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## TOUGH COMPETITION - MELGES 20 EVENT No. 1!

It was “tooth and nail” as 31 International Audi Melges 20 teams contested their first Miami Winter Series event for 2014-15 on December 12-14. They hailed from across the USA, Canada, Italy and Brazil. This was the start of Season No. 6 of CGSC’s Miami Winter Series for the Melges 20’s. The event proved to be extremely competitive in what were frequently difficult conditions.

CGSC’s Race and Shore-side Regatta Committees were coming off a truly outstanding International Melges 32 World Championship the weekend before. It was the only major CGSC regatta this fall with really good wind conditions. Sure enough, light air returned for the Melges 20’s.

The Racing. Friday’s racing was particularly difficult - a light NW breeze, complete with the

usual very wide oscillations. There could be 20 degrees difference at any one time between the top and bottom of the course. After two races under these conditions, our RC consulted the Class leadership, confirmed that their brains were fried, and ended racing for the day.



Saturday dawned with good promise of a stable NNE moderate breeze, but it didn’t materialize initially. So, a third straight shifty light air race was sailed. That breeze faded out, but then the moderate northerly came in.

Two more races were completed in excellent sailing conditions. CGSC’s Marc Hollerbach won the day with a 4-2-4 posting and moved into second place behind the Italian team “Mascalzone Latino” (Latin Rascals!).

Results. Light air returned on the final day and a

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

As many know, CGSC is in the final stages of permitting and planning to replace our existing moorings with 175 new screw-down moorings. At the time of this writing our engineering has been completed and our permitting is in the last stages of finalization. Here are a few relevant facts about this project.



- Upon completion of this project we will have expanded our mooring field to our newest boundaries which were negotiated with the City two years ago and are a part of our lease with the City of Miami. It will extend out further towards channel, closer to the docks and further to the south. It will encompass 20.2 acres of seafloor.

- New moorings are engineered to be rated up to a wind speed of 74 MPH. The new layout will be much more organized with straight lines and passages.

- The anchor system will consist of a 1-3/4" x 10' Helmken embedment anchor which will incorporate either rock cutting or sand/mud blades.

- The downline system will utilize a standard StormSoft elastic mooring system with high tensile strength and effectiveness in absorbing surge and tropical storm conditions and designed to safely accommodate vessels up to 48' where mooring circles permit.

- Buoys will be 24" white spheres with blue stripe and numbering system. Pennants shall be 18,000 lb 1" polyester line with nylon sea dog thimbles spliced in at the user end. Users will provide a minimal bridle to the pennant.

- Part of the project will be to remove the existing mooring anchors and debris. Engineers estimate 20 construction containers will be removed. Old moorings are primarily concrete chunks, train wheels and motor blocks, which are some of the reasons our lease requires this modification.

- All CGSC vessels must be relocated during some point in construction. While we will not know for certain how many at a time until our bids are finalized, it will be at least 25% or more in each phase. CGSC anticipates providing alternate moorings with launch service and security at no expense to owners and we will rotate vessels in and out of this area as needed. Owners may make their own arrangements at their own expense if they prefer.

- New moorings will be reassigned by the mooring chair and our harbor master at their discretion.

- The whole project is anticipated to start July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and last for approximately one month. It will include one or two barges with cranes and divers as well as turbidity barricades.

- The new mooring count by max LOA will be as follows with current existing tenants included in parenthesis.

- o 20' or less = 8 (9)
- o 21'-26' = 35 (35)
- o 27'-29' = 40 (35)
- o 30'-34' = 51 (42)
- o 35'-39' = 30 (22)
- o 40'-46' = 8 (8)
- o 47'-48' = 3 (1)

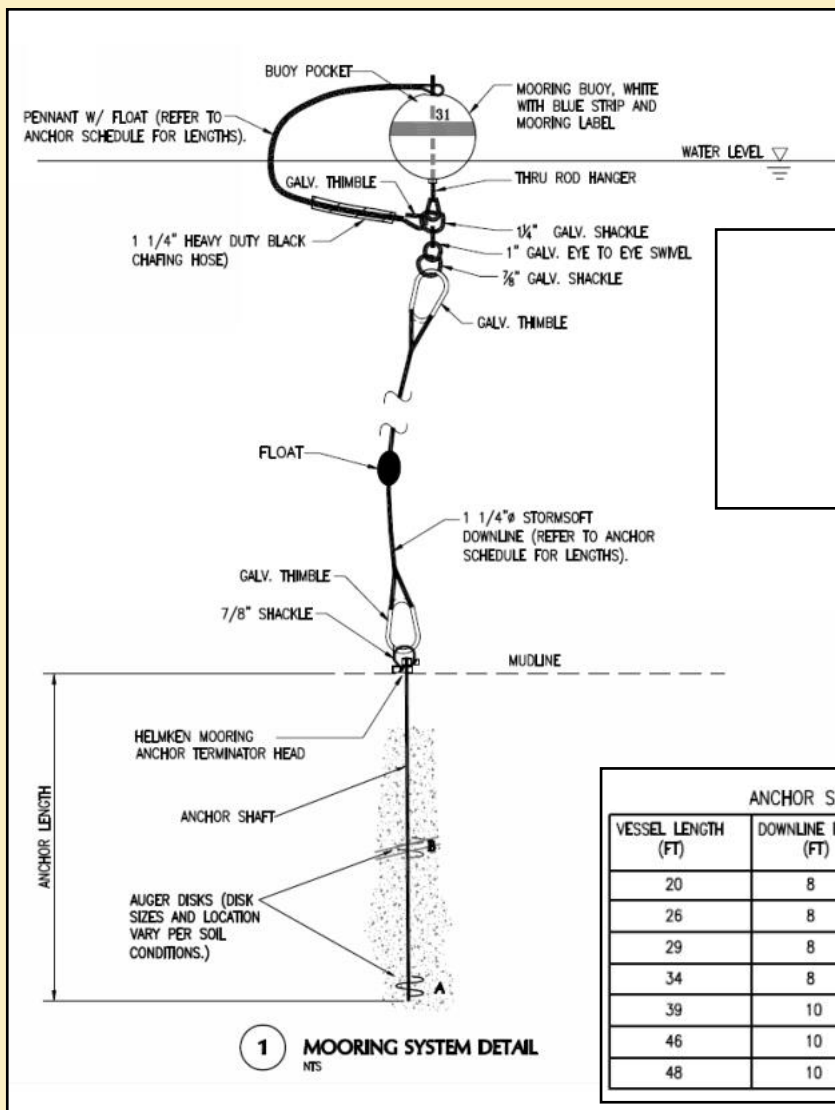
- Other factors will be in play in mooring assignments such as beam and draft. In general our depth is 7' and closer to 8.5' on the dinner key side at MLW.

- Although our fairway has been preserved to some extent, there will be much clearer passage through the mooring field lanes with lined up anchors and equal length pennants. There will also be clear boundaries and passage lanes which will be marked by permanent marker buoys with flashers.

- All design and construction will conform to stringent environmental protection standards and requirements.

- Engineering drawings are available to view in the dock masters office.

On a similar topic, as per the bylaws, there is a waiting list for both the strip and



ANCHOR SCHEDULE		
VESSEL LENGTH (FT)	DOWNLINE LENGTH (FT)	PENNANT LENGTH (FT)
20	8	9
26	8	9
29	8	9
34	8	9
39	10	14
46	10	14
48	10	14

the mooring field. At the moment we have 40 vessels on our list, most of which are 35'-39'. Members do not receive any priority on this list due to state requirements that our mooring field be kept public. In general when a space opens up, the dock master looks at the radius and depth of the mooring, the draft and beam of the vessel and places the next boat on the waiting list that will fit into that mooring circle.

The new mooring field will take some pressure off of this list. We will be going from 152 moorings to 175 so it will not clear the existing list. As noted, the new available moorings will be assigned in the same way as the existing ones including existing ones by club vessels such as the Ensign and Beneteau fleets.

Next month we will update you on our new strip policy.

Kind thanks as always for your patience when we do projects. We are all in this together and the end result is a much better CGSC for all members.

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Sweet Lime – C&C 30MK-2

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I was reading some old issues of the Channel (they're online on the Club's website) and came across PC Hanks' article from February 2011 when he was the Vice-Commodore. The article involved our decision to join the club (due to his heavy lobbying for us to join the club) and to move the boat to the mooring field. The short of the story is that as we were making the inaugural run down Brennan Channel to the main dock, the engine quit. Lucky for me, with Doug's help, we got the boat to the dock and then with other members and staff helping, we did our best inspection and repair attempt of the engine (to no avail); pulled the outboard and got it on an outboard stand; had a mechanic lined up for that night and had the boat towed to her new mooring. And that was my first 30 minutes as a member of the CGSC. And that is what makes our Club so great. It's the comradery, the friendships, and the advice and assistance – no matter if you're a brand new member or an old salt. It made me realize that joining the Club was the absolute right decision.

So, come to the Club. Enjoy all she has to offer – friends; friends you're about to make; share or gain some knowledge;

eat, drink and enjoy the breezes and one of the best views in town. If you were at the Club for the New Year's Party, you did just that and spent the evening with 180 friends. It was a great party and thank you to the Entertainment Committee and all involved for putting together such a fun night.

If you're looking to get involved or meet new friends, we have 2 big events coming up this month. The Boat Show and the Arts Festival are both the weekend of February 12 – 16. We need volunteers to support the Club's booth at the Boat Show and same for the tent and table at the Arts Fest. Please see Lauren Simpson if you can assist. See you at the Club or on the water.

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



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6<sup>th</sup> race was completed. That allowed teams to drop their worst score for the regatta. Jason Michas on “Midnight Blue” had avoided the lime-light with a 15-4-13-1-6 series going into the day. But another race win brought him to a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> with Marc Hollerbach, which Jason won on the tie-breaker due to his two firsts. A fifth place average for race results was enough to tie for the lead in double-tough conditions – the fleet and the wind. “Mascazone” posted a 7<sup>th</sup> in Race 6, coming in one point back and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> for the regatta. All in all, it was a happy group that gathered for trophies that afternoon.



Race Committee. CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job on the water. Many thanks to Jim Green and his “Bali Ha’i” for serving as Signal Boat. On board were Emy Martinez, Ev Hoffman, Bob Welbon, Nancy Rogachenko, Veronic Aghayan, Saralee Lamb and Jo Ann Mathieu. To windward with RC Chair Susan Walcutt at the wheel were David Byck, Scott Giering and Marylinda Ramos. The Pin Boat was Skippered by Don Poole with Ron Rostorfer PC, Denise Schneider and Esther DiLeo. The Gate Boat was Skippered by Julie Hanrahan with George & Connie Bradley, Ryan Alexander and Andi Hoffman.



Photos compliments of Joy Dunigan

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

It's 2015, and last time I looked the bay was as beautiful as ever. On Sunday we did a shakedown run for the Key West race (which be over by the time you read this, hopefully we'll have done well), with a solid southerly breeze and mild conditions. Towards the end we managed a raft-up with friends - cold ones were served. If that is not enough motivation to get out do do a lot more sailing on the bay, I don't know what is. Go sailing with your CGSC burgee flying!

I mentioned the Flip-Flop-Fete in my last article, and now I'm getting serious. The fete is on 14th March, with proceeds going to support the Youth Program. We have booked the "18 Wheelers" as the band, Commodore van Puffelen is going to get magical lighting effects, Lauren will coordinate with the kitchen for top-notch food, and now ... we need items for the silent auction. If you have anything that will sell, we'll take it. If you are a business owner, consider donating some product; if you are a service provider, donate some of your service time; if you can take people for a ride on your boat, we'll sell it; if you can cook, make us some cookies! Please email me if you can help, or have any questions.

Back on the sailing front, you will all have noticed the frenetic activity on our lawn, at the docks, and around the clubhouse. We're in the winter season, when Miami and the bay host hundreds of national and international sailors. Some of them are right at the top of their classes, and it's worth saying "hello" to learn about their skills, equipment, and Olympic dreams. Don't be shy. And not so close by the Volvo Ocean Race continues, now with six boats sailing from Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates to Sanya in China. Don't miss

Chris Branning's talk about this race at an upcoming general meeting.

Right, time to go clean the bottom of Moon Glow, so I'll see you behind me when we're out on the bay :-)

Geoff Sutcliffe  
Moon Glow - Bristol 30'



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### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta  
Jan 31-Feb 1

Audi Melges 20 Winter Series #2  
February 6-8, 2015

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG  
FOR BBYRA 2013-14 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

### Flying Scot Racing

The 1D Race #5 held on Saturday, 1/3/15, was a windy one! We had 15 to 20 knots of wind and Being There, with Lorie Messier, suffered a knockdown in the first race but all came out okay. Fleet 90 had 7 boats racing and would have had 8 but Margaritaville broke the boom attachment on the mast and had to withdraw before the first race. Parts are on order for the next race Saturday 2/21/15, the MYC Annual Regatta, 1D Race #6.

The following is the order of finish:

Boat	Captain	#1	#2	#3	Total	Place
Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein	1	1	1	3	1st Place
Funky Diva	Jim Bigham	2	3	2	7	2 nd Place
USA 5556	Jim Signor	3	2	3	8	3 rd Place
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	5	4	4	13	4 th Place
Pearl	Greg McPhee	4	5	6	15	5 th Place
Being There	Messer & Renom	DNF	6	5	19	6 th Place
USA 1111	Reinhold& Etkin	6	7	7	20	7 th place

See you on the bay and sail FAST!  
Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet 90 Captain



## CGSC OPEN OB REGATTA - MAKING THE MOST OF IT!

There hasn't been much wind for the last few CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regattas, and 2014 was no exception. Several years ago, racing was delayed a bit due to the Signal Boat dragging anchor in the hard breeze, but not lately. That said, CGSC did everything it could, on the water and off, to make this year's 52<sup>nd</sup> Open OB event very successful.

The Fleet. A good fleet of 64 boats hailing from Nova Scotia to Argentina and west to California signed up to compete. That included 26 International 420's, 23 adult Lasers, of which 15 were Masters, and 15 29ers. The I-420 is a trainer for the Olympic Men/Mixed and Women's 470 Class, while the 29er "skiff" is a trainer for the Men's Olympic 49er and Women's Olympic 49er FX Classes. So, serious young sailors mixing with a talented, but older Laser group. That talent included World Champions James Liebl, Augie Diaz and Ernesto Rodriquez – all from CGSC.

The Racing. The regatta is four days of racing, always December 27-30. With three fleets racing, a Trapezoid Course was again used to keep them better separated. Nine inflatable marks must be set in addition to three boats being anchored as marks. This year's first day was Saturday. The forecast was for a modest breeze to build after a calm mid-morning, and that started to happen. The fleet departed only to find that the promising (and promised!) breeze fell apart. Not even a Warning Signal was made to commence racing, and the fleet was eventually sent home. Sunday saw a light breeze in which three races were sailed by the Lasers and two by the I-420's and 29ers. However, after that the breeze disappeared again.

So, with two of the four days gone, 10-12 races scheduled, and a very light final day forecast for Tuesday, the regatta was way behind and in need of a very good third day of scheduled racing. Lo and behold, it arrived. The forecast was for an 8-10 knot southerly breeze early, but slowly dying off in the afternoon. The Race Committee moved up the start times by an hour to take advantage. Three races are required to be an actual regatta, and if six races are sailed, the competitors can drop their worst score.

So, it was hoped that six races would be completed for all classes by day's end. Fortunately, the breeze eased off slowly. Five races were sailed by the I-420's and 29ers, four by the Lasers. This brought all classes to seven races completed. The sun was low in the west by the time the tired racers returned to the CGSC docks. Sure enough, Tuesday developed as forecast. No wind. The fleet was held ashore, and never departed. Racing was abandoned, and the regatta was over.

Results. Young Avery Fanning of the US Coast Guard Academy put together an excellent series averaging slightly better than a 2<sup>nd</sup> place average to win the Laser Class by five points over Ernesto Rodriquez. Fred Strammer from the FL west coast was a single point back in 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the Laser Masters, Ernesto was the winner. Long-time Open OB competitor Roman Plutenko from Karkov, Ukraine via Chicago was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sarasota's Philip Karcher was a point back in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the I-420's, Wiley Rogers and Jack Parkin swept the series for an eight point win over William Logue and Bram

Brakman. Both teams are from Long Island Sound. In third was the St. Pete YC team of Josh and Kyle Dochoda. In the 29er Class, the Long Beach, CA team of Jacob Rosenberg and Evan Heffernan posted another clear victory – a seven point margin over Nic Muller and Ian MacDiarmid from Miami YC. Sean Brennan and Pere Puig from CRYC were a distant 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Shore-side. Sandrine Quenee did another outstanding job as Shore-side Regatta Committee Chair – handling Registration, scratch sheets, posting results, and acting as Protest Committee Secretary. She was assisted by Toni Meltzer, Joerg Reinhold, Mansie Iyer, Carol Cottrell, Charity Johnson, Bill Braddon, Harry Pasquier and Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

CGSC's downstairs staff, led by Sailing Director Nick Mansbach and Dockmaster Duane Smallwood, did a great job getting the launching facilities ready and keeping the fleets organized ashore. Chef Richie's kitchen staff did a great job with the two meals that were included in the entry package – a BBQ on Saturday and the Floribbean Dinner on Monday night. The food was excellent! Thanks also to the front office ladies, Adriana Gonzales and GM Lauren Simpson.

Race Committee. A big "thank you" once again to Carl and Mercedes Updyke for volunteering their 34 ft. catamaran as Signal Boat. Tim Rumptz, former USSailing Area Race Officer for the southeast US was our Principal Race Officer. Signal Boat crews included Jo Ann Mathieu, who did the scoring, Veronic Aghayan, Marlene Erven, Ron Rostorfer PC, Marylinda Ramos, Suzanne Roberts and Bernie Meier. Up to windward were Susan Walcutt, Denise Schneider, Mario Careaga, Jim Waldron, Larry Whipple, Dottie Rostorfer and Brant Hadaway. The Pin Boat crew included Debbie Ryder, Tom David, Roy Halvorsen, Patrick McLister and Nancy Rogachenko. The Outer Gate/Finish Boat team included Bill Scheuermann, Karen Rumptz, Barbara Safiullin, Bonnie Padgett and George Bradley and grandsons.



*(Left) "Final gybe to the finish at the end of a long day – CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta 2014."*

Photo by Bernie Meier



# ADULT SAILING REPORT

For your Adult Sailing activities, the Holiday period from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day was a busy one, although the weather was often uncooperative (just ask some of those regatta participants). Low (or no) winds caused lots of rescheduling, but all classes and coaching were completed. At least three families from the North joined us for private family keelboat classes, including a certification or two, and other private classes and coaching sessions were the result of sailors having some extra Holiday time off or vacations. In one case we had a woman taking the Basic Keelboat course while her husband was taking Bud's Flying Scot course, and they practiced their navigation rules as the boats sailed closely. Sunfish activities were steady, but also experienced low wind issues more than usual. Thanks to Tristan for his help with Phil's Sunfish sessions. We began 2015 with the first two keelboat classes completely full. Bruce Penrod continued his outstanding Cruising and Bareboat classes in January, and Member-Use activities for the Sunfish, and especially the Ensigns, has seen continued use and growth as more and more members become certified for keelboat and endorsed for the Sunfish. Thanks to continued growth with the cruising boat classes, member-use interest of the bigger cruising boats is on the rise. One regrettable incident in January resulted in damage to

one of the member-use keelboats, PAT. At this time, those repairs are being made. The incident was the result of the boat going out in winds above the established ceiling. Checks to prevent this failed, and we all learned from it. Boats can usually be repaired, but the loss of use of the boat for other members reminds us of why we have restrictions on conditions when the boats can be used, which also involves respect for other members as well as our vessels and equipment.

Finally, we are pleased to have been selected to conduct a corporate team-building event, including a regatta for the participants, in February. This is not our first time, but these events are always of note and are very much in line with our club's mission, as most of the participants will be introduced to sailing for the first time. Aside from sailing, this event will include other club facilities as well. Our 2015 is off to a Great start! We hope yours is, too.

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

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