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## RECORD ENTRIES FOR MELGES 20 WINTER SERIES No. 1

By Joy Dunigan

A record 42 boats of the (now) International Audi Melges 20 Class signed up for the first regatta of CGSC's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series December 7-9. Three years prior on this weekend at the first CGSCAM20 regatta there were 12 entries. The Class growth and the CGSC-AM20 relationship have been spectacular.

This culminated with the worldwide governing body of the sport, ISAF, providing "International" Certification for the Class. This paves the way for the first IAM20 World Championship next year.

This was CGSC's 11<sup>th</sup> AM20 regatta going back over the three years. Unfortunately, the law of averages caught up with us, as light air prevailed and only half the scheduled races were completed. Nonetheless, the competitors had a great time. Since most are from the cold of Chicago, Wisconsin, Michigan, Connecticut, northern California, Canada and other

such climes, they can have good regattas here and better regattas here, but they can't have bad regattas here!

The first and only race on the first day started on time with 7-9 knots of breeze. With the help of a little bit of pressure from the left, CGSC's Marc



Hollerbach from Detroit on Fu, Chicago's Richard Davies on Section 16 and Louisiana's Marcus Eagan on Cajun Underwriting battled for position and lead the fleet through the first mark. At the gate, Davies gained the lead over Hollerbach while Eagan held steady at third. With great light air skills upwind, Davies extended his lead at the final

mark for the win followed by Hollerbach finishing seconds later. The one and only competing Italian boat, STIG owned by Milan's Alessandro Rombelli made a huge move right at the end ousting Eagan for a third place finish for the day.



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



**B**y the time you are midway through your tenure as Commodore, you have attended quite a few General Meetings at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Let me tell you: they're a pleasure. Those meetings give you a front-row seat to why we're now one of the most successful clubs in Florida. We have a growing membership, and watching new members introduce themselves each month reaffirms the fact that we're a growing Club of *sailors*. It amazes me that the CGSC has not yet exhausted Miami's community of sailors. Yet, new ones keep joining. Every month.

Many are veteran sailors, happy to find a home of like-minded new friends in Miami. Others are parents of sailors, eager to join their kids on the water or simply be supportive. My favorites: the new sailors, the people who had taken a class at the CGSC, liked it, and decided to take the plunge and join.

It's no accident we have an expanding roster of sailors. Everything about the CGSC is designed to be welcoming to all sailors-- from our dues, to our adult classes, to our Club-owned fleet, and even down to our laid-back social scene. We take sailing seriously, but we also are very serious about opening sailing to everybody we can. Our fellow sailors certainly seem to be getting the message. Why not make a 2013 resolution to attend a General Meeting and see what I mean.

Thank you for support of our Club,

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

January 17-20, 2013  
470 North American Championships  
49er/49erFX  
North American Championships

January 28-February 1, 2013  
Olympic Classes Regatta  
RS:X Fleet

See notices of race and registration forms on  
race bulletin board downstairs or at [www.Cgsc.Org](http://www.Cgsc.Org)  
For BBYRA 2012 sailing instructions  
Visit their website [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net)

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**D**ear Fellow CGSC Member,  
We are thrilled to announce that Adam Young will be the next General Manager of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Adam comes to us from Cafe Iguana, where he served as the controller of the popular bar and restaurant complex.

Adam has an ideal background in the hospitality industry, including extensive experience managing kitchens, restaurants and bars, and with the financial side of the business. His time managing the office of the Miami Yacht Club will serve Adam well as

he returns to the private-club industry.

We're confident Adam is ready to lead the CGSC to a new level of excellence as a club where Sailors Belong. His official start date was Wed., Dec. 12, but we hosted a get-together for Adam Sunday, Dec. 2. I hope you came out and met Adam, but if you didn't, please come by and make him feel welcome at his new home.



*Sean Connett, Vice Commodore*  
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### Blustery December Day for Snipes and Etchells in BBYRA Race



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Day two was a true test of Audi Melges 20 sailor skills in the prevailing light air. The breeze stayed constant between 6-8 knots throughout the day. Race one of the day had some trouble at the start including two general recalls. The eventual start went perfectly with Virginia's Travis Weisleder on Lucky Dog taking the early lead heading up the beat and then extending for the win. Russell Lucas from New Jersey on Shimmer also had a wonderful start then battled with Weisleder throughout the race finishing second. James Wilson from New York on Oleander stayed close to the top with great course positioning then sneaked passed Bohica owned by Toronto's Erwyn Naidoo at the end to solidify a third place finish.

With an all clear start, the second race of the day went well as sailors began to acclimate themselves to the racing conditions. Several boats had great starts which proved to be crucial including John Kilroy from Los Angeles on Samba Pi Ti, Russell Lucas on Shimmer, Tom Ritter from Detroit on Tramp, and Connecticut's Robert Wilber on Cinghiale giving their boats a clear advantage in the end. Virtually the entire fleet reached the first mark simultaneously. Coming into the final mark, Lucas and crew flew past the competition taking a huge lead and extending for the win. Ritter kept his position and finished second. Kilroy and Wilber went head-to-head the entire race but Wilber prevailed by seconds at the finish to take third.

Lucas and his crew on Shimmer had an impeccable day with a 2-1-2 punch. "We had great starts and that was crucial in our success." said Lucas. "We also realized the importance of slow tacking and jibing in light air conditions. We were very calm, had fun, and giggled a lot. Overall it was a great day and we look forward to more sailing tomorrow."

For the third and final race of the day, and fourth in the series, Alessandro Rombelli on STIG came on strong to capture the win. Lucas on Shimmer continued his dominance and finished second. Marcus Eagan's Cajun Underwriting, a total Corinthian boat, had a great day with a 6-8-3 scoreline to finish with a respectable third.

After racing the fleet met for a fun and casual debriefing session led by Andy Burdick of Melges





USA. Harry Melges, along with Anthony Kotoun and Olympic medalist brothers Jonathan and Charlie McKee also chimed in with excellent sailing advice to the sailors who were intently looking on.

Sunday morning dawned with glassy conditions on the Bay. The forecast was for the wind to build to sailable conditions. However, this didn't materialize to an appreciable extent, and the Race Committee abandoned racing for the day. Thus, Russell Lucas aboard Shimmer won the event.



Special thanks go to our stand-by Protest Committee consisting of USSailing Certified Senior Judges Rick Mallinson of Oklahoma and Mike Dawson from the Tampa area along with CGSC's Jaime Ramon. Our Shore-side Regatta Committee led by Richard and Maryann Etkin, Mary Ann Connors and Michelle Wood did another excellent job.

CGSC's Race Committee included Signal Boat owners Mike and Karen Castleberry's Imagine, guest PRO Bruce Golison from Long Beach, CA, and Signal Boat crew of Marvin Schenker, Jo Ann Mathieu, Nancy Rogachenko and Steve Washburn. Up to windward on Stephan Seuss and Katrin Mehler's Everglades were Race Chair Susan Walcutt, Sicotte Hamilton, Dottie Rostorfer and Barbara Safiullin. The Gate Boat was CGSC's Key Largo with Larry Whipple, George Bradley, Taran Teague, Ryan Alexander, Dennis Jansma, Debi Jansma and Bonnie Padgett. Paul van Puffelin's Grady-White was the Pin Boat with Jay Tyson, Ron Rostorfer, Debby Ryder and Esther DiLeo. Safety Boat personnel included CGSC Honorary Member Bill Smoak and Patrick McLister.



*photos by Joy Dunigan*

# ADULT SAILING REPORT

**H**APPY NEW YEAR from your Adult Training Program. 2012 was a great year for our Adult Training Program, which includes the Member-Use program as well. Our numbers in all areas are increasing, both students, instructors and our fleet. We added an additional Sunfish weekly clinic for novices, giving us two clinics per week. Our Flying Scot and Race training efforts, headed by Bud Price, gained lots of interest and growth. Bruce Penrod's Cruising and Bareboat classes and activities continue to grow, including the addition of our cruising yacht TOGETHER in 2012. Our keelboat classes and coaching are more active than ever, and more sailors than ever are qualifying for the member-use activities from the Sunfish all the way through Scots and keelboats

to the larger cruising boats. All of this is possible with the support of our bridge, board, club staff, our growing instructor staff and the support and participation of our members. Thank you all.

Our class schedules have been posted for the first quarter, 2013, and we urge you to take part and get certified or qualified to use boats in our club fleets. Looking to get in some good exercise and sailing fun during the week?...Come sail a Sunfish with others at one of our two weekly clinics, hosted by Phil Adams. Use the contact number below to get more information about all of our programs.

Sail Often... Sail Safely...Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay...  
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## CLASS SCHEDULE

### LEARN-TO-SAIL

January 5-6                      February 2-3

### SUNFISH CLINICS

#### Novice

January 8, 15, 22, 29  
February 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Advanced

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
February 7, 14, 21, 28

### SMALL BOAT CLINICS

January 27                      February 24

### BASIC KEELBOAT WEEKEND CLASSES

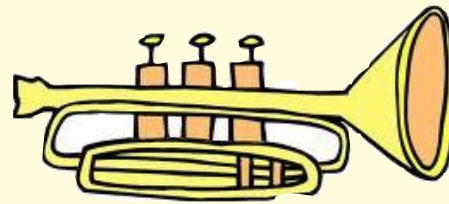
January 12-13                      February 19-20



Commodore Doug Hanks sent this email to the CGSC Board on Dec. 15

## A New Race Committee Boat

At right is a photo of our new RC support boat, a Clearwater 22 with a 225 mph motor. We got a great deal, and this will be a big relief to our regatta crew. The purchase also serves as a stellar example of how the CGSC comes together to accomplish big things. Let me see if I can sum up: Paul van Pufflen has been heading up our search for a Mako II replacement since the summer. Along with balancing the laundry list of CGSC powerboat needs, Paul managed to iron out the kinks in our decision making process to get us ready to close a good deal when it arrived. Enter Susan, who headed up a fundraising drive to more than double our budget for the boat. Charlie Branning and the Foundation stepped up to make the gifts tax deductible. Our RC members and supporters raised an astounding \$11,000 and counting. Ron R stepped in to help with the search. Tom helped vet the candidates, along with Susan and Paul. When this boat got on our radar screen, Frank scrambled to handle the complicated transfer of funds for the purchase, while Nick and Javier headed up to Lake Worth for a sea trial. Jeff drafted a bill of sale for us, Sean made an emergency run to the CGSC to sign a big check with Frank, and Frank went with the seller to the bank and a notary on Saturday to close the deal. Commendations to all!  
Doug



**Congratulations are in order!  
CGSC Regatta Chair and Past  
Commodore Ron Rostorfer  
has earned his National Race  
Officer Certification (NRO)  
From US Sailing  
This is the highest US Sailing  
can grant and Ron is the first  
person from CGSC to attain this  
certification.**

## YOUTH SAILING

### “A Parents’ Perspective”

Dear Nick,  
One of the main reasons our family joined CGSC was for my boys to attend the “learn to sail” program. Apart from a few short daytrips on a keelboat they really hadn’t sailed before. Initially they were a bit hesitant and not overly excited about getting up early on a Saturday morning. What a turnaround within eight classes! Every Saturday they are now eager to get to CGSC to meet their new friends and go sailing. They have both progressed to sailing Opti’s on their own with the prospect of joining the Green fleet in the New Year.  
Hat’s off to Stephanie, yourself and all of your team for a job well done. It wasn’t an easy few months between the weather and scheduling conflicts but for us the program has been a great success.  
Many thanks,  
Jonathan Craythorne



## **AMERICA'S CUP UPDATE!**

The CGSC Membership is invited to an America's Cup Update presented by

### **2013 AMERICA'S CUP PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER JOHN CRAIG**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
DURING SOCIAL NIGHT IN THE MAIN ROOM  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

### **John Craig Visit**

As background – there is so much going on regarding the current America's Cup campaigns, this should be SRO attendance – Oracle Boat No. 1 pitchpoling repairs, Oracle hull No. 2 build, Oracle wings situation, Aretmis Skipper change, controversial salvage claim pertaining to the French 45 ft. cat on San Francisco Bay, progress in NZ with the 72

ft. Emirates TNZ and Luna Rossa boats, whether the event should continue with these seemingly dangerous 72 ft. catamarans, could the Finals scheduled start arrive with no two boats able to sail, etc.

Ron Rostorfer