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CGSC Brings Home the "Gold" at the Lime Cup

The 2013 Lime Cup was held on the 28th and 29th September, consisting of the Avocado Cup from Miami to Ft Lauderdale on the 28th, and the Mango Cup from Ft Lauderdale back to Miami on the 29th. CGSC had strong representation, with eight members entering their boats: In PHRF 1 there was Randy Clee's Dutch Treat and David Torkington's Rumble Bee. In PHRF 2 there was Jim Green's Bali Ha'i, and Bill Beavers' Finesse. In the ARC class there was Becky Lyons' Osita, Douglas Robertson's Prana, and Bill Fogarty's Booty. Additionally Mitch Pierce entered Breezen, but could not race because he broke his leg the weekend before, playing on power boats - a lesson to us all.



The Avocado Cup on Saturday produced interesting sailing challenges, with the breeze out of the NNE, instead of the more common SE. The decision of how far out to go to catch Gulf Stream turned out to be crucial. CGSC boats did really well! In the ARC fleet Osita took 1st place and Prana took 2nd. In PHRF 2 Finesse took 1st place and Bali Ha'i took 4th. In PHRF 1 Dutch Treat took 5th place. On Sunday the breeze was still out of the NNE, so it was a spinnaker run all the way home. Again, CGSC boats took many honors. In the ARC fleet Prana took 1st place, Osita took 2nd, and Booty took 4th. In PHRF 2 Bali Ha'i took 2nd place and Finesse took 3rd.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

"It's quiet out there. Too quiet."

I don't remember when I first heard that line in a movie, but it comes to mind when I realize that the 2013 Hurricane Season will be coming to an end on November 30th and we have yet to see anything over a fast moving gale or a eye popping waterspout pass through Biscayne Bay. Don't worry, I have avoided any bad luck by touching wood, scratching a stay and turning three times but to be certain that we don't tempt fate anymore, please refrain from whistling around the club until December 1. We don't want to whistle up a storm.

I took a walk around the clubhouse today and it wasn't difficult to see the hard work that has been done by everyone. To list just a few of the improvements around the club:

1. Two new trailers to hold our growing Laser fleet and sunfish are in the Strip Storage area and being used.
2. The railing around the upper deck has been repaired and is much safer than it was before.
3. Our new club management software has been installed and our General Manager, Lauren Simpson has ensured that we have migrated to the new system as seamless as possible.
4. With new beer coolers and wine refrigerators behind the bar, everyone seems happier. In fact, I think I remember hearing Past Commodore Doug Hanks comment that he never had a beer as cold as one he had after the new coolers were installed. Now that's progress.
5. Our South Dock had to be repaired in October permits have been applied for, so we can replace the fixed portion of the dock as soon as practical.
6. New buoys have been installed to mark the boundaries of our mooring field.
7. Our new cleaning contractor is hard at work and getting into every nook and cranny that can be cleaned.

Thanks to the hard work of a lot of people, we are on a good course right now but we are always prepared to adjust our sails or change tacks should the need arise. For now though, it's steady as she goes. Now for Fiji sailing news...

A couple of weeks ago, Julia and I took some friends out for an evening sail on Fiji and for a change of pace, we went up the Miami River for an evening cruise. We took Fiji up to Casablanca's, tied up right next to our table and had a nice dinner. We then came back down the river and after clearing Brickell Key, we put out our Genoa and had a peaceful night sail with the Miami skyline and a fresh bay breeze all the way back to CGSC.

So, take a ride up the Miami River, have dinner and enjoy Miami in way very few people get the opportunity to enjoy it.

Fair Winds

Sean Connett, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Fall is a busy time at CGSC and one big event we have yearly is WORK WEEKEND. This is the time when all members big and small, young and old, rich and poor, all pitch in to maintain the club and grounds. While the property committee works out a few special projects to get accomplished this year, now is the time to start planning to come and help out. The spirit of volunteerism is the life blood of our club. As always materials will be provided and the gears kept greased with lunch and a free keg of beer at the days end. See you on Nov. 16th and 17th.

Let me also take this opportunity to update you on a few of the current works in progress at the club.

1. Repairs and Maintenance. There are many repairs and upgrades performed on the clubhouse recently. Dinghy dock repairs, signage updates, new kitchen equipment, deck railing repairs, emergency light repairs, and maintenance on pipes and raceways on the first level. All of these works are efforts to stay compliant with our lease.
2. Cleaning crew. We now have a cleaning crew that comes in once a month for a deep cleaning of the club house. This includes acid washing and cleaning all floors, baseboards and grout, deep cleaning and disinfecting bathrooms, bar and kitchen scrub down and window washing, This was promised to the

membership at the annual meeting as a part of this year's budget.

3. Concrete spalling. We will be commencing work on ALL spalling issues on the clubhouse within the next month. This will involve sand blasting the corroded areas, sealing them and then mortaring in high pressure cement or spraying gunite cement. It should take three days all said and done.
4. Upper bathrooms and hallway. Plans are underway for the renovation of the upper baths and completion of the hallway. Look for big changes in this area as also promised at the annual meeting.

Don't hesitate to chase me down at the club or email me with any ideas, comments or concerns. We are here to make the CGSC experience better all the time. Your input is always appreciated. Now let's get out on the water!

Paul van Puffelen, Vice Commodore
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**CGSC ANNUAL
WORK WEEKEND**

**Mark your calendars now for
CGSC's Annual Work Weekend
NOVEMBER 16-17, 2013**

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For the Lime Cup, which combines the results of the Avocado and Mango Cups, CGSC boats showed why sailors "Come Sail With Us"! In the ARC fleet Osita took 1st place and Prana took 2nd. In PHRF 2 Finesse took 1st place and Bali Ha'i took 3rd. In PHRF 1 Dutch Treat took 5th place. And the big news, Finesse took the overall Lime Cup trophy, with the best combined corrected time, beating even the PHRF 1 winner - well done Bill!

The page one photo shows Bill Beavers and his Finesse crew, with the Lime Cup perpetual trophy. From left to right: Emy Martinez, Geoff Sutcliffe, Bill Beavers, Diane Ferrari, and Marisela Sucre. The sixth crew member, not in the photo, was Tom Beavers (and rumors have it that his efforts played a major role in Finesse's success!).

The photo above shows Becky Lyons and her Osita crew. From left to right: Vlad Stroleny, Carol



Cottrell, BBYC Commodore Lloyd Hooper, Becky Lyons, Randy Cottrell, Joe Obermeyer, Gary Miller, Mike Lovelady, (unknown person).

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Fall has finally arrived to Miami and a whole new sailing season is here with lots of exciting events coming our way. The adult sailing program is in full swing with Basic Keelboat classes the second and third weekend of each month and Beginners Sunfish every Tuesday and Advanced Sunfish on Thursdays. Take a class on the Flying Scotts or step it up with some cruising or bareboat classes. This is the best weather of the year coming our way with the best instructors in all South Florida.

Watching the fabulous US win on the America's Cup has everybody hot for racing bringing a busier than ever racing season with events like the BBYRA races on October 5-6, and October 20 and The Columbus Day Regatta on the 12-13. Great racing and fantastic fun thanks to an incredibly hard working Race Committee, spearheaded by Susan Walcutt. Thanks to Susan and her team for making all this racing possible. Coming our way, events like the Audi Melges 20 winter series (Nov 1-1) and the International 420 clinic (Nov 26-30) will keep this great racing season very interesting and competitive.

The youth sailors are not behind in racing either. CGSC hosted the Jr Commodore's Cup with a fantastic turnout with some sailors having their very first regatta. Some of them barely 6-7 years old and completely hooked with racing. Congratulations to all

who participated and made it such a great event for our Club. The Halloween Howler Regatta will take place on October 26-27 with more than 85 young sailors from all over South Florida, the Bahamas and Mexico. Will keep you posted as to how this spooky and fun event turns out on the next Channel.

The Optimist racing team ventured to Pensacola with great overall placing, while our star Laser sailor Tristan Lara took off to the Jacksonville Regional Laser qualifier. Coming in the next few weeks... regattas to Ft Myers, Jensen Beach, Los Angeles and New Orleans. Very busy sailing season indeed!

So, in a nutshell, the Fall sailing and racing season is here with our beautiful club hosting, offering and/or participating in a host of sailing events for all ages, classes of boats and levels of sailing. Come down to enjoy the views and share the energy of all our CGSC sailors.

I really look forward to seeing you around the club..... downstairs, upstairs or in the water!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Sigrid Beckman, Rear Commodore



Adult Sailing

In the past month, your Adult Sailing Program saw the renewal of our Cruising Boat classes and certifications. Our most recent class, conducted by Bruce Penrod and Bryan Wesolek resulted in the certification of three more club members who are now qualified to use our two Beneteau cruising boats. Our primary instructor for cruising boat classes is now Bryan Wesolek. We thank Bruce Penrod for all of his service to help start our cruising boat classes and certifications as well as develop programs for the maintenance and care of our cruising fleet. Basic Keelboat classes continue to be very active with two classes on the second and third weekends of each month. Basic Keelboat certification is the prerequisite to Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat certification under US Sailing. Private classes for both keelboats and Sunfish continue to be held mostly on weekdays, but are also available on certain weekends.

Ever sailed a Sunfish? You don't know what you're missing. It's wet, fun and better than going to the gym for exercise. Get checked out or take a class and get member privileges to sail these fun boats.

We have had lots of comments and interest regarding our mention in last month's CHANNEL of sailing an Ensign back into its club mooring after a complete rudder failure while teaching in the Bay. Experienced sailors may tell you that the sails are what truly steer the boat and that the rudder is more of an actuator or steadying device. We have been asked by a few members if we teach that technique individually or would they have to take a keelboat class to learn it. Any sailor interested in a couple of hours of training on steering with the sails, called balancing-the-helm, needs only to contact us. We would be happy to arrange it. If you

use a battery powered self-steering device, such as Autohelm, balancing the helm before engaging the unit can greatly extend the life of it.

Work Weekend is coming up November 16-17. We always use this weekend to spruce-up and make repairs to our instructional fleet, particularly the Sunfish and the keelboats. New members will find this weekend to be fun, productive and a chance to meet other dedicated members as we all work together to improve our building, grounds, equipment and fleet.

If you would like to join our team working on the boats, just give me a call or email, and we will include you. We are traditionally one of the largest teams dedicated to one accomplishment, and we get the work done. We clean, wax, sand, varnish, repair, run new lines. Come join us. Get involved, help and support your club.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

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CGSC Annual Regatta View From the Laser Fleet

Talk about the “best race committee ever,” all the Laser fleet had to do was ask Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt if the RC would include Lasers. Without hesitation, she said, “yes, absolutely.”

And so eight of us came out for a beautiful day on Biscayne Bay on Saturday, notching three races, and another great day on Sunday with one race. With light winds on Saturday and even lighter conditions on Sunday, we saw lead changes on almost every leg of every race. How’s that for exciting? If you followed the old advice, “keep your head out of the boat,” you always had a chance for a comeback, or in my case, a chance to lose the lead that I’d worked so hard for!

If lead changes and easy sailing sound fun to you (we can rig and have the boats put away in less time than it takes to drink a beer), come sailing with us. From juniors to folks in their 70’s, the Laser has something for everyone.

James Liebl

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

CGSC 3rd Annual Halloween Howler
October 26-27, 2013

Audi Melges 20
World Championship Primer
November 1-3, 2013

International 420 Clinic
November 26-30, 2013

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

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

Flying Scot Report

The 1D race on Sunday, 9/15/13, was canceled due to bad weather. Bud Price had two Racing 101 classes on 9/22 and 9/29. The Flying Scot fleet helped out on both days taking the new racers out for practice races. On 9/22 we practiced starts and weather legs. On 9/29 we did a full race, started, weather leg and spinnaker runs down wind. We’ll have another Racing 101 practice session on 11/10/13.

The 2013 CGSC 1 D Annual Regatta was held on 10/ 5 & 6. This race is the first race in a six race series for Florida Flying Scot fleets. The CGSC renamed this race “The Charles Fowler Memorial Regatta” in memory of Charlie Fowler long time CGSC & Flying Scot sailor. His widow Nancy, presented a trophy to the best finishing CGSC sailor. We had 12 Scots racing with 4 of them from out of town. Ron Pletch from Sarasota finished first and Vladimir Strolney was the CGSC sailor who won the first Charles Fowler Memorial trophy. The following are the results.

1st-Ron Pletch, 2nd-Jim Ames, 3rd-Vladimir Strolney, 4th -Tom Mc Nally, 5th -Jim Signor, 6th-Jose Hernandez, 7th-Bud Price, 8th- Henry Picco, 9th-Etkin & Reinhold, 10th-Ryan Alexander, 11th-Jim Bigham, 12th-Grupenhoff & Newland.

Next race is 11/3/13.

See you on the bay!

Whip



*In Memorium
Mary Beth
Pearson*

It is my sad duty to report that we have recently lost another member of the CGSC Race Committee crew.

Mary Beth Pearson passed away after losing her battle with cancer. Her family held a final private services for her on the Bay Sunday afternoon, October 20th. They returned to the Club and spent time with CGSC Race Committee members who had played such an important part in the last years of her life.

Susan
Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

View from the Signal Boat

Congratulations to the First Place winners of the Club's Annual One Design and BBYRA OD #2 Regatta the weekend of October 5-6:



Etchells	Jeff Nehms	Nemesis
Flying Scot	Ron Pletsch	Flying Sidewalk
J24 & Sonars	Lionel Baugh	Joe Cool
Laser	Roberto Porter	El Manager
Snipe	Peter Commette	El Kabong

Snipe winner Peter Commette will also be honored on the "Old Man" Snipe Perpetual Trophy. Ron Pletsch, sailing out of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, will be honored on the Russell Flying Scot Perpetual Trophy. This year, in honor of Charlie 'Bear' Fowler, a new perpetual trophy was created for the best showing of a CGSC Flying Scot sailor after two days of racing. Nancy Fowler was on hand to present the trophy to CGSC member, Vladimir Stroleny, sailing 'Being There'.

Saturday, October 5, was a beautiful Chamber of Commerce day and all sailors were happy with the day's racing. Sunday, October 6, reminded us all of sailing (or trying to) in the middle of summer. A postpone went up as the first signal at 10:30 due to lack of wind and the Race Committee contemplated pulling the plug at 11:30. A light wind appeared at 11:25 and we were able to get one final race off.

October continued busy with the LIX Columbus Day Regatta on October 12 & 13. Our Annual PHRF Regatta and BBYRA PHRF #2 was

Sunday, October 20. We topped off all of these weekends with our 3rd Annual Halloween Howler Youth Regatta. This Regatta is combined with our Haunted Mooring Field and has become a much anticipated event for our racers/trick or treaters. The HH has been growing each year so we look for volunteers to help with all of the shore-side requirements. Please contact Rear Commodore Sigrid Beckrig, beckrig@bellsouth.net, if you help.

Don't have a boat but want to get out on the Bay - donate some time as a volunteer on the Race Committee Crew. Email me (walcutts@bellsouth.net) and I will add you to our distribution list.

See you on the Bay.

Susan

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair



Peter Commette receives the "Old Man Snipe" Trophy for 1st Place.



The Fowler Trophy was presented to Vlad Strolene by Nancy Fowler.



1st Place Flying Scott Russell Perpetual Trophy went to Ron Pletsch.

'Sailing' on Sunday



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