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## Rios/Guaragna Win 49<sup>th</sup> Snipe Don Q

By Nikki Bruno

**S**nipe sailors representing eleven countries converged upon Biscayne Bay for the 2015 Don Q Rum regatta, hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thirty-eight teams comprised of champions, veterans, and novices completed five races over three days of classic Miami sunshine, warm water, and cool breezes.

On Friday the sea breeze didn't start to fill in until noon, so there was plenty of time for more bagels and coffee. Winds varied between 7-10 knots, mostly from the southeast. Finishing first in the first race was Luis Soubie and Diego Lipszyc of Argentina, followed by Raul Rios of Puerto Rico and local Andre Guaragna, and third

saw locals Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke. Raul and Andre took over first place the next race, with Augie and Kathleen still right behind. Louis and Diego slipped back to eighth while locals Peter Commette and Jensen McTighe picked up the third.



Saturday began much the same way, and the sea breeze picked up to 7 knots around 1pm, quickly building up to a steady 11 for the rest of the afternoon while it clocked right from the southeast. Locals Nick Voss and Nicole Popp finished first in race three, while Augie and Kathleen mixed it up, finishing in second just ahead of Raul and Andre who took

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**COMMODORE'S REPORT**



**B**y the time you read this article we will have completed our member's forum on the mooring field project and the special member's meeting with what I anticipate is a vote to proceed. In an effort to get as much information out to the members as possible I will answer some of the more common questions members are asking in my article this month. What are the projected dates of construction commencement? At the time of this writing mobilization of the construction equipment will commence on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. Work is scheduled to take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> beginning with removal of existing moorings and debris on the north side of the mooring field.

- What is the projected length of the project?

The actual work of cleaning the bottom and installing the mooring screws is anticipated to take 37 days. The contractor can average between 3-8 moorings per day. Load testing will be done simultaneously.

- How many boats will be moved at a time?

We are projecting that 50 boats will need to be moved to the outer city mooring field. We will begin with clearing a group of existing moorings and as the project progresses we will be rotating boats in, out and around to accommodate the needs of the contractor on a daily basis.

- Logistics of moving around the boats.

We anticipate that some will prefer to be out of the way from the construction on the outer moorings. If you are one of these people please let the dock master Duane Smallwood know by email to: moorings@cgsc.org. Others will be rotated around the inner mooring field as needed. If the owner is not on hand to move his boat, the dock staff will be hip towing vessels between moorings. We anticipate moving a row at a time as new rows are completed.

- What impact will the project have on the CGSC upland grounds?

There will be a construction dumpster on site throughout the early phases of the project. It is likely that the strip will be shuffled around slightly to accommodate this in the center near the seawall. We will make every effort to not interfere with chain hoist space or other sailing activities and camp. There may be other staging taking place on land however most is going to be done on a construction barge.

- Changes to current mooring assignments.

Please be advised that we are doing our best to keep boats in the same general area where they are currently situated. Some boats will necessarily be moved to a location more appropriate to their size and draft.

- Overlap

There have been many concerns and a some hearsay about overlap in the new layout. It is a given that there will be some overlap possibilities during "no-wind" situations. However it will not be any worse than what we now have. Down line scopes will be reduced and circles will have shorter circumferences. With any amount of wind there will be no overlap whatsoever. In a worst case scenario of low tide there will remain over 15' between the stern of a boat (max for mooring circle size) and the midpoint of the next moorings down line. There will be clear lines of passage throughout as the moorings will now all be in alignment.

- Wind speed and load tolerance.

One of the advantages of our new mooring is that we will now be engineered and certified for wind speeds up to 72 MPH. Tropical storm evacuation will

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not be required, however the hurricane policy remains in effect to evacuate in case of a CAT 1 storm. The downline rigs are rated for up to 18,000 lbs minimum breaking strength and include 5' of rubber shock absorption.

- South Dock replacement.

It is entirely possible that we will have a deal worked out to replace the standing portion of the South Dock within the same project mobilization. At this point we are shooting for prior to July 6<sup>th</sup>. I will keep the membership up to date as things develop. The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will go on with no interference. Please note

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A** very important piece of Club communication is the bulletin boards located in various places throughout the Club grounds. I want to thank member Mel Meinhardt for completely re-doing the large bulletin board outside the dock office. It was recently finished and is available for postings, with approval from the main office. I know some members were worried that it was not going to be replaced so thanks, Mel, for seeing it through.

The Commodore's article does a great job of spelling out where we are at, as of this writing, with the mooring field project. In my mind, I feel like we have a good grasp of the details and what is needed, as if we were about to start the work within the next few weeks. However, as of this writing, we are almost 12 weeks from the start of the work. So, luckily we still have more than ample time to finalize the details. I hope you were able to join us for the mooring field forum and with the anticipated approval for the expenditure of the funds (most of which we've been setting aside for years as part of the budget already), the details and minutiae will continue to

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

Here comes summer! Time to get out sailing after work during the week, sail away for overnight stays at the weekends, and enjoy Biscayne Bay to the fullest. I did some rough analysis of the members at the club ... there are about 1200 members, of which about 150 have boats on the mooring field, and about 50 with boats on the strip. That means about 1000 members are itching to do more sailing! The good news is that CGSC offers a wide variety of instructional programs, from Sunfish up to Beneteaus, and once you are certified you can use the CGSC boats in the member use program. Another option is to watch sailing as a volunteer on the Race Committee - it's fun in the sun, with free lunch and a couple of free cold ones at the end of the day. So, off your barstools, and enjoy the reason you joined CGSC, where sailors belong.

Last month we had the biggest Flip-Flop-Fete ever, with about 120 people enjoying food, dancing, raffles, and the silent auction. The fete raised \$5625 for the Youth Program, which will benefit the program in terms of boats, sails, rigging,

that the ramp and North dock will be used during times of inaccessibility. This includes summer campers. As always I thank you for your interest and patience with this project. Progress does not always come easily but the positive impact for the club will last for many years to come.

*Paul van Puffelen, Commodore*

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Sweet Lime - C&C 30MK-2



be worked out. If you have any questions about your boat and how we are planning to handle the moving and shuffling process, please do not hesitate one bit to contact me.

I am looking forward to a fun and relaxing Rendezvous weekend this coming weekend and I am sure there will be plenty of stories and pictures to be shared once we all return.

I hope you've been coming to the Club to enjoy all she has to offer - whether it's sailing lessons for young or old; tasty food and good libations; a relaxing evening of socializing with friends; racing on Wednesday nights or weekends or kayaking around the mangroves - we are a lucky group to have so many opportunities.

See you at the Club!

*Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore*

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Golden Greek, Catalina 27



scholarships for those in need, and high quality coaching. Thank you all who donated to the auction, bought tickets in the raffle, made generous cash donations, and enjoyed the evening.

April has been a month of hectic activity, with the (rescheduled) CGSC Annual Regatta on the 4th, more BBYRA racing on the 11th and 12th, the Annual Rendezvous 17th-19th, the Key Largo race on 25th and 26th, then yet more BBYRA racing on 2nd May! The Goombay Regatta is coming up on 23rd-24th May too. I hope you enjoy being involved with these events, and if you'd like to get more involved just send me an email - I'll help you find a way to enjoy more sailing with everyone.

See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe*

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Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

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third. Determined to keep their lead, the fourth race was led much of the way by Raul and Andre who put a sizable gap between their boat and second place, locals Ernesto Rodriguez and Eduardo Mintzias, who were followed closely by Augie and Kathleen in third.

After racing the second day, sailors were greeted at the dock with Don Q daiquiris that, after a brief supply shortage scare, continued to flow freely throughout the delicious Cuban dinner buffet at the club.



The breeze kicked in Sunday morning around 10:30, which worked out perfectly with the usual earlier start

time. One race was completed in a steady 9 knot breeze that shifted left from the southwest. Raul and Augie, who had been duking it out the first four races, slipped back to ninth and tenth respectively this race, while Louis and Diego reclaimed the first spot. Closely behind were north-easterners Andrew Pimental and Nikki Bruno. Nick and Nicole came back as well for a final finish in third.

Awards were given to the top ten placing teams, representing Puerto Rico, USA, Argentina, Brazil and Ecuador. Raul and Andre took the overall win and perpetual trophy with a total of 16 points. Augie and Kathleen won second overall with 20 points and in third were

Louis and Diego with 30 points.

The Snipe class would like to thank our hosts, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the race committee who kept us in line, and all those who helped feed us and run the show. Thanks to Cathy & Marc Buller for providing their Otra Cuba Libre as Signal Boat. Signal Boat crew included PRO Ron Rostorfer (PC), Snipe Class Representative Brainard Cooper, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag and Sound Signalers Veronic Aghayan, Steve Schwartz and Paco Calvet, and recorders Connie Bradley, Suzanne Roberts and Saralee Lamb.

The weather mark team was Race Officer and RC Chair Susan Walcutt, Skipper Gary Ellis, with crew Ryan Alexander and Philippe Dusser. Handling the Gate were Race Officer George Bradley, Skippers Julie Hanrahan and Ev Hoffman, with Andi Hoffman and Jim Waldron crewing. The Pin Boat Race Officer was Race Manager Blake Middleton, with Skippers Dennis Jansma and Rick Klein, and crews Freddie Sambolin and Deb Jansma.



Special thanks to Protest Committee Jere Woltz, Joan Lawrence and Jaime Ramon.



The Sailors

## Adult Sailing Report

Your club's Adult Instructional program is really on a roll and enjoying some of the best attendance and resultant certification applications as well as continued interest and action in becoming members. March was a banner month, continuing with April, with our active Sunfish Learn-to-Sail attendance for classes and clinics, and three completely full BASIC KEELBOAT classes and an additional number of weekend and weekday coaching and testing sessions. We are seeing more and more students coming to our club from out of town to take our classes. In the last three keelboat classes, we had students come from New Jersey, Illinois and Tennessee. Most found us on our CGSC website, and all "shopped around" before choosing CGSC for their introduction to sailing. In our last Basic Keelboat class, we had two gentlemen who flew their private plane from Knoxville, TN, for the sole purpose of taking our class and attempting the US Sailing certification test the following Monday before returning happily with their certifications in hand. Now they intend to bring their new small keelboat down to sail out of our club for additional instruction on the Bay. These students provide very pleasing results for your instructors and offer great exposure of our club outside of South Florida.

Our Ensign fleet is getting even more action in the Member-Use program as a result of the newly certified members. Our cruising Beneteaus are certainly seeing more action as a result of Bruce Penrod's recent US Sailing Cruising and Bareboat classes and certifications providing more certified members now qualified for use of our two popular cruising boats through the Member-Use program.

Our continued growth has created a need for more adult program instructors. If interested, please contact us at the information below. With a minimum commitment from you, we may assist with your certification training costs. These are strictly part-time positions requiring a dedication to our mission and also providing income for your efforts and tremendous personal satisfaction when you see the results and smiles as you introduce new sailors to our wonderful sport and art and also to the great sailing community of South Florida and Biscayne Bay.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

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## Annual Regatta

**A**pril 4 was a spectacular day on Biscayne Bay with about 6-8 kts easterly breeze. After a short postponement for the breeze to fill in, we were able to get in two races for the PHRF Racing class and one race for the Cruisers and Non-Spin classes that by the end of the day had them all ready to head in for home.

The first race was a long 1.8 mile C course for the PHRF Racing Class, and an E course (triangle) for the Cruising and Non-Spin class. We were able to pull off another 1.3 mile A course for the PHRF Racing class which had them finishing along with some of the slower cruisers, with a report that came back that they would not miss a Race 2. A good day on the water for everyone with complements of a nice square angles and good racing.

I would like to thank my crew for the an excellent job on the water: Captain Cathy Buller and their boat, Ocho Cuba Libra was our Sigal Boat, Deputy PRO/Timer - Dorian Sambolin, Recorder - Marlene Erven, Flags - Cathy Buller and Carol Temple, Mark Boat Key Largo with Driver - Ev Hoffman, with crew of Jim Waldron and James Leibl, and the Pin Boat Clearwater, with Driver - Susan Walcutt with crew Terry Boram and Philippe Dusser. And a special thank you to Cindy Saunders who did the scoring.

The new Laramore/Moynahan Perpetual trophy was given out to Main Squeeze at the Awards party.

Thanks to everyone,  
Jo Ann Mathieu, PRO

## View from the Signal Boat



**T**he CGSC rescheduled Annual PHRF Regatta and BBYRA PHRF #2 was held on Saturday April 4th. In addition to the presentation of trophies to the top three boats in each of the three fleets, we unveiled a new Perpetual Trophy. The Larimore/Moynahan Trophy will be presented each year to the top finisher in the PHRF (racing) Fleet in our PHRF Annual Regatta. The first name on the Trophy will be Main Squeeze with co-owner Brian Kamilar accepting. The new Trophy is honoring long-time Miami residents, sailors and veterans, John H. Moynahan (93) and Taylor C. Larimore (91). Both men are avid sailors and long-time fixtures on the Miami racing scene. In addition to crewing on many of the leading racing boats of the last several decades, locally and throughout the world, both men have been generous in their support of Miami's youth sailing programs. The Club received a Proclamation from the Mayor and Commissioner Sarnoff presented the Club with a flag of the City in honor of the occasion.

Link to results: [http://www.bbyra.net/results/2015/PHRF2\\_040415.pdf](http://www.bbyra.net/results/2015/PHRF2_040415.pdf)

Susan Walcutt  
Race Committee Chair

### The Larimore/Moynahan Trophy



*Laramore Trophy winners Freddie Sambolin and Mark Kamilar with Taylor Laramore.*



## My Friends at Centro Nautico Bardolino

**W**hile on my recent ski trip to Italy I stopped by the Centro Nautico Bardolino, a sailing club on Lake Garda in northern Italy. There I told them I was a Past Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and I received a club pennant and cap. I presented the pennant to the club at the General Meeting, 3/26/15. I will be sending the CGSC burgee and hat to back to their club Italy.

Below is a picture of me receiving the Centro Nautico Bardolino burgee and cap for CGSC .

See <http://www.centronauticobardolino.it/>

Whip



## Flying Scot Racing

The last 1D Race #7, the BBYC's Annual Sunburn Regatta, was held on Saturday, 4/11/15, was a beautiful day with clear skies and 8 to 14 knots of wind! We also had 10 of the 13 registered Flying Scots out racing!

The next race Saturday 5/3/15, the KBYC Annual Regatta, 1D Race #8.

The following is the order of finish for 1D #7:

Flying Scot Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Owner
1	5220	Air America	Charles (Bud) Price
2	5675	USA 5675	Jose Hernandez
3	5321	MAD DOG Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein
4	5399	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple
5	1111	CGSC	Joerg Reinhold/ Richard Etkin
6	5788	Reset	Jose Torress
7	5123	Pearl	Greg McPhee
8	4595	Being There	Lorie Messier
9	5566	usa5566	Jim Signor
10	3592	Tempest	Stephen Anderson

See you on the bay and sail FAST!

Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet 90 Captain

## A Note from the Manager

**E**ach month our Commodores do a great job writing articles about upcoming club events, projects, and new policies. I would like to thank all of you active members whether it's volunteering, attending an event, or just enjoying the club and its amenities. You have been a part of our changes, expansions, and growing pains (our overall success). We at CGSC strive to do our best with keeping members happy and have a great staff that will try to accommodate each of your needs. With that being said, I have to ask for your help in regards to our difficult parking situation. We only have 51 parking spaces while membership has reached its record high at a whopping 1176 members. While parking has always been an issue due to the lack of space, I am finding myself patrolling the parking lot. Please understand that this is not ideal for me as I would like to be handling other issues. We have already towed six cars this year. This is a very unpleasant task that I must carry through due to the policy that has been set. I would really appreciate it if that unlucky number six would be my last towed car this year. Cars will be towed if parking sticker or pass is not current or visible. This rule also goes for cars that are double parked or parked in a tow away zone. I have had members blocked on numerous occasions and it would be very unfortunate if a member had to leave for an emergency but could not because a car was illegally parked. Please be courteous to your fellow members.

Your suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated; feel free to email me your thoughts at [manager@cgsc.org](mailto:manager@cgsc.org)

Yours truly,  
Lauren Simpson  
General Manager

### NOTICE Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Goombay Regatta**  
**May 23-24, 2015**

**BBYRA One Design #9**  
**June 6, 2015**

**BBYRA PHRF #9**  
**June 7, 2015**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS OR  
AT [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)  
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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACING at 5:00 PM

**A** fun and easy way to race! If you haven't done it before it works like this:

The focus is on introducing people to the boat and teaching people how to drive and or crew. We fly spinnakers and do everything you would do in a BBYRA race. It is all just very compacted.

We meet at the dock at 5:00 and try to be on the water by 5:30. Based on who shows up we divide up in teams and go out to the end of the channel and race until it gets dark. At this time of year that will be 7:30. The races are very short. There are no trophies or scores officially kept. Most of the owners of the Scots do not drive their own boats. They give them over to people who want to try it.

Everyone is welcome. Any type of boat is welcome to join. It is totally free. If you have any questions feel free to contact me . my email address is [bud5220@gmail.com](mailto:bud5220@gmail.com)

See you out there!

Bud Price

