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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CGSC 29erXX SUPERBOWL REGATTA

**C**oconut Grove Sailing Club played host to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 29erXX Superbowl Regatta February 4-6, 2011. The 29erXX is a souped up 29er that is vying for a spot as the Women's Olympic high performance dinghy. That would parallel the Men's 49er Class that's been in the Olympics for a while. They're exciting boats to watch, with both skipper and crew on trapezes in any breeze.

The 29erXX's had their factory and Class trailers bring the boats in, and had their own coach, as well. They held several clinics on the boats leading up to the Regatta.

This year, there were ten entries, but this should grow if their Olympic aspirations are realized. These are great young people, mostly women but there were some male crews, including double

Olympic bronze medalist and pro sailor Charlie McKee from Seattle.

Racing started out on an easy note with light air for Friday's first day of racing. CGSC's Race Committee actually had to shorten the leg length for the first race to stay near the target time. Then, in Race 2, a modest wind shift caused another course change. Things straightened out for Race 3, and the fleet was sent in to be greeted by Chef Tara's hot chicken and rice soup (these sailors burn a lot of calories!).

For Saturday and Sunday, the fleet moved up near the Quick Flash marker to make room for the Snipe Comodoro Rasco Regatta that was also taking place at the Club that weekend. Saturday was an absolutely Chamber of Commerce day for sailboat





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# COMMODORE'S REPORT



## Coconut Grove Sailing Club Traditions

This is a very exciting time for the CGSC! As I reported in my article last month we have over 150 new members who have joined our community of sailors since July of last year. More importantly many of our new members have stepped in to participate in the Club's many activities – from the Race Committee - to the web site - to community outreach and service. In addition many of our existing members have stepped up their participation as well. This growing level of involvement is great for the Club as it means we can expand our activities for members and our service to the community. However, as we continue to look toward a bright future, it is equally important that we all remember the important traditions that have been part of our Club's history and culture for many years. The following is a summary of some of those traditions.

## Burgee and Member Boat Pictures

The CGSC burgee was designed by Walter C. DeGarmo, a noted South Florida Architect and designer. Members are encouraged to fly the burgee, which is traditionally hoisted on a halyard attached to the starboard spreader of a boat. The one traditional "rule" given to new members regarding the burgee is "If you run- aground, take it down"! Members with boats currently on the moorings may place a picture of their boat on the walls of the Grove's Nest Bar/Restaurant. See the Club manager to have your picture added to the Club's "Fleet".

## CGSC-Hosted Regattas

The CGSC hosts a number of "traditional" regattas over the course of each year, which are listed below. We are happy to have added the Melges 20 Winter Series to this list in 2009. The Club also hosts numerous other regattas that can be found on the Club Calendar.

## Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) Regattas - Year-round

The BBYRA is comprised of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Key Biscayne Yacht Club and the Miami Yacht Club, and promotes and manages PHRF sailboat racing. Please check the BBYRA website at bbyra.net for a complete list of over 90 sailboat racing events on the Bay.

## Special Regattas and Races

There are a number of special regattas held on the Bay and in the Ocean during the course of theyear. The Columbus Day Regatta in October and the Miami-Key Largo Race held in April have been among those popular with CGSS sailors.

## Annual Meeting - First Friday in June

The annual meeting of Club members is held, according to bylaws, the first Friday in June. The Club's budget for the coming year is presented and members have the opportunity to request modifications. The election of officers for the coming year is the major event of the meeting. Elected officers include the Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer and Secretary. The Vice Commodore automatically becomes the Commodore July 1 of each year, when all new officers begin their one-year term.



### **Installation of Officers - June**

The Club hosts a dinner every year—usually at the end of June to celebrate the incoming officers and board members and to acknowledge the service of outgoing officers. The installation ceremony precedes the dinner, and is today held on the CGSC lawn. Officer's flags are ceremoniously lowered and presented to the new officers, after which they are raised again.

### **Annual Rendezvous - April/May**

The Annual Rendezvous has been a tradition at CGSC since the early 1960's, when Paul and Bob Roselle created it as a family event with a Pirate theme. It starts on a Friday afternoon with a sail to Elliott Key, then an early evening meal of Bean Soup. Saturday there are games, treasure hunts, kayak races all followed in the evening by a bonfire on the ocean—side of the Island. Sunday morning there is a light breakfast for those who are up early, then a sail back to the Club.

### **Work Weekend - November**

Work weekend is now held in November, acknowledging the end of Hurricane Season. The Club is closed two days and members come to work on the facilities and equipment.

## **VICE COMMODORE REPORT**

Your Club's Executive Committee has determined that overflow "double" parking will no longer be an acceptable practice at CGSC. The Club is simply not willing to accept the risk associated with our Staff moving double-parked vehicles around to let someone out from a legitimate parking space. Staff will no longer accept keys from drivers of double-parked cars.

General Manager Pat Tully's column in this issue goes into more detail. However, CGSC has arranged a special rate of \$6.00 per day at the underground garage adjacent to the Sonesta Hotel. It's just a half block away, and very secure. Just have your ticket validated in the CGSC office. We all have to recognize that with 700 or so members and only 51 parking spaces, the CGSC sticker on your windshield is actually just a hunting license.

Thanks for your understanding.

On to more fun stuff. Inquiry from CGSC Staff to the VC, "We would like an herb garden!" Reply, "Don't think I've met him." Of course, they were speaking of an herb garden for Chef Tara's culinary creations. Lo and behold, we now have it. It doesn't take up space on the ground, but the location remains undisclosed for the time being. Improvements are coming. Bartender/Junior Sailing Coach Jeff Timmons is the gardener, and the herbs look fantastic. Thanks to all concerned. A fun thing, and there's nothing like fresh herbs.

We dodged a bullet on this one. During the 29erXX

Some jobs recur every year, such as cleaning and repairing the Club's fleet of sunfish, and dinghies. Other projects vary with need and have included interior and exterior painting as well as landscaping and grounds cleanup.

### **Rendezvous' and Special Events**

The Club sponsors numerous sailing rendezvous' and special events including our annual 4th of July celebration, Pig Roast, Octoberfest, Fish Fry, Holiday Boat Parade, the Haunted Mooring Field, Dog Days Rendezvous, and movies on the lawn. Please check the calendar and announcements posted at the club, as events may change – and new events are added -over the course of the year. The Rendezvous Committee also has its own email list to let members know of upcoming events. See the Committee chair to be added to that group.

I hope all our members will join us in participating in these and the many other activities of the Club. There is always room to make new CGSC traditions!

That's all for this month.

See you at the Club and on the Bay.

*Alyn Pruett, Commodore*



Superbowl Regatta, their factory trailer from Montreal with a \$30,000 49er on board was directed to a nearby parking lot that we've used for this purpose several times in the past. The factory rep was a delightful Dutch-Canadian named Yorgie. Saturday afternoon, he went to check on the trailer, and it was GONE! Our Sailing Director Nick Mansbach leapt into action to alert authorities, check to see if it had been towed for some reason, and offer a Club trailer for Yorgie take the boats home. It was a very distressing and stressful couple of hours.

Sunday morning, we were getting ready for the day's racing, when in the Club gate with the trailer in tow came Yorgie! He had gotten up at dawn and gone looking at marinas north of CGSC. After checking several out, he pulled into one about five miles away and there was the trailer with the boat still on. He hitched it up and towed it out – stealing it back from the thieves! A very happy ending thanks solely to Yorgie and good fortune.

*Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*

## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

The CGSC fleet continues to grow. On the heels of acquiring another Pearson Ensign, we now have a cruising boat for members to use: a Beneteau 265. We obtained this 27-foot boat through the judicial process after the owner stopped paying his mooring fees. The Board of Directors decided it would be more valuable as a CGSC boat than to sell it for the cash value. To justify that decision, we have to use it, of course!

The Board approved a detailed policy for the Beneteau, and you can get the details through Waterfront Director Mansbach. Basically, we're requiring that members sailing our Beneteau hold a Basic Cruising certification from US Sailing. (Master sailors can challenge the certification through a written and on-the-water test that takes an afternoon.) This is based on our member-use program for the Ensign and Sunfish, and is designed to ensure many years of great member sailing from this new CGSC asset. Of course, obtaining that Cruising certification couldn't be easier. Bruce Penrod, a CGSC director and Adult Sailing instructor, is the CGSC's first US Sailing Cruising instructor, having obtained his teaching certification from US Sailing. Bruce has already had great success teaching Basic Cruising, and the next step up the US Sailing ladder, Bareboat Cruising. And he has taken the lead in getting our new Beneteau ready for member use. Bruce took some members out recently for a shakedown cruise, and here's part of what he had to say: "This boat has some great cruising features such as tiller steering, cockpit controlled outboard with integral gas tank, an easy

to use sail plan including a furling genoa, and lots of room for up to 4 people. For its size, the space below is amazing with 6 foot plus standing headroom, an alcohol stove, galley with deep sink and lots of storage, an enclosed head with shower and sink, aft cabin with double bunk, forward v-birth sleeping for 2, seating at the dinette for 4, and lots of ports for ventilation and light." It's likely some of our first CGSC members at the tiller of the Beneteau will be Bruce's graduates. We hope to expand those ranks quickly. I also see a role for the Beneteau in our instructional program. It could be a great fit for the Family Sailing classes that Commodore Pruett set out as one of his goals, and I think could be ideal for some one-day seminars on advanced sailing skills. But for sure, we need to get this boat used -- and used often! We hope the investment will encourage even more people to join the CGSC and get out on the Bay. I'm asking you to do your part. If you don't own a sailboat, make it your goal in 2011 to start sailing this one. Check our Members Use section on the website, [cgsc.org/members-use](http://cgsc.org/members-use), for details as we post them. Looking forward to seeing you on the Bay.



*Doug Hanks, Rear Commodore*  
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## Rendezvous News

February and March prove to be one of the best months in South Florida. The weather starts to improve, while our friends up north struggle with snow shovels and suffer from cabin fever.

The bay water is crystal clear and the cool nights with no mosquitos are perfect for an overnight on your boat. A couple weeks ago we sailed down to Sands Key and arrived in time to watch the sunset from our kayak. The weather was cool so we had dinner in the cabin (an unusual event on Effortless) and snuggled under the covers in the V berth. Sunday we sailed down to Adams Key and anchored in the creek south of the channel. My new favorite spot in the bay. We saw dolphin frolicking in the bay and many birds perched in the mangroves.

Our next rendezvous is scheduled for Saturday, February 26 and 27th at Oleta State Park in North Miami. We plan to leave the club early Saturday morning in time to make it through the Julia Tuttle bridge at low tide. Plan to bring your dingy or kayak for this rendezvous so that we can explore the water trails through the park. Bruce Penrod will be hosting this event and knows the bridges that we will be passing through and the waters around Oleta. He's agreed to take us on a guided kayak tour through the creeks. If you don't have a boat

and would like to attend you can arrive by car and cabins are available for rent. Bring your own linens. They have extensive bike throughout the park and they do rent bikes. Log on to [www.floridastateparks.org/oletariver](http://www.floridastateparks.org/oletariver) for more information about the park. They have lots of bike trails as well and a sandy beach. Bring a dish to share for potluck.

Hope you can join us for this event. Contact Bruce at [bapenrod29@msn.com](mailto:bapenrod29@msn.com) or [jbpmom@aol.com](mailto:jbpmom@aol.com) for more details.

Saturday March 19 we are planning to rendezvous off of South Beach. Christian Vargas is hosting this event. Check out the rendezvous page on the CGSC website for more details. This will be a by land or sea event.

Saturday, March 26 is our Annual Progressive Dinner on the Moorings. Last year's event provided the club with one of the most spectacular rainbows ever seen, literally making the club the end of the rainbow. Please contact [jbpmom@aol.com](mailto:jbpmom@aol.com) to get signed up for this event.

Janice Pruett

## ANOTHER GREAT ROLEX MIAMI OCR

The Annual Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta has been one of the two largest annual regattas on Biscayne Bay for quite sometime. Racing occurs on seven different circles and consists of all Olympic Classes, from our own RS:X windsurfers to the venerable Star Class, and including Women's Match Racing.

This year, CGSC again hosted the Olympic windsurfers on our Club property and on our Course Alpha for the racing, which is up near the Quick Flash marker northeast of the Seaplane Channel. Racing occurred from Monday thru Friday, January 24-28, with Medal Races for the top 10 boards/boats in each Class on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 60 boards were entered, fairly evenly split between Men and Women. 2012 is an Olympic year, so virtually all the competitors are in the midst of Olympic campaigns. It's great to see that kind of zeal among young men and women from around the world.

CGSC's Race Committee set trapezoid courses so the Men's and Women's fleets would be separated while racing. If planing conditions existed, then a Slalom Course was added at the end of the trap course. This meant setting 10 marks on the race course, not including the starting pin which was a support boat for each of this year's races. That's the most marks our RC sets for any races, all year long – but we're getting good at it!

The week started out with excellent conditions all around. The windsurfers are realistically limited to two races per day, due to required on-shore rest periods after the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day. Tuesday saw planing breezes and hence led to the placement of the slalom marks.

By the close of business on Wednesday, we were on schedule with six races down. Unfortunately, that would not hold true for Thursday. A Women's race was abandoned in progress and no Men's race was started. Interestingly, that compared favorably to other circles where not very good light air races were completed. The RS:X boards require six knots,

so other classes with lower thresholds raced, but the results weren't consistent.

Friday came through OK, so eight of the ten scheduled races were sailed by the Boards. In the Women's fleet, Spain's Marina Alabau put on a clinic. She won the first six races, and then cruised in for a five-point win over British veteran Bryony Shaw. Italy's Laura Linares was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seven countries were represented among the top ten women. The top US woman was Farrah Hall in 12<sup>th</sup> – actually a better showing for the US.

It was much closer among the men. Dutch sailor Dorian van Rijsselberge had a second place average for the fleet races, but still only managed a two point win over Nick Dempsey of Great Britain. Ten points back in third were Julien Bontemps of France winning the tie-break over Israel's Nimrod Mashian. The top us man was Robert Willis in 15<sup>th</sup>.

CGSC's Race Committee did an excellent job stretching over the five weekdays of racing. We were again fortunate to have John Craig of San Francisco, the newly named PRO of the 2013 America's Cup, as our PRO. The Signal Boat was again Carl and Mercedes Updyke's Gemini catamaran Cool Obsession. Ron Rostorfer was Deputy PRO. Others on the Signal Boat included Marvin Schenker, Anne Edwards, Morgan Kinney, Sherry Pearsall, Maryann Etkin and Veronic Ghayan. Upwind on our new Key Largo were ArtAuwaerter, Kit Temple, Ryan Alexander, Suzie Harbour, and Dennis Dunkelberger.

The Pin Boat crew included PC David Kurtz and his Robalo, with Jim Waldron, Bonnie Padgett and Bobby Nobles. The Outer Trap Gate Boat was skippered by Dennis Jansma, with Bernie Meier, Debby Jansma, Ron Giachetti, George Bradley and Carolyn Smith. The Finish Boat was skippered by Don Poole, and crewed by Dottie Rostorfer, Barbara Safiullin, Karen Young and Susan Walcutt.

## Rendezvous At No Name Harbor – By Land or By Sea

It was a perfect January winter day. Clear and cool, a light wind, not a cloud in the sky. On a Saturday morning Karen Young and I motor sailed over to No Name Harbor which is part of Bill Baggs State Park at the south end of Key Biscayne.

We got there early to reserve space at the picnic pavilion right next to the entrance of the harbor. What a great place for a picnic. The pavilion had two grills, 10 picnic tables, rest rooms. And we all had access to the park's beautiful trails, beaches, and lighthouse.

Nine sailboats arrived and we were all able to tie up to the seawall. This was great since we did not have to deal with anchors or dinghies. A few folks did choose a motor vehicle as their means of transportation.

We all enjoyed the geogous day, good foods, and the company of old friends. Our gathering ended with a peaceful beam reach home.

Jo-An Pszenny





racing. Very steady south breeze in the low to mid 'teens, sunshine and terrific sailing. It was fantastic, and four excellent races were sailed.

An amazing pattern was unfolding on the race course. One team, the sister-skipper and brother-crew of Paris and Hans Henken from Coronado, CA had won all six races. No one else was close. Their boat handling skills for these very tender skiffs was flawless, and they won by large margins.

On Sunday, the light air conditions returned. One race was sailed in marginal conditions. After waiting a reasonable period of time to see if conditions would improve, our RC pulled the plug and abandoned further racing. So, that brought the Regatta to eight races, of which each boat's worst score could be dropped.

A happy trophy presentation took place on the upper deck. Class coach Ben Glass handled most of the ceremonies. Paris and Hans obviously won. Class leader Jen Glass from Seattle with Mallory Fontenot crewing had a third place average that

was good for second place. Silja Elhtinen and Mikaela Wulff of Helsinki, Finland were third. The racers were very happy with CGSC and our Race Committee.

CGSC's Race Committee Signal Boat was Tony Battaglia's CAL 35 Heartset. Ron Rostorfer was PRO, and Marvin Schenker and Jo Ann Mathieu shared timing duties. Dorian Goldberg, Barbara Safiullin, Susan Walcutt and Sherry Pearsall rounded out the Signal Boat crew. Up to windward on CGSC's Key Largo were skipper Dennis Jansma with wife Debby, Kit Temple and Niall O'Brien. The Pin Boat was David Kurtz's Robalo with Larry Whipple and Kit Temple. Handling the Gate on the weekend was Paul vanPuffelen with his Grady White with his son Alex, Bonnie Padgett and Ron Giachetti.



Photos by Kit Temple



## RECORD TURN OUT FOR RASCO REGATTA

The 42nd Annual Comodoro Rasco Regatta, a memorial to the great promoter of Snipe sailing in Cuba, set a record for attendance this year with 29 teams participating, including 9 teams from outside the Miami area. The event is a great way to overcome cabin fever from the long winter and get an early start on your new year's sailing season. This year the competitors were rewarded in spades! The fleet also was able to practice lots of check ins and starts, reflected by the OCS's, Z flag penalties and check in failures.

Temps were close to 80 F both days with winds from the south at 10-12k in Saturday and 5-7k on Sunday. Great 45 min races were held with quick turnaround times between races, due to the use of downwind finishes. On Saturday we got back in early enough to relax before the great lasagna dinner hosted by Carmen and Gonzalo Diaz. The dinner alone is reason to come, and another is that there is no registration fee for this event!

Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke won the event with 2 firsts and no finishes below 4<sup>th</sup>. The sailing was close and competitive throughout the fleet. Art Blodgett and Julia Melton from Eckerd College, one of our numerous new teams of young adults in the Snipe Class, took second for the event. Ernesto Rodriguez and his new crew, junior Mac Fox, took 3rd. After Augie's and Kathleen's 2 bullets in the first 2 races the winners were Ernesto and Mac in Race 3, Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero in Race 4 and Gonzalo Crivello and Brendan Shanhan in Race 5. Charlie Bess and Kristen Walker were awarded the trophy for the Most Improved Junior Team at the event.

Snipe sailing in Florida in the winter and spring is a wonderful experience which no one should miss out on. The Snipe Winter Circuit is next with the 73rd Midwinters in Clearwater (CYC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniv) March 13-16, the Don Q Rum Regatta back in Miami at Coconut Grove Sailing Club on March 18-20 and 2 regattas in Nassau March 23-26.

We hope to see you all there.  
Don Hackbarth/Gonzalo Diaz

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Commodore Alyn Pruett presented the trophies to the following winners:



First Place winners Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke



Second Place winners: Arthur Blodgett and crew Julia Melton



Third Place winners: Ernesto Rodriguez and crew Mack Fox



Bicardi Fleet (most improved Junior) skipper Charlie Bess and crew Kristen Walker

## Snipe Competitors



## ADULT SAILING REPORT

Historically, the months of December, January and February are synonymous with reduced activity in the adult training class attendance. Some of that is due to holiday activity, but most admit it has to do with the cool water and capsizing in the Sunfish boats. While the Sunfish class and clinic attendance has been down during this period, there are still classes and attendance equal to or better than last year. The good news is that our keelboat activity continues to steadily increase. Not only are we running more scheduled classes in 2011, we are experiencing more private classes, private tutoring and keelboat certification examinations. It is all very positive and in keeping with our club's mission and member's oath. To encourage the sport of sailing. To promote the science of seamanship and navigation, and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship. Remember also, that many of our current students are also new members, and there is a strong attraction to the benefit of the Member User program.

We had the pleasure of attending NSPS 2011, the National Sailing Program Symposium, which was held on Clearwater Beach from Jan 26 thru 30<sup>th</sup>. There were about 200 representatives from clubs from Seattle to Key West, and everywhere in between. We found that we are doing lots of things right at CGSC, but we also learned of more we can do to increase membership and community participation, reach more people through social media and many other new forms of communication and promotion. At this writing, a summary is being prepared to present to our Board of Directors.

On the first weekend of February, we held our first weekend Sunfish learn-to-sail class with an instructor other than Bruce Penrod or myself in at least four years. Welcome Andrew Krellenstien, a US Sailing Certified Level 1 Instructor, to our adult teaching staff. Big Thanks to member Carol Loebl who assisted Andrew with this class.

Member Use News: We are pleased to have completed repairs on our workhorse keelboat, PAT, currently the primary keelboat available for Member Use. By the time this column is being read, we expect to also have our third and newest keelboat ready for both class and member use. Fiberglass

repairs have been completed and some final rigging changes to match our other Ensigns is being completed. We will be hauling and painting this boat in the near future, but for now it will be put into needed service. For the most part, we are very pleased with the way the Member Use program is working. Approved members are helping us to keep the boats in good order and leaving them properly de-rigged and organized for the next user (as required). If you are interested in becoming approved for Member Use of our club keelboats or our Sunfish, please refer to the Member User Guidelines on our website.

Our March calendar for Sunfish Class and Clinics and our Basic Keelboat classes is as follows:

| <u>March</u>  | <u>Event</u>                                     |
|---------------|--|
| 3,10,17,24,31 | Weekly Sunfish Clinic 10AM-1PM                   |
| 5-6           | Sunfish Learn-to-Sail Class 9AM - 4PM            |
| 5-6           | Basic Keelboat Class 9AM - 4PM                   |
| 12-13         | Basic Keelboat Class 9AM - 4PM                   |
| 19-20         | Basic Keelboat Class 9AM - 4PM                   |
| 27            | Small Boat/Sandbar Rendezvous/Clinic - 9AM - 3PM |

Thanks for everyone's support for our Adult Instructional Program. To get involved as a volunteer or future instructor, contact Richard (see below) or Nick at Ext. 11.

Sail Often... Sail Safely...

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## View from the Signal Boat

**T**he CGSC Race Committee has a new notch in her belt. For the first time in recent history we hosted two Regattas on the same weekend. We had a lot of planning to do to organize two full compliments of Race Committee crews and equipment out on the Bay. PRO Ron Rostorfer and his RC crew ran the 29erXX Superbowl Regatta, Feb 4-6, Friday through Sunday. On Saturday and Sunday, Feb 5-6, the Club's Snipe expert, Jaime Ramon served as PRO for the Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta. Both Regattas went off without a hitch. We have several new volunteers that have joined the RC Crew and all worked together to give both fleets good racing for the weekend.

The very next weekend, Feb 12-13, Saturday and Sunday, the Melges 20s were back for the second regatta in their winter series. The 20s have been stored in Miami at Shake-A-Leg but once they launch, they are at the Club, either on moorings or along the docks. The Melges 24s joined their younger fleet for this Regatta. More than 40 boats registered for the event.

The Barnacle once again asked the CGSC Race Committee to run their recently revived Washington's Birthday Old Time Regatta on Saturday, February 26. The Bay was full of classic boats including Egrets, Mud Hens and Bahamian Sloops. Commodore Pruet's boat, Effortless, served as Signal Boat, in keeping with the tone of the event. After the Regatta, everyone retired to the Barnacle for their historic Chowder Party and Awards Presentation.

March is just as busy with a potential Ocean Regatta for the Melges 32 Midwinter Championships on the first weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Melges 20s return for their third and last Miami Winter Regatta in conjunction with Bacardi Sail Week the next weekend, March 10-12.



During the school Spring Break holiday, Rotary sponsors the Rotary Spring Break Regatta with the youth Optis and Lasers on Thursday, March 17. Four Fleets will be competing ranging from children who just began sailing Optis that week to the youth sailors that have progressed to sailing Lasers. This event is designed to raise money for kids from West Grove to attend summer camp in the form of outreach scholarships. All funds from registration go directly into the CGSC outreach budget.

The very next day, Friday, March 18, is the first of three days of racing with the Don Q Snipe Regatta. Once again, our resident Snipe expert, Jaime Ramon, will serve as PRO. This Regatta is the largest of the three annual Snipe Regattas that the Club has had the honor of hosting for many years.

As you can see, the CGSC Race Committee is a very active part of the Sailing Club. We are always looking for new recruits - no experience is necessary. We will train you, feed you lunch and buy you two drinks at the end of your day on the Bay.

*Susan Walcutt*

Race Committee Chair

## From The Manager...

**W**ith an extremely busy February astern, I'm pleased to report on the success of our first ever Regatta Double Header. The 29ers and Snipes converged on the Club during the first week of the month, followed by the Melges 20's. With fantastic competition, flawless Race Committee detail and warm hospitality displayed by our CGSC Staff, the Regattas were something we can all be proud of.

With our Club venturing to attract more of the sailing community, we have come across a few obstacles along the way. Most importantly is the parking issue. In the past we've had one or two cars double park and leave the keys for a member of the staff to move when needed. This has developed into a difficult and dangerous situation. In response, our Executive Committee has discontinued this practice and directed employees to refrain from moving vehicles.

In addition, all employees will have an employee parking sticker. This will help differentiate between members, employees and trespassers. Club employees will also be using alternate parking during busy Regatta events.

Cars that are found to be without a permit will be documented, reported to the Protocol Committee and possibly towed.

Our weekly Theme Nights continue to be more and more popular thanks to Chef Tara's culinary expertise and our Live Music Fridays are still a Club favorite. Be sure to check our website for updates on drink specials and entertainment.

Enjoy the Club...Pat.



### The Social Committee for 2010 - 2011 is Organizing a Mardi Gras Themed Chili Cook-off for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

After such an amazing turnout at the Oktoberfest, this is an event you surely won't want to miss. There will be carnival games and prizes for all the kids, beer pong for the adults, and, because it's Mardi Gras of course, beads galore! Plenty of food, beer, music and fun for the whole family to enjoy. Keep an eye out for the flyers at the club and contact Adrienne Peters with any questions about the event. Those interested in participating in the cook-off, can email Adrienne or inquire at the Crows Nest. We look forward to seeing you there!  
adriennecpt@aol.com

## Youth Sailing

**A**hoy Beginning Sailors, Green Fleet, Red, White, & Blue Sailors, and Laser's...I hope this finds you all healthy, happy, and ready for practice each weekend.

Congratulations again to all that were able to attend the Buccaneer Blast in Key Largo, by all accounts it was a blast. For those not able to attend, you missed a great weekend with the weather conditions absolutely perfect and an all around wonderful place to sail. Looking at the results of the regatta I am very pleased overall at how CGSC sailors performed, we even had a couple of top 20's.

With that being said, we still have a lot of work to do to get you guys in the top ten bracket. With the team of coaches we currently have in place I think it's very possible for you all to be the "force to be reckoned with" at regatta's. One thing we can all improve on is our starts, coaches take note, a bad start can determine the entire outcome of the race, so let's get cracking on some drills that will help these guys get off the line both on the favored end as well as the proper tack. It's already time to start thinking about our next regatta coming up on March 12 & 13 at the US Sailing Center Martin County in Jensen Beach. This regatta holds a special meaning as three years ago Danielle Valdes-Pages took home first place in Green Fleet, one of my proudest moments. So, let's get going and start taking these next few practices a little more seriously so we can reclaim our victory at Jensen.

Immediately following the Jensen Beach Regatta is the Fifth Annual Rotary Club of Coconut Grove's, Spring Break Camp & Regatta. The dates for that always coincide with spring break which this year is almost a month early due to FCAT testing, the dates for that are March 14, 15, & 16 for the camp, and March 17 for the actual regatta race day. This event is special as all the proceeds from registration go directly back into the community in the form of summer camp scholarships for underprivileged kids in West Grove. Although participants that are not involved with CGSC programming pay \$250 for all four days, CGSC sailors only pay \$100. This regatta also has some of the best trophies and prizes I've seen, just ask some of our old timer's and they'll tell you how nice these actually are. Also, the Beginning Sailors get to participate in the camp as well as the actual race. Race Committee does their scoring right at the end of our launch dock where we usually practice and you will be navigating a triangle course. There are four different divisions: Beginning Sailors, Green Fleet, Red, White, and Blue Sailors, and Laser's. And finally on the last day the Rotary put's on a nice bar-be-que to wrap up the week.

So with all that is upcoming it's time to start looking at those calendars and get ready for some serious racing!

That's all for now, so, as always, eat well, get plenty of rest, and bring lots of positive energy with you.

Nick



## CGSC WELCOMES AMERICA'S CUP PRO JOHN CRAIG

**I**t was a great evening at CGSC on Tuesday, January 25th during the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta. CGSC hosted a Reception for John Craig, just named a few days before as Principal Race Officer of the 34th America's Cup Match. It will be sailed in 72 foot catamarans on San Francisco Bay in 2013.

John was at CGSC for the fifth time as PRO of our RMOCR Course Alpha circle for the Men's and Women's Olympic RS:X windsurfers. It has been a privilege for CGSC's Race Committee to be exposed to John's level and style of race management over those years. In addition to being one of the absolute best international race officers in the world, John is very likely the easiest to work with. His new duties will likely preclude returning for future, and that will be our loss.



A good crowd of CGSC Members and invited guests gathered in the Main Room that evening to enjoy Chef Tara's appetizers and meet and hear from John. Vice Commodore Ron Rostorfer introduced several distinguished guests in attendance, and then introduced John.

John thanked everyone for attending and recognized the good work of the CGSC RC over the years. He described the America's Cup Race Management organization and the plan for the 34th Match. The defender of the Cup is Golden Gate Yacht Club, just next door to John's now former employer, St. Francis Yacht Club. John was the professional Race Manager there for 12 years, and is highly regarded there, around the Bay, and around the world, for that matter. The Challenger of Record is Club Nautico di Roma from Italy.

There will be a preliminary round of regattas sailed in new 45 foot catamarans. These boats will be essentially one-design. The first of these is beginning trials in New Zealand. There won't be any teams eliminated as a result of these regattas.

Then, challengers for the America's Cup and US challengers for the right to defend will build 72 foot catamarans. These will be "box rule" yachts; where there are design choices to be made as long as the boat's specifications fit the box rule. So, the design aspects of prior America's Cups will be continued. Elimination series are expected for both the right to defend as well as the right to challenge.

To run the preliminary events and the Cup finals, ACRM will build some 26 race committee boats. Their positioning will be remotely controlled from the Signal Boat by John using GPS technology.

After his remarks, John answered questions from the crowd. One of those questions from a good friend of John's was, "So, when do we get America's Cup swag??"

Following that, Commodore Alyn Pruett was introduced.

He presented John with an Honorary Membership in Coconut Grove Sailing Club.



The crowd mingled and lingered. All in all, it was an outstanding evening. With John and his team in charge, the 34th America's Cup on San Francisco Bay will be absolutely spectacular.



## CGSC ORGANIZES FIRST OCEAN REGATTA!

**Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the  
Melges 32 Class Association  
Are the Organizing Authorities for the**

**2011 MELGES 32 MIAMI  
CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA  
March 4-6**

**The shore-side venue is Miami Beach  
Marina  
Racing will be on the ocean east of Key  
Biscayne  
18-20 Melges 32's are expected for  
CGSC's First Ocean Regatta**

## GALLEY NEWS

### SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAYS:

Check online for food choices.

### 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**



## Seamanship

**A** crowded dock can be intimidating, especially when you're tied up to it but need to leave. And who hasn't cringed at a choppy sea when it's time to set anchor for the night? Our new Seamanship Committee set out to ease those anxieties during a fantastic seminar last month.

Led by Chairman Sean Connett, the Docking and Anchoring seminar started with a quick classroom discussion of anchor types and ways to employ a second anchor. Then the class went down to the dock for a primer on spring lines, and just how useful they can be with the engine on. With a class of more than a dozen members looking on, Sean maneuvered his Oday 34, Fiji, in a 90-degree rotation from the dock, using the forward motion of his prop and the backward resistance of the spring line to pivot his bow.

When you're tied up to the leeward side of a dock, this skill eliminates the need for that "big push" followed by a scramble to get the boat moving before the wind pushes you back. (I'm sure none of our readers ever do this!) After a round of applause for his boat handling, the class then boarded Fiji and headed out into the bay to practice anchoring. Bruce Penrod, a US Sailing-certified Cruising instructor who teaches courses at the CGSC, served as first mate and hands-on demonstrator as Sean directed the class from the wheel.

On the curriculum: How to set two anchors forward of your boat when you're expecting a wind shift within about 180 degrees. And how to set an anchor astern when the wind will be making an even more dramatic turn. Rule No. 1 was to keep an eye out for the anchor lines fouling the prop, and this student is proud to say our class got an A on that.

This free seminar would be the envy of many Miami sailors, and it's just one more reason why the CGSC helps you enjoy your boat even more. Article II of the bylaws states: "The purpose of this Club shall be to encourage the amateur sport of sailing, seamanship, instruction, racing and cruising."

Sean's new committee is our first formal attempt at making seamanship a regular part of the Club's activities, and I hope you'll take advantage of it. Sean, who also serves as the Club's secretary, is planning another seminar this spring, possibly on Rules of the Roads or something similar. Any ideas? Email him at [sean.connett@cgsc.org](mailto:sean.connett@cgsc.org).

*Doug Hanks*

Rear Commodore





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**Olympic Sailors Talk to Juniors During Miami OCR**

CGSC was honored to have former Olympians spend time with our Junior sailors encouraging them in their sport and giving them advice for their futures in the sport.





# MARCH 2011

| MONDAY | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                              | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY  |
|--------|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
|        | 6 pm Social Night<br>7:30 Race Committee Meeting | 5 pm Caribbean Cuisine | 10AM Adult Sunfish Clinic<br>12 pm Rotary Club<br>5 pm Burgerfest  | Live Band: Really Thick Milk Shakes | *Beginner level sailing<br>*Green Fl./Beg.racing<br>*Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing<br>*Laser/420/Flying Junior racing<br>Melges 32 Midwinters                                   | 9-4 Sunfish Learn to Sail<br>9-4 Basic Keelboat Class |
|        | 1  | 2                      | 3  | 4                                   | 5  | 6   |
|        | 6 pm Social Night<br>7:30 Sea Scouts             | 5 pm Caribbean Cuisine | 10AM Adult Sunfish Clinic<br>12 pm Rotary Club<br>5 pm Burgerfest  | Live Band: Solar Dogs               | OPTI Regatta Martibn Co.<br>9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course  | Mardi Gras Chili Cook-off                             |
| 7      | 8  | 9                      | 10   | 11                                  | 12   | 13  |
|        | 6 pm Social Night                                | 5 pm Caribbean Cuisine | 10AM Adult Sunfish Clinic<br>12 pm Rotary Club<br>5 pm Burgerfest<br>Rotary Spring Break Regatta<br>Happy St Patrick's Day | Live Band: Funky                    | *Beginner level sailing<br>*Green Fl./Beg.racing<br>*Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing<br>*Laser/420/Flying Junior racing<br>9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course<br>Don O Snipe Regatta |   |
| 14     | 15   | 16                     | 17   | 18                                  | 19   | 20  |
|        | 6 pm Social Night<br>7:30 Sea Scouts             | 5 pm Caribbean Cuisine | 10AM Adult Sunfish Clinic<br>12 pm Rotary Club<br>5 pm Burgerfest  | Live Band: Eyenity                  | *Beginner level sailing<br>*Green Fl./Beg.racing<br>*Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing<br>*Laser/420/Flying Junior racing   | 9-3 Small Boat/Sandbar/Rendezvous/Clinic              |
| 21     | 22   | 23                     | 24   | 25                                  | 26   | 27  |
|        | 6 pm Social Night                                | 5 pm Caribbean Cuisine | 10AM Adult Sunfish Clinic<br>12 pm Rotary Club<br>5 pm Burgerfest<br>6:30 General Mtg.<br>7:30 Officer Board Meeting       |                                     | *Beginner level sailing<br>*Green Fl./Beg.racing<br>*Red, White, & Blue/advanced racing<br>*Laser/420/Flying Junior racing<br>9-4 Sunfish Learn to Sail<br>9-4 Basic Keelboat Class  | 9am Small Boat Clinic/Rendezvous                      |
| 28     | 29   | 30                     | 31   | APRIL 1                             | 2  | 3   |