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## 50<sup>th</sup> CGSC OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

### **BOWL on a ROLL!**

CGSC hosted its 50<sup>th</sup> Open Orange Bowl Regatta over the December Holidays, and it was a very successful event. This was our Club's second year of an expanded Open Orange Bowl format including not just the traditional adult Lasers, but also the "no age restriction" International 420's and 29ers. All in all, 66 boats competed – very close to the 72 racing last year. CGSC has always been proud to be a part of the Orange Bowl festivities, and the Orange Bowl Committee had urged us to expand our event.

Our Classes. As background, the I-420's and 29ers are Olympic development boats sailed by youngsters in the 15-22 (or so) age bracket. Once these folks

get a bit bigger and older, they transition into the actual Olympic Classes, the International 470, the Men's 49er and now the new Women's 49erFX. This makes an interesting contrast with our Laser fleet where over half the fleet is Masters! All told, our fleet came from 11 States and five foreign countries.



The Racing. Things actually got off to a bit of a slow start on Thursday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> with a postponement on shore due to light winds. However, conditions improved later in the afternoon, and two races were sailed. Relatively light but very sailable conditions

prevailed on Friday, with an additional three races sailed, so things were on schedule. An approaching

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**e're in the resolution season now, and that means it's a good time to think about what you can do to get more out of your CGSC membership. Here are five possibilities. Pick one.



1. I will eat at the Club at least once a week. We have close to 1,000 members, yet we're still surprisingly quiet on the occasional Sunday during lunch or Wednesday dinner. More familiar faces would make for a more vibrant Grove's Nest.
2. This is the year I get my sailboat's photo on the wall. We're always looking for portraits of members' sailboats to go on the Grove's Nest wall. The rules are it must be a color photo, in vertical format, of a sailboat under way, owned by a CGSC member and kept in the Miami area. Be sure the entire boat is visible in the photo.
3. I am going to attend the General Meetings. We've made the meetings much more fun now. We give out free drinks and prizes and swap stories. And they never last longer than an hour. Fourth Thursday of the month. Try it.
4. I am going to race in Key Largo this year. It's the most fun race of the year, and the CGSC always has the biggest fleet. Start plotting your crew (or crew berth) right now.
5. I will go sailing more. This is an old standby. Should have been first on the list.

Thanks for supporting our Club.

*Doug Hanks, Commodore*  
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## Upcoming CGSC Race Committee Events

January 28 - Feb 01, 2013

ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami  
(formerly known as the Olympic Classes Regatta)

February 02-03, 2013

Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta

February 08-10, 2013

Melges 20 Regatta #2

February 09-10, 2013

29er & 29erXX Regatta

February 23, 2013

Barnacle Old Time Regatt

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS ON THE RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG FOR BBYRA 2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS VISIT THEIR WEBSITE WWW.BBYRA.NET

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's February and that means the two of the biggest annual events in Miami are just around the corner. Those are the Coconut Grove Arts Festival and the Strictly Sail Boat Show at Bayside Marina. During these events, the CGSC makes our biggest push to attract new mooring renters, new sailing students and most importantly, new members. During this time, I would like to ask you, our members to introduce the club to someone you know who may be interested in joining our community of sailors. Give them any of the following excellent reasons for them to join the CGSC, which come straight off our website at [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)

1. Learn to Sail: Adult & Youth Learn to Sail Programs, Youth Summer Camp, Boat Maintenance & Hurricane Preparedness Seminars, Learn to Race/Crew Opportunities.

2. A Great Racing Community: Host to BBYRA Events, University of Miami's Sailing Team and the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regattas, the Audi Melges 20s Winter Series, and many more.

3. Greatest View on Biscayne Bay: We feel there's no better place to appreciate the sailor's paradise of Miami than from our clubhouse grounds.

4. A Great Sailor's Community: Come swap sailing stories at the Grove's Nest, our second-floor bar and restaurant.

5. Elliott Key: That's where we have our Annual Rendezvous. It's the highlight of a social calendar that

includes a Fall Fish Fry, a Spring Pig Roast and Social Night every Tuesday.

6. International Membership: Members hail from ports across the Globe – Mingle and Learn from sailors all over the world sailing through our area!

7. A CGSC Membership Follows You: We share reciprocity privilege's with hundreds of yacht clubs across the country.

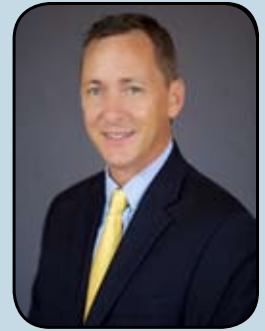
8. You Don't Need a Boat: Club Vessels available to qualified members: Beneteaus, Ensigns, Flying Scots, Sunfish, and Kayaks. We simply want members who are interested in pursuing the sailing lifestyle.

9. Location, Location, Location: We're located in the heart of Coconut Grove. Public transit connects us to all of Dade County - via Coconut Grove Circulator bus, Metro rail, and Coral Gables trolley.

10. It's just a fun place to be!

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the CGSC and the many sailing programs we provide. We are all part of a proud sailing tradition that goes back to the beginning of Coconut Grove. Let's keep up the good work.

Fair Winds,  
*Sean Connett, Vice Commodore*  
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## Flying Scot Report

With the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Assoc. season starting in September and ending in June Fleet 90 has had four races so far. The first race was on 9/15/12 with Coral Reef Yacht Club serving as Race Committee. We had six boats racing and Jim Bigham finishing first followed, in order, by Henry Bernstein, Larry Ames/Charlie White, Larry Whipple, Richard Etkin and Ryan Alexander.

The second race held on Saturday & Sunday, 10/13 & 14/12, was the CGSC 1 Design Annual Regatta. The winds were gusting over 20 knots both days and no Flying Scots raced.

The third race on 11/4/12 was the CRYC Annual Regatta. We had six boats again racing and Henry Bernstein came in first followed, in order, by Vlad Stroleny, Spencer Sims, Larry Whipple, Bud Price and Joerg Reinhold.

The fourth race on 12/1/12 was hosted by the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. We had seven boats racing, one more than last month. Henry Bernstein again came in first followed, in order, by Vlad Stroleny, Spencer Sims, Bud Price, Larry Whipple, Ryan Alexander and Richard Etkin. Winds were in the 15 to 20 knot range and made for exciting racing! Henry Bernstein has won the first three races! Can anyone catch him?

The next race is coming up on 1/20/13 and will be hosted by the Miami Yacht Club. We have twelve Flying Scots at the CGSC now and ten have signed up to race in BBYRA. I hope to see all of them out for the next race.

Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet Captain

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**ell another sailing season has flown by and the youth team is really developing into an exciting bunch this year. As the winter session begins I have several things to report.

With new Laser coach Hernan Peralta, the kids have taken to practicing straight from the club to the ocean. This is great practice when considering the conditions they will meet when they arrive at the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club's Boomerang Regatta later this month. There is an underlying excitement in the OPTI divisions as well after Theo Quenee's and Sebastian Riquelme's trophies in the Orange Bowl in Dec. In general all of the kids performed exceptionally well this fall at seven different regattas, both in and out of town.

Youth sailing is fundamental to the basic mission of CGSC which is teaching people to sail and building the sport as a life-long family pastime. With this in mind the youth sailing committee and chairs have been working closely with Sailing Director Nick to develop and refine our youth mission, vision and objectives. This will resolve in a new "user manual" which will help us focus and measure our goals and accomplishments. A rough draft is being refined and we trust that it will be ready for presentation within one month. Number one on the list is increasing the amount of coaching staff and fine tuning their curriculum. The Youth sailing teams and summer camps have enjoyed a tremendous success in the past year. We are looking to keep that momentum going by improving the coaching standards and competitiveness with the older OPTI and Laser kids and giving them more challenges, successes and accomplishments. We also have implemented a separate travel team option for the kids so that we can provide better support at home for the ones who do not wish to travel. With this we are adding a Wednesday racing practice for the advanced OPTIs and a Sunday practice for the Lasers. We also have a great OPTI coaching staff going into the second session with Green fleet coach Stephanie Seoane, Assistant coach Patrick Arrington and seasoned coach Maykel Alonso focusing more on the Red, White and Blue fleets in the coming months.

On another youth sailing note, we have sadly lost the support of the Rotary Club's spring break

sponsorship. We thank them for their sponsorship over the years. Having said that and while time is short, we have most of the elements in place from the Halloween Howler and our plans are to work on re-tooling it as a CGSC Youth fundraising event.

We hope to use this to help with equipment purchases towards building the team as mentioned as well as giving our youth something fun to do over spring break. The time is now for getting this off the ground so we are looking for volunteers who can assist in regatta organization and shore side activities. It is a one day regatta preceded by a 3 day clinic that takes place during Public schools spring break. The Regatta is on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March and the camp/clinic is held on the preceding three days March 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

The Coconut Grove Art's Festival is back on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Why not come and celebrate not only art but sailing! We will be open all weekend and keeping the bar open on that Monday. Booth volunteers are always welcome to promote what we do and the club is a great oasis in the middle of all of the festival chaos.

The Washington's Birthday Regatta at the Barnacle will bring some interesting history to the bay on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the CGSC Race committee managing the race and many activities that should interest our member and highlight our common history. In addition we will be sponsoring the "Chowder Dinner" this year.

Finally our Adult sailing classes are going strong. If you one of us who is procrastinating taking sailing classes to improve your skills or get endorsed to use one of the club's member use boats, now is the time! With beautiful weather and winter breezes, CGSC is the perfect spot to do it. Schedules are on the website and updated in the email blasts. Contact the office for further info.

Cool Breezes – Paul van Puffelen, Rear Commodore



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cold front promised better breeze the final two days.

Saturday was frontal approach day, with a moderate southerly breeze forecast to go to the SW and strengthen. Early racing that day was in the southerly, but a huge shift to the SW as a race was being sailed caused our Race Committee to abandon that race, reset the course into the new SW strong breeze, and have the racers go at it again. It was great racing and three races were sailed for the day.



Then on Sunday, the northerly quadrant winds built as the day went along. Two races were sailed in the strengthening wind and a final third race of the day for the 29ers was sailed in a big N breeze. Those high performance "skiffs" were flying down the course. So, ten races completed for the Lasers and I-420's, 11 for the 29ers.



Shore-side. The sailors had a good time ashore, as well. CGSC hosted our two traditional dinners, the BBQ on Thursday night and the



“Floribbean Dinner” complete with prize drawing on Saturday night. Both were excellent meals – thanks to Chef Ritchie, GM Adam Young and Office Manager Lauren Simpson for their efforts. The Lasers enjoyed a complementary keg after racing each day – in view of the advanced age of some in the fleet! Thanks to Richard and Maryann Etkin, our Shore-side Chairs and their staff for another excellent job, and to Club Staff Nick Mansbach, Duane Smallwood, the two Kyle’s(!) and others in the Dock Office for their help.

Results. When the spray settled, it was clear there had been some outstanding demonstrations of sailing skill covering a wide variety of conditions. In the 26-boat Laser fleet, young Robert Davis from Kingston, ON scored a very convincing win sailing a consistent series. He was first or second in seven of the ten races and won by 13 points over Ricardo Montemayor from Vancouver, BC. Those of us who have watched Robert sail (and grow!) over the past few years knew this day would come! Mathew Ryder of Toronto was three points back in third, cementing a Canadian sweep. CGSC’s Ernesto Rodriguez tied for 4<sup>th</sup> on points but settled for 5<sup>th</sup> in the tie-breaker.

However, for the Laser Masters, Ernesto scored a convincing win. CGSC’s Augie Diaz was second, and long-time Open OB Laser competitor Roman Plutenko (originally from the Ukraine, but now in Chicago) took third.

The I-420’s were also sailing for their North American Championship. Another very convincing win was

recorded by Jack Parkin and Ben Saxton from CT. They were first or second in eight of the ten races in this 18-boat fleet, winning by 19 points over Wade Waddell and Henry Fernberger of Larchmont YC, NY. Wade and Henry also won the Junior trophy for both sailors being 18 or under. Casey Klingler and Fiona Walsh of Larchmont were third, and won the Women’s trophy.

In the 22-boat 29er Class, competition was very keen. Quinn and Dane Wilson of Santa Barbara YC, CA sailed an excellent series, winning six of the 11 races to take home the first place trophy. However, what really drove home the point is that Quinn and Dane also won the Junior trophy! Holy cow, watch out for this team in the future! Right on their transom just five points back were Campbell D’Eliscu and Conner Kelter from Newport Harbor YC, CA. Their worst race counted was a fourth! Nic Muller and Kai Friesecke from nearby Lauderdale YC were third.

Race Committee. CGSC’s Race Committee got a big round of applause at the trophy presentation. We had several key out-of-town RC assisting with this event, starting with Deputy PRO Tim Rumptz from the FL west coast, John Papadopoulos and Larry Law from CA, Paul and Marianne Davis from ON, Oliver Scutt from WA and Ed Liberty from NJ.

Our Signal Boat was Carl Updyke’s Gemini 34 cat, Cool Obsession. PC Ron Rostorfer was PRO, and others on the Signal Boat were Marvin Schenker, Suzanne Roberts, Jo Ann Mathieu, Emy Martinez, Veronic Aghayan, Carol Temple, Helene Schenker and Saralee Lamb. Up to windward on our new Clearwater were Art Auwaerter, Dottie Rostorfer, Jim Waldron, Lizzie Bradley, Gary Viola and Tom Van der Horst. Pin Boat crews were Rick Klein, Barbara Safiullin, Larry Whipple, Nancy Rogachenko, and Maria Gonzalez. Our Outer Gate/Finish Boat included Jay Tyson, Saralee Lamb, George Bradley and Francie Peake. Our Water and Safety Boat was handled by Geoff Sutcliffe, Michelle Wood, Peter Kelly and Bonnie Padgett.

By: Ron Rostorfer, PC



# ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing Committee is pleased to announce another very successful month with classes and clinics on a full schedule for 2013. Most programs continue to grow with only a slight slow-down in Sunfish Learn-to-Sail classes, not at all uncommon for this time of year and the cool waters that the students know they will have to learn capsizing recovery in. Sunfish Clinics continue twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10AM to 1PM, hosted by instructor Phil Adams. Successful attendance at a Sunfish clinic could earn you the approval for use of the club's Sunfish....on your own.

Our US Sailing Basic Keelboat classes continue to be a popular attraction for both members and non-members. This is a certification level class and can prepare you for Certification testing and use of the club's designated, classic Ensign sloops. Basic Keelboat Certification is also your first big stepping stone towards cruising and bareboat certification and approval for use of the club's Beneteau cruising boats.

The holiday season saw an increase in certification tests and member-use approvals. We are especially

pleased to see enrollment in our classes from so many new members. New members are also taking advantage of our two-hour introduction-to-sailing on the Ensign keelboats. Up to three people can enjoy the sail with one low price for all three.

Trying to think of that perfect Valentine gift?? Consider one of our many Sailing Class Gift Certificates. Want to sign up, or just curious about our class offerings?... Contact Richard (see below).

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

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

### LEARN-TO-SAIL

February 2-3  
March 2-3

### SUNFISH CLINICS

#### Novice

February 5, 12, 19, 26  
March 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Advanced

February 7, 14, 21, 28  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

### SMALL BOAT CLINICS

February 24  
March 24

### BASIC KEELBOAT WEEKEND CLASSES

February 9-10  
February 16-17  
March 9-10  
March 16-17



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Do you get seasick?

If your answer is yes, we have the perfect opportunity for you.

CGSC Race Committee is looking for volunteers to help with our shore-side responsibilities as part of our Regattas.

You will help with registrations and sailor check-ins, goodie bags, lunch orders, Notice Board updates, after race events and trophy presentations to name a few and you won't even get your feet wet.

If you can help contact Richard Etkin, [richard.etkin@gmail.com](mailto:richard.etkin@gmail.com) or Susan Walcutt, [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net)

## SUMMER IS COMING!

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