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## LARGEST REGATTA EVER AT CGSC

**C**oconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the largest regatta in its history, the CGSC North American Championship Regatta on January 18-20, 2014. This event began back in 2011 when the Club was approached by the Olympic 470 Class, which has both Men's/Mixed and Women's divisions. We were asked to host their North American's as a lead up to the then Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta, an annual fixture.

Then, last year the Men's Olympic 49er skiffs and new Women's 49er FX skiffs joined in. Racing was conducted on two circles. This year, we were asked by the USSailing Olympic Coaches to host additional Olympic and Olympic Development Classes. We also did this for December's Open Orange Bowl Regatta.



For the North American's this year, 153 boats representing 26 countries sailed in seven classes on three race circles from three shore-side locations. Truly, this was an international assemblage of Olympic and Olympic Development sailing talent. The regatta was also the second and final US World Youth Qualifier (WYQ) for three

Olympic development classes – International 420's, RS:X Youth Windsurfers, and Formula 16 catamarans. The 2014 Youth World Championships are this summer in Portugal.

So, it was a "high calling" for CGSC to step up to the Olympic Coaches' request and provide this key opportunity for competition. Sailing for their North American Championships were the 470's, I-420's, 49ers, 49erFX's, Nacra 17 catamarans and Formula 16



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Nearly nine years ago, the City of Miami started work on creating the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan. At that time, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club did not have a lease and was renting our facilities on a month to month basis. There was lot of uncertainty regarding the club's future during those years but eventually the City had a Master Plan and through the dedicated hard work of our members and leaders, the club had a lease. Things were back on an even keel. Two important things we all need to understand about the Master Plan and our lease with the City of Miami are:



1. The Master Plan shows the CGSC being housed in a new facility near where Pier Seven of Dinner Key Marina is now.
2. Our lease with the City of Miami states: "Lessee agrees to move its operations to a new City facility when the Coconut Grove Master Plan is implemented, so long as the City provides the Lessee with a City owned, waterfront property with like facilities including docks and bears the full cost of the move, provided that moving expenses are deemed to be reasonable."

Last week, the City of Miami hosted a public meeting to discuss the future of Regatta Park and Dinner Key Marina, and I am glad to report that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club was well represented by Officers, Directors and Members. The meeting was described as the first of three public meetings that will be held. The first meeting served to receive public input, the second meeting will serve to summarize all findings and the third meeting will serve to present the results of the public process.

We were all given the opportunity to provide our input and concerns regarding the future plans for Regatta Park and our potential new club house. A short list of those items we shared is:

1. Closing Seminole Boat Ramp is paramount to ensure the safety of our sailors. Particularly our youth sailors and beginning adult sailors.
2. Any new facilities would have to allow for enough dry storage to accommodate our member's boats as well as visiting boats that participate in the many regattas hosted by the CGSC.
3. Ample automobile parking is important.
4. The CGSC expects to stay very much involved in the future design of our future facilities.

So, what does this all mean for you and me? Well, one day the CGSC may have to move to a brand new facility that we expect to still overlook our mooring field and will allow us to continue fulfilling our club's mission. The CGSC is its members and as long as we have a united community, the CGSC will thrive. We will however be diligent in monitoring and participating in the planning stages of the Master Plan, and we will ensure that the club's interests are protected.

With that said, let me put one thing into perspective. At the meeting, we were informed that the estimates for constructing the Regatta Park would be in the area of \$26 million for phase one and so far they only had about \$2 million. So unless the City of Miami finds a whole lot of money under a mattress somewhere, this project is not going anywhere real fast, and that means we have time to track the progress while enjoying the club house we all love.

If you have questions about our lease and how the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan affects us, please contact me. I will be glad to sit and talk about it with you.

Fair Winds

*Sean Connett, Commodore*

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Anyone who has been to the club in recent weeks knows that we are in the midst of a tremendous regatta season. This year's spring has been keeping race committee busy with several regattas a month. The club is humming with activity from these events as well as having a blockbuster youth sailing year with close to 90 kids participating in our programs. No longer does it only make the grounds busy on Saturday. We now have youth sailing sessions on Wednesday and Friday as well as individual coaching during other times of the week. The sunfish now hold classes on Sundays and our other adult sailing programs are proceeding at full steam mostly during the weekend.

The economic impact to the club and surrounding community by these events cannot be understated. It also aligns perfectly with CGSC's mission to "encourage the sport of sailing".

Having said all that we also recognize that this can sometimes lead to consternation, anxiety and occasional rage. We have made many improvements to the parking scenario in the past few years such as adding a lot attendant, towing violators, not allowing double parking or fire lane parking and being vigilant about stickers. We also pay for employees to park offsite during bust days. However we must also recognize that CGSC is a

Boat of the Month - March 2014

### Beija Flor - Ryan Alexander

Beija Flor is a 1959 Flying Scott, owned by Ryan Alexander. Ryan joined CGSC in 2004, and put Beija Flor onto the strip in 2010. Beija Flor, with hull number 75, is the oldest Flying Scott at the CGSC. Ryan is a regular competitor in the BBYRA One Design series, and can be seen out on the bay most weekends. He was introduced to Flying Scotts by Larry Whipple (Past Commodore) on Margaritaville, and rumors have it that he now has dreams of beating Margaritaville. Ryan became (in)famous in 2013 when he sank in the storm that hit the Commodore's Cup, but he was successfully towed back to the club, and lived to sail another day. Ryan is also a member of the club board, where his experience with the City of Miami provides valuable input to many of the practical issues of running the club. Ryan comes to the club a lot - introduce yourself, and meet one our active Flying Scott sailors!



"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).

Geoff and Carol

club with over 1000 members and under 50 parking spots.

So please be understanding and patient. If you are not a member please drop your kids off at the gate and park outside. If you are not carrying a lot of gear, take a spot outside the gate occasionally before they fill up. And finally, if you do have to park outside, there is a smart phone app with which you can update your meter from the middle of the bay.

Fair winds,

*Paul van Puffelen*

Vice Commodore

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### In Memorium Vladimir L. Stroleny

With regret we report that our friend, long-time CGSC member and past Rear and Vice Commodore, Vladimir L. Stroleny passed away suddenly on Christmas Day 2013 while skiing with family at Breckenridge, CO. He was 57 and leaves wife Shelley, and grown children Julian, Clayton and Faurest.

Vlad, as he was known, was born and raised in Munich, Germany. He graduated from the University of Miami with a BS in Economics followed with some post graduate studies. He started and ran his own PCnetworks company, and among many other projects was instrumental in setting up the CGSC computer system.

Vlad owned Being There, a Capri 25, for a time, then began racing, handling fore-deck and other things, at which he was very good. He sailed on Finesse, did Bay races, Round the Island, Bimini, Key West and Lime Cup many times. One notable non-race trip was across-state and down the Caloosahatchee River. He raced on other boats and on Blackbird for years, similar races as above. Upon obtaining his Flying Scott Being There, he and crew were very successful "leading the way" in those races. He was the first winner of the new Charlie Fowler trophy for top CGSC Flying Scott in the One Design Regatta.

Vlad was always an active club member, serving as Director as well as RC and VC. He was also very family oriented. His Celebration-of-Life event was held at the CGSC. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.



Bill Beavers - PC

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cats. The RS:X Windsurfers were sailing their US National Championship – Men, Women and Youth divisions. The skiffs and cats lived at the Miami Rowing Club – all 104 of them. “Everybody is here,” reported US Olympic Coach Leandro Spina. The 28 470’s were at the US Sailing Center, so only the 14 I-420’s and 28 Windsurfers were at CGSC.

The first two days were sailed in light to moderate, shifty NW winds. The number of races varied with the classes, as different race target time lengths were involved. The forecast for the final day was for light SW winds. The wind actually filled in from the WNW. Race courses were laid out just in time for that breeze to be replaced by our normal SE seabreeze. Courses were turned around and racing in the steadiest air of the regatta ensued. That evening, happy sailors from all the classes and venues gathered on the lawn for Chef Richie’s outstanding appetizers accompanied by a keg, and the trophy presentation. All in all, they were very appreciative of the Club, the three Race Committees, and the event as a whole.

The three US YWQ classes were heavily US-oriented in terms of the fleets. In the Olympic classes, the US finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nacra 17 cats, was second and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Women’s 470, and third in the Women’s RS:X Boards. The US finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 49ers among 31 entries. However, we could only muster a 14<sup>th</sup> of 18 Men’s 470’s, a 17<sup>th</sup> of 29 49erFX’s, and a 7<sup>th</sup> of 11 RS:X Boards. Still, the US did not Medal at the 2012 London Olympics, and “Rome wasn’t built in a day.” Patience, dedication, training and competition required.

The CGSC Race Committees did an excellent job in conditions that were difficult at times. On the 49er & FX skiffs course, Jon & Carol Ewing’s Great Scott was Signal Boat. Canadian National Race Officer Shelley Vaughn was PRO, Mike Dawson from the Tampa area was Deputy, and our Signal Boat crew included Nancy Rogachenko, Jo Ann Mathieu, Maria Elena, Marylinda Ramos, John Kandara and Sicotte Hamilton. Support boats and crews were provided by the USSailing Olympic coaches and led by Luther Carpenter. On the Multihull Circle, our PRO was Carol Ewing. She was assisted by CRYC volunteers and the Coaches led by Leandro Spina.

On the CGSC Circle for the 470’s, I-420’s and Windsurfers, Henry Bernstein’s Ivory Gull and Jim Green’s Bali Ha’l



Photos by ML Ramos



were Signal Boats. Ron Rostorfer PC was PRO, John Papadopoulos was Deputy, and the Signal Boat crew included Marlene Erven, Connie Bradley, Susan Ressler, Dottie Rostorfer, Marvin Schenker and Jim Waldron. Up to windward on the Key Largo were Susan Walcutt, Don Poole, Larry Whipple PC and Dick Pober. The Pin Boat was David Kurtz’s PC Robalo with George Bradley, Julie Hanrahan and James Liebl aboard. The Outer Gate/ Finish boat on the trapezoid course was VC Paul van Puffelen’s Grady-White with Skipper Dennis Jansma, Debi Jansma, Bonnie Padgett and Rick Klein.

Special thanks to Chief Judge Rick Mallinson, Judge Shannon Bush and Judge Jane Anne Pincus for their great efforts and support. Thanks also for the support of Head USSailing Olympic Coach Josh Adams.



## WORLD CUP HAMPERED BY LIGHT WINDS

As has been the case for the past several years with an exception or two, Coconut Grove Sailing Club once again hosted the Olympic RS:X Windsurfers for this event. Officially, it's the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Sailing World Cup Miami. It's one of about four SWC events around the world each year to help prepare sailors from all over the World for the next Olympics – currently, Rio in 2016. For many years, it was called the Rolex Olympic Classes Regatta. Dates were Monday, January 27 – Saturday, February 1, 2014.

CGSC hosted some 28 Men's Boards and 21 Women's Boards at the Club and on our Course Charlie in the Bay for the event. There were five days of fleet racing followed by the Medal Race on Saturday for only the top ten Boards in the Men's and Women's divisions. CGSC's Race Committee handled the fleet racing, but was not involved this year for the Medal Races.

PRO John Craig. Once again, for the seventh time in the past nine years, CGSC welcomed John Craig from San Francisco as our Principal Race Officer (PRO) for this event. If that name sounds familiar, John was PRO for the incredible 34<sup>th</sup> America's Cup on San Francisco Bay last summer. He presented an America's Cup Update report at the Club on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The SRO audience was so keyed up to replay last September's incredible comeback by Oracle Team USA, they were applauding during John's introduction! His presentation was outstanding, with video clips from the summer and a peek ahead at what may be in store for AC 35 in 2017.

The Racing. Unfortunately, uncharacteristically light air for winter in Miami plagued the regatta. In five days of racing, only seven races were completed for each of the Men's and Women's Classes. Two races were sailed on Monday and Tuesday, none on Wednesday, three on Thursday, and again none on Friday. Saturday's Medal Races were greeted by the best breeze of the week, but still on the light side. Competitors and Race Committee alike spent a lot of time ashore that week waiting for breeze that sometimes materialized, but sometimes not.



Results. The US has seldom been strong in Olympic Windsurfer competition. Having been shut out of Medal finishes in sailing events at the 2012 London Olympics, the pressure is on for improved performance by US sailors. We still have a ways to go in the Boards. Top Men's USA finisher for this event was Carson Crane in 14<sup>th</sup> place – mid-fleet. He was followed consecutively by US sailors Jonathan Rudich and Raul Lopez. None qualified for the Medal Race. Internationally, it was quite competitive, with eight different countries finishing in the top eight.

Among the Women, the showing was a bit better with veteran Farrah Hall finishing 8<sup>th</sup> and making the Medal Race. US Women also finished 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Two Italian Women took second and third, but except for that, there were six countries represented in the top eight Women finishers.

CSGC Race Committee. Our Race Committee did another great job under difficult circumstances. Carl and Mercedes Updyke's 34 foot catamaran Cool Obsession was once again the Signal Boat for this event. Ron Rostorfer (PC) was John Craig's Deputy PRO. Dottie Rostorfer and Marvin Schenker shared Timer duties, and the rest of the Signal Boat crew comprised Saralee Lamb, Connie Bradley, Nancy Rogachenko, Suzanne Roberts, Veronic Aghayan and Jo Ann Mathieu.

To windward were David Kurtz's (PC) Robalo and RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender. Crews were Chuck Edelstein, Art Auwaerter, Jim Waldron, Marylinda Ramos and Karen Young. The Pin Boat was skippered by George Bradley with Dick Pober, Rick Klein, Melinda Crain from Texas Corinthian YC, and Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. Over on the outside of the Trapezoid Course, the Outer Gate boat was skippered by Dennis Jansma with Roy Halvorsen, Bonnie Padgett and Ryan Alexander aboard. The Finish Boat was skippered by veteran Don Poole with Sicotte Hamilton, Julie Hanrahan, Marianne Davis from Kingston, ON Canada and Carol Cottrell aboard.



*Race committee members with PRO John Craig sighting the start line.*



# Adult Sailing

Despite the club access restrictions of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, which happened to fall on the same weekend as our regularly scheduled Basic Keelboat course and the shorter month, we are pleased to have experienced a strong showing in attendance at CGSC Adult Sailing instructional activities for February. We had the strongest attendance in many months at our regular first-weekend monthly Sunfish Learn-to-Sail course, taught by Phil and Marc. On the following weekend, February 8-9, we had a special private, and well attended, group Sunfish class for several people from a company in Ft. Lauderdale, while at the same time, we conducted a full class of the US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT course. All of this occurred on the weekend of the Melges regatta activity and all that goes with it. When you see everything going like clockwork, don't think it just happens that way. This is the coordinated communication and efforts of committee chairman, club staff, instructors, volunteers and more. Frankly, I love the busy weekends as our guests and students get to see a true, working sailing club. They are inspired by all the racing and instructional activities they see going on, both youth and adult. During class breaks, you'll find our students lined along the verandah railing watching the activities below. It reminds me of what a great club we have and how so many people get involved to successfully coordinate all the activities, as it has been for years.

Member-Use approvals grew in February for all of our fleet from the Sunfish to the Ensigns and on to the Beneteau cruising boats. Thanks to Bryan Wesolek, our new cruising boat lead instructor for all his efforts to grow our cruising program and make it attractive to the new sailors and members alike. Bryan conducted a private Basic Bareboat class for a couple from Indiana, who clearly made their decision to travel to CGSC after talking with Bryan. Congratulations to Olivier de Lavalette and Alex Kaed, two of our newest certified members for Basic Keelboat and Basic Cruising respectively and the member use privileges that go along with them.

For the new members that want to get into the adult sailing action, we make it easy. Check out the menu of courses on our website. There is the Sunfish, the unique Flying Scot program, Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat. It's not complicated. It's easy. Just contact us for an explanation of the options and you can't do better than the US Sailing program options we offer.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

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# Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta

20 Snipes competed for the 2014 (XLV Annual) Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta with Augie Diaz and Nikki Bruno in First Place, Edgar Diminich and Juan J Ferreti, representing the Country of Ecuador, in Second place and Carol Cronin and Klm Kouranz in third place. The Aicardi Trophy was won by Lisa and Lexi Pline from Annapolis. We had a light day on Saturday with winds 6 to 8 kts from approximately 160 degrees and the Race Committee was able to run 3 very nice short regattas. On Sunday we had a better winds 10 to 12 from 75 to 125 degrees and a new Race Committee also did a good job running 2 races in order to get a total of 5 races (no throw out). In spite of not having a throw out race the fleet was a little aggressive and there was a general recall on Saturday and the around the end flag had to be used.

Worth mentioning is how good the "yuths", as Peter Commette calls them, performed in this Regatta: Jensen McTighe with crew Paul Streater (tied in third place), Nick Voss with crew Nicole Popp, David Hernandez with Liam Munzenmaier. And Andre Guaragna who won the last race. We are so proud of these young fellows and crews(Right Peter?)

We thank Coconut Grove Sailing Club for sponsoring this Snipe Regatta and for the very successful work by their Race Committees: On Saturday. Signal boat "Fiji" with Captain operator owner Sean Connett, PRO Rick Klein with the help

of Marvin Schenker, Veronic, Helen Schenker, Wendy, Susan Walcutt, Steve Smith, Conner Walcutt, George Bradley and Bob Gilmore. It looked like they could not get 3 races in, but, they did!! On Sunday Signal boat operator and owner Will Pulsford, PRO Nancy Rogachenko with the help of George and Connie Bradley, Jim Wadron, Susan Walcutt, Theo Quenee, John Poulos, Saralee Lamb, Maria Elena Caldwell, Kay Voss and Marvin schenker. We thank all these volunteer people who weather the heat and the rain so that we could have 5 races.

On Saturday Night we had the famous lasagna dinner by Carmen with the attendance of close to 50 people, sailors and race committe. As we have done before in previous years and always at the request of Peter Commette we ran the videotape that shows Comodoro Rasco on board his boat Shangri-La. Several Snipe sailors from Cuba of the years 1945 and1950, Mantilla, Inclan, el Cheque, Gonzalo Melendez, etc. that participated in the Worlds and Western Hemispheres of that 1950 decade. We had a great time!

On Sunday to finalize the regatta and after the trophy presentation we had the now very famous LA BOMBA. We gave la Bomba to the first 3 places, skipper and crew and to Lisa Pline. We had super fun singing LA BOMBA VA! See you next year.

Gonzalo Diaz Sr.



Aicardi Fleet winners Lisa and Lexi Pline.



Second Place: From Ecuador, Edgar Diminich and Juan J. Ferreti.



Regatta winners: Augie Diaz and Nikki Bruno.



| Pos | Skipper                | Crew               | Hometown               |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1   | Augie Diaz             | Nikki Bruno        | Miami, FL              |
| 2   | Edgar Diminich         | JJ Ferretti        | Key Biscayne, FL       |
| 3   | Carol Cronin           | Kim Kouranz        | Jamestown, RI          |
| 4   | Jensen McTighe         | Paul Streater      | Fort Lauderdale, FL    |
| 5   | Nick Voss              | Nicole Popp        | Miami, FL              |
| 6   | Ernesto Rodriguez      | Eduardo            | Miami, FL              |
| 7   | Peter Commette         | Julia Melton       | Ft. Lauderdale, FL     |
| 8   | John MacRae            | Taylor Scheuermann | Winchester, ma         |
| 9   | Andre Guaragna         | Roberto Guaragna   | Miami, FL              |
| 10  | David Hernandez        | Liam Munzenmaier   | Miami, Florida         |
| 11  | Lisa Pline             | Lexi               | Annapolis, MD          |
| 12  | Eric Reinke            | Jessica Bennett    | Annapolis, MD          |
| 13  | Gonzalo Diaz           | Ani Diaz           | Miami, FL              |
| 14  | Lara Dallman-Weis      | Kathleen Tocke     | Ham Lake, MN           |
| 15  | Freddie Sambolin       | Dorian Sambolin    | Boynton Beach, FL      |
| 16  | Sharon Seymour-Johnson | Webber Dubois.     | fort Lauderdale, FL    |
| 17  | Kenneth Voss           | Not Sure           | Miami, FL              |
| 18  | Don Hackbarth          | John Fewell        | Marietta, GA           |
| 19  | Kevin Reali            | Ashley Reali       | st petersburg, Florida |
| 20  | Gregor Saldana         | Schoenberg         | Ann Arbor, MI          |

# Save the Date

CGSC Annual Rendezvous

April 11 - 13, 2014

Boca Chita Key

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to Chiara Manton ([ChiaraMaria@yahoo.com](mailto:ChiaraMaria@yahoo.com)) so we can start planning food accordingly.

If you don't have a boat but are interested in attending, send a message to Chiara Manton. We are trying to see if we can coordinate transportation.

Kind Regards,

Chiara Manton | s/v DRIFT



## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #3  
Bacardi Miami Sail Week  
March 06-08, 2014

Don Q Snipe Regatta  
March 21-23, 2014

Spring Break Youth Sailing Festival  
March 27, 2014

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

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ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)  
FOR BBYRA 2013-14 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)



CGSC's Race Committee gathered at the Club Tuesday evening, February 4<sup>th</sup> for the official "farewell" to Dennis and Debi Jansma. Pictured here are Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt, Dennis holding their gift from the RC, Debi, and Ron Rostorfer PC, Regatta Chair. Dennis and Debi have been very active as CGSC Members and on the Race Committee for several years. Dennis has been the RC's Equipment Manager for most of that time. Their new 40 foot catamaran is nearing completion in Sarasota, and they'll soon be taking up the cruising life. We wish them "Fair winds and following seas" and we're grateful for all they have done.