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The 2014 Halloween Howler Regatta ... A Howling Success

Over the weekend of 25-26 October the CGSC hosted its fourth Halloween Howler regatta, for youth sailors in the Optimist (Green and RWB) and Laser (4.7 and Radial) fleets. Seventy-two sailors entered, and the weather was perfect for fast sailing and fun times. Breakfast was provided each morning, with thanks to Starbucks for the coffee they provided for the adults. The sailors were registered by the shoreside team (Sandrine Quenee, Maria Teresa Loinaz Adams, Jenny Blume, Theo Quenee), each receiving a Fresh Market bag of instructions and goodies, including a long-sleeve shirt with artwork designed by CGSC's world-famous Adriana Gonzalez. CGSC board member Kathleen Hatfield has to be thanked for finding regatta sponsors. Before heading out to sea the sailors were

checked-out (by Sue Thompson) to maintain a record of who was out sailing - an excellent safety mechanism. Sailing Director Nick Mansbach did a great job coordinating the boats on dinghy dock.

The CGSC Race committee, led by PROs Susan Walcutt and Dorian Sambolin, set out two circles each day, one off Ransom Everglades school for the Green fleet, and the other on the bay for the RWB and Laser fleets. The Green fleet did 10 races over the two days (allowing for two throw-outs), while the RWB and

Laser fleets did eight (allowing one throw-out). All the results are online at ...

http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=8821&show_divisions=1



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

As this year rolls up I want to wish all members a very happy holiday season and wonderful healthy new year. CGSC ends the year in great shape. Our Projects are all taking form as planned. Our Instructional, Racing and Cruising programs are strong. Our Membership continues to grow with sailors and learners of all types and our Race Committee is strong and vibrant. And last but not least, a big thanks to Treasurer Frank DeLaurier's steady hand in keeping the club and our projects in strong financial condition and on the right track for the past several years.



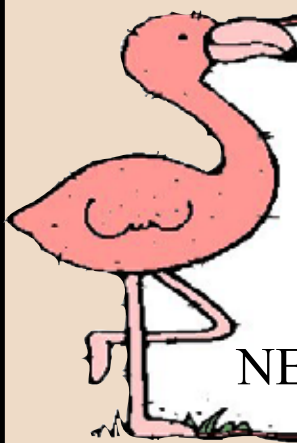
Our general meetings continue to thrive and draw interested crowds with our mini seminar series. Many thanks to Bruce Penrod (sailthedream.com) for his great tales and technical expertise from his recent voyage from Baltimore down the east coast back to Miami. On December 11th (note unusual meeting date) Renny Young will be presenting with his friends who have hopefully arrived by then on the 112 year old friendship sloop "Tecumseh". January will bring cruising expert and consultant Pam Wall (Pamwall.com) who will give a preview to her following months full session. In February we will be hosting Chris Branning with a presentation on the Volvo Ocean Race. These sessions are one of the great benefits of being a CGSC member so take advantage of them at the same time you are staying informed on relevant updates regarding the club from our officers and committee chairs.

CGSC's New Year's Eve bash looks to be shaping up nicely this year with a reappearance of Boom Box. Stay up to date by catching our frequent email blasts. Stop by the office if you are not on the list. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive new year. Thank you all for supporting CGSC sailing and operations. See you on the bay in 2015!

Paul van Puffelen, Commodore

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Sweet Lime - C&C 30MK-2



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's official. Hurricane season has ended and our luck continues. We didn't have to worry about any post-storm cleanup but we did have our annual Work Weekend cleanup on November 15 and 16. There's plenty of planning leading up to that weekend and the Property Committee really went above and beyond to make it successful. I want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and skills to help clean, fix, re-hab and polish all areas of the club.

As always, December gets busy and festive. Remember we offer Sunday Brunch on the last Sunday of each month. This month it is the same day as the King Mango Strut Parade. Join us for brunch and then head out to see the Strut on December 28. There's no better way to spend a Sunday in Coconut Grove! Also keep your eyes out for information on our annual boat parade and for

information on our annual can't-be-missed New Year's Eve Party.

As this calendar year comes to a close, please remember to give a little extra thanks to all the employees that work hard every day to make our club a more festive and joyous place to be. Happy Holidays to all!



Jeffrey Flanagan
Vice-Commodore
Golden Greek, Catalina 27

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!
The big news from October is of course the Halloween Howler regatta. You'll find a full report elsewhere in the Channel, and we're already planning for next year ... bigger, better, scarier. The next big event on the Youth Program calendar is the Flip-Flop Fete (14th March), chaired this year by Odile Da Silva ... be ready for opportunities to get involved. Also coming up are the Coconut Grove Arts Festival (12-16 February), at which we recruit members, and in April the Annual Rendezvous (18-19 April) at Boca Chita key ...this year the theme will be "The Sixties Surfing Scene" ... get groovy sailors!

As Christmas draws near, don't forget the annual "boat parade". We decorate our boats with Xmas cheer, then motor around the area (Scotty's, etc.) singing carols and having fun. Watch the email blasts for more about that in the near future. And also around now the birds will reappear, ready to deposit their marks on the boats in the mooring field. It's time to get out the bird repellent, flappy flags, mirror balls, tarpaulins, etc., to repel invaders. And lastly, in the Xmas spirit, please be generous at

Xmas with a little something for all the club staff who make sailing at CGSC such a pleasure. They all contribute, and they all deserve our Xmas thanks.

As I always do in my column, I encourage everyone to get out sailing. The CRYC Annual PHRF race on 1st November was a howler, with winds gusting up to 28 knots ... perfect for the bigger boats. At the same time, we are getting beautiful calm afternoons, with opportunities to cut out from work early and go puddling on a Sunfish. The cool weather also provides opportunities to do repairs, varnishing, etc., all within close reach of a cold one upstairs :-). Time to go sailing! See you out on the bay!



Geoff Sutcliffe
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Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

LIGHT AIR AT MELGES 32 GOLD CUP

Fifteen highly-strung Melges 32 teams gathered at the Miami Beach Station of Coconut Grove Sailing Club (aka Miami Beach Marina!!) for the Class's annual Gold Cup Regatta. It was a far-flung fleet hailing from seven different countries, and loaded with big name professional sailing talent.

This was the second of three Melges 32 regattas hosted by CGSC this fall. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Cup in mid-October was also plagued by light air. With only two races completed, it did not meet the three-race requirement for a regatta. The CGSC Cup was awarded to the highest placing boat in the Gold Cup that also sailed the CGSC Cup Regatta. Next up is the Melges 32 World Championships at the same venue with CGSC again as the host club during the first week of December. CGSC has not hosted a World Championship in modern times! Two more events will follow in February and April for a total of five Melges 32 regattas hosted by CGSC this winter season.

Weather. A strong cold front had played through the weekend before, and winds held in the 20 knot range through Wednesday prior to the Friday start of the regatta. Teams out practicing were going 20 knots downwind under these conditions. Unfortunately, the bottom dropped out. Friday's first day saw light wind which resulted in only two races sailed. Three had been planned for both Friday and Saturday with two more on Sunday for a total of eight.

Saturday's forecast was SE 5-10 knots, i.e., a thermal breeze. Fortunately, there was no weather

system in opposition. So, after a harbor hold and further postponement in the race area east of Key Biscayne, the SE breeze filtered in. Three races were sailed in increasingly better conditions. The fleet didn't get back to the dock until about six o'clock, one of our long-time latest, but it was a good day, bringing the total races sailed to five. One more race, and the competitors could drop their worst race from their score. Two more would be better, and three races Sunday would fulfill the eight-race program.

Sunday's forecast varied daily from SW 5-10 knots to 10-15, back to five knot, then back to 10-15 as a weak low pressure area approached from the Yucatan. However, steady rain was also forecast. We do rain and breeze, but not rain, lightning and breeze or no breeze, and finally not rain, maybe lightning and no breeze. Our Race Committee's first wind-shot of the morning was W 9 knots. All seemed good. However, over the next half hour,



Photos provided by Joy Dunigan





the breeze diminished and went to zero. The rain settled in. Very light breeze was detected from W, NW, NE and S as the day wore on. Finally, in early afternoon, with a 1430 time limit for a race Warning Signal on the last day, Super-Principal Race Officer Anderson Reggio from Newport, RI abandoned racing for the day. The regatta was over. Five races, no drop.

The Racing. The racing was extremely competitive. Only one boat, the regatta winner, avoided a double-digit finish over the five races. Averaging fifth place would have been good enough to win the regatta – a very high number, especially in a fleet of only 15. The final results were interesting, to say the least! The scores from second thru fifth

place were very close – a five point spread among those four boats. However, the winning boat won by a whopping 11 points! An incredible showing!

The Melges 32 Class allows a lot of professional sailors to crew, but the owner has to be the helmsman (an “owner-driver” class). One boat owner, an Italian businessman, had injured his arm and the doctors didn’t want him racing until the World Championships three weeks hence. The boat and crew were already set for Miami, so he petitioned the Class Association to allow his “good friend” to sail the boat in his absence. That turned out to be a very nice and well-spoken young man named Pierre Casiraghi – he’s also the Prince of Monaco! One boat did not participate in the practice racing on Thursday due to rig issues. One boat had its mast down on Thursday, the day before the regatta.

All three of these boats were the same—the Swiss-flagged Robertissima - the runaway winner of the regatta with 15 points in five races. Incredible. We’re guessing the problem with the other 14 teams was over-training! Their light-air performance was an amazing 2-3-1-2. Then in Race 5 with the best breeze of the regatta, they finished 7th – almost half their total points for the regatta. After the trophy presentation, CGSC’s Regatta Chair was speaking with the boat’s professional tactician, Italian Vasco Vascotto. Our Chair said, “We’ll see you in three weeks at the World’s. I hope we’ll have more breeze.” Vasco replied, “I’m-a hope-a you don’t!”

The top four boats represented four different countries! Second place went to Italian entry

STIG skippered by Alessandro Rombelli with the famous former America's Cupper Terry Hutchinson on tactics, one point better than Japan's Keisuke Suzuki, with Rolex Yachtsman-of-the-Year Bill Hardesty on tactics. Fourth, and winner of the CGSC Cup was Michigan's Dalton DeVos on Delta with US Olympic Gold Medalist Jonathan McKee on tactics.

CGSC's hard-working Race Committee did another great job under adverse circumstances. Up to windward were RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender with Race Officer Jaime Ramon, Ryan Alexander and Denise Schneider. Weather Mark 2 was a chartered RIB with PC Ron Rostorfer as Race Officer, operator Debby Ryder and crew Paul Sarvich and Philippe Dusser. The Gate Boat was PC David Kurtz's Robalo with Race Officer Rick Klein and Andi Hoffman.

CGSC's Clearwater was Pin Boat with operators

Julie Hanrahan and Don Poole, Race Officer Mike Dawson, James Leibl, Suzanne Roberts and Esther DiLeo. On the Signal Boat, the 38 foot Blue Yonder, were Skippers Nick Gonzales and Brent Feder, Principal Race Officer Anderson Reggio, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Recorder Nancy Rogachenko, Flag Signaler Barbara Safiullin, Sounder Helen Phillips from Canada and Scorer Jo Ann Mathieu.

It was a happy crowd of sailors that gathered for the trophy presentation at Monty's Restaurant on the Miami Beach Marina property. Special thanks to Class Administrator Joy Dunigan for her usual incredible efforts to bring about a fine Melges 32 event. Spraying champagne was the order of the event once the awards were presented. Many of the competitors expressed their appreciation for CGSC's role in the event.

Ron Rostorfer



Sailing Rock Stars at CGSC's Melges 32 Gold Cup November 7-9. Left to right, Ed Baird, America's Cup winning helmsman; Jonathan McKee, Olympic Gold Medalist; Richard Clarke, four-time Olympian and World Champion; Principal Race Officer Anderson Reggio.

Flying Scot Racing

CRYC had their 2014 1D Annual Regatta 11/2/14. Winds were forecasted for 15 to 23 knots! Bud proposed we all use our reefing mail sails. At the dock all but one Flying Scot put on their reefing mains and headed for the race. The RC set up almost at Key Biscayne and it took the 1D boats a while to get there. By starting time the winds were only 6 to 10 knots so we all took out the reefs and raced. Winds were light at times and never got above 10 to 12 knots! So much for weather forecasts! The next race is Saturday 11/22/14, hosted by the Biscayne Bay yacht Club. Sail fast! See you on the bay!

Larry Whipple PC, Fleet 90 Captain

The following are the Flying Scot results:

Place	Sail #	Boat	Skipper
1st	4156	Air America	Bud Price
2nd	5399	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple
3rd	75	Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander
4th	1111		Etkin & Reinhold
5th	3572	Tempest	Steven Anderson
6th	5123	Pearl	Greg McPhee



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Since our report in last month's CHANNEL, we have had the privilege of awarding five (5) separate US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT certifications. Four of these were for new members and one for an out-of-state visitor. This is a record for one month, and no small undertaking for the certification applicants. The test takes approximately four hours which consists of an on-water (Practical) examination, which, if successful, is followed by an eighty (80) question written (academic) quiz. When members pass this test and gain certification, they are immediately qualified to participate in the Member-Use program for the Ensigns, as well as they have completed the prerequisite for taking the BASIC CRUISING class and certification, which can be followed by the BASIC BAREBOAT class and certification. Congratulations to those successful sailors. Congratulations also to those new Sunfish member sailors, who have been endorsed for personal use of the Sunfish in our Member-Use program.

By the time this report reaches you, we will have completed another successful Work Weekend, which includes both operational and cosmetic improvements. Thanks to all those volunteers who show up year after year to help us with these projects. The work accomplished helps us keep

down the cost of our classes and clinics and keeps our fleet operational and benefitting our club.

With the Holiday Season approaching, our popular Gift Certificates make great gifts. Everything from a two-hour introductory sail to our largest keelboat classes can be given with our handsome gift certificates. These can also be charged to your club account. If interested or wanting to purchase, please contact Richard or the business office.

Finally, whenever we have a class, we complete it with asking the student to complete an Appraisal of their class, which includes the instructors, material, facilities, staff and more. It is fitting to note that our staff gets high marks from our students. We sincerely appreciate the staff support of our instructional activities. Further, the success we have achieved would not be possible without strong support from our Officers, Directors and Membership. Thanks to All, and..... HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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

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UPCOMING COURSE OFFERINGS

"The Adult Sailing Program will be offering a Bareboat Cruising Class with certification on Jan. 12 to 15. Captain Bruce Penrod, US Sailing Instructor, will be conducting these classes in Leaping Groundhog 2, a Marlow Hunter 40. Cost of the BC Course is \$625 for members and \$725 for non members and there must be at least 3 students as a minimum with a maximum of 6 students. Cost of the BB Course is \$825 for members and \$925 for non members with a minimum of 3 students. This is an overnight class. Basic Keelboat certification is required to get certifications in these two classes. These certifications will also qualify members to use our Beneteau club boats and to charter boats all over the world. Please contact Bruce at bapenrod29@msn.com or call 814 341 0094 for questions or more info."



Biscayne Bay.

The club is indebted to the many volunteers who made the regatta a success (about 50 volunteers!). The names of the members of the regatta committee are sprinkled in the text above. The Race Committee volunteers were ... For the Green fleet - Dorian Sambolin (PRO), Sandrine Quenee, Anna Torres, Kiana Torres, Jaime Ramon (Gold Star as sole Support Boat), Luca "Pumpkin" Cardona, Alexa Lai , Paola Bellido, Fabiola Garcia, and Camila Cardona. For the RWB/ Laser fleets - Susan Walcutt (PRO), Bonnie Padgett, Randy Mullis, John Sauvigne, Paul van Puffelen (provided Sweet Lime as Signal Boat), Freddie Sambolin, Jim Amaducci, Julie Hanrahan, James Liebl, Lorie Messier, Saralee Lamb, Armando Urena, Jim Waldron, Nelson Cardona, Jörg Reinhold, and Dottie Rostorfer.

... with the winners being Bruno Wencelblat (CGSC) in the Green fleet, Anderson Treese (CRYC) in the White fleet, Karl Waldman (CGSC) in the Blue fleet, Trent Shaw (CRYC) in the Red fleet, Colin Dorsey (CGSC) in the Laser 4.7 fleet, and Daniel O'Farril (CGSC) in the Laser Radial fleet. Congratulations to the winners, and all the sailors who raced.

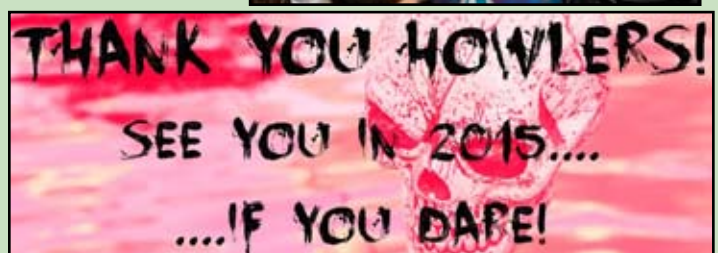
Beyond the sailing, the CGSC was ready for the event, with the downstairs area spookified, and cruiser boats on the dock and mooring field decorated for the sailors to visit for trick-or-treating. The boats on the dock held everyone's interest until our intrepid launch drivers - Duane, Tony, and Eric - took loads of sailors out to the moored boats. Thanks to Mary Kilpatrick, Emy Martinez, and Richard Etkin for spookifying the club, and to the owners of Amoré, Anam Cara (winner of the best-dressed boat prize!), Brezza, Deja Vu, Effortless, Moon Glow, Ms Mary Lou, Plan B, Sea Jewel, Sunpuddle, Sweet Lime, Together, Tonic, Wind Dancer, and Zephyrus for decorating their boats. A special mention must go to Janice Pruet, who set up her Fortune Teller and Photo Booth on the dock ... by the end of the night there were adults queueing!



The regatta ended firstly with a raffle of great prizes provided by parents, SLAM, and Adventure Sports, followed by the presentation of trophies by Commodore Paul van Pufflen. Photos of the event, taken by Marylinda Ramos of Regatta Imagery, the youth program chair Pete Schmidt, club member Terry Boram, and many parents, are on the Halloween Howler Facebook page ...<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Halloween-Howler-Regatta/247141885327502> Stay alert for information about the 2015 edition of the Halloween Howler, bigger and better than ever ... join the fun, help organize (you don't need to be a parent of a youth sailor!), and be involved with the spookiest event on



Photos provided by Marylinda Ramos



Boat of the Month - December 2014

The Launch - the Dock Staff

"Boat of the Month" was started in the Channel edition of January 2014, and has featured eleven boats from the club ... Otra Cuba Libre, Anam Cara, Beija Flor, Osita, Nepenthe, the Optimists, Windchimes, Merlin, Bali Ha'i, Angelina, and Effortless. Of those, nine are cruisers out on the moorings, and their owners rely on the 24-hour launch service provided by the club. So, it is with gratitude and respect that we pay tribute to the launch, as our final Boat of the Month! There is no doubt that it is the hardest working boat owned by the club, and the dock staff who drive it provide



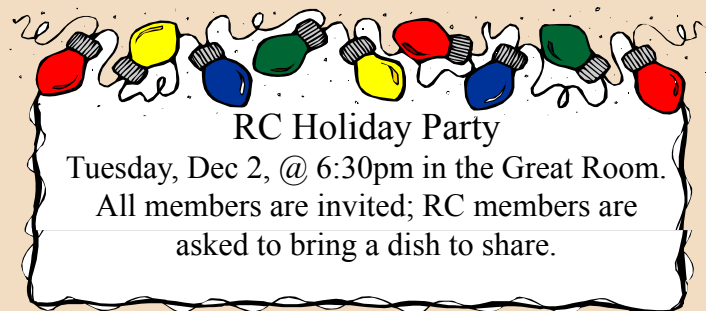
constant courteous service ... Pat, Javier, Eric, Tony, Jesse, Jose, and so many who have gone before. I bet they could write a Channel column for years, about the things they have seen and heard while patiently taking sailors to and from their boats, at all hours of the day and in all states of mind. If you have a boat on the mooring field, be happy and grateful ... the launch service is always at the end of channel 78, and when it comes to Xmas, dig deep to provide the drivers a good Xmas bonus!

SUNFISH NEWS

Exciting news from the world of CGSC adult sunfish sailing! First, we have acquired four new sunfish hulls. They are white with a fancy blue racing stripe. They look and sail like a winner. Additionally, a big shout out to club member Daniel Buisson who recently donated an excellent sunfish hull, along with a rig, to CGSC. It's now the fifth best boat in our fleet, and it also took first place in the annual Coral Reef One Design regatta on 2 November. Speaking of which, CGSC sunfish sailors took first, second, and third place in that regatta. Wow! First place went to our world famous bartender Jeff Timmons, second to Alex Wolfe, and third to Eric Cheval. Well done indeed.

If you have any questions about CGSC adult sunfish sailing, please do not hesitate to contact me at pmwadams@bellsouth.net. Hope to see you on the water soon...

Philip Adams



RC Holiday Party
Tuesday, Dec 2, @ 6:30pm in the Great Room.
All members are invited; RC members are asked to bring a dish to share.

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Melges 32 Pre-Worlds
December 1, 2014

Melges 32 World Championship
December 3-7, 2014

Audi Melges 20 Winter Series #1
December 12-14, 2014

Open Orange Bowl Regatta
December 27-30, 2014

See notices of race and registration forms on Race bulletin board downstairs or at www.Cgsc.Org
For bbyra 2014-15 sailing instructions
Visit their website @ www.Bbyra.Net

DEC 6th or 13th Winter Rendezvous

If we have another great Art Basel display by Marine Stadium, we'll plan another Winter Rendezvous! In the meantime, if you are heading out to the bay and want to invite others, just reply to this email – you never know, you might have visitors! If there are others that would like to be added to this mailing list, please reply to me with name and email address.

Chiara Manton
Rendezvous Committee Co-Chair

