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## CGSC HOSTS 470 CLASS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**C**oconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the 470 North American Championships, one of our largest and most important regattas ever during Friday through Sunday, January 14-16, 2011. It was our first regatta of the New Year.

### The 470's

The 470 is a long-standing Olympic class – both for Men and for Women. The London Olympics in 2012 are right around the corner, and most countries will hold their Olympic trials this year. Many 470 sailors, including past Olympians as well as teams trying for their first Olympics are in Miami for training leading up to the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in late January. So, we had a very large turnout – approximately 53 total of which 34 were Men's or Mixed teams, and 19 were Women's teams. Over ten countries were represented.

Because the 470 racers are here to train this winter, virtually all of them lived at the USSailing Center up the street. Only

two sailed from CGSC. So, the Regatta load on our meager parking capacity was close to zero. Even when we had shore-side social events at CGSC during the regatta, most of these young competitors arrived by bicycle! CGSC shore-side reps were on hand at USSC to assist with launch and recovery of the 470's.



### Racing

It was a very good regatta. Three races were sailed each day for a total of nine races for the Series. To separate the Men's/Mixed and Women's Classes on the Bay, a trapezoid course was used. This required our Race Committee to set seven marks for each race plus the start line. The final race was a Medal Race for the top ten in each Class. CGSC's Race Committee now has the capability to do internet scoring on the water, so Races 7 and 8 were scored, the cut was made for the Medal Race, results posted, and we rolled into the Medal Races all while still anchored in the Bay. The Medal Races were sailed in sequence on a short windward-leeward course.

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*Laser racing at CGSC during Miami Olympic  
Class Regatta..*

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## COMMODORE’S REPORT

I have been asked by several people in the past month “How is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club doing?” While we discuss this topic at each of our monthly general member meetings, I realize that not all can attend. So for all our members and many friends the following article provides a summary of “how the Club is doing”, midway through the 2010-2011 fiscal year. By just about all measures, the short answer is - the CGSC is doing very well.

### Membership

As we all know the Club reorganized its membership structure last year to create one class of regular member, and to eliminate the initiation fee that proved to be a significant barrier to entry. Since making that change in July 2010, 277, or approximately 66 percent of former social members have elected to become regular members. In addition, since the removal of the financial barrier to entry in July 2010, the CGSC has added 155 new regular members. Consequently our total membership today is approximately 671 regular members and 51 non-resident and junior members for a total of 722 members. This compares to our membership of approximately 760 at the end of December 2009, of which some 55 percent were social members. This suggests the Club has developed and retains a strong following of loyal members.

### Sailing Programs

Participation in our youth sailing programs, which are open to the general public has been steady year over year thanks to efforts of Nick Mansbach our Sailing Director, and our youth sailing co-chairs Antonio Bejarano and Laura F. de Melo Holz. Of note is that due to the continued success of our Opti Racing program, and retention of youth sailors “graduating” out of Optis into larger boats, we now have a strong core of Laser Racers for the first time in several years. In addition our summer camp continues to attract 150 – 170 participants in five sessions every year, for which the CGSC distributes between \$5000 and \$10,000 in scholarships. I also want to thank the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation for their donation of five optimist dinghies to replace old boats that were not longer usable. This will allow the CGSC to maintain our high quality youth programs.

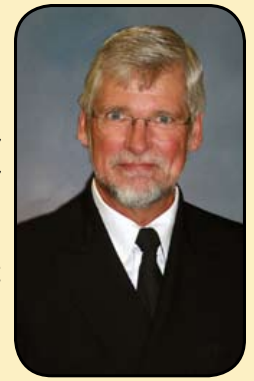
Our adult learn-to-sail programs – led by our adult Sailing Chair Richard Crisler –and which use both our Sunfish and Ensign Keelboats are fully booked virtually every month. Participation in this program has increased approximately 25 percent –from 67 to 84 participants over the same period in 2009. In recognition of that growth, the CGSC has recently purchased a third Ensign sailboat to enable expansion of the keelboat program, and to provide an Ensign for use by members through our increasingly popular “Member Boat-Use Program”.

In addition we have also added several levels of “Learn to Cruise” courses this year. This program was developed by Board member Bruce Penrod, who is our U.S. Sailing-certified Cruising instructor. The Club has also recently acquired a Beneteau 27, which we are preparing to use as the platform for the learn-to-cruise programs. Most importantly our adult learn to sail programs have become excellent vehicles to introduce participants to the CGSC, and in fact, many have become new Club members.

We have also begun a series of educational programs focused on sailboat racing. Last year, the “Sailboat Racing 101” Course was extremely well-attended. This year Past Commodore Bud Price has led classes that have focused on sailing and racing techniques for the Flying Scot – a popular one-design boat among club members. The most recent event was an all –day seminar on spinnaker skills – also taught by Bud Price.

### Racing

As I am always proud to say – the CGSC Race Committee, led by Chair Susan Walcutt, assisted by our Vice Commodore Ron Rostorfer, is among the best – if not the best, race management team on the Bay. While there are too many race committee members to list individually, their collective dedication to quality race management is also greatly appreciated and integral to the overall success of the



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program, which continues to bring recognition to the CGSC. That success has brought several new regattas to the Club, including the I-420's as part of the Orange Bowl Regatta, the 470's North American Championships and the Melges 20 Winter Series. You can read more about these and the other significant regattas hosted by CGSC in other sections of this Channel.

#### Grove's Nest Restaurant and Bar

As many will remember, we totally renovated the Grove's Nest Restaurant and Bar last spring, at which time we also introduced a new menu and other enhancements to service. I am happy to report that the combined result of these efforts has been outstanding. As of the end of November, 2010 the Grove's Nest gross revenue is up 37 % over last year for the same period. In addition, the Grove's Nest has already surpassed the targeted profit for the entire fiscal year 2010-11.

#### Moorings

Currently the Club has just over 200 moorings in service, which are open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. Unfortunately the occupancy by long-term tenants, including CGSC members is down from its high of several years ago. While much if not all of this is attributable to the weak economy and is reflected throughout the mooring fields and marinas around the Bay, the moorings represent a significant portion of the Club's revenue. Consequently the Board authorized preparation of a marketing campaign targeted at improving this element of our operations.

As part of that effort, the Club sent out an email blast last fall to SAIL Magazine subscribers in the Miami area and more recently completed a direct mail campaign to reach out to all sailboat owners in the greater Miami area. The direct mail features a Special Offer of one month free for new mooring tenants. We will continue to press forward with these and other pro-active measures to improve our mooring occupancy.

#### Community Service Committee

Our members continue to be active in community service activities. In the past they have participated in a Habitat for Humanity "blitz build" as well as restoration of moorings at the Barnacle Historic site. Last year we began a partnership with Ransom Everglades School and the Coconut Grove Rotary Club to maintain and improve Island E – the spoil Island immediately east of our mooring field. This 10 acre island is the largest of the spoil islands surrounding Dinner Key, and prior to a major clean-up initiated by Dade County's Department of Environmental and Resource Management several years ago, was an unused garbage dump covered by exotic vegetation. Today much progress has been made on improving the Island for community use. Trails have been cleared and are being maintained by CGSC and our partners, with the assistance of Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami.

In addition, coming up February 19-21 is the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. For the first time in many years the CGSC will be participating in this event which will feature our youth sailing programs and participants.

#### Lease

We continue to work closely and positively with the City of Miami in negotiating a long-term lease agreement. Both the City staff and CGSC hope to complete the negotiations within the first quarter of 2011, when it will go before the City Commission for final approval.

I hope this is a useful summary of the "state of the club" and will encourage you to get involved in the many activities we have available. If you are not yet a member I hope this will encourage you to consider joining our "community of sailors".

That's all for this month.

See you at the Club and on the Bay.

*Alyn Pruett, Commodore*

## **SUPERBOWL XLV PARTY**

**Sunday, February 6, 2011**

**Featuring Chef Tara's**

**"Tailgate Buffet"**

**\$9.95++**

**Regular Club Menu available**

**Beer and Drink Special**

**Football Squares**

**Dinner Service begins at 5:00 PM**

### **Meet PATRICK TULLY**

#### **CGSC'S New General Manager**

As you all know by now, CGSC General Manager Dragan Savin is moving on to a new position in the hospitality industry. Dragan has made many significant contributions to the Club during his tenure here which are very much appreciated. We wish him well in his new position.

We are very pleased to announce that Patrick Tully is coming on board as our new General Manager. Patrick has a wealth of related experience, and we believe him to be an outstanding selection. Patrick has a Master's Degree in Hospitality Management from FIU with an emphasis on club management. He is a Certified Club Manager. Patrick has been the General Manager of both the Key West Yacht Club and the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. In addition, he has served as food and beverage manager at three large golf/beach/tennis clubs, all in Florida.

Patrick is a long-time sailor, and owns an Endeavour 32 sloop.

Dragan's last day at CGSC was Sunday, December 19th. Monday and Tuesday are usually days off for our General Manager. Patrick will report on Wednesday, the 22nd. Patrick has been introduced to most of our Staff already, and Dragan and Patrick have spent time together going over the details and status of ongoing activities. So, a seamless changeover is expected.

Please stop by the Club office, introduce yourself to Pat, and give him a big "welcome aboard."

Finally, I would like to thank Rear Commodore Doug Hanks and Treasurer Ron Canizares for joining me on the Search Committee that found and selected Pat.

*Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*

## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

As just about everyone knows by now, CGSC has a new General Manager, Pat Tully. Pat is a very experienced club manager, former GM of the Key West and Pelican Yacht Clubs, an avid sailor and owner of an Endeavor 32 (which he bought from our Chief Engineer, Tom Reese years ago!!).

We were able to bring Pat onboard in a very timely manner. He had the opportunity to sit down with former GM Dragan and go over detailed aspects of the transition before Dragan departed. Dragan's last day was Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Monday's and Tuesday's are days off for the GM. Pat reported to work on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The transition has gone very well. Thanks again to the other excellent members of our Executive Committee who joined me on the Search Team – Rear Commodore Doug Hanks and Treasurer Ron Canizares. Great job, guys.

Dottie and I had the pleasure of coming to CGSC for the New Year's Eve dinner and early NYE celebrations. Chef Tara's menu featured Filet Mignon or a Seafood Trio. I asked Tara for her recommendation, and didn't get one. "They're both good," she said. Well, she was right. I ordered the Filet, Dottie the Seafood. They were the finest dinners we've enjoyed at CGSC in years, maybe ever. Considering the relatively modest price, which included a complimentary flute of sparkling wine, it was a truly outstanding culinary experience. Thanks again to Chef Tara, GM Pat, servers Jeff and Dennis, bartender Daniela and others responsible.

Now, unfortunately, a "bone to pick." CGSC's active Member-volunteers, Committee Chairs, Board Members and Employees

## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

For at least a year, I have been trying to get two friends to move their Catalina 27 over to the Club from a slip on the Gables Waterway. The slip had a power hook-up, was closer to one of my friend's Gables home, and generally seemed the better deal. "You'll enjoy your boat more at the Club," was my basic refrain. "And the free advice pays for itself."

Fast forward to Orange Bowl week. Jeff and Gabriel's sweetheart deal on the slip was ending, so my friends decided it was time to join the Club and rent a mooring. I agreed to hop aboard for the trip, and after a sail across the bay past the Opti, Laser and 420 races, we were on our way down Brennan's Channel and their Catalina's new home at the CGSC.

Then outboard apparently liked the Waterway, as it picked that moment to sputter. Back up went the sails and we made our way to the Main Dock. (The motor must have worked through some of its homesickness, as it revived just enough to let us drop our sails for the final approach.)

Jeff had the lid off the outboard, seeing what he he could figure out. What happened next? Of course—a member washing his boat wanders over and asks: What's up? A marine forensic examination follows – try this, try that. Is the prop spinning? Wonder if it's the gas? Hold on, I'll get my spare tank from my boat. No, not that. Hmm....

Jeff cringed at having to take the motor off – not an easy maneuver, as it has to basically come backwards out of a little nook in the transom. Well, not easy unless... there's a Club

work hard in the best interests of the Club. That's why it's so disappointing to find there are a couple of Members who are spreading false rumors that are damaging to your Club. Rumor has it that our Mooring Fees are going to increase. That is totally false. I can assure you that neither the Board nor the Bridge has even talked about such a move. As many of you know, the Club is actively promoting our available moorings, since our number of boats on moorings has been below plan so far this entire fiscal year. Anyone who passed Econ 101 understands that raising rates is not a good way to attract new "customers." So, to those responsible, please stop spreading this rumor that is injurious to your Club.

Come and enjoy a great meal and beverage at the Club.

*Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*



### CREW NEEDED FOR BOAT SHOW WEEKEND!

Thurs. Feb 17 through Mon. Feb. 21

The CGSC will have a booth at the Strictly Sail portion of the Miami International Boat Show, and we need membersto staffit! We'll be spreading the word about our Club, and we hope you'll be available to help. The show runs from Feb. 17 to Feb. 21. If you're available, please contact Molly Welsh at [irieboat@gmail.com](mailto:irieboat@gmail.com). Even if you can't volunteer, be sure to stop by and visit. We'll be at Booth #930.

dinghy nearby! I rowed it over, tied it to the Catalina's stern and the motor came off without too much trouble.

Within 20 minutes, the motor sat under the Club's tented work bench, resting on the repair stand, and waiting to get picked up by a mechanic. (Who Nick, our waterfront director, had called via cell phone shortly after we walked off the dock.)

And after the Catalina got to her CGSC mooring – thanks to an expert tow by Dockhand Lee Hartman -- I really didn't need to say anything. I wanted to, of course, but I resisted. Jeff had one question: "How'd you manage to get the outboard to quit?"

Looking forward to seeing you on the Bay,

*Doug Hanks, Rear Commodore*  
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**Apologies from the Rear Commodore:  
In the January Channel, I inadvertently  
left Art Auwaerter's Soldawna off our  
thank-you list for 2010 signal boats.  
Sorry Art- and thanks for your service!**

## ADULT SAILING REPORT

**O**ur response and enrollment of several members who have recently joined, is quite gratifying. More and more at our General Meetings (we urge you to attend), we hear new members saying that they found us through our adult educational program or that they are joining because of the educational opportunities that follow, which are then followed by opportunities to participate in our Member User program to sail certain of our fleet boats, based on the level of competency earned.

Beginning in 2011, we have set a more aggressive schedule of course opportunities. We are already focused on that task for January at the time of this writing. I also need to mention that we had a very active December, usually a sluggish month, and much of that activity was private coaching on both the Sunfish, the keelboat and also on member's boats. The increased schedule has put a strain on our instructor corps, and we are recruiting aggressively to find just the right instructor(s), whose skills are equal to those US Sailing guidelines we follow. We are looking for more than just one instructor, and, in fact, we have just added Andrew Krellenstein, an FAU student, to our part-time teaching staff. If you are interested or know of others who might be, please contact (or have them contact) me at the number/email below or contact Nick Mansbach, sailing director, at ext. 11. Of course, we are always looking for volunteer coaches / helpers for our class. We try to not have a volunteer work with us more than once a month, unless they are eager to do so.

Our February Calendar is affected by the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, but we are still holding several classes for Sunfish and Keelboats as follows:

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| Sunfish Learn-to-Sail....                | Feb. 5-6                                     |
| Basic Keelboat Course (3)                | Feb. 5-6, 12-13, 26-27                       |
| Weekly Sunfish Clinic (4)                | Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24<br>(Reservation Required) |
| Monthly Sandbar Rendezvous<br>And Clinic | Feb. 27<br>(Reservation Required)            |

Basic Keelboat Certification  
And Challenge Exams  
By Phone or E-mail Request to Richad Crisler (see below)  
or Nick Mansbach (ext. 11).

PLEASE NOTE that our weekly and monthly Sunfish or Small Boat Clinics are for members and non-members alike.

Come JOIN us on the Bay, as a student or a volunteer coach or instructor. Just contact Richard or Nick.

Thanks to all our new and veteran instructors and helpers for your service.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely.....  
Richard Crisler,  
Adult Training Chairman  
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The regatta featured on-the-water Judging for the first eight races, and the Medal Race was Umpired. CGSC arranged for a total of seven Judges, including two Certified International Judges, to accomplish this.

Racing was conducted in a variety of conditions through the Regatta. The strongest winds were the first day, gradually lessening during each of the next two days. Sunday was very sailable, but in the five to eight knot range most of the time. The weather was great the whole time, albeit a bit on the cool side. The winds were NE the first two days and then SSE for Sunday.

After the first day, US defending Olympians Stu McNay and Graham Biehl held a 10 point lead over the second place team of Mathew Belcher and Malcolm Page from Australia. Among the Women, the US team of Erin Maxwell and Isabelle Farrar held a narrow lead over the French team of Camille Lecointre and Mathilde Geron.

The teams were allowed to drop their worst race if six or more races were sailed. So, by the end of Saturday's competition, the drop kicked in. The Australian men had a very good day, and with the drop pulled into a tie with Stu and Graham. Among the Women, Erin and Isabelle continued their narrow lead.

Unfortunately, both leading American teams had tough going on Sunday. Stu and Graham had to beat the Australians in the Medal Race, but couldn't get it done. Allison and Andrew and 8<sup>th</sup> in the first two races Sunday pushed Erin and Isabelle back to third overall, behind two French teams.

Gold Medalist Allison Jolly

Not all the highlights of the regatta occurred on the water. 470 Olympic Gold Medalist Allison Jolly was on hand Saturday, along with 470 Class Representative Andrew Sumpton. Allison spoke to the CGSC Junior sailors that morning. They were spellbound. You could have heard a pin drop around the picnic tables downstairs. Then, that evening, Allison and five American sailors in the midst of their 2012 Olympic campaigns spoke to CGSC Members, Race Committee and Judges gathered in the Main Room upstairs. The audience was captivated by the dedication of the current Olympic hopefuls, and by Allison's Gold Medal and tales of Seoul and Pusan in 1988. That was an extremely windy Olympiad.

CGSC Volunteers

At the trophy presentation Sunday evening, CGSC's Race Committee and Shore-side Regatta Committee received warm

applause from the racers. On the shore-side, new Member Bob Olmedo did a terrific job stepping in for Richard and Maryann Etkin, our regular shore-side leaders who were out of the country until the Sunday. Great job to all the shore-siders, including Bonnie Padgett, Geoff Sutcliffe and Darren Stortz.

Out on the water, CGSC's Signal Boat duties were split by CGSC Secretary Sean Connett's Fiji on Friday and Saturday, while Past Commodore Marc and Cathy Buller's Otra Cuba Libre on Sunday. Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer was the Principal Race Officer. Our Mark Boat Crew included Art Auwaerter, Kit Temple and Dottie Rostorfer. Pin Boat crews (two Pin Boats were required) were Past Commodore David Kurtz, Derek Cohen, Barbara Safiullin, Paul van Puffelen, Race Chair Susan Walcutt, Freddie Sambolin, Dorian Goldberg and Esther DiLeo.

The Finish Boat was crewed by Past Commodore Larry Whipple along with Dennis and Debby Jansma, Nancy Rogachenko, Scott Findley, Saralee Lamb and Bob Olmedo. The rest of the Signal Boat crew included Marvin Schenker, Jo Ann Mathieu, Anne Edwards, Marybeth Pearson, Veronic Ghayan, Maryann Etkin and Jim Waldron.

*Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*



Photos by Kit Temple.

# IT WAS A (LIGHT ORANGE) BOWL REGATTA!

Very strange. After a promising start in terms of wind strength, the remaining three days of the 2010 CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta, December 27-30, 2010, saw very light air – unsailably light much of the time. So, only about half the scheduled races were sailed. The big OB International Youth Regatta at Coral Reef YC suffered a similar fate. Some CGSC old-timers said they had never seen anything like it.

## Orange Bowl Regatta Developments

Meanwhile, considering the lack of breeze, the most important aspects of this year's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual CGSC OB Regatta probably occurred ashore. The International 420 Class is composed of a talented group of young racing sailors who will likely be transitioning into the Olympic 470 Class. They've wanted to be a part of the Orange Bowl Regattas for a while, but the age groups didn't fit, and they weren't successful. Consequently, they were planning to live at the Miami Rowing Club, tow four miles out the Port of Miami and race in the ocean for their North American Championship. That's pretty tough duty.

However, this year, CGSC reached a virtually last-minute agreement with the other Orange Bowl Regatta parties, and we invited the I-420 to join the traditional adult

Laser fleet in our Orange Bowl Regatta. They enthusiastically accepted, and now plan to hold their North American Championships at the CGSC Orange Bowl Regatta on an annual basis. Our Laser fleet turnout hasn't been too robust the last couple of years, so this development should help insure that CGSC will be part of the Orange Bowl event for years to come.

## On The Water

Meanwhile, the regatta was on. CGSC's Kyle Rogachenko, in the midst of an Olympic campaign in the Laser Class, got off to a great start with three bullets in the first three races to take a commanding lead. Young Robert Davis of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, who is also campaigning for an Olympic berth in 2012 or 2016 was standing second – that's a repeat of last year's CGSC OB Regatta results. Phil Crane of MIT Sailing and Greg Clunies of the Royal Canadian YC in Toronto were tied for third.

In the Laser Masters, it was Wilhelm Roberts of Lauderdale YC in the lead, with our own Augie Diaz in the hunt after that. Meanwhile, among the I-420's Graham Landry and Colin Murphy were looking very strong with a 2-1series.

Wednesday saw Robert Davis best our Kyle in the final two races to narrow the gap to three points. Erick Rodriguez made his presence felt in the Laser Masters, and Graham and Colin took another first in the I-420's.

On Thursday December 30, the last day of the regatta, and contrary to the forecast of a decent but light breeze, we were able to get in only one shortened race for the I-420's and no races for the Lasers. So, Kyle took the Lasers, Erick Rodriguez the Laser Masters and Graham Landry and Colin Murphy the I-420's.

It was a nonetheless happy group at the trophy presentation downstairs at the Clubhouse.

In the Laser Class, it was Kyle, Robert, Phil Crane, Greg Clunies and Erick Rodriguez filling out the top five. In the Masters, Erick was the winner, followed by Wilhelm winning the tie break for second with Augie. In the I-420's it was again Graham and Colin with a big win, Ed Liberty and crew from New Jersey were second and Ian Robinson and Chris Cyr from Detroit were three points back in third.

## New Honorary Members

Prior to the awards, Commodore Alyn Pruett presented Honorary Memberships to our current Orange Bowl Committee Representative Laura Sherrod and to her father and former long-time Rep Lester Johnson. That was a great moment, and well deserved by them.

## CGSC (and other) Volunteers

Rear Commodore Doug Hanks stepped up big time to be the shore-side chair for this regatta. He found local lodging for several Laser sailors, handled regatta entry and related paperwork, shore-side venues and several other activities with his excellent Committee.

On the water, Bill Braddon and Tondelayo stepped in to be Signal Boat on three of the four days after planned Signal Boat owner Tony Battaglia was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Commodore Alyn Pruett and Effortless filled in on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Jo Ann Mathieu and Ron Rostorfer shared Principal Race Officer duties, while Race Chair Susan Walcutt was snowed in up north during the Holidays. The Mark Boat crew was Art Auwaerter, Bernie Meier, Suzie Harbour and Jim Waldron. The Pin Boat was handled by Ron Giachetti, George Bradley, Dennis and Debby Jansma and Bob Olmedo.

On the Signal Boat, the crew consisted of Marvin Schenker, Veronic Ghayan, Marybeth Pearson, Carolyn Smith, Dorian Goldberg, Revati Roberts and Bonnie Padgett. I-420 and Laser parents stepped in to provide big-time assistance. Special thanks go to our own Walt and Nancy Rogachenko, Paul and Maryann Davis from Canada, Ed Liberty and Phil Factor from NJ and NY, respectively, and Coach Steve Keen.

*Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*

*Photos by Alyn Pruett*



## Sailing Director Report

Ahoy folks,

Here's what's happening in the clubs sailing world.

We just began our winter youth sailing season (man, time flies) with a total number of 22 kids participating in four different disciplines. Our Beginning Youth Learn To Sail, ages 6 and up, Green Fleet Beginning Opti Racing, Red, White, & Blue Advanced Opti Racing and of course, Laser's. All these programs run for a four month period (September thru December and January thru April) and kids can start anytime during that time. The hours for programming are 9 to 4 every Saturday and with the racing team that could vary depending on our regatta schedule. We try and do all the local regattas as well as away regattas. This season, aside from the local stuff, we will be attending the first of the winter season at the Upper Key's Sailing Club on the 29th & 30th of January. This is definitely one of our favorites as it is relatively close and the venue is great. This club has been described as "what the CGSC used to be before we built the new building" and they are one of the friendliest host club's I've had the opportunity to visit. So, if you don't have any plans on the 29th or 30th of January jump in your car, boat, motorcycle or any other mode of transportation and come down and check out the action. You can even become a "guest member for the day" for a very affordable price of \$1.

I very rarely discuss adult programming at CGSC but I will take this opportunity to brag. With an already very impressive Keelboat program that life member and Adult Sailing Chairman Richard Crisler created and with the recent US Sailing Basic & Bareboat instructor certification that Bruce Penrod acquired I can now honestly say that CGSC is US Sailing's "one stop shop". From small boat sailing on Sunfish to our recently reinvented Flying Scot level 1 and 2 course, not to mention our Spinnaker class if you ever had a desire to learn to sail look no further than our backyard.

At this point we are offering multiple monthly classes that include:

\* Adult Learn to Sail Sunfish, taught the first weekend of every month

\* Adult Learn to Sail Keelboat, taught the second and third weekend of every month (may include a third weekend, just check the club calendar)

\* Flying Scot Level's 1 & 2 (usually the fourth weekend of every month)

\* Spinnaker Class, 1 or 2 day, depending on interest, minimum 4 students

\* Basic Cruising, scheduled once a month (check calendar)

\* Bareboat Cruising, scheduled once a month (check calendar)

\* Certification classes for Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising, when needed



I can't say enough about our adult sailing classes and how both Richard and Bruce have grown them and how much positive feedback that I've received from students. We've had several students take every single class and have now become certified in all these different disciplines, so now more than ever, the start of a New Year, no more procrastinating, Let's Go Sailing!!!

Finally I'd like to close with a request to all that have or have the desire to store boats on the strip or racks. Please, please do not just leave your boats, trailer's, dollies on the strip or rack without first checking with myself, the dock office, main office or the general manager. We ask this because when boats and trailers are left, the spot you leave them in may already belong to someone else who is paying to have a space and when they realize this they tend not to be too happy. I'll thank you all in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

That's all for now,  
Nick Mansbach  
Sailing Director  
305-444-4571 Ext. 11

### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

February 4-6, 2011  
49ersXX Superbowl Regatta

February 5-6, 2011  
Comodoro Rasco Regatta

February 12-13, 2011  
Melges #2 Regatta

February 26, 2011  
Barnacle Old Time Regatta

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



*Pig Pen, a Flying Scot berthed on the CGSC Strip, departs for a day sail with three generations of the White family: Bobby has jib duties, Robin plots the course while Charles tends the helm.*

## View from the Signal Boat

**M**y Christmas holiday threw me a snowball - a quick trip to New England to be with family over Christmas ended up with me snowbound for an extra 4 days. Needless to say, I missed my PRO slot for the CGSC Orange Bowl Regatta on Tuesday, December 28. But, with our new Regatta and Scoring software, Regatta Network, a Wednesday call from PRO Jo Ann Mathieu on our Signal Boat in the middle of Biscayne Bay to me in Newbury, Massachusetts let me score the races for the day. We had a new fleet join our OBR this year, the 420s, who plan on returning to CGSC for our OBR in December 2011.

At the end of January CGSC will join other clubs on the Bay to run the Olympic Classes Regattas. We host the Board sailors for the week with races Monday through Friday. The Race Committee pulls assistance from Members and friends of the Club to help with boat and staffing needs for the special courses for the Men's and Women's classes. With week day races, we call on Members who are retired, have flexible work schedules or are not working to provide support.

We have a first for the Club the first weekend in February - two separate Regattas which require two separate Race Committee crews. Ron Rostorfer has been hard at work on the logistics gathering people, boats and equipment. The Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta has historically been held at the Club and we consider ourselves the Snipes' home in the Grove. The new sailors will be racing in the 29erXX Superbowl Regatta. Most of these sailors have been in Miami for the OCRs and continue their racing and training with this new event.



### From The Manager.....

**M**y sincere thanks goes out to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club membership and employees for the warm welcome and support that I've received through my first month at the club. As a Club Professional I'm proud to be associated with such a fine sailing organization and I look

forward to getting to know you all and hear about your many sailing adventures.

Hailing from Middletown Connecticut, I was fortunate to begin sailing at age 12 out of Pilots Point Marina in Westbrook onboard a Sunbird 16 and a Catalina 27. Upon Graduating from Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, I moved to Miami to attend Graduate Studies at Florida International University and then began a career in Country Club Management. In 2005 I was certified as a Private Club Manager and continue to participate in Club Professional Education Programs.

With experience in General Management positions at the Key West Yacht Club and the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce, I am prepared and eager to address the many challenges that lie ahead at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Mid February we welcome back the Melges 20 fleet for the second of their Winter Regatta Series. They may be joined with their bigger sibling, the Melges 24s. The end of February will have the Race Committee going back in time to host the Barnacle's Washington's Birthday Regatta with a fleet of classic boats seen on the Bay in the early 1900s. Keeping in that spirit, Commodore Pruitt will Captain his boat, Effortless, as the Signal boat.



As you can see, our schedule is very full. We are always accepting new volunteers, no experience necessary. We will train you, feed you lunch on race days and buy you two drinks at the Grove's Nest at the end of the day. Please contact me at [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net) or 305.297.7757 if you are interested in joining the most active Committee at the Club.

See you on the Bay....

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 recent weeks have been very busy for our Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee and employees. They have organized and conducted the Melges 20 Regatta, the Orange Bowl Regatta and the 470 Regatta with flawless results. These, individually unique events, all had something in common, an excellent racing and hospitality experience at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.


Live Music Fridays continues to be a member favorite. Featuring Miami's most popular bands, drink specials and Chef Tara's culinary creations, why would you go anywhere else for TGIF?

As most of you may know, we also offer Social Night Tuesday's with a \$2.00 and under menu, Caribbean Spice Wednesday's with an \$11.00 and under menu and Burger fest Thursday's featuring Chef Tara's ½ pound burger selections, all complimented with happy hour drink prices and featured cocktails. During the month of February, we will feature Warsteiner on tap.

Once again I thank you all for the opportunity to be involved with a slice of paradise such as Coconut Grove Sailing Club and if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

*Patrick Tully*  
[patricktully@cgsc.org](mailto:patricktully@cgsc.org)

# FEBRUARY 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6 pm Social Night 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic (Reservation required) 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Seven Mile Bridge	<b>9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course</b> <b>9am Adult Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class</b> <b>Commodore Rasco Snipe Regatta</b> <b>29ers Regatta</b> *Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing	Small Boat Clinic
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	6 pm Social Night	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic (Reservation required) 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Funky Blue Tones	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <b>9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course</b> <b>Melges Midwinter Regatta #2</b>	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Valentines Day</b> 	6 pm Social Night 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic (Reservation required) 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Solar Dogs	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <b>Coconut Grove Arts Festival</b> <b>Strickly Sailboat Show</b>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Strictly Sailboat Show</b> <b>Coconut Grove Arts Festival</b>	6 pm Social Night	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic (Reservation required) 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest 6:30 General Mtg. 7:30 Officer Board Mtg	Live Band: Hoodwink	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <b>9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course</b> <b>Oleta State Park Rendezvous</b>	Monthly Sandbar Rendezvous & Clinic (Reservation required)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6 pm Social Night	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic (Reservation required) 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Really Thick Milk Shake	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing	
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

## Cruising and Rendezvous

While sailors in the rest of the country have their boats stowed for the winter and the water is frozen solid, we have the chance to go sailing under brilliant blue skies and mild temperatures. The cooler weather allows us to explore the mangrove trails without the threat of pesky mosquitoes and we don't need air conditioning in our cozy cabins and V berths. Cool days with low humidity also allow the varnish to dry without bubbles on Effortless and I don't have to rig make-shift sun shades! The down side, no noodling for me in the 70 degree water. But the last I checked, Delaware Bay is 40 degrees!!

Our winter Rendezvous activities take place closer to our home port due to shorter days and the chance of bad weather created by blasts from the north. The CGSC Christmas boat parade was a great success again this year and included boats from Dinner Key marina as well. Sea Tow's Brand Pratt joined the parade and even though we didn't need his services, he remained close until he was called away. The day after the parade I received this email from him. "I got called out on a job before the parade had ended last night and as I was shooting across the Bay I could hear the Christmas carols on 78... It was one of those moments you cherish... It really did feel like Christmas!"

Our first Dockside Rendezvous of 2011 hosted by Rear Commodore Doug Hanks featured boats built in the 80's and 80's music. Here is his report of the event:

*"When was the last time you heard a-ha ever on the CGSC dock? Our 80s dockside rendezvous kicked off at sunset, with CGSC boats built in the 80s tied up to the main dock and CGSC members recalling their 80s Miami memories and wardrobes. (Cuffed jeans, anyone?)*

*Buck and Judi Buchanan brought their 1980 Sabre over from her slip on the Gables Waterway for the night. Secretary Sean Connett 'and Julia Cornide's 83 O'Day and Rick and Nancy Cooper's' '80 Mariner rounded out the 80s brigade.*

*After that, it was a screening of Caddy Shack (released in 1980), with members Pat and Mary Cacace in the audience pointing out their boat. Filming in South Florida, producers made the Rusty Pelican look like a yacht club and recruited some CGSC sailboats for background action while filming the classic harbor scene. ("You scratched my anchor!")*

*It was a fun trip back to the era that will be forever linked to Miami, and a theme we'll probably repeat another time. (The 80s won't ever go out of style, will they?)"*

Jo-An Pzeny and Karen Young hosted a Land and/or Sea Rendezvous to our close neighbor No Name Harbor located just across the bay which

allowed boaters to tie up to the sea wall and access Bill Baggs Park or arrive by car and join us at the pavilion. Leslie Jones and our partners from the Coconut Grove Rotary added a special treat to their monthly Island E clean up, a bonfire and hot dog roast on the island that same evening.

Bruce Penrod will host another by Land or Sea Rendezvous to Oleta State Park the weekend of February 26 and 27. We'll take the inter costal waterway up to the park and raft up in the shelter of the mangroves and pines. I have not been to this area and I'm looking forward to this new adventure. This rendezvous will give us a chance to practice our bridge navigation skills as well. Bring your kayaks and dinghies for this event. If arriving by land bring a bike or kayak. Oleta even has cabins for rent! Check out their site [www.floridastateparks.org/oletariver](http://www.floridastateparks.org/oletariver) for more details.

Looking ahead to March:

South Beach Rendezvous and Progressive Dinner on the Moorings in March

Anyone interested in going to the Abacos this year? Contact [jbpmm@aol.com](mailto:jbpmm@aol.com) if you are.

Janice Pruett



**SOUTH BEACH RENDEZVOUS** Sat. March 19  
Enjoy an exciting sail (or motor-sail) past the Brickell Avenue Skyline and downtown Miami, then drop anchor at one of the many protected anchorages west of Miami Beach. We'll pick a spot as the date approaches, based on wind forecasts. The plan is to "dink" ashore after sunset for dinner, and hopefully meet up with some members by land. Then a nice sail back Sunday morning. Contact Christian Vargas to sign up at [christianvargas1982@yahoo.com](mailto:christianvargas1982@yahoo.com).

## GALLEY NEWS

### SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAYS:

Check the online calendar for special social night menu items.

### Wednesday Theme: Caribbean Spice

Chef Tara features a few appetizers and main dishes that represent Caribbean cuisine. Visit our web site or call the office at ext.18 to inquire about the specials for the month.

### Thursday Theme: Burger Fest

Every Thursday, Chef Tara will feature four specialty burgers recipes that will tingle your imagination and taste buds.

Check the web site for current options or call ext 18.

### WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: Bar and Kitchen closed

Tuesday: SOCIAL NIGHT; Bar open from 4-9 pm;  
Food served 6pm-8pm

Wednesday: Bar 4-9 pm; Kitchen 5pm-9pm

Thursday & Friday: Bar: 11am – 9pm;  
Kitchen 11am-2pm and 5pm-9pm

Saturday & Sunday: Bar and kitchen 11am-9 pm

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