took the motor boat out and followed us. I almost capsized and Peggy took Joshua off the boat. I sailed my opti over to Kevin's opti so that if I did capsize he would be there to help me if he could. I almost capsized when I was next to Kevin running into his opti. What happened was a gust of wind pushed me way over and my sail was too tight and my opti was literally pushed sideways by the wind when my boat tipped over and crashed into Kevin's opti. The wind changed directions and we went right side up again saving me from a complete capsize and as I was trying to turn my boat when my opti went bizerk and I almost capsized again but then the wind was behind me and I sped ahead in a rush and a zoom with speed. I got the opti under control and when I went near to the teacher I crashed into my teacher's motor boat. I got into her boat thinking she wanted me there but she was really telling me not to. But I went on her boat anyway. Joshua got into my boat on his own. I was chatting with Peggy and she said "Why did you get off your boat you should have stayed on." We docked and had a little break; I went for a run like a cheetah.

Thirdly, we went out again for the third time. I was much more brave this time. I went sailing and had zero close capsizes but I almost ran into the teacher's boat again but I missed. Then I almost ran into Kevin's boat again and I missed because this time I had more control and was able to steer my boat to pass rather than run into them so I did not hit them. Then everything was calm and I turned a few

times and then I docked at about 3 o'clock.

Finally at 4 pm I left with my mom. But before that I was playing with my friends and team mates. We had so much fun! When I got home I wrote this sailing poem:

Leanne's Sailing Ride
by Leanne Nelson 12/2009

Listen, my friends and you shall know
Of the Saturday rides with CGSC.
On the 19th of December, in 2009.
They wait under covered patio
Where the picnic tables are
My lunch in the Beginner Box;
My bag in the little shady spot under the roof.

Let the adventure begin;
Let the sun kiss you;
Let the sun beat upon your head with silver gleam;
Let the ocean and wind sing you a lullaby;
Let the sail catch the wind so we can play faster runner.

Fun fun that day;
Now I am happy;
Now I grin;
Now I can dream of the sun and the wind and the sail.

Coconut Grove Sailing Club Racing & Regatta Schedule

**January 25-29, 2010
Olympic Classes Regatta**

**February 5-6, 2010
Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta**

**February 20-21, 2010
Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Reg. #2**

**March 11-13, 2010
Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Reg.#3
(in conjunction with Sail Miami
Week 2010)**

**March 19-21, 2010
Don Q Snipe Regatta**

CLUB FLYING SCOTS GET A FACE LIFT

Thanks to a donation from the Ann Arbor Foundation the club was able to paint three of the four Flying Scots that it owns.. If you happen to be in the area of the strip take a look at the transformation. It is really dramatic.

The Club owns four Flying Scots that have all been donated over time. They are used for training, racing and as an entry level boat to get people out on the water who feel they are not ready for boat ownership. This is a truly great entry level opportunity.

The Scot weighs 850 pounds, has a weighted centerboard and carries main jib and spinnaker sails. It is a great boat for sailors with strong basic skills. Their centerboard with its ability to fold up into the boat and the lifting rudder allow you to sail right on to a sand bar to stop and explore. The large main and full compliment of sails provides great performance even in light air. The boat will comfortably handle 3 to 4 adults for a cruise. There is a local racing fleet that welcomes new members and really tries to make entry into racing the Scot easy.

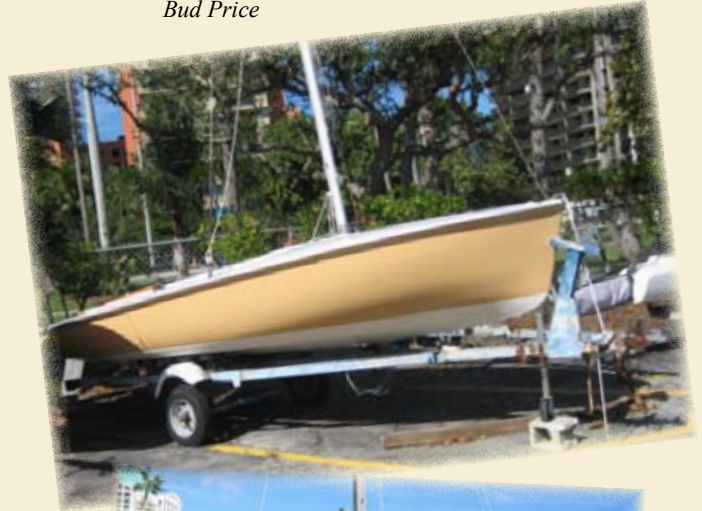
The club makes these boats available to members for casual sailing and events such as racing. Access for these boats is a little different than the other smaller boats. It is done on a sponsorship basis. Because of the weight and acceleration of the boat it can easily hole one of the boats on the moorings and it does require some strong basic skills to keep out of trouble. The sponsorship program provides the club a way to make the boats available and keep risk to other members and club property at a minimum. If you are interested you can contact Bud Price or Nick Mansbach. You will be asked to go for a test sail to show that you have the basic skills to keep the boat under control, get the boat through the mooring field, depart from and land on the dock appropriately. If you pass the test you will go to the next step. If you do not we will recommend classes or some time on the helm with Bud to get your skills up to standard.

Once your skill level is verified you will sign a sponsorship agreement. It basically states that you will pay the monthly strip fee of around \$90.00 and assure that the boat stays clean and ready to sail. You will report any repairs that are needed so that the boat can be kept in sailing condition and hopefully perform small repairs yourself. For that you will be allowed to use the boat any time you like as long as it is not being used

for a club event like racing or teaching.

The Scots are made available for organized races. If you are a sponsor you have first choice to race the boat. If you choose not to it will be made available to qualified skippers for the day. The boats are occasionally used for classes. Those classes are scheduled in advance and sponsors are notified. Other than those occasions the Scot is yours to use. Some of the boats are sponsored by multiple people which makes the pricing very attractive. There are sponsorships available now. One boat is looking for a third partner. If you have any interest in either racing or just cruising the boats see Bud or Nick.

Bud Price



Join
CGSC's
Race Committee Team

A rewarding day on the Bay!

Contact Susan Walcutt
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305.297.7757

FEBRUARY 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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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



CGSC BOAT PARADE



NEW YEARS EVE MASQUERADE CELEBRATION





CGSC First Annual Wine 101 Lecture
and New Wine List Tasting

Wednesday, 3rd of February @ 600PM

Ticket Cost: \$15 per person

Reserve your spot at the Tasting Table
by talking to Dragan or calling ext 18.

Only 25 Tickets Available