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**February 2012**

## 49th CGSC OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

**T**he 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Coconut Grove Sailing Club Open Orange Bowl Regatta represented a quantum leap in the recent history of this event. The regatta was opened up to “no age restriction” International 420’s and 29ers, as well as our traditional age 19 and over Laser fleet. The result was a modern record 72 boats entered, sailed by some 116 competitors. They came from across North America and several European countries.

### The Racing

The regatta is always on the same dates, December 27-30. This year we had racing on all four days, a pleasant change from last year’s lack of wind. Things started off on a high note. With a cold front approaching during the first day of



racing, the winds were in the mid to high teens out of the south. Two excellent races were completed for the I-420’s and Lasers, while the 29ers sail a shorter course and got in three races. Spirits were high at the CGSC BBQ dinner that night which was included in the entry fee.

By the next day, the front had gone through and the winds were northerly. Conditions were very dynamic, as the wind moved to the right through some 90° and lightened as the day went on. Three races were sailed in each class so the regatta was on schedule at the halfway mark. There were lots of course resets between races and course changes

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello, CGSC Members! Last month, I wrote to you that there were important things on our bow that would be over by the time you received that issue of the Channel, but were very much worth noting. This month's column will bring you up to date on those matters and then identify other matters where, once again, they will be determined by the time you read this. So, as you may hear on the radio, "a huge career risk!"



First, from last month:

Safety Clinic. This was conducted December 26<sup>th</sup> on the CGSC Lawn in response to the tragic drowning in Annapolis, MD back in June involving a 14-year old girl during a supervised Club 420 practice. The Clinic was very successful and well-attended. Well known Long Island Sound 420 Coach Steve Keen was the presenter. He really held the audience. More will be seen of this in the sailing press and websites. A very timely event.

CGSC's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta. This turned out to be a huge event for CGSC. We had International 420's and 29ers with no age restriction, and Lasers ages 19 and over. Some 72 boats entered, a modern CGSC OB record by a long shot. We had racing each day of the four day regatta. Finally, our OB Regatta is on a major uptick after years on "life support."

New Year's Eve Party. This was a watershed social event for your Club after a dinner only/early closing program last year! The Italian buffet served by Chef Ritchie and Sous-chef Luis was very good and hot. We had a "double barreled pasta station" – a first of any kind in the modern history for your Club. In addition, General Manager Pat Tully and Executive Assistant Lauren Simpson also did great work that evening. This, along with the excellent band Iko – Iko made it a fantastic event at your Club.

Center Dock Construction. Sure enough, replacement of CGSC's aged Center Dock started on schedule Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We still expect the project should be completed by month-end. This is the second largest capital project in our Club's history. Owners of boats on moorings will receive weekly updates on the project from Vice Commodore Doug Hanks. Again, keep an eye out for the announcement of a Center Dock Dedication Ceremony!

Now for the new items. The Center Dock Project continues. By the time you read this, you will know how it all turned out. All that's known at this writing is that our contractor, Dock and Marine Construction, Inc. is off to a very good start.

Our Bayshore fence permitting issues have finally been concluded. At this writing, we expect the requisite permits any day now. Our contractor will need about a month to assemble the required materials for the fence, and installation will take a week. After that, our landscape contractor will plant the new shrubbery along the outside of the new fence. It will be good to finally get this project behind us sometime in February. It should be very attractive and a real boost to our community relations.

See you at the Club!

*Ron Rostorfer, Commodore*

# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

## UPDATE ON PARKING MATTERS

We have made great progress in managing our tight parking situation at the CGSC. We now pay for a lot attendant on busy days, which has cut back on unauthorized vehicles entering our lot. We also pay for off-site parking for employees on busy weekends. And we are in the process of issuing new stickers to make sure all authorized vehicles belong to current members.

But one issue seems to be a recurring problem: people parking in no-parking zones. These are areas clearly labeled as space not available for parking. Why? Because when a car parks there, it blocks existing spaces. That means members who arrived at the Club earlier return to find they can't leave. Imagine the frustration.

Obviously, only a few people can cause big problems in this department. But we really need to crack down on these infractions. As a result, we are implementing a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for marked NO PARKING ZONES in our lot. Any vehicles left in these spots will be towed immediately. We will not seek to contact the owner or take any other action. You will be responsible for all costs involved in the towing.

You may have noticed the tow truck has already made some visits to our lot. We hate to do this, but it is the best way to enforce our policies. As Vice Commodore, I can tell you this is the No. 1 complaint I get from members.

If you see someone parking in one of these Tow Away

zones, do us all a favor and let them know about this new vigilance. We hate unhappy endings in our parking lot, but we're hoping that it won't take long for everyone to realize these spots are OFF LIMITS. Remember: There is absolutely NO reason or excuse to park in those areas-- even if you are unloading gear, dropping off a child, volunteering for a CGSC activity, etc. Unattended vehicles WILL be towed.

(And remember, too, any vehicle parked in the CGSC lot is subject to towing at any time.)

Please let me know if you have any questions or issues with this action.

One hint: You can usually find a spot in the Circle outside. I strongly urge you to sign up for Park by Phone. It takes 30 seconds to pay the meter, and you will receive a text when you time is about to expire. You can renew by phone, too. It all is tied to a Credit Card. It is an easy alternative for those days when you can't get to the CGSC early enough to secure a space.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club.

*Doug Hanks, Vice Commodore*  
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## SEAMANSHIP SERIES: Knots Knowledge

Can you tie a bowline underwater? Do you know the secret to yanking a reef knot free? Can you tie a sheet bend? Do you think you make enough flemishes on your boat?

If the answer is to no to any of these questions (or: "What's a flemish?" to one) you really should have been at our first free Seamanship Seminar of 2012. It was a big hit.

Adult Sailing Chair Richard Crisler led more than a dozen members through a hands-on lesson on knot and line management. Aided by Bob van Eck, Richard took his group through two hours of marlinspikesmanship -- that is, the knowledge of knots. Some of us were chagrined at being unable to tie a bowline under pressure. Some enjoyed the refresher on proper cleating techniques (always go to the "far horn" first). Some of us just left with a great tip on how to keep your shoelaces tied! (Think reef knots and bows.)

For sure, it was a very informative and fun Saturday morning. Keep your eye out for our next Seamanship Seminar in March, which is being organized by Seamanship Chair Marc Buller (PC) and Rear Commodore Sean Connett.

-- Doug Hanks

## FREE BLUE WATER CRUISING PRESENTATION BY JOHN KRETSCHMER

Mark your calendars now and get there early. This will be standing room only, for sure.

Popular sailing author John Kretschmer returns for another popular seminar:

"Sailboats For A Serious Ocean"

A Presentation and Discussion of 25 Boats for Blue Water Sailing.

Kretschmer has logged 300,000 offshore miles, sailing in wide variety of sailboats. Kretschmer's one hour slide presentation will examine the design and construction features that make a boat blue water capable, and also, blue water comfortable. The presentation is a lively blend of story telling mixed with technical details and washed with the wisdom gleaned from 20 transatlantic passages, 2 pacific crossings, a windward passage around Cape Horn. A question and answer period follows the talk and this candid discussion of boats is always interesting!

Seminar takes place in the Main Room on Wed., Feb. 1, at 7:30p.m.

--Doug Hanks

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

In the beginning of January I had an opportunity to meet with the parents of our sailors in the youth program, with the purpose of learning how things were going from their point of view. I wanted to hear the good, the bad and the ugly and as I opened the floor to the parents I have to say that I felt confident that the meeting was going to go well, and it did. There were some discussions about chalk talks between the sailors and coaches, a few minor maintenance issues were discussed and a few more suggestions to help us improve the program were offered but the loudest message to me was that everyone was happy with the program. The coaches, under the direction of Nick Mansbach all received accolades for their professionalism and dedication to the young sailors. I appreciated hearing everything the parents had to say but as I sat there listening about the hard work of our coaches, I quickly realized that the success of the program is also due to the dedication of the sailors, their parents, all of the other members of the CGSC, the Board of Directors and the Officers of the CGSC. A sailing ship would founder without its crew, just as the CGSC would with its members who volunteer their time and effort to keep our club moving ahead every day.

This month, the Coconut Groves Art Festival will once again be attracting giant crowds of people to our little

part of the Grove and like last year we will be setting up a table and a tent with the hopes of attracting new sailors to join us and share our love for the water. Also like last year, there will be a booth at the Strictly Sail Boat Show in Downtown Miami, which will be organized by Vice Commodore Doug Hanks. Both of these venues allow us to show potential new members, whether they have a boat already or want to learn to sail that the CGSC is where sailors belong. I hope to see you there so we can share our excitement for our club with others.

We have a few short months left before the CGSC Annual Rendezvous heads for the distant shores of Elliott Key, Polynesia for a "voyage of discovery", our HOLOKAI will give us a few days to discover new friends, reconnect with old friends and share in food and drink together. There will be games, contests and of course some hula dancing but I am most excited about having a luau on Saturday night while we watch the full moon rise over the ocean while the sun sets on the bay. So go ahead and start getting your boats ready. If you have questions, or if you want to help us please get in touch with me. Aloha!



*Sean Connett, Rear Commodore*  
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## Olympic Class Match Racing Coming to CGSC!

Our great Club will be hosting the Miami Invitational Open Elliott 6m event in February with racing days of Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

This event is closely associated with the Olympic Selection Process for the US Women's berth in the 2012 Olympics for the Match Racing event. Our event is not part of the selection process, but represents an important opportunity for the four remaining teams in the Olympic selection process to race against one another. Since our event is an "open event," men can also participate.

The US Olympic berth for Women's Match Racing is determined in a two-event trials series, one of which took place in October at Key Biscayne YC here on Biscayne Bay. From that event, the top four teams qualified for the final stage in Weymouth, England to be sailed in May, which is after our regatta. The winner of the Weymouth event will represent the US at the Olympic Games this coming summer in England. The US field of four boats consists of Skippers Anna Tunnicliffe, Sally Barkow, Genny Tulloch, Steph Roble and their crews. Most of these teams are expected to enter our event.

CGSC will host an Introduction to Match Racing Presentation at 7:30pm on Friday evening, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the Main Room upstairs at the Club. One or more of the competing teams

will be present to discuss basic match racing strategy to our Membership, along with our resident Match Racing Guru, Bud Price PC.

In addition, current Olympic Gold Medalist Anna Tunnicliffe may be available to speak with our Juniors on Saturday morning, February 25<sup>th</sup>. She would be the latest in a series of very high level Olympic or National Championship sailors to present to and inspire our Juniors.

Match racing is a great spectator sport. Unlike the Americas Cup where design is center stage and controls the momentum, Olympic level match race sailing is in identical boats. This concentrates the energy on boat handling skills and tactics. The racing is usually close and intense. At the writing of this article the plan is to have several boats available to take interested spectators out to watch the action on Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested in participating, either as a spectator, or to provide a boat to view from, please contact Bud Price (bud@aaaglass-mirror.com). Bud can then update the respondents on developments as they come and try to get all interested parties a ride out for the action. Also watch for postings at the Club.

# Waterfront and Sailing Director



Ahoy all, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sorry I missed you all last month, but we've been extremely busy on the waterfront. I'll start by giving you all an update on our semiannual moorings inspections and repairs that began in October and were completed at the beginning of December. Duane Smallwood, dock master, Nick Ward, our on staff commercial diver, and I successfully went through every mooring in our field, made all necessary repairs and also reinforced several moorings to accommodate larger vessels. We can now accept vessels up to 48 feet in length with a displacement not to exceed 30,000 pounds.

The breakdown for inspections and repairs is as follows:

- Total moorings inspected – 199
- Total moorings repaired – 33
- Total mooring eyes – 26
- Total moorings reinforced - 3

Our next round of inspections will begin April 1.

On to the fun stuff... Sailing! I'll start off with our first inaugural Halloween Howler Regatta that was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of October. We had a total of 72 competitors in five different divisions. Not bad for the first year, we'll look to double that number in 2012!

The next thing on our calendar was a presentation by the Moth sailor's on the 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> of December. We were honored to have three of the "worlds best" in our midst to give the kids a very informative lecture on these "supercars" of sailing. Anthony Kotoun, Melges, Mach 2 Moth and North Sails agent led the presentation and Q & A for our youth sailor's. Upon Anthony's introduction he gave a brief overview of the Moth Mach 2's and introduced two other "rock stars" in the Moth sailing world. "Bora" as he is known amongst his peers, was introduced and began addressing the crowd of youth sailor's. Some of "Bora's" accomplishments include:

- Moth World Champion
- M24 National Champion
- Rolex Yachtsman Of The Year

Impressive credentials to say the least. After Boras talk, and you could have heard a pin drop as the kids looked on in fascination, he introduced the final presenter who has a ton of racing experience and also some very impressive records under his belt.

George Peet, AKA "Bear". Bear also captured the kids attention as he spoke of some of his sailing accomplishments, they are:

- M24 National Champion
- Volvo Ocean Race Veteran, Holder Of The 24 Hour World Speed Record And Melges 32 World Champion

I warned the parents before the presentation that they should leave their check books at home as ALL the kids are going to want one of these amazing boats and with a price tag of around \$20,000, well, needless to say, Anthony didn't get any sales that

particular morning. I would like to sincerely thank Race Committee Chairperson Susan Walcutt and Commodore Ron Rostorfer for all their outstanding work setting up and making these things possible for our youth sailors, in addition to the club's impressive regatta calendar.

Our final event for the fall season was the Jr. Orange Bowl Regatta hosted by our neighbors at Coral Reef Yacht Club. This year they had



a whopping 483 participants in a number of different divisions, I must say being out on Biscayne Bay that week was quite a sight, no matter which way you looked you saw nothing but sails all the way from Stiltsville to the Rickenbacker bridge.



We had a total of eleven of our youth sailor's in attendance and we were able to pull off a top ten with Lauren Waldman in the Green Fleet Division. Congratulations Lauren on a job well done.

One thing of note that I must mention is another one of our sailor's in the Green Fleet Division, Andrew Aramayo. Andrew was out on the course when he noticed a sailor that had capsized his Opti. Without any prompting from his coach, Andrew sailed his boat along side the fellow sailor until he was safely back in his boat and to the coaches amazement began helping the sailor bail his boat out. This embodies what the CGSC is all about, sportsmanship, team work and a willingness to help other's. I can't tell you how proud Andrew made me that day and although he didn't win the coveted sportsmanship award, he surely deserved it.

By the time you read this we will have started our winter season with a record number of youth sailor's expected. I will keep you all posted on the progress of this season in upcoming articles.

That's all for now,  
Nick

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during racing to keep up with the wind direction.

Day three was a challenge. There was no wind at the scheduled 1100 start time. CGSC's Race Committee waited for the better part of an hour and then sent the fleet home with the understanding that they could be called back to race later in the day. So, back to shore and wait. The hope was that an afternoon thermal breeze would set in, and a RC boat went out on the Bay to monitor conditions. Sure enough, the breeze started to fill in around 1345. The postponement flag came down at 1404, and the boats were racing an hour later. Two good races were sailed in the fairly steady SSE breeze.

The racers returned to shore, put their boats away and rotated directly into dinner mode, as this was the night of the annual CGSC OB "Floribbean" dinner, also included in the fee. Chef Richie and Sous-chef Luis did a great job feeding the big crowd. CGSC (and CRYC) Member Carol Ewing had done an incredible job of attracting drawing prizes – even featuring a new Laser sail and I-420 jib, along with many other great prizes. Our Shore-side Chairs, Richard and Maryann Etkin assisted, and the crowd had a great time at the prize drawing following dinner.

Friday's forecast was for very light wind. The boats were towed out for the scheduled 1030 start, which was postponed due to the lack of wind. But then, somehow, a breeze did develop from the NE. Conditions were sailable, and three more races for each class were sailed before the cutoff time at 1330. So, all in all, 31 of 32 scheduled races were sailed. Not bad!



### On the Podium

The largest class was the Lasers with 27 boats. CGSC's Kyle Rogachenko, a Laser Olympic aspirant, put on an absolute clinic counting seven 1sts and two 2nds for 11 points in nine races and a 31 point lead over 2<sup>nd</sup> place Peter Shope of Sail Newport in Newport, RI. Peter Vessella of St. Francis YC in San Francisco was 3<sup>rd</sup>, three points back. Laser sailors aged 35 and over also competed in the Laser Master's regatta with Masters scoring. Here, Peter Vessella as a Grand Master got past the younger Peter Shope to take first. Erick Rodriguez was 3<sup>rd</sup>.



In the 20-boat I-420 Class, it was Raul Rios and Fernando Monilor of FVPR in Spain with the win. They didn't count a finish worse than 6<sup>th</sup> in the nine races scored for a three point victory over Nikole Barnes and Agustina Barbuto of St. Thomas YC in the USVI. They were also the top Girl's team. Third were Reinier van Dijk and Matt Wefer from Larchmont YC on Long Island Sound.

The 25-boat strong 29ers also had very good racing. Carlos Robles and Florian Trittel of CN el Balis in Puerto Rico ran away with the regatta, counting nothing worse





than a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish for 15 points in nine races scored and a whopping 17 point victory. They were also the top Junior team in the fleet. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place were Johanna Sommarlund and Marcus Anjemark of the Royal Swedish YC in Sweden. Three points back in 3<sup>rd</sup> were Judge Ryan and Hans Henken from San Diego YC and St. Francis YC, respectively. The top Girl's team was Annie Schmidt and Helena Scutt from San Francisco YC.

**Great Parents!**

Very special thanks go to the three lead parents among the I-420's and 29ers as well as long time CGSC OB Laser competitor David Hartman from Vero Beach. Peter Macdonald and Larry Law, both from Newport Beach, CA and Ed Liberty from New Jersey and Michael Rudnick from Connecticut played critical roles in promoting the event and also serving on our Race Committee. As a group, the parents refer to themselves as "investors!"

**CGSC Race Committee**

CGSC's Race Committee did a fine job running the event on the water. Carl and Mercedes Updyke's Gemini 34 cat Cool Obsession was the Signal Boat. Commodore Ron Rostorfer was PRO, guest Deputy PRO was Ross Cameron of Kingston YC, Ontario, and USSailing Area Race Officer Tim Rumptz was on board as an observer. The rest of the Signal Boat crew was Marvin & Helene Schenker, Debbie Ryder, Nancy Rogachenko, Emy Martinez, Bernie Meier, Anne Platt and Suzanne Roberts.

Up to windward were Kit Temple, Dottie Rostorfer, Tod Moody and Dennis Dunkelberger. The Pin Boat crews included Larry Whipple PC, Eric Whipple, Dennis Jansma, Niall O'Brien and Jim Waldron. The Finish Boat was David Kurtz PC and his Robalo power boat. On board were Barbara Safiullin and Dorian Goldberg.

*Photos by Kit Temple and Richard Crisler*

**CGSC SAFETY CLINIC**

**December 26, 2011**

CGSC hosted a Safety Clinic on the lawn just prior to our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta. The Clinic was prompted by the tragic drowning of Club 420 crew Olivia Constants last June in Annapolis. Long Island Sound Youth Sailing @Team (LISOT) Sailing Director and Head 420 Coach, Steve Keen conducted the Clinic and did a terrific job. Here are some scenes from the Clinic.



*CGSC Commodore Ron Rostorfer during the introduction.*

*CGSC Safety Clinic attendees observe a moment of silence in respect to Olivia Constants.*



*The Safety Clinic participants at CGSC.*

*Coach Steve Keen and models demonstrate how to dress properly as a trapeze crew – and how not to!*



*Coach Steve Keen explains safety aspects of trapeze rings.*

Referring to the CGSC clinic, John Rousmaniere, who presented a detailed report of the Chesapeake sailing fatality at the US Sailing Annual Meeting, commented, "This is the first effort I've heard about in response to the inquiry."

## Adult Sailing

We have traditionally experienced a slow-down in attendance for our regular classes around the holidays, and though we did experience some of that, we saw an increase in private training and coaching sessions as well as applications for certification testing.

Congratulations to those new members who are attaining certification and approval for our Member-Use program. Both our Sunfish and our keelboats are experiencing continued growth in Member-Use. The only "negative" to our Member Use of our keelboats has been the migratory bird visits, but everyone sooner or later understands and contends with this annual "issue".

The weather this winter has not been kind to our Sunfish Learn-to-Sail weekend classes, resulting in cancellations and rescheduling. We just completed a trouble-free class on the first weekend of January and hope we are off to a good start with our Sunfish for 2012.

We have sixteen (16) scheduled days of classes and clinics in February. This does not include the frequent private classes and coaching sessions. Just check our instructional calendar in this issue of the CHANNEL for the schedule.

As instructors, we often hear the comment, "I'd love to be doing what you're doing". Well.... You can. We need qualified instructors at all levels in our Adult Training program. Instructors must attain US Sailing certification for the level they want to teach. It requires an initial investment in time and some cost. We have the need and are willing to assist you in attaining certification through US Sailing. Just contact Nick at ext. 11, or Richard at the number / email below.

I hope you have been around the club these past few weeks and seen all the activity, and what a sailing club is really all about. The high level of activity of our staff and wonderful volunteers or our super Race Committee is so impressive. Seeing all those boats and sailors from the US and other countries, both youth and adult, is exhilarating. Seeing them out on the water is equally impressive. The social side of our club is great, but this kind of activity, along with our classes, is part of what makes me really proud to be a member of our unique Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely..... Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay.....

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## From The Manager...

Stretching your bucks lately? Then be sure to stop by the Groves Nest and enjoy Chef Richie's new reduced price ala carte menu. With value priced entrée's, such as our Cheese Burgers in Paradise, along with our weekday Happy Hour from 5pm-7pm featuring well vodka, gin, rum and bourbon as well as 2 for 1 Fetzer Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay and 20oz Draft Beer for the price of a 14oz, the Groves Nest is the place to stretch those bucks.



We also have a new Double Reef Menu in the bar from 2:00pm to 5:00pm on Thursday and Friday afternoons, instead of closing down the kitchen for night preparation.

Weekly Theme Nights continue to be popular and Live Music Fridays are still a club favorite.

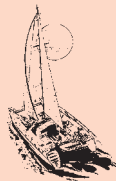
Our parking attendant has been hard at work to help control the parking lot on busy nights and weekends. We have also been issuing new parking stickers for the 2011-2012 season. If you need the new replacement sticker, just stop by the club and we'll be happy to give you one.

Enjoy the Club...Pat.



Watch you Channel for information regarding the many activities for this Spring season at CGSC.

There will be information about the upcoming Annual Rendezvous. Plan now to have your boat in ship-shape order to attend this great event.



## LARGER BOATS ON MOORINGS

CGSC's Board of Directors has agreed that the Club will consider boats on moorings larger than the 41 ft. and 20,000 lb previous limit allowed in our Mooring License Agreement. Any such boats accepted will require a special written agreement Between the mooring Applicant and CGSC. Members and non-Members are invited to apply.

## RACE NOTICE

January 23-27, 2012  
Olympic Classes Regattas

February 04-05, 2012  
Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta

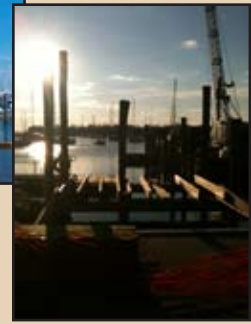
February 10-12, 2012  
29er & 29erXX Regatta

February 11-12, 2012  
Melges 20 Regatta #2

February 25, 2012  
Barnacle Old Time Regatta

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VISIT THEIR WEBSITE [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

Dock Work began January 2 and will continue throughout the month.



Photos by CGSC Photographers



### View from the Signal Boat

CGSC Race Committee, Club Members and our Youth Sailors were treated to a new class of boats on our lawn and racing out in the Bay the weekend of December 17 and 18, 2011. CGSC hosted ten Moth Sailors for the first of two Regattas in the Moth Miami Winter Series. Saturday started with participants assembling their boat from long white boxes that looked like coffins. Anthony Kotoun spoke with our Youth Sailors, explaining the various parts and functions of the boat and how it hydrofoils.

Youth sailors took off for their day of practice and racing, leaving the Moth fleet on shore waiting for wind. (Moths need a minimum of 8 knots for a comfortable sail.) The wind never appeared and races were abandoned for the day. RC volunteers

spent the day doing some maintenance and housekeeping. We even had an impromptu Scoring Training Class.



Wind arrived on Sunday and we were able to run eight races in just four hours. The day was full of new experiences for the Race Committee volunteers. We set up a new type of course with a reaching start and two windward/leeward legs, used a new, mechanized timing sequence and ran short 15-20 minute races.

Bora Gulari, Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, captured first place, with Anthony Kotoun in second and Matt Pitsay third.

Susan Walcutt, Race Committee Chair



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# *Ring in the New Year...Happy 2012*



NEW YEARS EVE, Wow!! What a way to bring in the New Year. The champagne was flowing and delicious and CGSC was packed with fun and good cheer as over 175 people attended the event. The bar was hopping and the staff was great. Chef Ritchie and his staff made a pasta extravaganza that was tasty and filling. Thank you so much for the CREATION STATION. It was my favorite. The extremely talented IKO IKO was amazing and had people on their feet the entire time they played. I even got a thank you email from the band they enjoyed it so much. Much gratitude to the staff and my volunteers as it could not have been done without you. Look for future social events which will include Super Bowl in the Grove's Nest, a progressive sailboat dinner, St. Patrick's Day Dance, potluck dinners, Happy Hour on the new dock, etc.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Adrienne Peters





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**Schedule for Sunfish,  
 Keelboat and Cruising**

**February:**

2, 9, 16, 23 Sunfish Thursday Clinics 10AM -1PM  
 4-5 Sunfish Learn-to-Sail 9AM-4:30PM  
 11-12 Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM  
 18-19 Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM  
 26 Small-Boat Sandbar Rendezvous  
 9AM-3PM

**March:**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sunfish Thursday Clinics 10AM-1PM  
 3-4 Sunfish Learn-to-Sail 9AM-4:30PM  
 10-11 Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM

**Schedule for Basic and Bareboat  
 Cruising Classes**

**February:**

11 & 12 Basic Cruising, plus 1 day for review/testing  
 24 to 27 Bareboat Cruising, Biscayne Bay & beyond

**March:**

10 & 11 Basic Cruising, plus 1 day for review/testing  
 16 to 19 Bareboat Cruising, Middle Keys

**April:**

7 & 8 Basic Cruising, plus 1 day for review/testing  
 14 to 17 Bareboat Cruising, Bahamas or Middle Keys

**May:**

5 & 6 Basic Cruising, plus 1 day for review/testing  
 12 & 13 Basic Cruising, plus 1 day for review/testing

This schedule may be changed based on conditions.  
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