



January 2014

Snow Rendezvous - Miami Style!

The Sailing Club has had some cold raft-ups before, but until now, we've never seen snow on a roof. Our bundled-up fleet set sail for Marine Stadium on Saturday, December 7, with instructions to anchor just north of the Swiss Chalet. Huh?

Well, this was Art Basel weekend, and a Swiss luxury watch maker had paid to install an inflatable Swiss cabin (yes, complete with vinyl snow) on floating docks off the stadium.



We gathered on s/v *Drift* for sunset cocktails and a supper of Swiss stew, Swiss roast-beef sandwiches and Swiss crepes. Somebody even brought a rare serving of Swiss pineapple, soaked in even-rarer Swiss rum.

Then it was off to see the chalet in a CGSC-provided dink. We did, in fact, warm our hands by the fake fire, and admire the inflatable walls and roof. The highlight was the amazing lighting of the stadium itself,

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

In the October edition of the Channel I reported that the City of Miami Commissioners passed a resolution changing the name of the island that protects our mooring field to "Clarington Island", in memory of Robert Clarington who was a beloved member of the CGSC family and crew for forty years. It is fitting that the island be named for one of our own but with that honor comes a responsibility. That responsibility is to ensure that "Clarington Island" is kept clean and maintained for people to enjoy.



In the past few years, through the leadership and stewardship of Past Commodore Alyn Prueett and CGSC member Leslie Jones, our club has partnered with local schools such as Ransom Everglades, and community groups like the Rotary Club of Coconut Grove to help improve "Clarington Island". New walking paths have been created throughout the island, loads of trash have been removed, and non-native plants that had taken root were evicted. Most recently, the City built a new raised chickee hut for visitors to enjoy while they look out over Biscayne Bay and soon, a new dock will be installed to improve accessibility.

In order to introduce "Clarington Island" to those of you who have never been on the island, I intend to host a "Commodore's Rendezvous" on the island in sometime in January. This will give people an opportunity to see what has been done and what still needs to be done. My hope is that some of you will choose to join the CGSC's Clarington Island Crew and help us carry on the commitment we have made to make the island a place for anyone to visit and enjoy.

While I am on the topic of volunteering:

In February, President's Day Weekend has become a big weekend for the CGSC. First there is the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, which takes over McFarlane Road and Bayshore Drive, right outside of our gates. The festival does make it impossible for our members to drive to the club but we do make arrangements with the festival organizers to get our members through the gates and into the festival. As in years past, our sailing committees will be manning a booth, letting everyone know what we already know, which is the CGSC is where sailors belong. Oh, and don't forget that the Groves Nest will be open over the weekend but keep your eyes peeled for any changes in the hours that the kitchen or bar will be serving.

Also on that weekend is the Strictly Sail Miami at Bayside, where we will also be setting up a booth and letting all those people who we hope will be buying boats know that our mooring field is the best place they could keep their new pride and joy. Where else in

Miami can you board your boat, drop a line and be sailing on Biscayne Bay in five minutes? And don't forget that when your done with your day of sailing, you come back into our protected bay, pick up your mooring line and the launch will bring you to a good meal, a cold drink and friends to share your love of sailing with.

We have a busy month ahead of us so please consider lending us a hand to get our message out

to those other sailors who just don't know what we do. And now I will once again share one of my favorite lines from a book...

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Thank you Ratty.

Fair winds.

Sean Connett, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am fond of saying that the essence of CGSC is really the members not the building and grounds.

By the time you read this it will be history but it cannot go without mention how much this was evident during work weekend. We had a fantastic group of volunteers give their many talents to make improvements to the club. It cannot be understated how much of a huge positive impact was made on the clubhouse, grounds and boats. Everything from low energy LED lights installed throughout the upstairs and the windows being opened in the main hall to let the sunshine in, to the trophy case being teaked out and polished up and the deck guardrail updated. Youth parents made a particularly great showing this year, impressing us with their skills and enthusiasm while waxing, fiber glassing and painting the opti and laser fleets. Maintenance was abundant with many members faithfully pitching in with an activity that they have made a yearly project.

Volunteerism is a big part of what makes CGSC a great community of people and it brings us together. There are many more opportunities to volunteer at the club whether on Race Committee, at the Coconut Grove Art Festival, Miami Strictly Sail show booth, or towing an Opti trailer or coach boat to a regatta. Whatever your skill, likely there is a place for you to help improve the club, even if you are an electrical contractor.

Many thanks to all that participated.

In terms of other events -

Start off 2014 with a bang at the CGSC New Years Eve party.

Then please join us at the annual pig roast on the 25th.

Happy New Year!

Paul van Puffelen, Vice Commodore
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Open Orange Bowl Regatta

December 26-30, 2013

29er National Championships

January 1-3, 2014

North American Championships

470s, 49ers & 49erFX Classes

ISAF Youth Qualifiers

I420s & RS:X Classes

January 18-20, 2014

ISAF Miami Sailing World Cup

January 25-31, 2014

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years of graffiti on display as it were a gallery installation.

Some generous father of the bride treated us to fireworks that night, after the always impressive lighting of Brickell Avenue (worth the trip alone, by the way).

Then our humble fleet broke off from the mother ship, and spent a calm, cool night on anchor, with Swiss snow and firelight glowing in the distance.

Doug Hanks

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Otro Cuba Libre - Marc and Cathy Buller



Otro Cuba Libre is a 1993 Beneteau 350, owned by Marc and Cathy Buller. (Marc was the CGSC Commodore in 2007, Cathy was the CGSC Board Secretary 2009 and a CGSC Board Director 2010-2013.) Marc and Cathy brought Otro Cuba Libre to the club in February 2002. They use it for social sailing, occasional racing, and regularly make it available as the Race Committee signal boat. They have taken it down to the Keys, across to the Bahamas, and beyond! They can often be found sailing on the bay, rafting up with friends, or just entertaining at the mooring (their “Haunted Mooring Field” effort in 2013, with bearded sailors, was a sight to behold). Once, as a consequence of not sailing on Otro Cuba Libre, they were involuntary guests on a Norwegian Cruise Lines ship - ask them about that for a good story! Cathy is a member of the Coast Guard Auxilliary, and one of the regular proactive volunteers at the club. Marc is now retired from a career in the service, and is now better known as a water taxi captain.

* “Boat of the Month” is a (new) 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.

Geogg Sutcliffe



New Members in November 2013



AMERICA'S CUP UPDATE!

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

**AMERICA'S CUP 34
PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER
JOHN CRAIG**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
DURING SOCIAL NIGHT IN THE MAIN ROOM
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Adult Sailing

Since our last article, students and member-users have been enjoying the fruits of all of our work on the club's Sunfish and Ensign keelboats during Work Weekend. As

we enter the calendar year 2014, your Adult Sailing committee and participants wish everyone good health, prosperity and smooth sailing through the new year. We are pleased to share some great news as the new year begins. On Sunday, January 12, we will begin our twice monthly

Sunfish Clinics. Clinics are planned for the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. As with our weekly clinics, it is not a class, but is for Sunfish sailors with some experience who have at least completed the Sunfish Learn-to-Sail class or have been qualified through a check-out administered by the primary Sunfish instructor or the adult sailing chairman. Members who have their own Sunfish are welcome to join this fun event. In previous years a once-monthly Sunfish event was well attended, but required most of the day. Our new Sunday clinic will be approximately one-half day. Additional information will be announced. You may also contact Phil Adams at 305-219-4350 or pmwadams@bellsouth.net or the Adult Sailing Chairman below.

We are also pleased to announce regularly scheduled monthly group BASIC CRUISING Certification courses. The next course is scheduled for January 25-26-27. This is a two-full-day class with the third day for review and testing. The prerequisite for BASIC CRUISING is a Basic Keelboat Certification. This is achieved through taking the BASIC KEELBOAT class followed by testing or Challenging the Basic Keelboat certification by doing the on-water and written testing without taking the class. Achieving the Basic Keelboat Certification not only qualifies you to take the Basic Cruising Course, it allows you to use the club's Ensign keelboats through the Member-Use program privileges. Once you are Basic Cruising certified, you will qualify for member-use of the

Beneteau cruising boats for up to full-day daylight use. Further, the Basic Cruising certification qualifies you to take the US Sailing BASIC BAREBOAT course with certification, resulting in member-use privileges for multi-day sailing and overnight use of the Beneteau cruising boats for a maximum of three days and two nights. None of the clubs cruising privileges include actual night sailing. To sign up for a course or get more information, please contact Capt. Bryan Wesolek at 305-812-0050 or bryanwesolek@gmail.com, or contact the Adult Sailing Chairman below. For Basic Keelboat classes, certification or information, contact the Adult Sailing Chairman. For January, Basic Keelboat Group classes are being held on January 11-12 and again on January 18-19. All keelboat classes and certification testing are also available as private classes.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of your club's Adult Instructional programs.

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

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Great Weather for CGSC's Annual PHRF Regatta

The weather delivered for the sailors at CGSC's Annual PHRF Regatta on October 20th. It was bright and sunny with S-SSW winds of 6-11 knots. Competitors sailed one "Bay Tour" race rounding marks at various locations around the Bay.

When Cathy and Mark (PC) Buller's signal boat, Otra Cuba Libre, dropped anchor that morning, the wind was shifty and light. It filled in nicely allowing course distances from 11 to 16 nm, to be set by the Race Committee. There were nine competitors in the racing fleet, five in cruising spinnaker and three in cruising non-spinnaker racing around the Bay.

The starting sequence got underway at 11:30 am and the fleet was across the finish line by 3:00 pm. These Bay Tour courses consisted of between six and nine legs. Crews had plenty of opportunity to do spinnaker sets and mark roundings as the fleets beat, reached and ran.

A good three-boat battle for the lead developed in the PHRF racing fleet, with CGSC's Anson Mulder sailing El Ocaso taking the win. He was closely followed by CGSC's Oliver Waite and partners aboard Pipe Dream XIV. Finishing third

was Man-O-War sailed by Stephen Olvey. They all beat a very good boat, Main Squeeze, so there was high quality racing here.

The Cruising Spinnaker fleet was a bit more spread out. CGSC's venerable Bill Beavers (PC) brought Finesse home for the win. Bali Ha'i sailed by CGSC's Jim Green took second, followed by Bill Scheuermann and Doug Broeker's Maiden from Coral Reef YC.

In Cruising Non-Spinnaker, first place was awarded to Al Otero's Sacrosanct, followed by Dave Snyder's Nordic Spirit and CGSC's Becky Lyons' beautiful Osita.

Thanks to RC Chair Susan Walcutt, very nice trophies were awarded at CGSC later that afternoon in front of a happy crowd of sailors. A big thank you to CGSC's Race Committee. Aboard the signal boat in addition to Marc and Cathy Buller were PRO Dottie Rostorfer, Susan Walcutt, Veronica Aghayan, and Esther Dileo. Dorian Goldberg Sambolin and Freddie Sambolin capably ran the mark boat. Ron Rostorfer (PC) and Steve Permut manned the pin boat.

Dottie Rostorfer

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