

OCTOBER 2014

# The Florida State Snipe Jr. Championship Regatta

he Florida State Junior Championship started in 1957 with Ken Lippincott winning

it at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. He won again at Eau Gallie in 1958. Among the Early winners we can see: 1959 Charles Morris,1960 Bruce Cochran, 1961 Dan Brown, 1964 Fred Bremen, Jr., 1965 Tom Bremen, 1967 David Albury, 1968 Augie Diaz. to mention some. This Championship was moved around Florida, but right after 1968 the Miami Yacht Club

First Place Jensen McTighe with crew Dae Kelly (what a smile!!) and Susan.

took over holding this regatta and a year later Coconut Grove Sailing Club took over and from then on to today our Club together with the Miami Snipe Fleet have been sponsoring the Florida State Snipe Junior Championship.

Jensen McTighe with crew Dae Kelly won the Championship this year. Jensen and Dae sailed

the first 4 races on Saturday without a pole (broke the pole before the first race) I wished we had filmed some of the downwind finishes with Jensen without a pole trying to hold second place from passing him and he was very successful!! (see the results). On Saturday the RC set windward leeward courses with winds 10 mph

clocking from approximately

125 degrees and on. Similar conditions on Sunday but with a little more wind. The Race Committee was able to complete the scheduled 6 races with one throw out.

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#### COMMODORE'S REPORT

Unsung heroes of CGSC.
Our club has many unsung heroes.

The life blood that keeps our clubs running on all cylinders includes many volunteers who step up to make things happen.

While the mention of any will leave out others, let it be said that CGSC has members from all

walks of life and skills of all types. You may be an architect, lawyer, engineer, mechanic or craftsman. Your skills are needed at the club. If you are a socialite, artist, accountant, doctor, a professor or a prophet, your skills are also needed.

Finding a way to get involved at CGSC will lead you to great rewards, friendships and experiences.

As I like to preach - the essence of CGSC is the spirit of the members, not the brick and mortar. In the coming years we will do well to keep that in mind with all of the challenges that lay ahead. Know that our club is in talented and skilled hands with our current bridge, board of directors and committee chairs and volunteers as well as many club luminaries who keep their fingers on the pulse of current and future events, ready to help at the call.

I close with my favorite quote.

"For all that has been, thank you. For all that is to come, YES!"

Fair winds and following seas,

Paul van Puffelen, Commodore Commodore@cgsc,org Sweet Lime – C&C 30MK-2

## A Night with an Author

Local sailor and CGSC member, Dave Bricker has written a book about his experiences growing up on Biscayne Bay. In 1989, he sailed his 26-foot sloop The Blue Monk to the Bahamas and ultimately crossed to Gibraltar on a friend's homemade wooden yawl. Bricker's unique web-based eBook includes hundreds of photos, video clips, and maps. Read it online at http://www.thebluemonkbook.com . Bricker will share colorful stories from historic Biscayne Bay and beyond at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club on October 14th at 7:30PM.

#### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

T's amazing how time flies! Here we are in October and the start of the fall and holiday season. Growing up in Massachusetts I always looked forward to the warming weather in April & May. With twenty years under my belt in Miami, I now look forward to October and the disappearance of the oppressive weather. Now is the time to get outside, go sailing and enjoy the cooler breezes!

There will be a lot of activity at the Club this season. As you've read elsewhere, the regatta schedule has kicked off with a bang. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to make all the regattas and bay racing such a success and helping to keep the CGSC name at the forefront of so many different sailing classes. One of the newest favorite regattas is October 25 – the Halloween Howler. On Saturday night, after the Howler, please join your fellow members for the Haunted Mooring Field. Get your boats decorated for the occasion. Then join us on Friday the 31st for the Adult Halloween Costume Party. I can't wait to see the costumes!

As the Club keeps getting busier, it gets harder and harder to find a parking space. If you've been to the Club recently, you've probably met Bobby, who is doing a great job of maintaining order in the parking lot while trying to accommodate all our varied parking needs. To help, we have changed the color of the parking stickers. We have had the red stickers for about three years and the new ones are yellow and blue. Please stop by the office to

obtain the new sticker before 11/30/14. As of December 1, only vehicles with the current parking sticker will be allowed access. Only one parking sticker per account will be issued and please be sure the



sticker is visible at all times while parked at the Club.

As many of you know, Tom Reese, the Club's head of maintenance retired a while back. He was instrumental in keeping so many different facets of the Club well maintained and his absence is noticeable. Luckily, we are in the process of hiring a replacement and the timing couldn't be better. Keep in mind Work Weekend is planned for November 15 & 16. A new head of maintenance combined with the Property Committee and Work Weekend means the Club should be in tip top shape within the next six weeks. If you have any ideas for items that can be tackled during Work Weekend, please be sure to let us know. Please also plan to join us that weekend. All hands and skill sets are welcomed for as long or as little time as you can give.

See you at the Club!

Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore

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Golden Greek, Catalina 27

## Flying Scot Racing



BBYRA had their 2013-2014 Annual Awards presentation at the CGSC Friday, 9/6/14. The following are the Flying Scot Fleet 90 results based on their best six races.

<u>Place</u>	Sail #	Boat	<u>Skipper</u>
1st	5220	Air America	Bud Price
2nd	5544	Funky Diva	Jim Bigham
3rd	5321	Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein
4th	5675	Mad Dog	Jose Hernandez
5th	75	Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander

The first three places, Bud Price, Jim Bigham and Henry Bernstein all experienced sailors, continue to do well. I'm glad to see two of the Fleet's new racers Jose Hernandez and Ryan Alexander trophy this year! Keep up the good work guys. The rest of are going to sail faster and smarter this next season.

See you on the bay!

Larry Whipple PC Fleet 90 Captain

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

ello Sailors!
If you have not been sailing in the last week, stop reading this now! Head off to the club, get on a boat, and get out there. The winds have been consistent, the sunshine is warm, and the bay is waiting. To help you get motivated, our rendezvous chair Chiara Manton has announced a series of fun filled rendezvous ... the Oktoberfest rendezvous on 6th October in Marine Stadium, the Columbus Day regatta on 11th-12th October, a Poker Run regatta in November, and the Winter Rendezvous in December. Please contact Chiara for more details.

The youth sailing program started on 6th September with around 60 youth sailors signed up. There's the "learn to sail" group, Optimist green fleet and RWB fleet, and a growing group of Laser sailors. Our coaches are in top gear making CGSC the place for youth sailing on the bay. We are also happy to have Pete Schmidt as the new Youth Program chair. If you'd like to get involved with the youth program, talk to Pete ... all volunteers are welcome! And while I'm talking about the youth program, don't forget the annual "Halloween Howler" regatta for over the weekend of 25th-26th October. If you have a boat on the mooring field, make it spooky for the evening of the 25th, as the launch brings the kids out for a trick-or-treat.

I've written before about hurricane preparations, and I'm sure all boat owners on the

mooring field and strip have their plans made. Remember the old adage ... June too soon, July stand by, August a must, September most ever, October not over, November remember. We must remain ready for another month! If you need help or advice, please talk to me or any of the "old hands" who have been through this before. Then as hurricane season winds down, bird season will be upon us! For those who know, it's time to get out your favorite bird repellant scheme, from flags, to mirror balls, to streamers, to fake eagles, to the sticky "poop goop". Everyone swears by their own secret combination of trickery, so you can get advice at the Crows Nest bar anytime you need it.

Bringing this back a full circle to my opening sentence ... it's time to go sailing. For those who'd like to try out a Scot, come down to the club around 5:30 pm any Wednesday to join Bud Price and friends for an evening of sailing (while daylight savings time is still in effect - until the 2nd November). You don't need to arrange it in advance (although a call to Bud would never hurt) ...just come to the club with your life vest and look enthusiastic ... Bud will match you up with a skipper and away you'll go.

See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe
RearCommodore@cgsc.org
Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

## **Upcoming Rendezvous Schedule**

#### OCT 6th Oktoberfest Rendezvous

s/v Ms Mary Lou will be organizing an Oktoberfest Rendezvous at Marine Stadium – where there will be German food and music!! Plan is to head out Saturday afternoon, raft up, stay overnight, then head back Sunday. Details to follow...

#### OCT 11/12<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day Regatta

Reminder Regatta is this weekend – make sure to register in time.

### **OCT-end Haunted Mooring Field**

I don't have exact date yet but I'm guessing it will be Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – decorate your boats for kids to trick-or-treat from boat to boat via the launch.

#### NOV 8th or 15th Poker Run Regatta

s/v DRIFT will help organize again the second edition of Poker Run Regatta!

#### DEC 6th or 13th Winter Rendezvous

If we have another great Art Basel display by Marine Stadium, we'll plan another Winter Rendezvous!





#### ADULT SAILING REPORT

Despite the heat and often unstable weather conditions of the summer months, our Adult Instructional program continued to grow and prosper in the number of people, both members and non-members, taking part in our classes. Of special note is the number of couples that have been taking our classes, and further, becoming certified at the keelboat level and above.

There were several BASIC KEELBOAT Certifications earned since our last report, as well as Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat certifications. For the members becoming certified, that means privileges in our Member-User program at the level they have become certified. Sunfish activities continue to grow both for the classes and the clinics. The new Sunday bi-weekly clinics always have a "waiting" list due to their popularity. You couldn't help but notice the two very active Racing 101 sessions hosted by Bud Price with lots of folks getting on the water in the Flying Scots for some practical racing experience.

As our programs grow, so does our need for qualified, certified US Sailing instructors. Last month we covered the loss of our cruising instructor, Bryan, and we are actively hoping to fill

that vacancy at the earliest possible date. There are temporary plans to continue those classes and stay within the bounds of US Sailing. If you have any interest in the possibility of becoming a certified US Sailing instructor at any of the available levels, please contact me or the Sailing Director, Nick Mansbach.

On a final note, we have seen more activity than ever in students taking our courses who have received gift certificates. All classes and services in the instructional program are available through Gift Certificates. Whether a two hour Introduction to Sailing or a full course, we have handsome, custom printed certificates that you would be proud to give as a gift. For any information regarding gift certificates, please contact me or the business office.

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

# Richard Crister, Chairman - Adult Training 305-342-4775 cell richardc@cgsc.org











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The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee did a wonderful job with Susan Walcutt as the PRO and first class help from Jaime Ramon, Andi Hoffman, Veronic Aghayan, Denise Schneider, Carol Temple, Jim Waldron, Sandrine Quenne, Paul Sarvich, Jose Torres, Larry Whipple, Bill Godfrey and special thanks to Clint and Terry Boram that commanded and donated the use of their boat "Sea Jewel" as the Signal Boat for this Regatta. Also special thanks to Pere Puig for helping in preparing and fixing some of the Junior boats.

After the races, the juniors and the Race Committee enjoyed a hamburger cookout followed by Susan Walcutt presenting the trophies to the first 3 winners. See the photos.

Gonzalo Diaz



Second Place Paul Lobree with crew Ken Voss with Fleet Captain Gonzalo Diaz



Third Place Taylor Scheuermann, crew Christine deSilva and Susan Walcutt

	Results:				
<u> </u>	os Sail#	Skipper	Crew	Races	<u>Total points</u>
1 	30027	Jensen McTighe	Dae Kelly	1-3-(4)-1-1-2	8
2	30288	Paul Lobree	G. Diaz & Ken Voss	3-(4)-2-4-2-1	12
3	29511	Taylor Scheuermann	Christine deSilva	(4)-2-1-2-3-4	12
4	30089	Chase Sabadash	Sharon Johnson	2-1-5-3-8/dns-8/dns	19
5	30364	Shane Riera	Pere Puig	(8/ocs)-5-3-5-4-3	20
6	29602	Grace Howie	Katie DeLisser	5-(7)-7-6-5-5	28
7	28810	Jerry Balepogi	Ken Voss	6-6-6-7 (8/dns)-8/dr	ns 33

SAVE THE DATE!!

CGSC Annual Work Weekend

is planned for

November 15 & 16

Mark Your Calendars Now

## **Angelina - Roberto and Liliana Suarez**



ngelina is a 1983 C & C 29', owned by Roberto and Liliana (Lili) Suarez. They put Angelina onto the mooring field when they joined the club in October 2010, and have been active sailors out of the CGSC ever since. They took Angelina on the Bimini trip in 2013, and the adventure rendezvous to Key West in 2014. They can regularly be seen out on the bay, or anchored in a pleasant spot with their "yellow submarine" hanging off the stern (ask them ... every sailing boat should have a "yellow submarine"). Roberto is an amateur radio enthusiast, and the plethora of antennae at the top of Angelina's mast leads to interesting discussions about different types of radios, and bouncing Morse code signals around the earth off the ionosphere. Both Lili and Roberto can tell some fascinating stories about their lives in Cuba and their move to the USA. All it takes is a couple of cold drinks and you're good to go. Drop by and say "hello" when they are tied at the dock ... they are club members that everyone should meet

\* "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.

#### **CHANNEL NEWS**

Input for the Channel is needed by the 10th of the previous month in order to provide time for lay-out, printing and delivery to members by the first. Please e-mail your materials for the October Channel by September 10th to cebranning@comcast.net.

Articles and announcements should be attached as a Word document. Photographs should be of high quality and attached in the JPEG format to an email.

## **Junior Racing**

ur youth racing program kicked off another season with regular practice starting Saturday September 6th, and the first regatta, the Junior Commodore's Cup, is just around the corner (27 September)! But don't worry, this one-day regatta is at our club and for our kids only. It's a great way to introduce kids (and parents) to racing and to get them ready for bigger events. In late October we will host our annual Halloween Howler (25-26 October). Clubs from around South Florida send their kids, coaches, and parents. This large event, which includes our famous Haunted Mooring Field trick-o-treat extravaganza, is a show case for the club's Youth Sailing program. We always need lots of volunteers, so please contact me if you can help. Even if is just a couple of hours here and there. Finally, starting with next month's newsletter, I will have regular installment of Frequently Asked Questions, e.g. what's the difference between Green Fleet and Red, White, Blue Fleet and when should my kids switch from one to another?

#### Maria Teresa Adams

Junior Racing Development Chair juniorracing@cgsc.org.



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# **NOTICE Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta October 4-5, 2014

> Columbus Day Regatta October 11-12, 2014

**CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta** October 19, 2014

> Melges 32 CGSC Cup October 17-19, 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

## Announcing



## Oktoberfest Rendezvous

October 4, 2014

Bring you favorite German Beer, German dish or brats for the grill and dress for the occasion.

> Raft up at 5:00 pm Marine Stadium

Call Ms. Mary Lou on Channel 78

Spend the evening or stay overnight





For more information contact Karen Arndt at: karen.e.arndt@gmail.com or 561-313-3315