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APRIL 2015

## Washington's Birthday Regatta

**T**he 19th annual Washington's Birthday Regatta, organized by the Barnacle Society, with the CGSC providing the race committee, was sailed on a breezy Saturday, February 21st. The spirit of the original Regatta, held in 1877, was definitely well represented! Charlie Monroe (grandson of Commodore Monroe), graciously offered Comanche, a 39' sloop designed by his father, Wirth Monroe as our signal boat. The beautiful red hull "commanded" the bay. Bill Monroe, another member of the Monroe family, sailed his Bahama Dinghy, Smithsonian - two members of Monroe family participated! The 45' 1902 Friendship sloop, Tecumseh, with skipper David Frid, and Alyn



Pruitt's Cheoy Lee 31, added grandeur to the 23 boat fleet. The 20 mph breeze gusted to 25, keeping a few boats ashore, but the wind settled in between 14 and 18 mph, and 3 races were sailed.

On to results:

Pink/Egret fleet: 1. Gary Lukowski and Joy Boulanger-Sakonnet 23 sloop 2. Jack Fell - Sharpie 28 3. Dave Westphall-Westphall Sharpie 28.

Yellow/Sandpipers: 1. Phil and Carol Garland- Core Sound 17, 2. Timothy Horseman - Sea Pearl 21, 3. Preston Watters - CLS Sharpie 18'1

Purple/Plovers: 1. Peter Sawyer - Laughing Gull custom 16. 2. Julie

Hanrahan (CGSC) - 1959 Herreshoff Bullseye 15 3. Jennifer Wirth ( CGSC crew: Marc and Cathy

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**D**ear Members,  
 April marks an important month in the history of CGSC. Our mooring field project's opportunity to bid has come to a close and we must now continue with selecting a contractor, pulling our permits and getting on with the project.



With this moment comes a responsibility that is placed on all members. According to our bylaws, a capital project of this size must be approved the membership. Therefore, it is my duty to call a special membership meeting. The meeting will be in April and will be announced by mail notification, email communication, and posting of the meeting on the clubs bulletin board 10 days or more before the event.

This meeting will be specific to one subject. That is the approval of the capital expenditure for the mooring field project that has been so meticulously planned out by our marine consultants, engineering team, several boards of directors, mooring field committees and past and present flag officers. We will be presenting a detailed overview of the history of the project, the details of the construction, our plans for construction logistics and temporary boat relocations, launch service and security, how the project relates to our progress and existence as a club, and finally the details of the cost of the project.

Please find your way to attend this important event. CGSC depends on you.

Kind thanks,

*Paul van Puffelen, Commodore*

Commodore@cgsc.org

Sweet Lime - C&C 30MK-2

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**L**ast month I mentioned that we will have to dig a little deeper for more patience when the City starts their project of re-doing the parking circle at the entrance to the Club. Well, take that deep breath now. After a couple of meetings with Commissioner Sarnoff, City staff and the Miami Parking Authority, the City agreed to delay the commencement of the construction until after the busiest part of the Club's season, and we thank them for that. We have all agreed to a revised and delayed start date of Monday, April 6. This is an important project for the City and while it will be an inconvenience to us during construction, the finished work will provide a re-surfaced roadway (no more ups, downs and pothole bouncing) together with additional parking spaces and increased landscaping. Expect construction, dust and some inconvenience for the next couple of months - but we will still have access to the club during the project.



As we hit the final stages of permitting approvals and contractor selection for the new mooring field, I have been getting more and more questions

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about what the Club plans to do with all the boats during the project. I have met with Stephen Bogner, the Marina Manager at Dinner Key Marina, and he is willing to accommodate us as much as possible – which thankfully will allow us to move forward with our plan to temporarily moor boats in the City’s mooring field. Details have not been entirely worked out and once they are, we will be sure to let everyone know. But, in the interim, the general plan is for the Club to move member boats from our mooring field to City moorings. We do not know how many will be moved at one time or the staging schedule but it may be one-third to one-half at a time to clear space for the contractor to remove the old moorings and install the new ones. The Club will move your boat to the mooring field and back to your new mooring if you want us to. Of course, you may move your boat out and back or you may find alternate space. If your boat is moved to a City mooring, there will

be no additional costs or fees to you and the Club will handle the expenses to the city. We are also planning to have security during the nighttime for boats out in the City’s mooring field to provide extra protection for all of us. We will also be running launch service to all boats. So, if you’re like me and will let the Club move your boat, the only inconvenience you’ll notice is a slightly longer launch ride for the give-or-take four weeks that your boat may be on a City mooring. As we work out all the details, which should happen within the next month, we’ll keep you updated with the specifics. If you have any questions in the meantime, please catch me at the Club, leave a note in my mailbox in the main office or send me an e-mail. See you at the Club!

*Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore*  
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Golden Greek, Catalina 27

## REAR COMMODORE’S REPORT

**T**he club is getting busier and busier! After some fun negotiations a new strip and rack policy has been approved by the board. The Strip Chair, Bud Price, will now be able to optimize the use of the strip to maximize the number of boats actively sailed on Biscayne Bay - if you have a boat on the strip, or want to put a boat there, you can get the details of the new policy from Bud. At the same time the weather is warming up for cruisers ready to spend more weekends down the bay off Elliott and beyond. The youth program is going strong, and adult instruction is as busy as it ever has been (does Richard Crisler ever get to rest?). If you own a boat, sail it more often! If you don’t own a boat, hang around the club long enough and you’ll find a crew spot. If you don’t know how to sail, then take one of our classes and learn - it’s a lesson you’ll never regret.

I have been looking back through some old editions of the Channel, and it’s wonderful to see the results our sailors have been getting in racing, from the Opti’s up through to the cruisers. We also all enjoy the many social opportunities that sailing with CGSC offers (read below about the upcoming Annual Rendezvous!). Last weekend I was privileged to be involved with a different kind of sailing event ... “Sailing Heals”. Sailing Heals’ mission is to take individuals who are being treated or recovering from serious illness out on the water with their families or caretakers, for a day of sailing and respite. Becky Lyons, the owner of Osita, has been helping Sailing Heals arrange trips on CGSC boats for several years, and last Sunday CGSC hosted a sailing day for children being treated for cancer. Three boats owned by CGSC

members were involved - Becky Lyon’s Osita, Marc and Cathy Buller’s Otra Cuba Libre, and Kasoumai of Kipp Small and Marisela Sucre. It was a pleasure to see the guests having a great time, enjoying sailing and sunshine.



If you have a comfortable cruising boat and would like to get involved, talk to Becky.

Now back to serious business ... the Annual Rendezvous. This year (like the last couple of years) the rendezvous will be held at Boca Chita, 17th-19th April. The theme this year is the “Sixties Surfing Scene”. Boca Chita has a small harbour for boats to tie up against the sea wall (but you need to get there before it fills up), and the Sands Key anchorage is perfect for bigger boats and those who prefer the peace out on the water (we’ll be running a launch service between the anchorage and the island). As usual we’ll be taking down the party tent, the BBQs, the Tiki Hut, food, drink, and all the accoutrements for a fun filled weekend. NPS rules don’t allow pets on Boca Chita, so sadly pooch will have to stay home. If you’d like to help organize the rendezvous, send me an email - we have fun! See you out on the bay.

*Geoff Sutcliffe*  
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Moon Glow - Bristol 30’

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**Buller) - Mudhen 17**

Our race committee: PRO Nancy Rogachenko, Joann Mathieu, Rick Klein, Patrick McLister, Bonnie Padgett, Suzanne Roberts, John Kandara, Marylinda Ramos, Marlene Ervin, Marvin and Helene Schenker, Veronic Agahyan, and Bob Deresz as safety boat. Special thanks to Alyn, Katrina, Jessie and Maggie of the Barnacle for their support with registration.

Looking forward to the 20th anniversary of the Washington's Birthday Regatta in 2016!

Nancy Rogachenko



*Photos provided by Marco Oquendo*

## Adult Sailing Report

Despite the Boat Show and Arts Festival cancelling one of our popular twice-monthly BASIC KEELBOAT Courses, we still had a very active month for the Ensigns which included a full and very active weekend class, plus we hosted another of our unique Corporate Team-Building Regatta events for a group of fourteen (14), which was a great success for the adult program and the club. Thanks to member Steve Samson for his able assistance with this event with his always swift "Jolly Roger" winning one of the races and finishing second in another, making for one very happy crew aboard his boat. In the past month, there were multiple private classes, lots of private coaching and some well-deserved certifications earned in both Basic Keelboat and Basic Cruising. Thanks to Capt. Bruce Penrod for conducting another successful BASIC CRUISING Course with more members being certified and now qualified to use our Beneteau cruising sloops. We are also pleased to see an active and continued response to our monthly Sunfish Learn-to-Sail courses, followed by Phil Adam's active weekly Sunfish Clinics. During this past month, we have also seen an increase in sailing class gift certificates, above normal issues for this time of the year. These are all good signs.

Now that we are into Daylight Savings Time, it allows more opportunities for members to take advantage of the extra time in the evenings after normal work hours to get in some pleasant afternoon, near-sunset sailing. It

also allows our aspiring students who are working towards certification to get in significant coaching time. The usually cooler and pleasant breezes of the late afternoon can provide some very pleasant sailing. Please remember that, by law, all Ensigns, Sunfish or any other non-lighted vessels, must be on their moorings or off the water by sunset.

We continue to make an appeal for adult sailing instructors. If you are qualified and have some availability, CGSC may aid in helping you attain an instructor certification through US Sailing. We have a special need for a cruising instructor. This person must be a USCG licensed captain and willing to take the steps to get certified by US Sailing. Course involvement is specific and limited, so it is positively not a full-time commitment. If you have interest, or would like to learn more, please contact me.

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

*Richard Crisler, Chairman*

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## CGSC's Marc Hollerbach Wins Melges 20 Winter Series

**A**fter three regattas stretching back to December and 22 races, CGSC's Marc Hollerbach's *Fu* emerged as the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series champion, besting CGSC's Michael Kiss's *Bacio* and Cesar Gomes Neto's *Portobello*. Hollerbach put together a 2-5-6 record for the three events.

The final event was the Melges Rocks regatta sailed March 12-14. It was a terrific regatta, with great winds, excellent CGSC race management, and strong competition from the fleet of 39. That included six Melges 24's who started just prior to the 33-boat strong Melges 20's.

For Melges Rocks, a terrific performance was posted by veteran, world-class competitor John Kilroy, aboard *Samba Pa Ti*. Kilroy's race scores were 1-4-1-2-3-1-2-4, dropping a 4<sup>th</sup> place for 14 points in seven races – a second place average!! Second, 22 points back was *Portobello*. One point behind that was Liam Kilroy aboard *WildMan*. Liam is John's 11-year old son! The also both had podium finishes in the second event in February.

The Melges 24 event featured very close

competition. Frank Davenport's *Rippin* entered the final day three points behind Steven Bono's *The 300*. However, *Rippin* posted a 1-2 in Races 7 and 8 to take the regatta by one point. It was a great comeback.

Racing conditions were absolutely superb for Melges Rocks. Over the three days, the winds were ESE – SE, mid-teens on Thursday, high teens on Friday, and low teens on the final day. Friday was one of the best days of racing for the Melges 20's on Biscayne Bay going back over the six years and 19 regatta history of Melges 20's at CGSC.

On shore, the usual post-race debrief presentation/social gathering with Chef Ritchie's great Appetizers was changed on Friday. There were no post-race activities that evening, allowing the teams to return to their lodging and clean-up after the day's racing. What followed was a debrief at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner on the lawn at 7:00 pm. It was a very well attended great success on a beautiful evening. After dinner,



the sailors made their way to the Melges Rocks party at 8:30 pm in the Grove at Mr. Moe's.

CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job, led by new CGSC Race Manager Blake Middleton in his first role as Principal Race Officer for a Melges regatta. He received a big round of applause at the trophy presentation on Saturday. Blake's knowledge of the sport, race management style and delegation of responsibility are exemplary. Joining Blake aboard Jim Green's *Bali Ha'i* Signal Boat were Deputy Race Officer Nancy Rogachenko, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Veronic Aghayan and Denise Schneider, Recorders Emy Martinez and Suzanne Roberts, and Scorer Jo Ann Mathieu. Scores were posted on line from the race course and posted on the Notice Board each day by the time the fleet returned to the dock. Great job, Jo Ann!!

Up to windward was Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt's *Contender* with Navigator Sicotte Hamilton and crews Rick Klein and Richard Pober. The Gate Boat was Skipped by Julie Hanrahan,

with Race Officer George Bradley and high-energy crew Andi Hoffman. The Pin Boat was David Kurtz's (PC) Robalo with Race Officer Ron Rostorfer (PC) and Recorder Connie Bradley.

Very special thanks to Shore-side Regatta Committee Chair Sandrine Quenee for another great job handling Registration, Protest Desk, etc. She was ably assisted by Jim Waldron and Marlene Erven. More thanks to Chief Judge Mike Dawson and his Protest Committee of Shelley Vaughan and Jere Woltz. They heard three protests following the final day of racing – unusual for this fleet, but stuff happens!

Ron Rostorfer



Melges 20 Miami Winter Series 2015 victors: CGSC's Marc Hollerbach, center, with Bowman Ben Allen, left, and Tactician Jonathan McKee.



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**(Rescheduled from Oct 2014)**  
**&**  
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**April 4, 2015**

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**Flying Scot Racing**

**T**he last 1D Race #6, was held on Saturday, 2/21/15, was another windy one! A lot of boats didn't make it out including Margaritaville. There are no BBYRA 1D races in March. Too many out of towners like to race here in their winter! The next race Saturday 4/11/15, the BBYC Annual Sunburn Regatta, 1D Race #7. See you on the bay and sail FAST!

Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet 90 Captain



The following is the order of finish for 1D #6:

| Boat        | Captain        | Place |
|-------------|----------------|-------|
| USA 5556    | Jim Signor     | 1 st  |
| Air America | Bud Price      | 2 nd  |
| Reset       | Jose Torres    | 3 rd  |
| Beija Flor  | Ryan Alexander | 4 th  |
| Being There | Messer & Renom | 5 th  |