



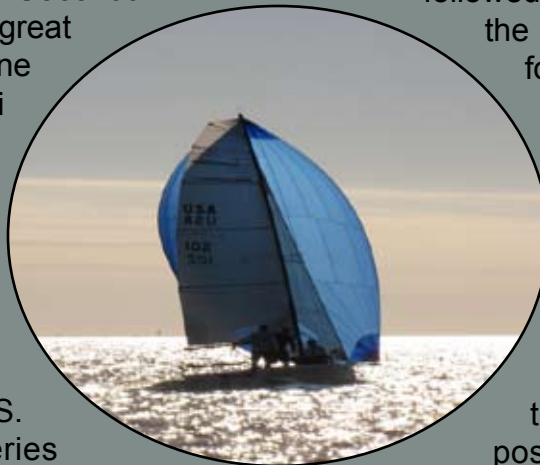
JANUARY 2011

First Audi Melges 20 a Record Regatta

A record-breaking twenty-six Audi Melges 20 teams gathered at Coconut Grove Sailing Club for a great weekend of competitive, fun, one design racing at the 2011 Miami Winter Series, Event No. 1 The regatta took place December 10-12. The entries doubled last year's Inaugural Series attendance level, and included teams from both the U.S. and Canada.

The 2010 Audi Melges 20 U.S. National and USA Sailing Series Champion Michael Kiss on Bacio seemed like the boat to beat, and that was borne out. The Audi Melges 20 is a growing and flourishing worldwide class, and we're very pleased that CGSC is their winter home.

The boats began arriving at CGSC on Thursday and that continued into the next day. They rafted off or took moorings at the Club. Things got underway



with Registration on the lower level Friday afternoon, followed by the Competitors' Meeting in the Main Room at 1800. This was followed by the Welcoming Party with Chef Tara's extremely popular appetizers and a live band.

Saturday dawned with a light NW wind. The forecast said it would hold, but as the Race Committee feared, it dwindled away to nothing, and the scheduled 1100 start was postponed. Fortunately, a light breeze came in from the area of Bear Cut Bridge, and seemed to hold. The first race was started around noon. The wind lightened and shifted left, so the RC signaled a course change for the second lap in that direction only to see the wind go right on the second weather leg. It wasn't pretty, but it counted and Race 1 was in the books. Then, the wind really went to bed, and

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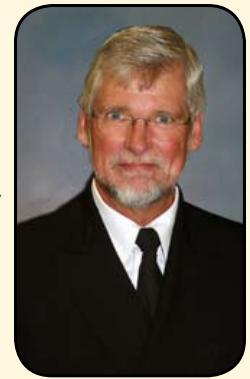
The "Old Man" racing his Snipe. Photo taken by Fried Elliott, friedbits.com. or Laser racing in the Olympix Class Regatta.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

A new year brings new projects! As chair of the Community Service Committee I have been, and will continue to work on initiatives that will engage our Club and members in projects which serve our Coconut Grove, and larger City of Miami Communities. One of the projects we began in 2009 is Island E. Island E is the spoil island that is immediately east of our mooring field. Neglected and unused for many years the Island is now the focus of an association comprised of Ransom Everglades School, the CGSC, the Coconut Grove Rotary and Business



Improvement District. The purpose of this group is to maintain and improve the island for community use as a park. Carlos Medina spearheaded this project for Ransom Everglades several years and began clearing trails and developing ideas for future improvements. In addition to creating an "island experience" for our community, the Island will also offer another opportunity for CGSC youth – especially those in our summer camp programs to learn about native plants, water quality and other environmental issues. In this month's Channel you can read more about this on-going project which is being led for CGSC by Leslie Jones. I encourage all our members to participate in the monthly "Island Day" when we will be cleaning and making improvements. Contact Leslie Jones if you would like to help her with this important project.

A second upcoming project, new to CGSC is the Coconut Grove Arts Festival which will be held February 19-21. . It is worth noting that although 2011 marks the 48th Arts Festival, CGSC is an even older member of the Coconut Grove community, having been here for 65 years! In the past the Club has effectively been closed for this event, and our parking lot has been used as storage for trucks serving the Festival. While access on-foot has been available for Club members, very little went on at the CGSC during this weekend. This year, with the support of Monty Trainer, the Festival's President, CGSC will participate in the Festival. While we still have to frame the exact nature of our participation, the preliminary thought is to focus on the combination of youth, sailing and art. Paul Van Puffelin, a new member of the CGSC Board of Directors, and father of Alex or "Puff" as he is known to our other youth sailors has agreed to lead CGSC efforts for this event. I know Paul will be looking for members to help with this effort so please contact him for more information on how you can help.

Although not directly an outcome of the Community Service Committee's efforts, a third, related project underway is CGSC participation in the Strictly Sail portion of the Miami Boat show. This event is February 17 – 21, 2011. Like the Arts Festival CGSC has not been active in the Boat Show until recently. Last year members of CGSC gave a seminar titled "Buying a Sailboat 101" which was very well attended. This year the Club will have a booth and specially designed collateral material to make those who may be in the market for a new or upgraded boat aware of our fantastic mooring field and club facilities. Doug Hanks our Rear Commodore, led our participation last year, and is leading CGSC efforts for the upcoming Show. Please contact Doug if you would like to help.

All of these projects fulfill a fundamental part of our mission, and help enhance CGSC relationships with our community. I hope you will find at least one to support and actively participate in.

Another project that I will start in January is a second round of revisions to our Bylaws. You may remember that last year at our annual meeting we voted on and approved several bylaw revisions in order to accommodate our new membership structure. This spring I plan to work through other revisions needed to clear up internal inconsistencies and conflicts and update other sections to reflect our current operations. If you would like to participate in this effort please contact me at apruett@c-strategies.com.

And of course our busy racing season will continue with the International 470's coming January 14-16, the second of the Melges Winter Series coming to CGSC

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February 11-13, along with a number of other regattas in February including the 29er XX, the Commodore Rasco Snipe Regatta and the Barnacle's Washington's Birthday Regatta. See the Club calendar for dates.
That's all for this month.
See you at the Club and on the Bay.

Alyn Pruett, Commodore

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

I was in the Grove's Nest when a CGSC parent approached me about a debt unpaid. "I could never repay the Club," this parent told me, "for what it's done for my son." Like many boys and girls, this child never could quite concentrate on anything for very long – until he discovered Optis. Hand on a tiller, alone on a boat, he discovered something to keep him focused and motivated. And he's having a ball out on the water.

Under Waterfront Director Nick Mansbach's leadership, our Youth Sailing program continues to thrive. And we hope we're introducing most of the kids to a lifetime of sailing – one of those few youth sports that you can continue enjoying with grandchildren.

Now, thanks to a milestone donation by the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation, we're in an even stronger position to fulfill that educational mission. In December, the Foundation gave the CGSC five barely-used Optis for our youth training fleet. It's hard to overstate how big of a moment this is, since this marks a turning point in our youth instructional program.

We've had a new wave of beginning sailors join our Pram classes, and that's going to mean more Opti sailors moving up the ranks. Our oldest Opti hulls certainly show the marks of a busy, aging fleet. They were basically heading quickly into forced retirement, so these new Optis will mean many years of new CGSC sailors learning the skills they need for a lifetime of sailing.

If you haven't already, you'll likely receive the Foundation's annual request for support in a mailing to your home. I urge you to help. This independent charity is dedicated to promoting sailing education in Coconut Grove.

I'll join our many grateful Opti and Laser parents in saying: Thank you, Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation, for the work that you do!

Looking forward to seeing you on the Bay,

Doug Hanks, Rear Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Hi Members –

I was down at the Club this evening, and was really impressed with the appearance of our Sailing Club. The Mangroves have been trimmed back, the launch dock refurbished, the north gate and adjacent fence renewed, the seawall in the Strip area refurbished, along with several other changes. All is in waiting for our Annual Orange Bowl Open Regatta, December 27-30.

In the meantime, we are sorry to report that our fine General Manager, Dragan Savin, is leaving Coconut Grove Sailing Club. He has been offered an excellent position in the hospitality industry that he could not pass up. He is very appreciative of his time here, and leaves us regretfully.

During Dragan's tenure at CGSC, huge improvements have been made to the Club, especially in terms of the quality and profitability of our food and beverage service. Dragan found and hired Chef Tara Abrams, improved our inventory controls, purchasing and a host of other matters.

The Executive Committee has already commenced the search for a new General Manager. The aim is to find, vet, select and hire a very qualified replacement as promptly as possible. At this writing, we believe there is a very high likelihood that a qualified GM can be named shortly. In the meantime, the Executive Committee, headed by me, will oversee the Club's operations.

Dragan's last day at CGSC will be Sunday, December 19th. Please join us in wishing him the greatest success in his new position.



Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Approximately fifteen (15) years ago, we made the decision to be affiliated with US Sailing in order to put some quality and integrity into our adult instructional program. Though many dedicated volunteer instructors had taught adult sailing for many years since our founding in 1946, classes were not structured, and the schedule was fairly irregular, depending on the volunteer instructor and the club secretary at the time. Further, we were teaching full size adults in the children's prams. I know....I was a fairly new member when I began assisting those instructors. We attempted an intermediate class using an old club owned Victoria and Hurricane, both of which were destroyed in Hurricane ANDREW. When a few dedicated members got on the bandwagon to improve our program, and get certified under US Sailing, we began building a fleet of four old Flying Junior boats out of eight we bought as scrap from Broward Community College's sailing program. Dedicated members like Dudley Clark, Charles Branning, Roy Hellman, Bud Price and others put muscle, sweat and brains into building a program. Along with myself, we sponsored a US Sailing Level 1 Instructor course, our first, here at CGSC, and our first steps to where we are now, began. As a side-note, some may remember that we had a boat naming contest for our fleet. The winners were "Manny, Moe and Jack" and the final boat, painted yellow, was called "Swiss Cheese" because it had so many patched holes in it.

Today, we have now grown to become US Sailing's premier instructional and certification facility in Southeast Florida, offering numerous monthly classes and clinics, including Level 1 Dinghy (Sunfish), Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat. Further we have recently added a unique Flying Scot program. As our classes grow and schedules become busier with more classes, we also have developed a need for US Sailing certified instructors at all levels. We will always have the need for volunteer coaches in our Sunfish classes and clinics to assist the certified instructor, but we also need serious instructors, willing to commit approximately one weekend per month. Committed, certified instructors are not expected to completely volunteer, and there are benefits for your services. Curious...? Want to know the path to becoming a certified instructor through US Sailing? Just contact Nick at extension #11 or Richard, at the phone or email below, for the details.

At this writing, we are expecting the best December (in number of adults attending classes or clinics), since our program began with US Sailing. The holidays always take a toll on attendance at our classes and clinics during December, but each season the attendance gets better. We also had the best December for the sale of sailing class gift certificates.

Remember, gift certificates for sailing classes are great gifts year-round. We have a handsome, nautical gift certificate

that is good for one year. It can be custom addressed. Whatever phase of sailing instruction you want to give to someone, we have a gift certificate to fit the need. Contact Richard for more information or to purchase a gift certificate.

We have a fuller, more ambitious class and activity schedule for 2011, beginning in January. Please check the schedule below.

January Date(s)	Event
5, 13, 20, 27	Weekly Sunfish Clinics 9AM - Noon
5, 6, 7	Basic Cruising (3 days)
8 - 9	Learn to Sail weekend class 9AM-4:30PM
8 - 9	Basic Keelboat Course 9AM-4:30PM
15 - 16	Basic Keelboat Course 9AM-4:30PM
20, 21, 22, 23	Basic Bareboat (4 days)
22-23	Basic Keelboat Course 9AM-4:30PM
30	Small Boat Clinic 9AM-2PM

To register or for questions, please contact Richard, below:

Thanks for Everyone's exceptional support of our Adult Instructional efforts. Thanks to Hank and Pat Collins for the donation of a dock box for our adult programs, and thanks to Dan Maher and Doug Hanks for volunteering to pick up the box and install it upstairs. I have been hauling class material back and forth in my car for many years. I especially appreciate this new "storage" facility for class equipment and materials.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely.....

Richard Crisler, Chairman – Adult Training

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Great Racing in SE FL PHRF Championships

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted our annual Southeast Florida PHRF Championships on November 20-21. The forecast for a great breeze both days was sort of borne out, as Saturday's best wind was late in arriving. Sunday was terrific, so all in all it was an excellent weekend of racing for the Championship. Eighteen boats entered the regatta, although not all found their way to the racecourse.

Saturday featured three windward-leeward courses for boats with valid 2010 PHRF Rating Certificates. Sunday's event was a single distance race, with the PHRF boats sailing a longer course and an Assigned Rating Class (ARC) fleet on a shorter course.

Racing in Saturday's easterly breeze was competitive, especially in PHRF A. In Race 3, Eamonn DeLisser and Jim Bill's Mainsqueeze bested Stuart Hebb's Thin Ice by just 10 seconds on corrected time. At the end of the day, Thin Ice with a 1-1-2 series had a two point lead on Mainsqueeze, with Three Way in third, sailed by the Raymond/Ewing/Prandini partnership. In PHRF B, it was all Michael Carrington's Susimi with three bullets. Kerry Gruson's Blu BaYou was second each time, and Blitzkrieg sailed by Andres Martinez was third.

The windward-leeward courses included windward offset marks and leeward gates, so our Race Committee mark boat crews were busy. Our crack team on the Gate Boat set square gates every time. This caused a pretty even split of the fleet at the gate – the desired result. The wind did build as the day went on, allowing our Race Committee to stretch out Race 3 to 1.5 nautical mile legs. The easterly was typically steady for the day, with the RC only having to signal a course change once during the day.

Sunday's distance race was sailed in a 15-20 knot easterly. The big early feature of the race was a downwind start from mid-Bay, heading towards a leeward mark well off the Coconut Grove shoreline. The smaller ARC fleet started first and sailed a shorter course of almost 11 miles. Both PHRF fleets started together in a massive downwind exodus that was exciting to watch. Their racecourse was almost 18 miles in length.

The downwind first leg was followed by a windward leg, then spinnaker reach, windward, leeward, headsail reach and finally a run to the finish at the first rounding mark. For the ARC fleet, they sailed the same course until the second beat to Park Boundary Marker "B," and then came downwind to the finish.

In PHRF A, Valeri Safiullin's Breeze roared to the finish and posted a big win for the day.

Mainsqueeze was second, and David Bond's Loki took third. In PHRF B, it was Susimi and Blue BaYou again taking first and second, with Mark Pincus aboard Scouts Honor in third.



Outer Limits and Thin Ice at the start



The placid start of race two.



Outer Limits and Mainsqueeze under spinnakers.



Hot Air getting up to weather.

big step for your Club.

Others on the Signal Boat Saturday were Susan Walcutt, Esther DiLeo, Vicki Rosenbloom and Veronic Aghayen. For Sunday, it was Jo Ann Mathieu, Esther, Carolyn Smith and Suzie Harbour. Thanks to all!

Ron Rostorfer



Kerry Gruson finishing in her Blew BaYou.

racing was abandoned for the day.

The racers gathered back at CGSC for post race discussions, Chef Tara's appetizers and a few pitchers of beer. Melges 20 owners Marc Hollerbach and Michael Kiss are new CGSC members and were presented with their Membership packets. Commodore Alyn Pruett then presented Melges Performance Sailboats CEO Harry Melges III with an Honorary Membership in CGSC. It was a great post-race interlude.

With a very serious cold front approaching, Sunday dawned overcast with a light westerly breeze that was forecast to increase substantially and move left. That's what happened. Fortunately, an early first Warning Signal had been scheduled, and the fleet was racing shortly after 1000. The wind built steadily and three very good races were sailed. Current champion Michael Kiss from Holland MI with Olympian Chris Rast aboard put on a clinic, winning all three races sailed on Sunday. By the end of Series Race 4, the racers were dealing with a big breeze. Kiss's three bullets combined with an opening day 8th to take the regatta handily by eight points. Sid Gorham from the San Francisco area won the tie break with Anthony Tabb of Chicago for second. Marc Hollerbach of Grosse Pointe MI and a new CGSC member was two points back in fourth place.

Afterwards, teams assembled at Shake-A-Leg for haul-out and an awards presentation to each of the winning competitors by Melges' President, Andy Burdick. Andy also recognized the well organized efforts of CGSC.

CGSC's Race Committee for the regatta featured Mike and Karen Castleberry's beautiful Tartan 37 Imagine as Signal Boat. Bruce Golison from Alamitos Bay YC in Long Beach, CA was again our guest PRO. Dottie Rostorfer was the timer. The rest of the Signal Boat crew included Margo Golison, Steve Washburn and

Jo Ann Mathieu.

Up to windward on her Contender 27 was Race Chair Susan Walcutt, assisted by Jaime Ramon, Bill Stites and Esther DiLeo. The Gate Boat was our new Key Largo with Race Officer Taran Teague from Annapolis, Niall O'Brien as boat operator and Kit Temple crewing and photographing. The Pin Boat was Past Commodore David Kurtz's Robalo, with Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer. George Bradley crewed on Saturday, with Bonnie Padgett crewing on Sunday.

Ron Rostorfer



Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series - Event No. 1

Top Ten Finishers

Place	Boat	Skipper	Home Port	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Total
1	Bacio	Michael Kiss	Holland, MI/CGSC	9	1	1	1	12
2	Funner	Sid Gorham	Belvedere, CA	8	7	3	2	20
3	Elevation Racing	Anthony Tabb	Chicago, IL	4	6	5	5	20
4	Fu	Marc Hollerbach	Grosse Pointe, MI/	5	4	9	4	22
5	Shimmer	Russell Lucas	Little Silver, NJ	6	2	6	10	24
6	M&M Racing Team	Mary Anne	Cpcpa Beach, FL	2	11	2	11	26
7	Tramp	Tom Ritter	Bloomfield Hills, MI	7	5	11	6	29
8	Volpe	Ryan DeVos	Holland, MI	3	3	8	16	30
9	Red Sky	Paul Reilly	Chicago, IL	21	10	4	3	38
10	Blink 20/20	John	Holland, MI	1	15	16	8	40

Island E

Exciting things are happening just to the Club's East at Island E. This is the 10 acre spoil island you can see directly behind the mooring field off the sailing club.

CCSC, Ransom Everglades School and Breakthrough Miami, The Rotary Club of Coconut Grove and other community organizations have been instrumental in getting this island cleaned up and maintained so that it can ultimately be a place for the entire community to enjoy.

CGSC has designated the SECOND OR THIRD SATURDAY of each month, for this project. We are seeking volunteers to help with ongoing projects here including maintenance of trails, shoreline trash pick-up and recycling, and the raising of funds and building of a Chickee lookout. This is the perfect opportunity to organize scout groups and corporate employee volunteers as well as CGSC Club participation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for SATURDAY, January 15, 12-5. We will have a clean-up AND then hot-dogs, refreshments and a firepit AT THE ISLAND directly after clean-up. This is the perfect opportunity for ALL CLUB MEMBERS to come out and see this project. All are welcome but you MUST MAKE A RESERVATION so we know how many people to count on for the "Firepit Grill Out". CALL OR EMAIL IN YOUR VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT to the club at: officeassistant@cgsc.org
Leslie Jones



Island E Conceptual Plan

CGSC Shore-side Regatta Committee Debuts

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's new Shore-side Regatta Committee went into action for the first time at the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series regatta, December 10-12. This group took control of several key regatta aspects for the Melges 20's. The kind of capability they put forth has been sorely needed at CGSC for a while, and is very much appreciated.

Shore-side Regatta Committee Co-Chairs (and new CGSC members) Richard and Maryann Etkin stepped up to take the lead last month. They signed up volunteers, organized the effort, coordinated and communicated with the Race Committee, CGSC's Staff and the Melges 20 leadership. The results were excellent.

The Committee gathered and assembled the registration packets for each of the 26 boats entered, took lunch orders from the competitors, ordered and delivered lunches to racers and Race Committee as well, provided a presence at the gate to welcome racers and assist with parking, and arranged supplemental launch service for the Melges 20's living on our moorings. On Sunday, they set up a great trophy presentation venue at Shake-a-Leg where the Melges 20's haul and store for the next regatta. The competitors were very pleased – and impressed!

Committee members working the regatta included Bob Olmedo, Robyn O'Reilly, Veronic Ghayan, Patrick McLister, Marybeth Pearson and Bill Braddon who operated the popular Spectator Boat. Susan Walcutt and Dottie Rostorfer from the Race Committee also assisted at Registration.

Richard and Maryann especially cited our Club Staff, certainly including Chef Tara Abrams, Waterfront Director Nick Mansbach, Dockmaster Duane Smallwood and his staff for their enthusiastic assistance.

CGSC's very busy winter regatta season is just getting started, so there are lots of opportunities for other members to join in for this rewarding activity. Contact Richard Etkin at richard.etkin@gmail.com

JANUARY 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						Small Boat Clinic
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	6 pm Dollar Dogs 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Funky	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 9am Adult Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class 9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course 9 am New Spinnaker Skills Class </div> 6pm Dockside Rendezvous	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	6 pm Taco Night	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic 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 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Adult Basic Keelboat - 9AM </div>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	6 pm Fish & Chips (\$2) 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Caribbean Cuisine Speaker: History of Stiltsville	9AM Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Band: Really Thick Milk Shakes	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Basic Keelboat Course, 9AM </div>	
17	18	19	20	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Basic Bareboat (4 days) </div>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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View from the Signal Boat

The Winter Regatta season has started! The Melges 20 have returned to Biscayne Bay and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for a second year with their three Regatta Miami Winter Series. Their first event was December 11th and 12th. (See the article with details elsewhere in the Channel). They will be back in February 2011 for two days and three days in March as part of the new Bacardi Sail Week. CGSC Race Committee pulled out all the stops with two Members' supplying their power boats in addition to a new (to the Race Committee) Key Largo center cockpit power boat for our Gate, Mark and Pin Support Boats. A special thank you to new RC members Richard and Mary Ann Etkins who assumed the responsibilities of Shore-Side Regatta Chair and organized all the details for ordering lunches, checking on parking, manning the Registration Desk and the after-race Duty Desk as well as the Sunday afternoon Awards Presentations.

The end of December, Monday, December 27 to Thursday, December 30, will have the Club hosting the adult part of the Orange Bowl Regatta for Laser sailors 19 and older. PRO responsibilities will be split between Ron Rostorfer (12/27 & 12/30), myself (12/28) and Jo Ann Mathieu (12/29). Rear

Commodore Doug Hanks will handling Shore-Side responsibilities.

Our Club and Race Committee reputation is spreading. We will host new guests to CGSC, the 470s, for their Nationals, the middle of January from Friday, January 14 through Sunday, January 16. The end of January will have the Club providing the Race Committee for one of the circles of the Olympic Class Regattas. This is a full week of weekday racing (Monday through Friday, January 24-28, 2011) so we need as many of the Club Members that are retired or not working that week to volunteer for either on the water or shore side duties. We always are 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 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



Instructor and Students Enjoy a Grilling and Sailing Good Time

On a recent US Sailing Basic Cruising Class, the instructor, Bruce Penrod and students were treated to a great lunch on Boca Chita. One of the students was Steven Raichlen, food author and host of the PBS cooking series, Primal Grill, and he offered to use the island's grills to prepare this special treat. The morning of the second day of the class was spent plotting a safe course to the location and then motoring because of lack of wind into the harbor of Boca Chita.

Member and student, Beatriz Rocha supplied lobsters and arepas for the grill and Steven brought ears of corn and pineapple for dessert. He got the grill going with a natural hardwood charcoal and then applied his own brand of rub to the lobster tails, Gaucho Barbecue Rub. Check out his web site at <http://store.grilling4all.com>. We covered some instructional details as we waited for the grill to get hot enough and then it was grill time. Beatriz and Bruce got to help him prepare the food and also snap several photos of the event. Soon we were sitting down to a picnic table overlooking the lighthouse and bay for a great culinary experience.

What a way to celebrate a class! Soon we were heading back to the club under sail this time, practicing points of sail, heaving to, and crew overboard drills as we enjoyed the fantastic afternoon.

Bruce Penrod



Mark Nickum, new member, with helm and Bernie Baetzel on the stern seat during a US sailing Bareboat Cruising Class.

Member Beatriz Rocha at the helm during a Basic Cruising Class on the Bay.



Member Beatriz Rocha and UPB's host of Primal Grill, Steven Raichlen, prepare a lunch of grilled lobster tail, ears of corn, arepas, and grilled pineapple during the 2nd day of a Basic Cruising Class.



Leaping Groundhog close reaching in 15 knots of wind during a Bareboat

Cruising Class with Bernie Baetzel at the helm.



THANK YOU TO THE 2010 CGSC SIGNAL BOATS!



Ivory Gull, Henry Bernstein



Fiji, Sean Connett, CGSC Secretary



Cool Obsession, Carl Updyke



Effortless, Commodore Alyn Pruett

The CGSC couldn't be one of Miami's great racing clubs without these skippers volunteering their time and their boats on race weekends. If you have a moment, please say thanks the next time you see them.

Here's to another great year of CGSC racing!
Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

(Did we leave any Signal Boats off this list? If so, email Rear Commodore Doug Hanks at ensignmiami@gmail.com. He'll thank them in the next Channel. Apologies for any omissions!)



Imagine, Mike and Karen Castleberry



Tondelayo, Bill Braddon



Lucia, Ron Canizares, CGSC Treasurer



Sono III, Juan Torres



William D, Michelle Niemeyer



Otra Cuba Libre, Cathy Buller and PC Marc Buller

Not pictured:

Faith
Soldawna
Sweet Lime

Rusty Contella
Art Auwaerter
Will and Gail Pulsford

**Join
CGSC's
Race Committee Team**

A rewarding day on the Bay!

**Contact Susan Walcutt
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305.297.7757**

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

January 14-16, 2011
470s Nationals

January 24-28, 2011
Olympic Class Regatta

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

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NOTICE

Your Board of Directors has approved a change in the Club's tipping policy pertaining to food and beverage service.

Commencing November 1, 2010, an 18% gratuity will be automatically added to all food and bar purchases.

This charge will be clearly delineated on your bill when you sign out. We are trying to minimize the amount of Member cash handled by our food and bar service staff.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

GALLEY NEWS

FOOD CHOICES FOR JANUARY

SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAYS:

- Jan 04th: Hot Dogs (\$1)
- Jan 11th: Tacos (\$2)
- Jan 18th: Fish & Chips (\$2)
- Jan 25th: Pulled Pork Sandwich (\$2)
- Feb 01st: Chicken Wings (\$2)

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

Launch service 24/7



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The image shows a white Audi Melges 20 sailboat with a red sail, racing on the water. Three crew members in red shirts and black life jackets are visible on deck. The boat has the Audi logo and 'MELGES 20' branding. The background is a bright blue sky and sea.

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**EVENT NO. 2
FEBRUARY 12-13**

**EVENT NO. 3
MARCH 10-12**

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