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## BACK-TO-BACK INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS AT CGSC

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted two international regattas on consecutive weeks at the end of January and early February. First was the annual Miami Olympic Classes Regatta where we again ran the racing circle and provided the shore base for the Men's and Woman's RS:X windsurfers. Then, right on the heels of that was the 29erXX Seiko Superbowl Regatta for these hot new skiffs.

The two fleets represented existing and potential future Olympic classes. Olympic sailing veterans and contenders raced in both regattas. Each regatta started off on a slow note due to weather as the Boards were shut out the first day, and the 29erXX's were limited to one race. After that, it was all good both weeks.



### Europeans Dominate CGSC's Miami OCR

Thirty-seven men and twenty-five women entered the regatta, representing 19 countries! After the first day shut out, CGSC's RC ran two races per day for the remaining four days for both the Men's and Women's fleets. Saturday's Medal Race for the top ten in each class concluded the regatta.

In non-planing conditions (below 15 knots), the

Board sailors do a lot of pumping to get around the course. After two races, they are required to have an hour's shore rest. Adding the transit time to and from our Alpha Circle near Quick Flash made it virtually impossible to get in three races per day to catch up. We had reasonable wind and very good racing all four

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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



It's March already, and we have had big events in February, the Boat Show and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, another fun filled President's Day weekend memory. The club continues our busy regatta calendar as hosts of the Melges 20 Regatta series and the Bacardi Sailing Regatta. GM Dragan and staff are doing a fine job keeping the club running smoothly with the expanded culinary services and menu a big hit. The recent wine tasting led by GM Dragan garnered rave reviews. Live Music every Friday continues at the club, with a full slate of the best bands in Miami ready to entertain us. This has everyone starting the weekend in fine style. Bring your family and friends to the club to enjoy our Friday evening celebrations.

The executive committee and board continue to forge ahead with discussions with the city and state regarding our lease/agreement with the city. City officials continue to strongly support the club in getting an agreement finalized in the near future.

Check the web site CGSC.ORG for all our exciting upcoming events. Get involved with your club now. It's your club! What do you want to contribute this year to make CGSC an even better place in which to enjoy our beautiful Waterfront oasis? I look forward to each and every member contributing their unique talent 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.

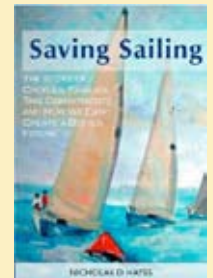
*Nick Martens, Commodore*



## Saving Sailing

Doug Hanks did it again and brought author Nicholas Hayes to the Sailing Club for an enthusiastic presentation on Sailing in America. Nicholas spoke of the decline of sailing and, by association, other free time activities like hunting and fishing that have shaped the lives of many American families.

His book shows how pressures on free time have increased and how, in response, many Americans have turned to less rewarding forms of spectator or highly structured activities and media. Nicholas, who better defines sailing as time spent on the water with family and friends, builds a case on how to spend free time better through pastimes like sailing. His book is available at Amazon.com and West Marine.

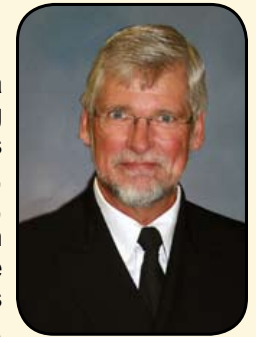


## Recruit A Member. Have Dinner On Us!

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](http://cgsc.org/membership2009).



# VICE COMMODORE REPORT



Racing season is here! That means exciting weekend events including the recently completed Olympic Classes Regatta for which CGSC hosted the RS:X sailboards, the 29er regatta, and the Melges 20 Winter Regatta Series. Coming the week of March 8 we will be hosting the third and final regatta of the Melges series. We are expecting a large number of boats, as we will have both the 20's and 24's at CSC for this event. In addition this regatta is part of the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week, which includes the historic Star class Bacardi Cup, as well as racing for the Melges, Vipers and J24's. Wednesday March 10 CGSC will be hosting one of the Miami Sailing Week parties – with over 200 people expected to attend.

First let me say we are very happy to be hosting these special events. The fact that we have attracted these regattas to the CGSC means that the racing community respects the ability of our race committee to manage the events and the ability of our club to be a good host. Of course, these events are also closely aligned with the mission of the CGSC to “encourage the sport of sailing”. They are also beneficial to the economy of the Coconut Grove business community and the City of Miami.

That said I understand these events also lead, in some instances, to frustration, in regard to general access to our facilities, and particularly in regard to parking and loading. The most difficult times occur when there is racing on Saturdays, at the same time we have our youth learn-to-sail and racing programs, adult programs, and often, larger numbers of members using the facilities. So, with some 150 boats on moorings, another 35 or so on the strip, numerous visitors coming to the club, and some 48 parking spaces, it is easy to see that on a busy Saturday with all those activities going on, not everyone wishing to come to the club, including members with parking stickers, will be able to find a parking space.

Our intent is to manage the parking to maximize accessibility for all our user groups, and minimize the frustration. For example on Monday's when the club facilities are closed,

we have, in the past allowed regatta participants to use the CGSC parking lot. It is also worth noting that for groups that regularly use our meeting room, such as the Coconut Grove Rotary Club, we typically allow participants to park in the CGSC lot. We have found that there are few if any instances when that has created a parking problem. However, as our activities, sailing programs and racing events grow, parking will become a larger management issue. In spite of the difficulties this may create it is a good problem to have, as it is a measure of our success.

Moving forward we will likely have to issue a specific parking plan for each regatta or other large special event, to ensure that the participants know the situation before they head to our facility. There are over 700 public parking spaces within a quarter mile of the club – we just need to inform our members and guests where they are. We will also likely try out some new measures to reserve sections of the lot for drop off and loading. So, please bear with us as we develop new management practices to address this issue.

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](mailto:apruett@cg.wrtdesign.com).

See you on the Bay and at the Club

*Alym Pruett, Vice Commodore*

One of the many American standouts from last week's US SAILING 2010 Rolex Miami OCR was up-and-comer Kyle Rogachenko, 21, a member of the 2010 US Sailing Development Team. Kyle had the breakout performance of the regatta by winning a bronze medal in the deep and talented, 104-boat Laser fleet, which earned him a spot on the 2010 US Sailing Team AlphaGraphics (USSTAG).




**Kellett Update:**

We are in St BArts and then back to Fajardo from where we go to Bonaire and we will then spend hurricane season in Cartegena and Panama. Back in Miami in March 2011 for a refit and then a transatlantic to UK.

Phil Kellett

**NOTICE**  
**Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

February 20-21, 2010	Melges 20 #2
March 11-13, 2010	Melges 20 #3 Miami Sailing Week
March 19-21, 2010	Don Q Snipe Regatta

See notices of race and registration forms on race bulletin board downstairs or at [www.Cgsc.Org](http://www.Cgsc.Org)

**Abaco Bound!**

As many of you may already know, there is fair number of CGSC members making plans to take their boats over for an Abaco Rendezvous this spring but as is often the case, not everyone can go on the same dates. That means we will have CGSC cruisers in the Abaco area from at least May 14th to June 21st. Since we will be somewhat scattered about over there, Jo Ann Mathieu has offered to help up set up a 2010 Abaco Rendezvous Bulletin Board on the CGSC website. By having a common area for our participants to post itineraries and update positions while over there, perhaps we can make it easier for people to find each other and plan some raft ups! More details and link to follow. Any questions, please contact Cathy Buller at [cathypeak@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathypeak@bellsouth.net) or 305-807-4984



## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Calling All Sailors!

We are in the planning stages for the CGSC 65th Annual Rendezvous. For those who attended last year you know what a fun time the event is for the whole family. We will have plenty of activities for the wee ones including a contest on who can build the best coconut telephone to a pulley lifting contest. For the adults a rescue bon fire and castaway punch!

Date: First weekend in May with events starting on Friday, 4/31/10. Destination: Elliott Key. The fun will begin Friday afternoon with the traditional preparation of the fish stew and will wrap up Sunday afternoon with the traditional loading up boats with leftover shtuff! This year's theme will be "Gilligan's Island". We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help in the planning and set-up. We will need folks to head up Kids and Adult Activities, food prep and set-up and breakdown. Many hands make the work light so please come on down to the club Tuesday, Feb 23rd, at 7:00 for our first meeting, dogs on me (limit: one each...). For those of you interested but unable to make the meeting, no worries, you can contact contact Clare Hamm at [clare.hamm@gmail.com](mailto:clare.hamm@gmail.com).

Thank you and looking forward to a weekend of fun in the sun! Please log into [cgsc.org](http://cgsc.org) as the date approaches for more details.

*Clare Hamm,  
Rear Commodore*

## Please join us! Baynanza

CGSC is participating in Baynanza on Saturday, April 17th. Did you know this is a Miami-Dade event specifically dedicated to cleaning waterfront parks in our community? "CGSC Baynanza Crew" needs your participation to clean up Peacock Park, the neighboring park directly next door to CGSC. The Crew will meet with protective gear such as garden gloves, shovels, rakes, and hauling wagons to pick up trash accumulated in the water-front park along shrub lines, removing waste items from the popularly-used picnic, playground, and soccer fields. Club Officers will be in ranks with their rakes and shovels, and joining us will be the CGSC Sea Scouts Ship 1946 to support this yearly event.

Baynanza is on Saturday, April 17th, from 8am to noon, in Peacock Park, directly across from CGSC entrance. Afterward, the CGSC Famous Hotdog Grill will be hot for lunch. To reserve your CGSC Baynanza Crew t-shirt and hotdogs, please contact Cathy Buller, [cathypeak@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathypeak@bellsouth.net) or 305-807-4984. Thank you for contributing to the Baynanza event and supporting clean waterways and community parks, an event organized by Miami-Dade County, Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM).



## From The Manager.....

Yet another very busy month at CGSC is behind us. We started the month with 29er regatta, continued with Comodoro Rasco Snipe regatta and finish the month with very successful Melges 20 regatta #2. Our junior program continued to grow, as we added few more young sailors to Nick's already popular program. They are now preparing for Spring Optifest in Jensen Beach in the middle of this month. Once again, great job by Nick, Susan and Ron. We had a Captain Mike from Mariner's School conduct his regular Captain License certification. Although we did not have large participation from our members, the community of Miami area has responded in bigger numbers and we are happy to have hosted "birth" of new Captains.

The month of February will stay in memory as the month of CGSC's first Wine Lecture and Tasting. Close to twenty members came to the class to hear some interesting facts about grape growing, wine making and wine tasting. During blind tasting we checked out 18 wines and then members voted for four new whites and four new reds for our new wine list that will come in effect with the new food menu. It was a great evening of wine chats and tasting that will now grow into more than just an annual event for new wine list as several members expressed their interest in having the event soon again. And I will answer their call...

And now, I would like to use this opportunity to introduce you to the lovely lady on the picture, our newest member of the team. Her name is Ms Tara Abrams and she joined us as a Chef. Originally a New Yorker, she brings more than a decade of experience working in both front of the house as well as several kitchens in Miami area. She has experience in Country club environment, hotel establishments and free standing restaurants. Her last employment was at the Pelican Grand Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale. She is already working hard in sourcing better ingredients for our dishes, improving presentation and overall food quality. I am very happy to have Tara on the team and I'm sure you will all very soon recognize her imprint on the food coming from our kitchen.



As most members already noticed, we switched last month to High Definition TV programming. Our new vendor, Direct TV, has given us more than 60 channels with many of them being exclusively in HD; all sports channels can now be viewed in a crystal clear HD signal. Both TVs, in the bar and at Marker 18 Bar have HD box. We shall have Marker 18 TV turned on all weekends and when ever need exists. Let me or one of our staff members know and we will turn the set on at any time.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, we are hosting Bacardi Miami Winter Series Grand Party. They expect more than 400 sailors to participate. Event is RSVP only; our kitchen will not be open that evening to accommodate needs of the party, but bar will be accessible and launch service will be available as usual.

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

*Dragan Savin*



## ADULT SAILING REPORT

Only positive items to report from your Adult Sailing Committee. There are many training activities conducted at the club during the first quarter, sometimes creating competition for classroom space and boats, however, working with others and a few schedule adjustments has assured continuity in our classes, clinics and related activities for our adult sailors. In the next four weeks, we have two weeks of Mariners School, two weekends of US Sailing small boat instructor training and evaluation and a three day weekend of US Sailing evaluation for potential Basic Keelboat instructors.

Of our five adult programs, only our Learn-to-Sail Sunfish course has seen some decline in attendance, and that happens annually due to what some would call the "cold" water. Come on, sailors....., the water is warming up now and the capsized drill only takes about a minute.

Basic Keelboat classes continue to fill with more and more students taking the next step and testing for Basic Keelboat Certification. Our last Basic Keelboat class was attended entirely by social members. After several cancellations due to weather and the holidays, our weekly Sunfish clinic is back on track, and our first clinic in February was one of the most fun in almost three years of weekly clinics. We also expect our monthly Small Boat Clinic to increase in attendance as the water gets warmer for our monthly sandbar visit.

At this writing, the first of our two Ensign keelboats, PAT, has been hauled out and now has new bottom, topsides and cockpit paint. She's been a tireless "workhorse" for both our classes

and coaching as well as the primary keelboat for our Member Use program. She has been sailed in the Bay for about thirty (30) years, and now she looks GREAT. You'll be impressed. Thanks especially to members Robert Bondi and Bruce Penrod for their volunteer work on this project. By the time this issue is printed, we will have also completed the same work on our primary teaching keelboat, FOUNDATION,

Thank you for your continued support of our adult instructional programs. By doing so, you support the clubs long standing purpose and the part of the member oath that says... "To Encourage the Sport of Sailing, To Promote the Science of Seamanship and Navigation, and to Foster a Spirit of Cooperation and Good Fellowship".

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,  
*Richard Crisler, Chairman*  
Adult Sailing Committee



"Pat"



### 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**



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The race course for the Boards was the most complicated that our Race Committee has ever been called upon to handle. It was a trapezoid course used to separate the two fleets during the racing. However, this time a slalom mark field was added at the end of the trap. A total of ten marks and four support boats were required.

The USA continues to have difficulty competing in the Boards. The top US Man was Ben Barger who finished 14<sup>th</sup>, while the top US Woman was Farrah Hall in 18<sup>th</sup>. European Men took six of the top ten places, with the other four representing Israel, Argentina, Cyprus and Japan. Among the Women, the top nine were European. Spain was especially strong, recording a close second in the Men, and first and second in the Women.

We were delighted to have John Craig return as Principal Race Officer for our Alpha Circle. John is the professional Race Manager at St. Francis YC in San Francisco, and is also a member of the USSailing Board of Directors. The Signal Boat was Carl and Mercedes Updyke's Gemini 34 cat, Cool Obsession. Mako 2 was the Mark Boat with Art Auwaerter as Skipper, along with Kit Temple, Jim Waldron and Past Commodore Larry Whipple. We were very happy to receive support boat assistance from our neighboring clubs. This included Two Dogs II with Rick Bertold and Bruce Harper, Grace Meredith with Don Poole, and Lowedown with John Lowe. Crewing on these boats were Dennis Jansma, Anne Edwards, Susan Walcutt, Dottie Rostorfer, Bernie Meier, Scott Findley and Alan Mercer. The Signal Boat crews included Ron Rostorfer, Vicki Rosenbloom, Karen Young and Jo Ann Mathieu. Hope no one was left out, and thanks to all who assisted.



*Photos by Kit Temple*



# CGSC Hosts First 29erXX Regatta

CGSC's Race Committee was right back at it two days after the OCR with a practice race followed by a three day 29erXX Seiko Superbowl Regatta. Nine teams participated in this inaugural event. All together, ten races were sailed in a variety of conditions.

These boats are basically 29er's with a taller, two-spreader rig and trapezes for both crew and skipper. It's a smaller version of the Men's 49er Olympic Class. These "skiffs" are very exciting to sail, and the goal of the 29erXX Class is to become the Olympic Women's high performance dinghy, in parallel with the Men's 49er.

The first day, just like the previous Monday with the OCR, turned out to have weather problems. One quality race was sailed, but then the wind died. It finally came in from the west with storm clouds looming, so the RC abandoned. The fleet was caught in the rain and some gusty conditions in our mooring field on the way in.

Tuesday saw light SE winds. Five races were sailed, getting back one of the lost races from the day before. Then, Wednesday, a hard NNE wind greeted the racers, and four excellent races were sailed bringing the total to the planned ten races.

The top team of Australia's Hannah Nattrass with US Olympian Graham Biehl crewing put on an outstanding performance, winning seven of the ten races. Two drop races were allowed, so they counted the seven firsts and a second. As an indication of how demanding these skiffs are, even this team capsized trying to restart after an OCS call. Despite the lost time, they still recovered to nip two other boats at the finish and place second

in the race! Francisco Piccini and Sofia Tedin of Argentina took second, while the Italian team of two-time Olympian skipper Giulia Conti with Alessandra Angelini crewing finishing third.

CGSC's Race Committee did another fine job on the water. Ken Batzer of BBYC brought Bill and Jill Smoak's Robalo to be Signal Boat on Monday, with our Henry Bernstein's Hunter 34 Ivory Gull taking over for the remaining two days. Signal Boat crew was PRO Ron Rostorfer, Vicki Rosenbloom, Anne Edwards, Jo Ann Mathieu and visitor Jerelyn Biehl of San Diego. Up to windward on Mako 2 was Skipper Bill Stites with Kit Temple, Scott Findley, Cliff Biddle and Jim Waldron. Grace Meredith with Don Poole skippering was the Pin Boat, with crews Alan Mercer, Art Auwaerter, Holly Biddle and Barry Simmons.

Ron Rostorfer



## YOUTH SAILING

Alloy all, sorry that it's been awhile since my last report but CGSC's sailing world has been extremely busy with both youth and adult programming. As we speak our club Ensign, Pat is currently hauled out over at Grove Key Marina getting some much needed TLC. It's been about three years since the old girl has been out of the water and this project is long overdue. Leading the charge for her makeover is Commander Robert Bondi of the sailing vessel Tadpole and our new adult sailing instructor and good friend Bruce Penrod.

To get her back in shape we have given her 2 new coats of bottom paint, topsides repainted and some good ol' fashioned elbow grease to all her teak so all who partake in our member boat use program can sail proudly on Biscayne Bay while sporting a new CGSC logo's on her hull. As soon as Pat has been splashed we will be working on our new Ensign, Foundation, which as her name implies, was donated by the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation and is our primary teaching vessel for our US Sailing Adult Keelboat course. One thing that we must do upon "Foundation's" relaunch is a re-naming ceremony as her old name was, oops, as part of the ceremony you are never suppose to mention the old name again, although most of you already know it, so I'll be soliciting volunteers who would like to pitch in and be part of this "party". I'll try to get some info on when this will take place ASAP, so stay tuned to our website for the event.

Now on to the fun stuff, SAILING! So far this season which started in January, we have already attended our first winter regatta at the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo for the Mark Sorensen Youth Championships January 30th & 31st. The Upper Keys Sailing Club is one of our favorite sailing venues as it's right on the bay side in Key Largo and has been described as what CGSC used to be before the new building was built. UKSC has a quaint homey atmosphere

with incredible hosts making everyone feel right at home for the weekend.

This year we had kids racing on two different courses in three different fleets, Opti Green Fleet, Opti Red, White & Blue, and Lasers. Our kids did a fantastic job with the majority placing in top ten in every fleet. We even had three "first timers" who did surprisingly well.

The results are as follows:

- \* Opti Green- Jose Dapena, 2nd place
- \* Opti Green- "Edgy" Aramayo, 3rd place
- \* Opti Green- Max Gold, 8th place
- \* Opti Green- Alejandro Holz, 9th place
  
- \* Overall Opti- Sami Kasner, 3rd place
- \* Overall Opti- Gabriel Mesa, 4th place
  
- \* Laser 470- Bianca Mesa, 1st place
- \* Laser 470- Tristan Lara, 2nd place
- \* Laser 470- Jay Castro, 5th place



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Although these were the standouts for this regatta I couldn't be more proud of ALL the kids who attended. It's great to see all these CGSC kids doing so well as a team and as individuals. When I started here almost four years ago we only had three kids in youth sailing programming and even those three weren't doing so well at regattas, but now with a stellar coaching staff and a wonderful group of dedicated parents to help with all the logistics and support CGSC has truly become a force to be reckoned with.

Our next regatta will be in March and then it's back to Jensen Beach for the Spring Opti fest. Another great sailing venue right on the intercoastal waterway in Jensen Beach Fl.

Almost immediately following Jensen Beach we're back home for the Fourth Annual Rotary Club of Coconut Grove's Spring Break Camp & Regatta. This is one of our most meaningful regattas as all the proceeds raised go directly back into the community in the form of sailing scholarships for those who otherwise couldn't afford to learn to sail. The dates for that are March 29th thru the 31st for the camp, and the first of April for the actual regatta scored by our very own race committee. Immediately following this regatta is over to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club for the Southeast Dinghy Championships the 2nd and 3rd of April. That basically will wrap up our regatta season so we can begin the task of focusing on summer camp - man time flies.

Speaking of regatta's, we recently hosted the Rolex Windsurfing OCR's here the 25th thru the 30th of January (amongst many other events) and we were lucky enough to have a couple of the competitors speak to the kids about their start in sailing as well as giving some demonstrations, and we even had three of the competitors take our sailing kids for "rides" on their boards. You should have seen the looks on these kids faces going about 15 knots right here in our harbor, it was really something special I don't think they'll ever forget. We are including some photos of that afternoon, so enjoy!

That's all for now, see you next month

*Nick*



## View from the Signal Boat

The CGSC Race Committee was very busy this January and February. The Sailing Club was host to the RS:X (board sailors) for the Olympic Class Regatta Monday through Friday, January 25-29. Ron Rostorfer had water and shore duties well organized for the large group of International Men and Women sailors. The top 10 sailors from each fleet then went on to compete on Saturday, January 30, in the medal races. The young American sailor, Kyle Rogachenko, who was the overall winner in CGSC's Orange Bowl Regatta at the end of December, 2009, placed third in the Saturday races, winning him a spot on the US Men's Olympic Team. (see picture on page 3)

The very next weekend, February 6-7, Snipe sailors took over the Club to race in the Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta. Principal Race Officer, Jaime Ramon, (the Club's Snipe expert) was only able to get 1 race in on Saturday. Bad weather moved in with wind speeds above the Snipes' authorized limit. Sunday was beautiful and Jaime was able to give the fleet 3 races before they headed back to the Club for their Awards and La Bomba.

The Race Committee took a break over Valentine's Day Weekend and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival.

Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21, 2010, will have the Melges 20 fleet returning for the second in their series of the Miami Winter Regatta. Ron Rostorfer organized the entire series and we look forward to this Winter Regatta becoming a permanent entry to the CGSC annual Regatta Calendar.

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*

Race Committee Chair

Join  
CGSC's  
Race Committee Team

A rewarding day on the Bay!

Contact Susan Walcutt  
[walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net)  
305.297.7757

## The 2010 "TROFEO PERPETUO COMODORO MANUEL RASCO" Regatta

Twenty-five Snipes with sailors from Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Maryland, New York, Ft Lauderdale, ST. Petersburg and Miami gathered at CGSC on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7, 2010, for the 41st annual Rasco Regatta. This regatta honors Manuel Rasco; late Commodore of the Miramar Yacht Club, Habana, Cuba, whose effort and dedication to SNIPES will never be forgotten.

Saturday started with a crisp breeze from the west at 10-13 knots however by the time we started the first sequence it had climbed to 15 knots. After various attempts to start which resulted in general recalls the winds piped up to 20 knots at which time we finally got the race off and sent them on a course TD. Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Kate Hall finished first, Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero second and Mike Danish and Jason Hill third. During the first leg of the second race the winds were steady at 23 knots with much higher gust and as a safety precaution the race was abandoned at the windward mark which was the near the CGSC.

Carmen and Old Man Diaz again hosted the lasagna dinner, which was attended by almost everybody and a great time was had by all. We even had a parking problem!

On Sunday the winds which were forecast to be much lighter, started at 13 knots from the NW for the second race of the series hence the fleet started on a course WD. Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero finished first, Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Kate Hall finished second but were Z-flagged and Mitch Hall and Simon Sanders third. The wind increased and the temperature dropped throughout the day. The third race (Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Kate Hall finished first, Greg Saldana and Billy Schoenberg second and Hill third) and fourth race (Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Kate Hall finished first, Peter Commette and Lizzie Rider second and Mitch Hall and Simon Sanders third) were sailed in average winds of 15 with gust reaching 18 knots.

Our thanks to the participants and to CGSC and to Carmen Diaz for the lasagna and to PRO Jaime Ramon and the excellent CGSC Race Committee. The Race Committee was rather shorthanded as getting volunteers gets harder every day. This was the crew for this year's Rasco: the Signal Boat was the Club's Pontoon Boat on Saturday due to a temporary breakdown of the volunteer Signal Boat; By Sunday the Signal boat was back in operating order and same was Ivory Gull owned by Henry Bernstein who also assisted with the

horn; PRO, Line Sighter, and Flags was Jaime Ramon; Scorer was Kay Voss; Scribe was Liz Balbin; Timer Saturday was Marvin Schenker; Timer Sunday was Jo Ann Mathieu; Flags on Saturday was Helen Schenker; Flags on Sunday was Jim Waldron; Mark Boat was Susan Walcutt with Esther Dileo; Pin Boat Saturday was Geoff Sutclif and Jim Waldron; Pin Boat Sunday were Hector Luis Figallo and Hector Alejandro Figallo; Standby Jury were Jere Woltz (USS Judge & Chair), Elliot Levy (Intl. Judge), and Gerry Bourke (USS Judge).

The singing of "La Bomba" after the trophy presentation is now a tradition that is truly appreciated by sailors, race committee and Club members and creates great joy and merriment. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!

Gonzalo Diaz

*Susan Walcutt presents the First Place winner trophy to Brian Bamilar and Enrique Quintero.*



*Below, Second Place finishers Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Kate Hall receive their trophies.*



*At left, Third place winners Eric Reinke and Bridget Creney receive their trophies from Susan Walcutt.*



*Right, Susan Walcutt presents the Bacardi Fleet most improved sailor to Ernesto Sanchez and Josie Williams.*






*Commodore Rasco Snipe Participants*





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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
1	6 pm Taco Night	5 pm Pasta Night	9am Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night	Live Music	 8am US Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course 9am Basic Keelboat Course 9 am Jr. Sailing 8:30 Laser/420/ Flying Jr Racing US Coast Guard Training Visit	7	
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Bacardi Miami Sailing Week							
US Coast Guard Training Visit					9am Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class 9am Basic Keelboat Course		
15	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Pasta Night  Happy St. Patrick's Day	9am Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Steak Night	Live Music	9 am Jr. Sailing 8:30 Laser/420/ Flying Jr Racing  8:30 US Sailing Keelboat Instructor Evaluation Course Don Q Snipe Regatta Rendezvous Comm. Event - Pier 66	21	
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29	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Pasta Night	4th Annual Rotary Club of C.G. Spring Break Camp & Regatta				
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