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MELGES 20 WORLDS PRIMER

WEATHER MAN COMES THROUGH – FINALLY!

CGSC's first International Audi Melges 20 event of the season came early this year as a near-record 45 boats entered for their World Championship Primer. The dates were November 1-3 with the event serving as a tune-up for the Class's first World Championship next month on Key Largo. Entries came from across the US as well as Canada, Italy and Brazil to contest this event. This was Melges 20 event number 14 at CGSC going back to December 2009 when there were only 12 boats in the fleet!

Things did not go well, initially for the World's Primer. The forecast of light but sailable winds failed to materialize on the first day. After waiting out the potential breeze on the Bay for a while, racing was postponed until Day 2 on Saturday. That day's forecast was for

even less wind!

Saturday morning was dead flat, so the fleet was held ashore. The breeze came up out of the



south in advance of the cold front expected overnight, so a start was scheduled at 1330. Unfortunately, about that time, the breeze started to lighten and wander around. It was out of the WSW on the west side of the Bay and out of the SE on the east side, all the while remaining light. Fleet sent home again. So, it was zipolana after two days.

A very early start at 0900 Sunday morning was scheduled in anticipation of the front, with

the forecast building to at or above the Class wind limits in the mid-20 knot range. CGSC's Race

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

In last month's Channel, Vice Commodore Paul Van Puffelen and I seemed to "channel" each other's desires to share the progress that has been made around the club. While it may have seemed repetitive, our articles confirmed what I already believed which is that my fellow Officers and I are on the same tack and laying the mark together.



Led by Rear Commodore Sigrid Beckman, the Halloween Howler Committee once again showed the youth sailing community of South Florida that the CGSC is where sailors belong. I will let Sigrid share the excitement from this year's event but I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to commend everyone who dedicated their time and work to make this CGSC regatta such a huge success. So "Thank You" to everyone who was involved in the planning and the realization of this year's Halloween Howler and "Thank You" to our youth sailing team for being ambassadors and hosts to the visiting sailors. All of you represented the CGSC tremendously and you should be proud of your efforts.

Another CGSC tradition also took place in November and as a result of Vice Commodore Paul Van Puffelen's planning and our member's willingness to volunteer their time and skills, our Annual Work Weekend was a triumph. Well done every one. You helped keep the club looking great and showed your pride in our club. Thank you. I hope all of you have a safe and happy Holiday Season and that you get out on the water as often as you can.

Fair Winds

Sean Connett, Commodore

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Audi Melges 20
World Championships
(Ocean Reef Club)
December 11-14, 2013

Orange Bowl Regatta
Dec. 27 - Dec. 30, 2013

29er Class National Championship
US Youth Sailing Qualifier
Jan. 1-3, 2014

See Notices Of Race And Registration Forms on Race
Bulletin Board Downstairs or at [Www.Cgsc.Org](http://www.Cgsc.Org)
For BBYRA 2013 Sailing Instructions
Visit Their Website Www.Bbyra.Net

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sailing Season in CGSC! Did you happen to see the dozens of Melges sail in the bay the first weekend of November in that perfect Sunday breeze? An incredible sight! And what about the 100 plus youth sailors competing in the Halloween Howler the last weekend of October? Amazing energy and, as every year, superb howler-like wind conditions! CGSC has been busy racing and hosting fantastic events. We are definitely leaving a mark in the sailing community with great events, great participation, incredible organization and the warmest welcoming crowd. We wish to thank all members for supporting these events. What a way of promoting sailing in the Bay and especially Coconut Grove Sailing Club as a top-notch racing and sailing destination! All this could not be possible, of course, without a huge crowd of volunteers on land and on the water that work for months in advance to get these events going. Everybody from parents, coaches, friends, an outstanding Race Committee and sponsors make all this possible. Our staff cannot be forgotten in this round of thank-yous. Spearheaded by GM Lauren Simpson they all work so hard, doing a fantastic

job by catering and supporting members, guests and visitors making them feel at home.

So you are not into racing? No problem. Enroll in a Sunfish Class, now starting a new schedule on Sundays or try one of our Keelboat classes. Join the Flying Scotts as they go out to the bay or get certified to use one of our Cruisers. New classes are starting so you can cruise into the sunset. That is definitely more relaxing than racing!

Did you get a chance to spook someone or get spooked in the Haunted Mooring Field? If not, you missed quite an event.... But not to worry, more social events are coming to CGSC now that the year-end festivities are here. Keep an eye on our social calendar and bulletins. But.... who needs an event to enjoy our beautiful club? Just come down and enjoy the best weather in the whole continental US with great food, drinks and friends. See you at CGSC!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Sigrid Beckman, Rear Commodore



Lewis Richards Last Flight

Lew Richards passed away on May 14, 2013 in his home in Miami, Florida. Lew had been a sailing club member since 1992 and kept his Catalina on a mooring at the club for many years. His two favorite things in life were flying airplanes and sailing. In Vietnam, he flew a Caribou” (C-7A) in and out of the combat zones and was awarded the Air Medal 5 times. He flew for Pan Am, Egypt Air, Aeroamerica, Air Berlin (Chief Pilot) and, American Trans Air (ATA). During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Lew, volunteered to fly troops and supplies into critical war zones and was awarded the Aerial Achievement Medal.

On September 27, friends took off from Tamiami Airport, heading East. It was Lew’s birthday and they were honoring his request to have his ashes spread into the Bay. Lew, who was now taking his last and final flight to the place which he had chosen for himself to return to nature, the place where he had spent and enjoyed so many days of his life, ... the BAY.



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Committee showed up at 0715 – probably the earliest call on record! This was complicated by street closings due to the Bed Race that day.

However, the wind was there – just west of north initially at around 11 knots. This built during the racing to gusts in the 20-22 knot range. The early start would allow four races to be completed provided the wind stayed under the limit.

What followed were four spectacular races for this very competitive fleet sprinkled with Olympic medalists and World Champions. Since no scores could be dropped due to only four races being sailed, the top boats could not afford a bad race in this very competitive fleet.

For the first race, the fleet was sent upwind at 355 degrees on a windward-leeward twice around course. The wind trended right, as expected, during the day's racing, but it was well behaved. Race 2 was set at 000 degrees, with the wind finally hitting the forecast NNE direction at 020 degrees for Races 3 and



CGSC's Marc Hollerbach finished

a very respectable 7th, and CGSC's Michael Kiss was one place behind. Michael is an excellent heavy air sailor. He and Russell and their crews staged a magnificent battle for the win in Race 4, with Michael slowly but steadily overtaking Russell for the win. Hard sailing, for sure. The top foreign boat was



Italian Melges 20 veteran Alessandro Rombelli in 6th place. It was a tired but happy crowd at the trophy presentation on Sunday afternoon.

The Race Committee for our Club did another excellent job out there. Mike Castleberry's Imagine was again the Signal Boat – the only Signal Boat this fleet has seen in 14 regattas! On board during the regatta were Dottie Rostorfer, Veronic Agahan, Saralee Lamb, Jo Ann Mathieu, Nancy Rogachenko and Carol Temple. Up to windward on CGSC's Clearwater were Skipper Susan Walcutt along with Rick Klein, Jan Tyson and newcomers James Leibl and Ty Techera.

The Pin Boat crew consisted of Skippers Larry Whipple (PC) and Don Poole and crews Mary Ramos, Sandrine Quenee, Cathy Buller and newcomer Steve Anderson. The Gate Boat was operated by Dennis Jansma with Ron Rostorfer (PC) as the Race Officer. Crewing were Patrick McLister, Debi Jansma, Barbara Safiullin and Ryan Alexander.

Our Safety/Judge boat was operated by David Frazier, with National Judge Mike Dawson, Nurse Bonnie Padgett and crew Suzanne Roberts and newcomer Cari Autry. The Press/Media boat was skippered by Charlie Rahn (PC) with David Stokes and Photographer Joy Dunigan. Roxanne Fairbairn and Charles James from Ft. Myers also served on the RC each day.
Ron Rostorfer



Photos provided by Marylinda Ramos and Joy Dunigan.

Adult Sailing

While it is well known that all of our adult sailing classes are open to the public, we had an unusual Basic Keelboat class in November where ALL of the students were new members. It was an effective and fun class. Not only did the entire class do well with the training, but instant new friendships developed between individuals and couples. The instructors especially enjoyed the camaraderie of the class. Within the following week, three of the students were already out practicing for their certification test. Certification applications are up as more members are becoming US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certified to take advantage of our Member-Use privileges for the Ensigns as well as pave the way for use of the larger cruising Beneteaus. If you are an experienced, knowledgeable keelboat sailor, currently without a boat, and want to take advantage of the club's unique Member-Use privileges for the Ensigns, but don't feel you need the two-day course, you may Challenge the certification by taking the same practical and academic test the graduated students take. It is called the US Sailing Basic Keelboat Challenge. We will be glad to discuss this with you and furnish you with an examination guide and test aids.

We are pleased to have Captain Bryan Wesolek back from San Francisco where he underwent rigorous additional certification training for our large cruising boat certification program.

Watch the website and other media for new schedules for Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat certifications.

Your club has supported an active Sunfish training and sailing program since 1996 and many hundreds of students have enjoyed their first sailing experience with us. We have modified schedules and programs since that first class to try and accommodate our Sunfish students and sailors. We are working on another offering to make the Sunfish even more accessible to our members. Watch for possible announcements soon.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

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December 31st, 2013**

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Look for flyers around the club and on your CGSC Newsletter

**For more information, contact Brian Donahue, Entertainment Chairman, brian@inmotionedge.com
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Flying Scot Report

The One Design race on Sunday, 11/3/13, was held in VERY windy weather, gusting over 20 knots. Five Flying Scots went out to the course which was across the bay near Key Biscayne. Margaritaville broke their tiller extension before the first race and had to withdraw. Two other boats also came in without racing due to the bad weather leaving only Air America and Funky Diva to race. They both did the first race but only Funky Diva did the second race as Air America withdrew due to the weather.



Final results were:

Place	Boat	Owner	Results	Points
1st Place	Funky Diva	Jim Bigham	1/1/3DNS	5
2nd Place	Air America	Bud Price	2/3DNS/3DNS	8

Next race 1D #4 is Saturday, 11/23/13, no race in December & 1D#5 is Sunday, 1/12/14.

See you on the bay!

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Friends are the
best part of
the
HOLIDAYS