



APRIL 2013

## RECORD FLEET IN MELGES 20 EVENT No. 2

**T**he 2013 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Event No. 2 saw a Class record 46 entries, and outstanding wind and weather February 9-10. The fleet enjoyed 10-15 knots of breeze, constant lead changes, and beautiful 80 degree weather. It was Chamber of Commerce conditions both days.

Saturday Racing. In Saturday's racing the fleet completed three of the five races scheduled. Paul Reilly's Red Sky Sailing Team took the overall lead with a consistent 6-4-3 heading into the final day of racing. CGSC's Marc Hollerbach aboard Fu was two points back in second and CGSC's Michael Kiss sailing Bacio was tied for third.

The first race of the event went to Connecticut's Rob Wilber and his crew on Cinghiale. Race two saw six boats OCS at the start. The gate was a turning point as Michael Kiss took the lead and extended for the win leaving the rest of the fleet far behind. In the third and final race of the day, Richard Davies' Section

16 punched it into the gate, taking the lead where he would remain.

Tuning Debrief on the Lawn. Ashore later that afternoon, there was a much anticipated and very well attended informative Melges USA debrief officiated by Melges President Andy Burdick with commentary from Owners and tacticians with Olympic and world championship credentials. CGSC's kitchen provided outstanding appetizers for the event that were a big hit.

Sunday Racing. Great racing conditions continued on the Bay for Sunday's final two races. It was anybody's regatta at this point with several boats in striking distance given the large fleet and the ability to drop your worst score if five races were completed. In Race 4, Fu put two boats between their 5<sup>th</sup> place finish and Red Sky's 8<sup>th</sup> place, taking a one point lead into the final race. Race four went to Mark Plaxton's INTAC from the BVI.





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**COMMODORE'S REPORT**



**I** write this during the busiest time of the year for the CGSC. As the weather turns beautiful, it is probably no coincidence that regatta season moves into high-gear. And that's when more of our members make it a priority to get out on the Bay, too.

A busy waterfront will naturally lead to some logistical challenges, and we experience our share at the CGSC. But I'm happy to tick off our list of headaches: a bustling youth program, an expanding roster of sailors, a growing fleet on the mooring field, a dedicated and well-staffed Race Committee, and a healthy schedule of regattas that allows our Club to participate in both Orange Bowl and Miami Sailing Week.

One of the values we provide to the City of Miami is our vital role in promoting Coconut Grove as a regatta hub -- a magnet for out-of-town sailors who come to Miami and frequent our local restaurants, hotels and shops. We're eager to promote the sport of sailing by hosting world-class sailors and weekend warriors from around the country. We know our fellow clubs do the same when our sailors travel to compete near and far.

We're always working to improve the enjoyment of the Clubhouse by all members, and we welcome all suggestions. And we appreciate your patience when the grounds get busy. It's all for a good cause.

Thank you for supporting our Club,

*Doug Hanks, Commodore*  
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**Racing on the Bay**

**Biscayne Bay Yacht Club's  
Annual Regatta**

Skippers Meeting 4/4/13  
 One Design 4/6/13  
 PHRF 4/7/13

**Miami Yacht Club Miami-  
Key Largo Regatta**

Skipper's Meeting 4/18/13  
 Race 4/20/13  
 Awards 4/27/13

**Key Biscayne Yacht Club  
Annual Regatta**

Skipper's Meeting 5/3/13  
 PHRF 5/4/13  
 One Design 5/5/13

**Ft. Lauderdale Hospice  
Regatta**

5/18/13

**CGSC's Annual Goombay  
Regatta**

PHRF 5/25/13  
 One Design 5/26/13

*Additional information about these Regattas is available on the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) website .  
<http://www.bbyra.net>*



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Nearly two years ago, the CGSC signed a long awaited and much needed lease with the City of Miami. Moving beyond being a month to month renter, the CGSC finally had some peace of mind that we would be staying in our club house for the foreseeable future and with that revelation we knew that we had the responsibility to focus on improving our facilities and strengthen our sailing programs.

From last year's CGSC member survey, we know that there are certain items that our members want to see improved. Whether it is newer rest rooms, better equipped member use boats, improved service in the Groves Nest or colder beer, we are working hard to whittle down our To Do list but there is one item on that list that is right on top and is our top priority. New Moorings. Our lease dictates that we must install a new improved mooring system in our mooring field before the first five years of our lease is up. It will be a big project and it will likely be a little disruptive to our lives at the CGSC but our club knows how to handle difficulties and has always risen above them to come out stronger in the end.

As we stay on course towards a completed new mooring field three years from now, we also want to do what we can to improve our facilities and our experiences at the CGSC. Therefore, three challenges before us are:

1. We must satisfy our lease with the city.
2. We need to address projects that improve the integrity of our facilities.
3. We want to do some things from our wish list that would just be nice to have.



We are moving forward with these challenges and I hope you will be patient with us while we set the course for the next generation of sailors at CGSC. I am very proud that in the short time that we have had our new lease, our sails are as full as ever and we are chewing our way windward. I do prefer a nice and easy broad reach, where I can sit to leeward and watch the water speed pass the rail but this is not a pleasure cruise. Sailors know that whenever you can put distance between the keel and a lee shore, you call all hands on deck and get the job done.

Now, with all of that said... Get out on the water and sail!

*Sean Connett, Vice Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we break into spring the club is teeming with energy and enthusiasm. As I write this brief article I am returning from what is more frequently becoming a typical Saturday morning at the Club. The Snipe Rasco Regatta is on, a PHRF race is launching and the youth team is fluttering around after having celebrated Sailing Director Nick's Birthday by rubbing cupcakes in his face. The kids also all came in today with a show of solidarity and humor all wearing a band-aid over their eye after Coach Maykel had a little accident. It's understandable that he was a little wobbly having welcomed a new baby girl to his family last week.

The youth team is hot on their tillers after the Jensen Beach Florida State Opti Championship with Opti hot shot Sebastian Riquelme-Beckman qualifying for the USODA Team Trials in May. He joins Theo Quenee in qualifying and we wish them the best as they travel to Wisconsin to make a shot at the US team.

A couple of other things to mention, the first being our next youth sailing event, CGSC's Spring Break Camp & Regatta the 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. There will be four different classes for this event, Beginner

class, Opti Green, Opti RWB, & Laser Radial. The camp is three day's with the final day being an actual regatta complete with race committee, trophies, and a bar-be-que on the final day.

Immediately following our Spring Break Camp & Regatta we will be traveling across the bay to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club for the Southeast Dinghy Championship Regatta, the Friday & Saturday after our event.

Finally the annual rendezvous is taking shape. It will be held the first weekend of May and will be moved to Boca Chita Key this year. This is due to Elliott Key being closed due to hurricane damage during Sandy. Keep an eye out for more info as it develops and join us in this great CGSC tradition.

Cool Breezes

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Race 5 saw a storm cell-caused wind shift late in the race, with CGSC's RC making a hurry-up course change to square the final run to the finish. The race was won by Californian John Kilroy's Samba Pa Ti, but the real story was that both Fu and Red Sky finished well down the list and used Race 5 as their drop race. No one else could match their scores after Race 5 and the drop provision, so Marc Hollerbach's Fu squeaked out a one point win over Paul Reilly's Red Sky. Two points back, it was Richard Davies' Section 16 winning the third place tie-breaker from Michael Kiss and his Bacio team. Marc's crew included Jonathan McKee and Ben Allen.



Trophy Presentation. It was a very happy group of racers that gathered for the trophy presentation. More CGSC appetizers were devoured, while the Club and our Race Committee received recognition and applause for another great Melges 20 regatta – our 12<sup>th</sup> over the past 38 months.

Shore-side Regatta and Race Committees. CGSC's Shore-side team and our Race Committee did another excellent job ashore and on the water. Special thanks to Richard Etkin and Mary Ann Conners for leading the Shore-side team with help from Jo Ann Mathieu and Nancy Rogachenko – a huge contribution to the success of the event.

The RC included Mike Castleberry's Tartan 372 Imagine as Signal Boat – the only CGSC Signal Boat this fleet has ever known over the 12 regattas. On board were Dottie Rostorfer, Esther DiLeo, Saralee Lamb, Jo Ann, and Veronic Aghayan. Up to windward on our new Clearwater were George Bradley, Sicotte Hamilton and Rick Klein. The Gate Boat skipper was Dennis Jansma and crewed by Debi Jansma and Ryan Alexander. The Pin Boat was skippered by Jay Tyson with Ron Rostorfer, Debby Ryder, Barbara Safiullin, Nancy Rogachenko and Suzie Harbour. Don Poole skippered the Media/Safety boat. Special thanks to Senior Judge Mike Dawson and Canadian and US Judge Shelley Vaughan who handled the judging and one protest activity.

Ron Rostorfer





# CGSC'S BACARDI MIAMI SAILING WEEK

By Joy Dunigan

CGSC's three-regatta International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series drew to a close March 7-9 with the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. 44 Melges 20 teams were joined by 18 International Melges 24 teams for this event. The 44 20's was just shy of the record 46 that were here the month before. 51 had been registered, but severe weather up north prevented some teams from getting down to sunny south Florida. Sailing conditions improved steadily as the regatta went along. This regatta featured CGSC's first three-RC boat start line for big fleet of 20's.

The lead story of the regatta was the incredible, come-from-behind last day in the 20's for CGSC's Michael Kiss aboard Bacio. Fifth going into Saturday's races, Michael and his team of US Olympian Chris Rast and Willie McBride put together a 3-2-1 final day series to take the regatta by a huge 11 points. What a finish! In the 24's, the always strong Italian team of Ricardo Simoneschi's Audi raced to a six point victory winning two of the three final day races.

Thursday. The post-front NW breeze early was forecast to fade, and fade it did. Things got off to a good start with the remaining breeze, but it died away to very light conditions before the race could be shortened at the second weather mark. The only female skipper in the tough Melges 24 fleet, Catharine Evans and her Corinthian team from Annapolis aboard Mojito won the race. In the 20's, James Wilson's Oleander from Rye, NY took the win.

Tuning Debrief on the Lawn. Like February, the Melges folks organized another tuning debrief for Thursday afternoon led by Melges President Andy Burdick. It was very well attended, as was the case in February. Chef Ritchie's appetizers were killer in this great afternoon setting.

Friday. Fortunately, weather reality on Friday was better than the forecast. It was still just a moderate breeze, but three very good races ensued. CGSC's Russell Lucas won the day in the 20's with a 3-4-8 series to pull into third place for the regatta. Michael Kiss was 5<sup>th</sup> after Friday's races. In the 24's it was Ricardo Simoneschi's team rising from eighth on Thursday to post a 1-3-3 record Friday but still trail Alan Field's WTF from Los Angeles by four points. Field had

posted a 2-2-1-6 series to that point – very impressive.

Saturday. Saturday dawned with the best breeze and best forecast of the regatta. Winds built to around 14 knots by the finale. And so it went with Bacio in the 20's and Audi in the 24's making a statement and taking the wins. In the 20's, Alessandro Rombelli's Italian team aboard STIG took second overall with Oleander taking third. In the 24's, Chicago's Don Wilson aboard Convexity won the tie-breaker for second over WTF.

IAM 20 Miami Winter Series. For the three regatta Melges 20 Miami Winter Series, it was Section 16 with skipper Richard Davies and crew Charlie McKee and Matt Pistay with the win for the new Perpetual Trophy, followed by Bacio and Marcus Eagan's Corinthian New Orleans team aboard Cajun Underwriting taking third – a great finish.

Race Committee. CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job on the water. Mike and Karen Castleberry's fine Tartan 372 Imagine was Signal Boat. Thirteen Melges 20 regattas at CGSC and 13 times as Signal Boat for Imagine. That's dedication!

Aboard Imagine were CGSC's Marvin Schenker, Dottie Rostorfer, Saralee Lamb, Jo Ann Mathieu, Veronic Aghayan and Matt Marglous. Up to windward on the Clearwater were skipper Susan Walcutt, Gary Viola, Ed Harary and Dick Pober. The Starboard Line Boat was Key Largo skippered by RC veteran Dennis Jansma with Ryan Alexander, Jim Waldron and Debi Jansma. The Port Line Boat was RC Paul van Puffelin's Grady-White skippered by Jay Tyson with Ron Rostorfer, Nancy Rogachenko and Canadian Paul Clissold aboard. The Gate Boat, David Frazier's Angler was skippered by Don Poole with Rick Klein, Dusty Melton and Julie Hanrahan aboard. Special thanks to Stephan Seuss for allowing the use of his Everglades as Media Boat.

Club Staff. Many thanks to CGSC General Manager Adam Young, Chef Ritchie and the entire Dock Office staff led by Dockmaster Duane Smallwood for their great efforts to make this event the success that it was.



# Youth Regattas

The Boomerang Regatta at the Lauderdale Yacht Club had beautiful temperatures and tricky winds. As the name suggests, the course for the Opti RWB fleet was in the shape of a Boomerang due to sandbars, constant motorboat traffic, and the small sailing area in front of the LYC. The Opti Green fleet sailed a shorter, more traditional course due to shifty winds. The kids (young adults) sailing Lasers competed out in the Atlantic Ocean with sizeable waves! Here are the results for our CGSC competitors:

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| <b>OPTI GREEN:</b><br>Karl Ealdman - 1st<br>Leopold Seuss - 16 th<br>Jacques Rive - 27th   | <b>OPTI BLUE:</b><br>Lauren Waldman - 15th                       |
| <b>OPTI "YELLOW"</b><br><i>(Green was split into 2 fleets)</i><br>Williams Adams - 3rd<br>Alexandro Riquelme - 10th<br>Lizzy Schmidt - 17th<br>Lorenzo Gregon - 28th | <b>OPTI WHITE:</b><br>Sebastian Riquelme - 15th                  |
| <b>OPTI RED:</b><br>Theo Quenee -13th  | <b>LASER:</b><br>Tritan Lara - 2nd                               |
|  | <b>LASER RADIAL:</b><br>Nicolas Herrera - 26th                   |
|  | <b>LASER 4.7:</b><br>Santiago Holz - 3rd<br>Alejandro Holz - 7th |



The Buccaneer Blast Regatta at the Upper Keys Sailing Club in Key Largo was a fun, rather windy affair this year. Our kids from CGSC did great, handled the 20-plus knot gusts admirably, and had a great time. Here were the results:

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| <b>LASER RADIAL:</b><br>Tristan Lara - 2nd place<br>Danielle Valdes-pages - 3rd<br>Santiago Holz - 5th<br>Alejandro Holz - 6th | <b>OPTI WHITE:</b><br>Sebastian Riquelme - 10th  |
| <b>OPTI RED:</b><br>Theo Quenee - 8th  | <b>OPTI GREEN:</b><br>Williams Adams - 3rd<br>Lizzy Schmidt - 4th<br>Alejandro Riquelme - 20th<br>Marlon Mulkay - 30th |
| <b>OPTI BLUE:</b><br>Lauren Waldman - 3rd<br>Graham Mogollon - 16th  |  |



## CGSC Race Committee Events



### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

After a very successful 2012-2013 Winter Regatta Season, the CGSC Race Committee is taking April and May off for a well deserved rest.

We will be back and hope to see everyone out on the Bay for CGSC's

Annual Goombay Regatta

May 26-27, 2013

Stay tuned for notices of

RC Training Classes

during April and May.



# ADULT SAILING REPORT

The first quarter of 2013 has been good for our Adult Sailing Programs, especially with the activity regarding keelboat classes. We continue to see more new members taking the class and a larger proportion of women enrolling as well. Most are seeking Basic Keelboat certification with the use of our club Ensign and cruising fleet in mind. Twice-weekly Sunfish clinics continue to draw well, with 4PM to 7PM class hours going back into effect in April. Sunfish classes, always slow in the winter, are beginning to show the usual Spring and Summer interest and increase in participation. With strong recent keelboat certification increases, we expect the resultant cruising boat classes to show growth as well.

Regarding the larger cruising boats, some of those qualified have been reluctant to make reservations, thinking that with only two boats, they are probably busy. Be assured we have plenty of availability with all of our Member-Use boats. The only time they are regularly committed is during specific, scheduled classes. For those curious about our Member-Use program, please refer to the guidelines on our website.

Finally, in March, we announced our first Annual Fleet Week, similar in idea to our work-weekend, but intended to help us fix-up and spruce-up our instructional and member-use boats. This first event is the weekend of April 13-14, with some additional help needed just before and after the weekend. This event will be concentrating on our busy Ensign keelboat fleet. Are you one of those happy Ensign member-users, or would you just like to help out your club and our instructional program? Fleet Weekend is a great way to get involved. Please contact Richard (see below) to get involved.

Questions about Adult classes? Certification? Member-Use of club boats? Volunteering? Contact Richard.

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

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

### LEARN-TO-SAIL

April 6-7

### SUNFISH CLINICS

#### Novice

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Advanced

April 4, 11, 18, 25

### SMALL BOAT CLINICS

April 28

### BASIC KEELBOAT WEEKEND CLASSES

April 13-14

April 20-21

# SPRING BREAK IS ALMOST HERE!

The Spring Break Camp & Regatta will be held the 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. It will include a Beginner class, Opti Green, Opti RWB, & Laser Radial. The cap is 25 students so hurry and sign up so you won't miss out on a great time.

# SUMMER IS COMING!

Sign up early so that you can get the weeks you prefer. Sessions fill up quickly.

**The 2013 camp dates are as follows:**

- **Session 1 - June 10 thru June 21**
- **Session 2 - June 24 thru July 5**
- **Session 3 - July 8 thru July 19**
- **Session 4 - July 22 thru August 2**
- **Session 5 - August 5 thru August 16**

**Mandatory summer camp staff meeting will be on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM**

**Nick Mansbach  
Sailing/Waterfront Director**

