



APRIL 2014

## Melges 32's Return to Miami & CGSC

**B**ackground. After being AWOL from Miami in 2013 when they went to the BVI, the International Melges 32's returned to Miami Beach Marina for their Miami Winter Regatta, Feb. 28-Mar. 2. CGSC once again served as the Host Club for the event, and our Race Committee conducted the racing which occurred as usual in the ocean east of Key Biscayne. CGSC had hosted two prior Melges 32 regattas back in March of 2011 and 2012.

The Winter Regatta was the first of four Melges 32 regattas that CGSC will host in 2014.

The Spring Challenge is April 4-6, and then in the fall, it's the Gold Cup in November and the World Championships in December. Quite a program for our little Club! 13 boats raced in this first event, but expectations are that the fleet will build back to the high-20's we've seen in the past. Good regattas

help with this, and we're off to an excellent start.

The Racing. Winds were light to moderate throughout the Winter Regatta, with mostly bright and sunny conditions. Races were completed on schedule, with three each on Friday and Saturday with the remaining two on Sunday. The breeze built during the event, with the best air for Sunday's first race. Racing was very close, as is normal for the class, although there were some serious leads from time to time.



To show how close it was, Jason Carroll's team aboard ARGO won all three races

on Saturday, an incredible feat, but at the end of the day, still trailed Roberto Tomasini Grinover's Robertissima by a point. Robertissima had sailed a very consistent series with a 2-1-4-2-2-4 posting, dropping a 4<sup>th</sup> as their worst score for 11 points. ARGO had a 6-3-7-1-1-1, dropping the 7<sup>th</sup> for 12

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



It's that time of year again and plans are developing for the annual rendezvous. I took a flight out of Miami the other day and had the pleasure of heading out over Key Biscayne then south just east of Boca Chita Park. It was a great view of the whole Annual Rendezvous route and I could see the feather beds channels on both ends. Sign up in the office ahead of time and don't forget to make sure your ground tackle has enough chain and rode. As usual there will be a designated anchorage just south of the Boca Chita harbor entrance, but be aware of the shallows between the two. We will be running launch service between the anchorage and seawall but not tow service so make sure you update your yearly towing memberships. If you get there early enough on Friday you can secure a seawall spot in the harbor (low tide entrance 4') You can get all of the FAQ's at this link to our website <http://www.cgsc.org/faq-rendezvous>

Go ahead and see what we have planned on page 7.

With any luck you should be seeing this article as a last minute reminder that the Flip Flop Fete is around the corner. This fun event is a great way to support our youth sailing scholarship program. Last year's event brought us 7000.00 worth of new Opti "cubes". This equipment helps us better serve both our members and our community. This year's Fete will be featuring Chef Ritchie's fire grilled island favorites, low county shrimp boil and other favorites. Blackstar will be cranking out live music and the event will be held on the lawn again this year. Join us for a great evening out for a good cause.

Cool Breezes,

*Paul van Puffelen, Vice Commodore*  
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### Boat of the Month - April 2014

#### Osita - Becky Lyons

Osita is a 1988 Tartan 40, owned by Becky Lyons. Becky joined CGSC in 2010, and brought Osita down from Louisiana in 2011. Becky started off using Osita for social sailing, but has since become an avid racer, and is one of the forces to be reckoned with in PHRF and longer races. Some of her racing accomplishments are winning the 2012 Around the Island race, completing the Key West race in 2013, winning ARC in the 2013 Lime Cup, winning Rookie of the Year in the 2013 Columbus Day regatta, and competing regularly in the Key Largo and Goombay races. Beyond the social sailing and racing, Becky makes her boat available for Race Committee, and the Sailing Heals organization. Becky is famous for her hospitality and friendship with all sailors (although recently a small ratty sailor was forced to leave Osita), and has inspired many women to start and increase their involvement with sailing. Becky is a member of the CGSC board, and can regularly be found with her friends at the club.



\* "Boat of the Month" is a regular column of the CGSC Channel. Club members are welcome to nominate any boat except their own as "Boat of the Month". Submit a high quality photo, details of the boat and its owners, and any stories about them that are publishable. Email nominations to [botm@coldbeer.cc](mailto:botm@coldbeer.cc).

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**S**pring has arrived in South Florida and it brought so much sailing to our club!

While the Northeast continued to get pounded by extreme cold, huge storms and deep snow, down here we hosted all kinds of events and happenings in our little treasured piece of paradise.

Probably the biggest event around here was Bacardi Miami Sailing week from March 2-8<sup>th</sup> with teams from countries all over the world in our beautiful bay. With classes like the Star, the Viper, the J/80 and J/70, the Melges 20 and 24 and the VX One, it was a total sailfest and of course CGSC was at the forefront of all this with exceptional Race Committee support. Great racing even when the last day some classes could not race due to very high winds that brought broken masts, broken ribs but no missed parties. It was a true spectacle to enjoy.

We hosted the Don Q Snipe Regatta with great showings and of course great hosting thanks to our staff and race committee. This is such a cool event hosted every year in our club!

The Youth Sailing Program is busy, busy, busy attending regattas making our club proud by consistently placing very well in events of national level while having some great events and happening at the club at the same time. Spring Camp was at full blast welcoming old and new sailors to enjoy a fantastic week in the water.

The First Rear Commodore Cruise successfully took off on March 16. An incredible effort between Director Sutcliffe and Youth Racing Chair Katrin Seuss bridging adult and youth sailing. By creating this event where our CGSC sailors with boats in our mooring field host our youth sailors and their coaches to race for a day, we will create a new breed of young sailors that learn to love big boats, crewing, working with a team and will plant the seed for future members in our mooring field .

Our Youth Sailing Program will host Sail Day in its second edition in May. In a joint sponsorship effort between CGSC and the Coral Gables Rotary, we bring dozens of underprivileged children from the Overtown Youth Center, who sometimes have never been in the bay to enjoy a full day of fun in the sun at our club. These kids get the opportunity to sail with our very own youth sailors in their optis, prams, cubes and lasers making it a unique experience not only for these children, but also for our very own sailors. This is one of our favorite events of the year and just one of the many outreach efforts at CGSC.

You want parties? We have them and we have them in style. The Second Annual Flip Flop Fete on March 29 was yet another fantastic event, but did I mention that this is a fantastic party and its silent auction proceeds support our outreach programs? Cannot give enough thanks to past Commodore Doug Hanks for leading this incredible event for the second year along Board Director Kathleen Hatfield and many, many volunteers that made this possible. Thank you Commodore for your incredible and continuous support to Youth Sailing and our Outreach Programs for the Community.

Have you seen the Sunfish Classes on Sundays? Full classes every week! And the Basic Keelboat classes? Full! Our instructors are the best in the land and you can tell by seeing dozens and dozens of happy new sailors every week.

Bareboat Cruising Courses? We have 2 coming up! Sign up quickly!! Coming up too, our famous US Basic Sailing Course on May 2-4. Many offerings and superb coaches at CGSC!

Coming up, we have our Annual Rendezvous at Boca Chita on April 11-13. We are having a Cinco de Mayo early celebration and it promises to be a blast. Lots of fun, food and activities for all. Sign up early at the office and receive a must-have sombrero, the ultimate Rendezvous fashion accessory. For those of you that have been to any rendezvous, you know you cannot miss this one.

I need to thank yet again all of you who make sailing in our club so successful. It is an enormous effort that could not be possible without each and every one of you. To our fantastic staff, general manager, our incredible instructors, phenomenal coaches, fabulous chairs, each and every one of our committee members, parents, volunteers, valuable donors, Bridge members, Board members, and ALL sailors.....THANK YOU!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

*Sigrid Beckman, Rear Commodore*



### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

International Melges 32  
Miami Spring Challenge  
April 04-06, 2014

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS ON  
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG  
FOR BBYRA 2013-14 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET



*FEBRUARY NEW MEMBERS*

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points. John Kilroy's Samba Pa Ti stood third with 26. After that it was very tight through most of the balance of the fleet.

Then, the drama began. At the start of Sunday's first race No. 7, Robertissima was called over the line early at the Pin and had to circle the Pin Boat to restart. However, they staged a terrific recovery to take second at the finish, passing ARGO in the process that ended up 4<sup>th</sup>. So, now ARGO not only needed to beat Robertissima in Race 8, they had to put two boats in between. Robertissima seemed content to follow ARGO around the course, but on the final lap, ARGO was able to put not two, but three boats between with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish to Robertissima's 7<sup>th</sup>. But wait – that allowed Robertissima to drop the 7<sup>th</sup> and reinstate the 4<sup>th</sup> place, giving them the victory by two points. Very exciting to watch unfold.

It was a happy and appreciative crowd of sailors that gathered for the trophy presentation Sunday afternoon. Samba Pa Ti held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> by two points over Joe Wood's Red and Tony Buckingham's Ngoni. The 13 boat fleet hailed from an astounding eight different countries. As usual, the fleet was replete with America's Cup veterans, Olympic Medalists and World Champions in the crews.

Race Committee, etc. This was CGSC's first regatta with new Melges 32 Principal Race Officer Anderson Reggio from Newport, RI. It was a very successful experience for us all. The Signal Boat was Alex Dormoy's 44 foot trawler, Destiny. Our RC crew on board included Timer Dottie Rostorfer, flag signalers Bill and Maria Arrazola, recorders Nancy Rogachenko and Saralee Lamb and scorer Jo Ann Mathieu. Up to windward with RC Chair Susan Walcutt on her



*Photographs provided by Joy Dunigan*



Contender were Jeff Butzer, Assistant RC Chair Rick Klein, Suzanne Roberts and Bonnie Padgett. CGSC's Clearwater was Pin Boat with Don Poole, Mike Dawson, Ron Rostorfer PC and Julie Hanrahan. The Gate Boat was DV Sailing's 36 ft. RIB, with their Captain Tom Giesler, Dennis and Debi Jansma and Ryan Alexander. Thanks very much to our private boat owners – Alex, Susan and Tom.

Sandrine Quenee and Richard Etkin handled the Shoreside Committee duties at Miami Beach Marina. The Protest Committee included Chair Shelley Vaughan, Jane Anne Pincus and Jere Woltz. No protests or requests for redress were filed during the regatta. On to April!



*CGSC's Signal Boat from last week's Melges 32's regatta off of Miami Beach. From left to right is (volunteers) Bill Arrazolla, Dottie Rostorfer, Maria Arrazolla, and JoAnn Mathieu. Standing is our P.R.O. For the day; Anderson Reggio. And just barely visible up in the fly bridge is signal boat Captain Alex.  
BY: Julie Hanrahan*

# Adult Sailing

As your Adult Sailing Chairman for many years, I can't remember being more proud of our club's efforts to grow and expand our Adult Instructional Programs. We are off to a really great start this year with active attendance at all of our classes and clinics. There is strong growth in the rebirth of our Cruising boat classes and certification with Capt. Bryan Wesolek. The Basic Keelboat classes remain strong and well attended twice each month and there is always interest in our Flying Scot program, under Bud Price. What we are currently especially proud of is the strong renewal of interest in our long-standing Sunfish program, now under our primary instructor, Phil Adams, with outstanding assistance from certified instructor, Marc Pendareas. See the article on page 7.

working in a wonderful club environment that wholly supports the mission of our club. This includes our officers, board members and staff along with the many supportive members of our club. Successful programs such as ours make one very proud to be a part of this club and its mission.

Sail Often Sail Safely Protect and Enjoy Our Beautiful Bay

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Finally, for aspiring students and the approved Member Users of our Sunfish, Keelboats and Cruising Boats, either for personal use or for coaching or private lessons, we now have additional evening hours available as a result of Daylight Savings time. Late afternoon sailing in the Spring and Summer often provides significant steady, cool breezes for delightful sailing conditions. We just need to be mindful that the boats MUST be in by sunset.

In closing, the strong and continued growth of our Adult instructional programs would not be possible without a great group of dedicated, US Sailing Certified instructors,



## Sunfish on the Move

**S**unfish sailing at the club has enjoyed a large upsurge over the last four months. Attendance at our Tuesday/Thursday (and twice a month on Sundays) adult racing clinics has been terrific. Please note CGSC sunfish racing is for beginners and intermediates as well as experts. It is low key and is geared towards becoming a better sailor, understanding racing tactics/rules, and, most importantly, meeting others interested in sailing. In related news, we continue to enjoy a healthy number of adults taking our once monthly learn-to-sail class. These sailors often then to feed into our racing clinic format. Finally, a significant number of our racing clinic veterans have been taking advantage of the club's Flying Scott and keelboat courses thereby apprising themselves of the club's extensive sailing programs. Info on sunfish activities can be found on the club website, or feel free to contact me at pmwadams@bellsouth.net. And remember, if you want to become a great sailor, sail and race small boats!

Phil Adams



## Flying Scots

**T**he February 22rd BBYRA 1D race was exciting and close.

The following are the detailed results.

### FLYING SCOT

1	5321	Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein (1-1-2-4)
2	5220	Air America	Charles (Bud) Price (2-2-1-5)
3	5675	Mad Dog	Jose Hernandez (3-3-3-9)
4	75	Beija Flo	Ryan Alexander (5-5-4-13)
5	1111	CGSC	JorgeReinhold/Richard Etkin (4-5-5-14)

Next BBYRA 1D race is the BBYC Annual Sunburn Regatta OD #7 on Saturday, April 5, 2014. See you on the bay!



Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet 90 Captain

**ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS FIESTA!!**

**Annual Rendezvous**  
**April 11-13**  
**Boca Chita Key**

**Cost: \$35 per person**  
**Includes: Friday Night Raft Up Soup**  
**Saturday Afternoon: Fish Tacos, Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Guacamole**  
**Margaritas, Beer, Soft Drinks & Water**  
**Sunday: Continental Breakfast**  
**All Weekend: UNA FIESTA LOCA!**

**There will be lots of fun for all ages with plenty of grilling and activities. We will be running a launch from Sands Key anchorage to Boca Chita**

**Bring your Sombreros - see you there!**

Boca Chita Key 25° 31' 38" N - 80° 11' 18" W  
Sands Key Anchorage 25° 30' 44.8" N - 80° 11' 0" W

Reservations with Lauren at CGSC Office  
For more info, email Chiara at cgsc.rendezvous@yahoo.com

## A Footnote on Washington's Birthday Regatta

**T**hanks to the race committee, PRO Nancy Rogachenko, Rick Klein, Joann Mathieu, Marvin and Helene Schenker, Sherry Pearsall, Connie Bradley, Andi Hoffman, Veronic Agahayan, John Kandara and Bob Gilmore. A special thank you to Alyn Pruett with his beautiful signal boat Effortless and of course, the Barnacle Society, a homemade breakfast, and delicious chowder at the awards ceremony. Commodore Ralph Monroe would have enjoyed the competition and comradery of this classic boat regatta!



## Clarrington Island Clean-up

**A** total of (23) hard working volunteers from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, The Rotary Clubs of both Coconut Grove and Miami Brickell, and Gulliver School spent several hours this past Saturday morning, March 8, clearing trails and picking up trash on specified areas of Clarrington Island. It was a glorious day to be "out on the water", and the great feeling was made even more so by the readily apparent progress that had been made in a large section between the location of the soon-to-be-installed floating dock and the tiki hut that now offers marvelous views of the bay."

I will forward several pictures in separate e-mails.

Best,  
Phil Everomgham



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemorative Sailing Of the Washington's Birthday Regatta

**T**hanks in very large part to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, it's excellent Race Committee, and club members, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual commemorative sailing of the Washington's Birthday Regatta, hosted by The Barnacle Historic State Park and The Barnacle Society, was another great success! The Regatta was held on Saturday February 22, 2014, under beautiful clear blue skies and perfect winds. This year the Regatta featured three divisions of boats – to improve the competition among the widely different types of vessels. This year included the "Egret", "Plover", and "Sandpiper" divisions, with the Egret division being the fastest boats, Plovers being the Mud Hens and similar types, and the Sandpipers comprised of the Bahamas Dinghies and related boats. Three excellent races were held, and as has happened the past several years the competitors improved their sailing with each race. Winners of each class were Scintilla skippered by Dave Westphal for the Egret Division, Boomer skippered by Miles McDermott for the Plover Division, and Sweet Pea skippered by Jerry Hutton for the Sandpipers. Of special note, Sobrasura, the recently completed, and beautiful, strip-planked boat built by Pascal Gardner and Naome Sarasdel, made its maiden appearance in the Regatta. You can see this beautiful boat in the CGSC mooring field.

I want to give special thanks to Nancy Rogachenko as PRO for the event, and all the members of the Race Committee who did such a great job as always!

As many of you know, the CGSC provided financial support for the Regatta's traditional post-racing Chowder Party, which was a great way to end the day. And as I have told everyone I speak to about this event, the CGSC is not just a sponsor of this event, it is The Barnacle Society's partner in keeping this great sailing tradition alive.

Alyn Pruett  
Past Commodore, CGSC  
President, The Barnacle Society

