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JANUARY 2010

Incredible 1st Melges 20 Regatta

Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Wind Gods cooperated to provide a truly great regatta experience for the 13 teams who came to contest the first of our new Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Regattas.

Things got off to a very good start on Friday evening, December 11th with the Skippers' Meeting in the Main Room, followed by an appetizer party with live band, courtesy of CGSC's Social Chair, Doug Hanks. The bar was incredibly active as the racers renewed acquaintances from last summer's initial regattas for this new Class. Harry Melges and Andy Burdick

from Melges Performance Sailboats, along with their wives, were key faces in the crowd.



Overnight winds were occasionally squally, promising a good hard breeze for the start of racing on Saturday. According to Audi Melges 20 Class publicist, Joy Dunigan, "The conditions for racing today were more than ideal, they were absolutely perfect. Everyone anticipated cloudy conditions with decent breeze, however

Miami exceeded expectations as a flawless Race Committee delivered four amazing races. Racing commenced on time, under beautiful sunshine, warm temperatures and a relatively steady 15-18+ knots

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Sunfish as they enter the channel coming "home" from a day on the Bay. Photo by Dick Crisler.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010! A new year and decade for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club!

A brief review of the sailing club is in order for our members and all the new members and sailors we will welcome in the year. The sailing club is entering a new decade of community service to the residents of the City of Miami, fostering sailing and the art of seamanship to thousands of children and 5 generations of families that call Miami and Biscayne Bay home over our 65 year history. Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the only public access sailing club in Miami. Our moorings and membership are available on a first come first serve basis to everyone. We continue to teach and host students from Miami Dade County Public Schools, at no cost. We have developed a program over the years with the Coconut Grove Rotary Club, in which they contribute 100% of the cost for the children of low-income families in the Center Grove area for Summer Sailing Camp and a yearly spring regatta.

These programs introduce and offer continued training to over 2000 middle and high school students on a yearly basis. These are a few examples of the many programs we have developed to serve the community at no cost with our outstanding volunteers providing the hard work. Through our US Sailing certified instructors, we offer Adult Sailing classes on a monthly basis, to increase availability to the Bay for non-boat owning members, we began a "Member Boat Usage" program 2 years ago. Members who have been checked out or trained by our US Sailing instructors can access a club owned boat for a minimal maintenance fee.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club continues to support all City of Miami and local Civic organizations on a regular basis: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Coconut Grove Village Council, National Park Service and Miami Dade Public School programs among many others. Our race committee management program is a leader in the sailing community and is nationally recognized. This insures that Miami and Biscayne Bay is a national, international and Olympic sailboat racing destination that contributes large positive economic impact for the City of Miami and its merchants. Coconut Grove Sailing Club continues to be a cornerstone of sailing in Miami providing sailors everywhere a world class sailing venue on Biscayne Bay.

This is a brief reminder for all of us regarding our Coconut Grove Sailing Club. I expect to see many new faces at the club over the next year.

Our new menu is being implemented with many new and exciting offerings for your dining pleasure. Expect continued "Live Music" with great bands every Friday Night throughout the year with our culinary staff providing great food and drink. We have implemented a monthly lecture series please consult the web site for the schedule. Our GM Dragan continues to do a great job leading the staff. Please join our monthly General Meetings that will provide you with detailed information on all the great work your club is doing.

As I always say, the time to get involved in NOW, so make it one of your New Year's resolutions to Volunteer your unique talent to the club, I guarantee you will always get more back and enrich your experience enjoying your time at the club.

Go Sailing Now 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*



VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Work Weekend 2009 is now in the history books! We had a great turnout both Saturday and Sunday, and a great deal of work was accomplished. As you may know from my presentation at the November General Member Meeting, the theme of this year's work weekend was "Improving Our First Impression".

As a result, the work focused on landscaping of the parking lot, improving the appearance of the front entrance and sign, improving the appearance of the "rear" entrance at the dock office, and improving the condition of the ground floor of the club. Work crews were created to address each of the component elements, and were led by: "Building": Sean Connett, "Strip": Marc and Cathy Buller, "Dinks and Carts": Bill Beavers, "Landscape": Alyn Pruett, "Sunfish": Richard Crisler, "Island E": Leslie Jones and Karen Young. Many members helped each of these crews throughout the weekend.

In addition we had staff helping throughout the weekend. Ricky, Chris and Caesar worked hard to clean and reorganize the kitchen. Kevin and Lee helped with shuttling the work crew to Island E, and Duane did a great job pressure cleaning the curbs around the parking lot. Not to be forgotten is Tom – who figured out how much of everything to buy. Dragan – our general manger was also heavily involved in work on the landscape improvements. Nick Mansbach came wearing his heavy-duty work boots, and directed the major cleanout

of our aging shrubs, and the installation of new plantings between the strip and club lawn.

I also want to acknowledge the participation of the crew of the William Piquette. Adam and Trevor, of the Eye of the World Expedition, voluntarily jumped in to help with club repairs and improvements. By the time this article is published they will be on their way to the Bahamas. We have invited them back at the conclusion of their around-the-world journey.

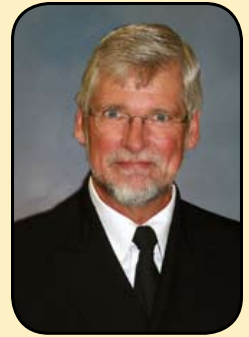
With more than 50 members participating in work weekend, I cannot list all by name. But let me say we greatly appreciated the efforts of all those who lent a hand in improving our club. I have heard from several people that the club looks better than ever.

Participants received a complimentary "I Worked" T-Shirt – if you did not receive yours please contact Janice Pruett @ jbpmom@aol.com or 786.564.5937.

In January look for our next forum regarding improvements to the bar.

That's all for now

See you on the Bay and at the Club



*Alyn Pruett,
Vice Commodore*



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

With the Holidays and Orange Bowl Regatta behind us we can now start to focus on 2010. Our first big opportunity to gain exposure for our club will be the Arts Festival and the Miami Boat Show, both of which take place over Presidents Day weekend, 2/13-2/15.

As we all know the streets close down in front of our club to accommodate the festival and in the past we have always rented out our parking lot. This year we are going to take advantage of the opportunity to host an open house and invite show attendees to come and visit our club. Our plan is to display boats both on the dock and lawn and have club ambassadors on the grounds to show guest around. We will be looking for volunteers to hand out information in the show and to help out on the grounds. We need to get boats and staffing in place so please let me know if you are interested.

As the winter boat-buying season kicks in, the CGSC wants to take advantage of the greatest nautical buyers' market in our lifetimes! For this, we're creating a seminar called Buying a Sailboat 101. We're assembling members and outside experts to share their advice for would-be sailboat owners, with the thought that they'll naturally give a

hard look at keeping their new purchases on our mooring field.

We plan two seminars. We're tentatively scheduled to give one at the Miami Boat Show's Strictly Sail exhibition. This is a huge honor for us, and an opportunity! Then we'll be having one at the club on the morning of Saturday, March 6th. A big part of that seminar will be offering a tour of various boats on our Mooring Field, so that participants can see first-hand what sort of sailboats are out there. It will take about an hour at lunchtime. Please let Doug Hanks, the seminar's coordinator, know if you and your boat are available that day. You can reach him at hanksmiami@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and remember it's your club, GET INVOLVED!

*Clare Hamm,
Rear Commodore*

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From The Manager.....

Happy New Year to all! I'm looking forward to a successful year.

We had a very productive "Work weekend" last month, lots of great improvements to the overall look of the Club grounds and Club House where made. Thank you all that participated. The entrance to the Club has new, clean, manicured look, a

new welcome sign was made by Mike Lovelady and painted in more neutral and elegant color, parking islands were cleaned of bushes, new paint is on the southern side of the building as well as the delivery railing. We also had the City clean the other side of the fence off of unsightly bushy clutter, so the building is much more visible from the walkway as well as the road. Our Dock staff will continue maintaining the beauty achieved and keep the grounds looking presentable and neat.

We had new bar furniture introduced and with upcoming

bar refurbishment, the Club House will have a new, clean and updated look. We had also installed new kitchen equipment. A new oven with six burners is in, a lava rock grill as well as produce fridge....and now – it is time to introduce our new, Caribbean menu. Tentative day to introduce the menu is last week of the month. I'm eagerly waiting to do this last phase of the improvements at the Club. I can already smell Bahamian Mac & Cheese, Mango and Spiced Rum Glazed Chicken Tropical flavors are coming to CGSC....

As I have pointed out last month, we are experiencing some serious parking issues on weekends. As we all know, parking on the property is a privilege of Regular members only; all others, including guests of regular members, would need to park off the property. In the New Year, Management will start strictly enforcing the rule. Therefore, if you have not picked up the new green, parking sticker, it is time to do it now. I appreciate your cooperation in this important matter.

Once again, Happy New Year to all at CGSC!!

Dragan Savin

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.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Though traditionally slower than other months, we still had the best activity in November and December that we have ever experienced. This included all of our instructional activities from Sunfish Learn-to-Sail, Basic Keelboat, and Keelboat Certification classes to our weekly clinics and good activity with private coaching, especially with our keelboat program.

As of this writing, we already have activities well above average scheduled and committed for January. Not the least of these is a three day sailing seminar for students from the Honors Program at Boise State University. This will take place on January 11, 12, 13. The seminar will include two days of learn-to-sail classes and practice followed by a third day for their own private regatta.

One of the bright spots for our committee in December was the hard work and extremely efficient help of more than a dozen unselfish volunteers on Work Weekend to help us scrub and wax all the Sunfish hulls, sand and varnish more than a dozen tillers, rudders and boards and a thorough inspection and repair of our sail inventory for the Sunfish. Thank You! Thank You Volunteers!! It was amazing how well they organized themselves and completed all the work in just two days.

Both of our Ensign keelboats are getting lots of use in classes as well as our Member Use program which is gaining in popularity and activity. These two sturdy "workhorses" are in need of haulouts for regular maintenance as well as

some repairs and TLC. The haulouts will occur after our busy January schedule, and we would appreciate any advice or help with this work. We need to minimize the time these boats will be out of service. If interested, please contact Nick (ext. 11) or Richard (see below)..

Thanks to all of our many, many students (both non-members and members) for the good success of our Adult Instructional programs in 2009. Thanks also for the support of our officers, board, club staff and general membership who have taken an interest, supported and even volunteered to help us during this past year. We promise you even more success in the New Year. Just this past week, one of our Sunfish students, who then went on to become Keelboat Certified, became a Social Member, took part in our Member Use program, became a regular member and is now the proud owner of "UPSIDE". Welcome Seiji Kawamura and family to the sailing community of CGSC. (And it all started with a Sunfish lesson at CGSC.)

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing into 2010.
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of breeze featuring 1.2 nm legs at 095 degrees. As an omen of things to come, Jeff Ecklund of Ft. Lauderdale was called OCS for a premature start in the first race, restarted, and won the race. Four great races were sailed in very steady winds on Saturday, with Ecklund's STAR winning all four to establish a substantial lead after the first day's racing.

"This totally lived up to my expectations. The set-up here is perfect. Logistically, really handy." said second place overnight finisher Eric Wynsma (East Grand Rapids, Mich.) on Superfly. "This is so easy. The racing was great, very intense. As far as the conditions, it could not have been more perfect. The wind range was perfect. The Audi Melges 20 loves 15-20 knots. That's my favorite part."

"Today was a spectacular day of sailing," said third place overnight Marc Hollerbach (Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.) on Fu. "The reality is everybody was fast all day. We had great legs upwind. Ecklund was always in the right place and he made very few mistakes. His boat was spot on."

This fleet has come a long way in a very short period of time. Hollerbach, who won Charleston Race Week this past April reflected on the Class' progress, "The boats are much faster than when we first started. We have a better idea about tuning, rigging. This is very good competition."

CGSC hosted an excellent fleet dinner on Saturday

evening, attended by virtually all the competing teams. Under Dragan's leadership, Chef Ricky Wills served up a terrific buffet of beef goulash, grilled chicken and a terrific snapper dish, complete with veggies, mashed potatoes, salad, and Key Lime pie for dessert. Vice Commodore Alyn Pruitt and wife Janice led the CGSC contingent. West Marine donated sailing items worth \$200 that were raffled off, to the delight of the racers. It was another great night in the CGSC bar.

Two more amazing races were held on Sunday, with the breeze ever so slightly shifting for the first start of the day. Under gorgeous blue skies, plentiful sunshine and light, but decent breeze two general recalls resulted in resetting the

line for a course 4, bearing of 150 degrees. Once off the line it was Jim Hilgard (Godfrey, Ill.) on Crystal Spirit and Wynsma fighting for the mark, dueling to the gate, back around and to the finish. Wynsma clinched the win by a foot. Dave Hammett (Washington Grove, Md.) on Simplified Sophistication rebounded after a tough Saturday only to burst on the Sunday scene with at third place finish for race one.

The last race of the day and final in the race series brought on more of the relatively light and tricky stuff. Wynsma came on strong again, but just could not pull off the better than needed score to beat the STAR team. Wilber poured on the speed putting him well ahead of the fleet for the win. Wynsma took second. Hammett, again found himself in third.

STAR had a different helmsman on Sunday, and managed two sixth places, resulting in a tie for the Regatta with Wynsma. STAR easily won the tie-break with Ecklund's four bullets on Saturday. It was a very close finish to a terrific regatta.

Again, quoting from Joy Dunnigan, "A very special thanks to everyone that made this event extraordinary.

Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer did an outstanding job of simply making sure everyone was taken care of, the Coconut Grove





Sailing Club was the absolute perfect host with an awesome line-up of knowledgeable and hospitable volunteers. Bruce Golison and his hard-working race committee did everything right. They managed the shifts making this one of the very best, well-run regattas ever!"

For the regatta, Melges Performance Sailboats brought in three outstanding Race Officers to supplement CGSC's own excellent Race Committee. Bruce Golison from California was PRO, Steve Washburn handled scoring, and Taran Teague was Race Officer on the Gate Boat. CGSC RC members working the regatta included Signal Boat Owner Mike Castleberry and wife, Karen, with their Tartan 372, Imagine. Also on board were timer Dottie Rostorfer, Recorder Jo Ann Mathieu, and Flag Signaller Vicki Rosenbloom.

CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt was the Mark Boat operator, with her Contender 27, ably crewed by Jim Bigham and George Bradley. With Taran Teague on Mako 2, the Gate Boat, were Operator Darren Stortz and crew (and emergency first responder) Anne Edwards. The Pin Boat was David Kurtz's Robalo, with Ron Rostorfer and Esther Dileo crewing.

The competitors, the Race Committee, and CGSC in general are looking forward to the remaining events in this Melges 20 Miami Winter Series – February 19-21 and March 11-14, in conjunction with the new Bacardi Miami Sailing Week.

Ron Rostorfer



Photos compliments of Chiara Manton.

MELGES 20 TOP TEN RESULTS

1.) Jeff Ecklund	STAR	1-1-1-1-[6]-6 = 10
2.) Eric Wynsma	Superfly	2-3-[4]-2-1-2 = 10
3.) Robert Wilber	Cinghaile	7-2-[9]-6-5-1 = 21
4.) Marc Hollerbach	Fu	6-4-2-4-7-[8] = 23
5.) Mary Anne Ward	M&M Sailing	[8]-5-5-5-4-4 = 23
6.) Jim Higard	Crystal Spirit	[9]-6-7-7-2-5 = 27
7.) Peter Kozicz	CAN-142	5-7-3-3-9-[10] = 27
8.) Joe Williams	Lift Ticket	4-8-6-[9]-8-7 = 33
9.) Erwyn Naidoo	Bohica	10-9-8-8-12-[13] = 47
10.) David Hammett	Simplified Sophistication	[DNF]-DNC-DNC-DNC-3-3 = 48

Racing Schedule – January 2010

Sat. Jan. 2, 2010 BBYRA PHRF #1

Mon.-Fri. Jan. 25-29, 2010

Olympic Class Regatta

Join CGSC's Race Committee Team

A rewarding day on the Bay!

Contact Susan Walcutt
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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



SE FLORIDA PHRF CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

Each November, Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosts the Southeast Florida PHRF Championship Regatta—the most important PHRF regatta of the season on Biscayne Bay. The dates were November 21-22, 2009. Last year, it was “dog eat dog” a hard fought series decided by only a single point. This year was the opposite, as Stuart Hebb’s Aerodyne 38 Thin Ice from CRYC ran off with the championships by almost a 20 minute total elapsed time margin. CGSC’s Russ and Vicki Horn, sailing their Evelyn 32 Jammin won PHRF 2.

Three windward – leeward twice around races were sailed on Saturday. Sunday, in a departure from past practice, SE Florida PHRF requested a “Bay tour” type race, with both PHRF 1 and PHRF 2 fleets starting together, and finishing somewhere around 1430 hours.

All in all, it was an excellent regatta, although as the old saying goes, “We could do with a bit more wind!” The breeze was on the light side both days, SE to S at 5 to 8 knots. On Saturday, a brief postponement was required for the wind to fill in.

In Saturday’s races, the SE wind was fairly steady, with only one course change required during the three races. Thin Ice took three bullets in PHRF 1 and overall, while Scott & Tom Piper’s Pipe Dream XIV finished second in all three races. Primal Scream, Steven Stollman’s C&C 115, typically a very well sailed and competitive boat, could only muster a 3-5-4 record for the day.

In PHRF 2, CGSC’s Randy Clee sailing another Evelyn 32, Dutch Treat won Race 1, but slipped to a 6th and a 2nd in the following races, compared to a 2-1-1 record for Jammin’s day.

Sunday morning came with a very nice SE breeze. Typically, the joke goes that the best wind of the day on the Bay comes after the racing is over. On Sunday, it was before the race started! The Race Committee set up 1.5 nm downwind of Park boundary marker “B” with a SE wind of about 145 degrees, and used “B” as the weather mark. The “Bay tour” course consisted of a beat to “B,” run to “L,” beat to “B,” reach to “G” off Snapper Creek Canal, beat to the south Park boundary marker “C,” and then a run back to “L.” In the event of a good breeze, an additional windward – leeward would then

be sailed to the finish.

The single start for the whole fleet saw all 14 competitors together on the starting line. The line was square, and the start was nothing short of spectacular to witness, with almost the entire fleet on the line and sailing fast at the start. Truly, a great scene.

Turns out, the breeze wasn’t that good. It shifted to 170 degrees, causing a course change at the first “B” rounding to square the run and the following beat. It also lightened up, slowing the progress of the fleet around the course. The RC displayed a course change at Mark “C” indicating the leg to “L” would be shortened. Then, at the new “L,” the RC shortened the course and the race ended at that point. It was 2:30 pm – precisely the target time established by SEF PHRF. Thin Ice won big, again.

A large crowd of happy racers gathered on the upper deck of CGSC for the trophy presentation. CGSC’s Jammin and Dutch Treat finished first and second in PHRF 2. In PHRF 1, Primal Scream moved up to take second place in the “Bay tour” race, but couldn’t overcome Pipe Dream’s 2-2-2-3 series, so Pipe Dream took second in class to Primal Scream’s third. However, the overall places were determined by total corrected time over the four races. Because of their excellent performance in the “Bay tour” race, Primal Scream edged out Pipe Dream for second place overall by just eight seconds to finish second in the overall standings. A return to the close racing of the year before.

CGSC’s Race Committee did another great job of race management on the water, with timely course changes to improve the quality of racing. Juan Torres and his Beneteau 42 Sono III served as CGSC’s Signal Boat for the regatta. Ron Rostorfer was PRO, and the rest of the Signal Boat crew included timer Marvin Schenker, scorer Susan Walcutt, flag signaler Vicki Rosenbloom and Jim Waldron, and recorders Esther Dileo and Dottie Rostorfer. Support boat skippers were Ken Batzer from BBYC, Mike Castleberry, Barry Simmons, and P/C Larry Whipple. Support boat crews included Darren Stortz, Geoff Sutcliffe, Jaime Remackle. Thanks to all these great volunteers.

Ron Rostorfer



JANUARY 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> <p>1</p>	<p>9 am Jr. Sailing</p> <p>2</p>	<p>9am Small Boat Clinic BBYRA PHRF #1</p> <p>3</p>
4	<p>6 pm Taco Night</p> <p>5</p>	<p>5 pm Pasta Night</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9am Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Live Music</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9am Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class 9am Basic Keelboat Course</p> <p>9 am Jr. Sailing</p> <p>9</p>	10
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18	<p>6 pm Dollar Dogs</p> <p>19</p>	<p>5 pm Pasta Night</p> <p>20</p>	<p>9am Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Live Music</p> <p>22</p>	<p>9 am Jr. Sailing</p> <p>9am Basic Keelboat Course 9am U Miami Learn to Sail Rendezvous Committee Event- Marine Stadium Raft-up</p> <p>23</p>	24
<i>Miami Olympic Class Regatta</i>						
25	<p>6 pm Dollar Dogs 7:30 Sea Scouts</p> <p>26</p>	<p>5 pm Pasta Night</p> <p>27</p>		<p>Live Music</p> <p>29</p>	<p>9 am Jr. Sailing</p> <p>30</p>	31

Youth Sailing

Ahoy all,

Here's what's happening in CGSC's youth sailing world:

We once again find ourselves in the holiday season (aside from the record heat), and that can only mean one thing, The Junior Orange Bowl Regatta hosted by the prestigious Coral Reef Yacht Club, the 27th thru the 30th of December. If you haven't had the opportunity to be a part of, or witness this spectacle, your missing out. There are hundreds of boats sailing in this regatta in everything from Opti's to Lasers to 420's. The competitors not only travel nationally for this event but internationally as well. Our team is anxiously awaiting this event, and you can tune in next month's Channel for the results of how we did.

Speaking of regatta's, I'd like to share a "behind the scenes" look at what happens at some of our away youth regatta's.

I'll start with our most recent regatta at the US Sailing Center Martin County, Jensen Beach. Jensen Beach is about

a two and a half hour drive north to Stuart, and then east to Jensen Beach. Jensen Beach is a great sailing venue right on the Intercoastal Waterway.

Before I start, these series of events don't always happen, but when they do, man it can be frustrating for all.

I'll start off by saying that our Red, White, & Blue volunteer coach/parent had informed us that he would be unable to attend this regatta due to work commitments. That normally wouldn't be a problem but, Baird usually uses his personal powerboat at these events. Time for plan "B". Problem solved, Paul VanPuffelen, another parent graciously volunteered the use of his powerboat in Baird's absence. About 5pm on Friday I received a call from Paul stating that he had "blown out" a wheel bearing on his trailer and would not be able to get it repaired before Saturday. Oh, Oh, now what? Time for plan "C". After networking with some folks (coaches and sailing directors do that often) I ran into Jaime Parks from the Davis Island Yacht Club and explained our situation, Jaime's response, "no problem, put them on my boat", ahhh, problem solved.

As we awoke Saturday morning the weather was overcast, rainy and winds in the 15 knot range. Arriving at the sailing center bright and early to start rigging, making sure all have sunscreen and load water and

snacks on coachboats, time for the skippers meeting. At the briefing there were three different courses, Opti Green Fleet, Opti Red, White, & Blue, and Laser/420's. Finally it was time to beach launch and get out to the course before the first



warning. As usual there were some minor repairs to be done on the water before racing began but I could tell all were getting anxious to start their day of racing, so anxious in fact, that they had to do three restarts before finally getting a race off with no "over earliest". I forgot to mention that the P.R.O for the Green Fleet course was our very own, Jaime Ramon.

After getting in six races the first day it was time to head back to the hotel for a much needed hot shower and a bite to eat. Some folks are under the assumption that we get back to the hotel and WooHoo it's party time, but I can assure you that after a long day of coaching, counseling and surrogate parenting, my RX is a shower, food and bed.

We awoke to a much nicer day on Sunday with bright sunny skies, mild winds and temps in the 70's. As we arrive at the sailing center it's time to make sure all have sunscreen, load water and snacks on coach boats, and beach launch before first warning out on the course. After we got off three races my cellphone rang, it was Jaime Parks from the Davis Island Yacht Club stating that his engine died and could I come tow him into shore. I found Karen Tone, Sailing Director and good friend from the Key Biscayne Yacht club and explained what had happened and asked her if she could keep an eye on the CGSC kids, "sure, no problem", just give me their sail numbers. Great request!

After arriving on the Red, White, and Blue course it was apparent that Jaime's boat would most definitely need towing in, but what about the kids. Oh, Oh, now what? Time for plan "D". Problem solved. After calling the Red, White, & Blue signal boat and asking if anyone would be available to have



our interim coach (Gail Pulsford) jump on board their vessel so we can keep an eye on the kids, coach Campbell from the US Sailing Center Martin County said "sure, where are you?" Not two minutes later a US Sailing Center Martin County inflatable pulled

along side and said "come aboard", crisis averted, back to Jaime's boat for the tow home. After about a twenty tow in I was back to my original Green Fleet course just in time for lunch with the kids. Three more races and this regatta was another one in the record books, or so I thought...

Finally after the derigging ,cleaning, loading of sailboats, loading of coach boats and making sure everyone had everything they came with, it was awards time. I will say that every single kid that participated in this regatta made me proud. For some the weather was more challenging than others, but ALL finished every race. I can't tell you how many "sail #_ is retiring for the day on Saturday" but it was more than just a few. To my great surprise, Bianca Mesa and Tristan Lara place first and second respectively in the Laser 4.7 class. Look out, we're back with a vengeance!

Finally, time to start the long ride home. Usually this is a great time for us to reflect on the weekend and think about improvements that we can make or what to work on for next



weeks practice, but not this time.

As we got about a mile down the road from the sailing center, I got a call from Steve Kassner, who volunteered to tow our Opti trailer back to Miami saying that the trailer had a problem and could not be "locked" down on the receiver ball. Oh, Oh, now what? Plan "E". Problem solved, Tow Boat Trailer Insurance to the rescue. I called trusty old Tow Boat, explained

the situation and they said "no problem we're sending someone, and they should be there in twenty minutes" (best 10 bucks I've ever spent). Not wanting to sit on the side of the road I made my way back to the sailing center to find Steve Kassner with his



head on his hand, on his steering wheel. I asked Steve "what happened" and he proceeded to show me that another truck and trailer had backed up into the front of his truck and tore half of his front bumper off of his new f-150 pickup. I was just happy that Steve wasn't injured in all this, but now had another problem, how was I going to get the now repaired trailer back to Miami. Oh, Oh, now what? Plan "F". Steve's wife Norma has a Lexus SUV with a trailer hitch, problem solved. After disconnecting the Opti trailer from Steve's now smashed up truck and putting it behind Norma's SUV, another problem, the light connector doesn't fit and there are no parts places open at 6:30 on Sunday, Oh, Oh, now what? Plan "G". Jaime Ramon had stopped by in the middle of all this and on his way home asked if we needed any help, I said no and he was on his way. I then remembered that Jaime also has an SUV with a trailer hitch, so I called him and asked him if his offer was still in effect and he said "I'll be there in ten minutes". I was so happy to see Jaime I could have kissed him but opted to pay for his fuel/toll expense instead. I think seeing that trailer taking off down the road was almost as good as seeing how well all the kids did all weekend, well almost...

That's all for now

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Sailingcanes Finish The Fall Season Ranked 13th In The Nation!

Canes finish the fall season ranked 13th in the latest ICSA college sailing coaches poll after strong finishes at the ACC's @ Harvard (11th), SAISA Districts@Eckerd (2nd), and the Navy Fall inter-sectional (12th). Gotta love the volunteer coaches pool here in Miami! For the rest of the semester the team plans to work on team racing skills practicing local talent and graduates of last years college Team Racing Champions from Boston College (Brain Kamilar, Adam Roberts, and Nick Martin). Over the winter break the team will also be heading out to the Rose Bowl regatta Jan 1-2 for some post season action.

The team wishes everyone a Happy New Year and sends a special shout of thanks for support from SAFAC, the local Miami sailing community, UM afterguard donors, and parents. We could not sail this well without you.

To follow the Canes sailing team or join your fellow sailors in the Canes Afterguard visit www.sailingcanes.org.

Sail smooth and Go Canes!

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.

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