



MARCH 2016

CGSC RACE COMMITTEE ON WATER 22 OF 43 DAYS

CCGSC's hard-working Race Committee was on the water for 22 out of 43 straight days between December 27th and February 7th. During that period, the Club hosted seven separate regattas in this very busy winter season in an Olympic year. Classes sailing included Lasers, International 420's, 29ers, Olympic 470's, the foiling Moths, the RS:X Olympic Windsurfers, Snipes and International Melges 20's. Quite a variety.

Special thanks to our Principal Race Officers for these events: US Sailing Certified Regional Race Officers George Bradley and Jaime Ramon, Club Race Officer Rick Klein and CGSC Race Manager Blake Middleton.

Special thanks also to our private boat owners who volunteered their boats for RC duty, as well. These included Carl Updyke, Alex Moore, Ev Hoffman, Susan Walcutt, Pat Nolan, Jim Green

and Dave Frazier.

Signal Boat crews included Dottie Rostorfer, Veronic Aghayan, Connie Bradley, Denise Schneider, Jo Ann Mathieu, Saralee Lamb, Mitzi Johnston, Kathy Gunst, Melinda Smith, Nancy Rogachenko and Meg Heale.

Up to windward on the Mark Boat were Sicotte Hamilton, Joel Kreiger, Dick Pober, Gavin Heale, Vicki Mathews, Doug Hyer, Javier Sanjuanbenito, Philippe Dusser, Chuck Edelstein, Bonnie Padgett and Ryan Alexander, RC.

Gate Boat crews included Mike Ledwell, Suzie Harbour, Debbie Ryder, Carol Cottrell, Olivier de Lavalette and Walt Rogachenko.

On the Pin Boat were Ron Rostorfer, PC, Cathy Buller, Andi Hoffman and Julie Hanrahan.

Apologies to anyone inadvertently omitted.
A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ALL!

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's almost time to be a wearin' o' the green! I am sure the bar and the kitchen will have some green beer and corned beef and cabbage for us on St. Patrick's Day. Hope to see you that night! If you missed Cocktails with the Commodore in December, I hope you joined me this past month. It's a great time to be able to catch up and talk about what's working for you and what's not at the Club. I expect to have our Third Round in April so keep your eye on the weekly e-mail blasts.

While the Club continues to be real busy with members and youth sailors and regattas, please remember some of the courtesies we need to extend all around. If you don't have a current parking sticker (which is the blue one) please get one from the office. If Bobby doesn't let you park because you don't have a sticker, he is just doing his job. Please see Adriana or Jesse to get your current sticker. If the dock is crowded, please remember that you need to make room (such as bow in rather than beam to) and there is a time limitation so we can't be hanging out on the dock all day. Speaking of that, if you do need extra time at the dock, or to be there overnight, you need to

get permission from the Vice Commodore or the Moorings Chair. We've also had some issues with people hanging out downstairs into the wee hours of the morning and leaving garbage and broken bottles around. Please be careful with any glass downstairs (many people, including the children, are barefoot more often than not).



While it is frustrating when you can't get a parking spot (either in the lot or at the dock) or can't find an open picnic table or a seat at the bar, it is so great to see all of us using our Club. As I always say, it's your Club so come enjoy and get involved!

Hope to see you at the Club-

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
Commodore@cgsc.org
Shenanigans, Catalina 36

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sailing and the Arts
Our mission statement is briefly "butts on sailboats". We accomplish this in various ways. We have a presence on the internet with our website. We host sailing events with our club and race committee. Word of mouth helps keep our membership base intact. Once a year we have booths at both the Art show and the Boat show. This year I assisted with the Art show booth. On display were two optis. These little boats were something of a child magnet. The kids, with their parents in tow, approached our booth during the three days of the festival, from the opening bell to our closing late in the afternoon. We were able to collect more than thirty bits of contact information that may turn into members. The parents were interested in sailing as well. Many were products of opti programs in

their youth or had thought about returning or getting into sailing for some time. Events such as these are an important tool in acquiring members and I would like to thank all of the volunteers that manned the booths this weekend. In addition, I would like to thank "Koky", Alberto, and Antonio for their assistance with the booth. Their input and knowledge of our programs were valuable.



Thank you

Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore
rearcommodore@cgsc

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope that you have had a chance to take advantage of a number of activities and events that the club sponsored in the last month to get people involved in our community and out on the bay. You don't have to have a boat to get involved.

Effortless, our little ketch, remained on her mooring but that didn't stop me from spending some quality time with other members. First off, I had the privilege of volunteering for our hard working race committee during the World Cup Championship. Over 600 participants from 64 countries took part and CGSC was home to the sailboard class. Over 100 young men, women and coaches stored and sailed their boards off our docks. Our shore side race chair, Sandrine Quennee, did an outstanding job of communicating, directing and supporting the racers along with our race committee and dock staff. Julie Hanrahan, one of our Board of Directors and race committee volunteers, housed the gold medal girl's team from New Zealand in her home. The racers were polite to our members and grateful for our Race Committee volunteers out on the bay. Look for upcoming regattas and races that you can participate in.

I took a ride on the launch to participate in the monthly Clarington Island clean up event. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning on our own little island in the bay. Next up, along with clean up we will be transporting and assembling new picnic tables for the island, provided by the City of Miami. Look for upcoming dates in the weekly email blast.

I got to work with over 40 CGSC member volunteers at the Strictly Sail booth at this year's boat show working at the booth and offering seminars on cruising Biscayne Bay and hurricane preparations for your boat.

Many thanks to those of you that volunteered your time at the boat show and the art's festival. Our newly acquired 24' Angler was put into service transporting booth materials to the show and served on Race Committee for the C&C Ocean Challenge.

I also got to spend the day with fellow cruisers in Hurricane Harbor for the Mardi Gras Rendezvous. After an afternoon of jambalaya and king cake, We had a perfect sail back across the bay as the sun was setting in the west. Just as the lights of Miami came on, we were treated to a fireworks display on the beach.

Not as much fun but equally important, the Finance and Budget Committee volunteers have started the process of developing a five year plan for the club and the preliminary numbers for next year's budget. Truthfully, I'd rather be sailing. Can't wait for that Annual Rendezvous planning meeting!!!

Whatever your interests are, there is something that you can get involved with at the club.

See you at the club, or if I'm lucky, out on the bay!

Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore

SV Effortless

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

"Where sailors and friends belong"



NEW MEMBERS



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Audi Melges 20 & Melges 24

Miami Winter Series #3

Melges Rocks

March 4-6, 2016

50th Don Q Regatta

March 18-20, 2016

Race Committee Training

April & May

Dates TBD

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

470 & I-420 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Again this year, CGSC hosted and managed the Olympic 470 and International 420 North American Championships. The event was sailed Saturday through Monday, January 16-18 over MLK weekend. 33 470's and 36 I-420's contested the event – a strong turnout. As major as a continental championship is, this event is a prelude to the World Sailing (formerly ISAF) Sailing World Cup – Miami, the last week of January.

Conditions were quite varied for the NA's. Friday's planned three races were limited to only one completed race due to light winds. On Saturday, the winds were too high for racing. The fleets were held ashore and eventually racing was cancelled for the day. This left only one race completed with only one day to go.

Fortunately, moderate winds prevailed on Monday. CGSC's Principal Race Officer George Bradley was able to complete five races. This allowed the competitors to throw out their worst race, always a goal in race management.



At right, CGSC Secretary Cathy Buller, International Sailing Foundation Vice President Gary Jobson and Board Member Julie Hanra-



Photos courtesy of Richard Pober

MIAMI BOAT SHOW

CGSC Members volunteered to work at the Boat Show to highlight our club. Sailing opportunities and classes were shared, as well as, information regarding the moorings.



The 470 is sailed separately by Men's/Mixed and Women in the Olympics. However, for this event, they raced together. The I-420's are raced together by any combination of male and female teams. The I-420 is the youth trainer for the 470. So, having both classes racing is a great opportunity for the younger I-420 sailors to observe and commune with the actual and hopeful Olympians in the 470 fleet.

Winning the I-420 NA's were brothers Alex and Marcus Abate from Lakewood YC in Houston. The top all-female team was Kathryn Hall and Ashton Borcharding from Belle Haven YC on Long Island Sound.

U.S. 470 Skipper Stu McNay has represented our country in the last two Olympiads. He and crew Dave Hughes put together a good series to with the Men's/Mixed 470 North Americans. The top female team was Fernanda Oliveira and her crew from Brazil. However, the North American Championship goes to the top North American team. For the Women, that was Sydney Bolger and Carly Shevitz, also representing the US Sailing Team. They were 4th among the men and women, overall. The Chinese teams were strong, finishing 5th, 6th and 8th overall.

Special thanks to PRO George, and RC Members whose own boats were used on the Race Committee – Ev Hoffman, Susan Walcutt and Dave Frazier.



SAILING WORLD CUP - MIAMI MORE VARIED CONDITIONS!

The widely varied weather conditions experienced in early-mid January continued through the month, and actually, on into early February. (See Melges 20 Event No. 2 report elsewhere in this issue.) Experts say it's due to El Nino.

The Sailing World Cup – Miami is one of a series of six or so events conducted around the world by World Sailing (the new name for ISAF – French initials for the International Sailing Federation). It's a huge annual event on Biscayne Bay, but this Olympic year made it something special since it was an Olympic qualifying event for many countries. Over the ten Olympic Classes plus the Para-Olympics, there were over 700 competitors sailing from over 60 countries.

As has been the case for over ten years, CGSC served as shore-side hosts and race circle managers for the RS:X Men's and Women's Windsurfers. 87 "Boards" were entered between the Men and Women, and their Boards were accommodated in scaffold racks that were rented and erected by CGSC and paid for by US Sailing. That has really cleaned up the lawn and lower level of the Clubhouse in recent years vs. prior SWC events.

This was a Monday thru Friday event for CGSC's Race Committee. The event continued on Saturday for the Medal Race conducted on just two circles by other RC's. We got off to a bad start! Winds were very light on Monday and Tuesday. Three races were scheduled each day for each of the



Men's and Women's Boards, so a total of six races per day, or 12 over the two days. Of this total, only three races were completed – two for the Men and one for the Women. So, way below schedule after two days.

Wednesday provided better conditions and the maximum of three races per day were sailed. Thursday was, again, very problematic with stormy conditions, rain and high wind. After being held on shore initially, the fleets and RC went out to experience more driving rain and high winds. Two races were completed for the Men and three for the Women, bringing the total to parity at seven completed races for each fleet. Finally, on Friday, under more normal conditions, three more races were completed for each class, bringing the total races sailed to ten for each class. That left the Medal Race for the top ten Boards in each Class on Saturday run by others. All in all, another tough regatta with respect to wind and weather conditions.

The US is historically very weak in the Olympic windsurfers. This trend is continuing. For the Men, Netherland's double Olympic Gold Medalist Dorian Van Rijsselberge took the win by six points over veteran Brit Nick Dempsey. Chinese entry Aichen Wang was third. The top US entry was 24th out of the 51 entrants.

For the Women, British veteran Byrony Shaw won a substantial victory by 13 points over Netherlands Lilian De Deus. Chinese entrant Peina Chen was third. Veteran Farrah Hall from the US was our top finisher at 17th out of the 36 Women's Board entrants.



Photos
courtesy of
Richard
Pober

COMODORO RASCO 2016 (47TH ANNUAL) REGATTA REPORT

We sailed a total of 5 races, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Both days were beautiful Biscayne Bay light air with winds speeds reaching 8 knots at most. On Sunday we waited a few hours for the breeze to fill in and our patience paid off when it finally did in the early afternoon. I've sailed plenty of regattas in Biscayne Bay and I actually really enjoy these conditions. Spotty light air means I need to work harder mentally as a crew to keep the boat going fast. Multiple facets must be considered at once. When the breeze is on and off you have to shift gears and act in the same way the winds does. Looking ahead to anticipate pressure, hand on the vang/other line adjustments and maintaining your connection to the boat are all great ways to keep the boat moving fast in these conditions.

This past weekend, I had the privilege and opportunity to sail with Augie Diaz. I have sailed with many different skippers in the Snipe class, all whom have different knowledge and perspectives of what they want for their crew to do or how they sail the boat. I really appreciate all that I can learn from a skipper and Augie is one of the best teachers I have ever had. All above by Julia Melton

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee did a Super Job running the Races with PRO Rick Klein with the help of CGSC volunteers: Ev Hoffman, Andi Hoffman, Douglas Hyers, Susan Walcutt, Philippe Dusser, Denise Schneider, Cathy Buller, Blake Middleton, Jon Kandara and Sandrine Quenee.

Julia Melton final words: The Comodoro Rasco is one of my favorite Snipe Regattas. It is one of the gems of Winter Series because of the Regatta's long history and fun traditions that are included in the event: Carmen's amazing Lasagna Dinner, the video from the 50's of Comodoro Rasco, La Bomba song we sing over the awards. What I personally find is it is all about family., Old Man Diaz and Carmen are true representation of family and every year they open their home to competitors, race committee and all friends who are involved in this special event.



Above, Ernesto Rodriguez and Wilson Stout took second place.

RESULTS:

Pos	Sail	Skipper	Crew	Yacht Club
1	30288	Augie DIAZ	Julia MELTON	CGSC
2	31130	Ernesto RODRIGUEZ	Wilson STOUT	SC
3	29114	David HERNANDEZ	Christine DESILVA	CRYC
4	30337	Carol CRONIN	Kim KOURANZ	Severn Sailing Association
5	30904	Lee GRIFFITH	Nikki BRUNO	Surf City Yacht Club
6	28814	Nick VOSS	Nicole VOSS	CRYC
7	30282	Lara Dallman-Weis	Kathleen TOCKE	YC de Chicas
8	29782	Zack KELCHNER	Lauren STHANE	SSA
9	31313	Lisa PLINE	Lexi PLINE	Severn Sailing Association
10	29778	Jensen McTIGHE	Andre GUARAGNA	Andre Guaragna Yacht Club
11	29511	Taylor SCHEUERMANN	Geoffrey CALDERON	CRYC
12	8653	Hal GILREATH	Brendan FEENEY	florida
13	29966	Porter KAVLE	Emily GILREATH	Annapolis Yacht Club
14	30089	Andrew KLEIN	Connie COMMETTE	Winchester Boat Club
15	30188	Luis CHIAPPARRO	Odine	YC Punta del Este
16	30336	Gonzalo DIAZ	Patti BESS	CGSC
17	30236	Kenneth VOSS	Tatyana CAMEJO	CGSC/CRYC
18	30743	Gregory SALDANA	Giovanni STELLA	Barton Boat Club
19	29602	Douglas BROEKER	Tyler BROEKER	CRYC
20	TBA	Evert McLAUGHLIN	Alexandra DAMLEY	RCYC



First place went to Augie Aiaz and Julia Melton.

MELGES 20 EVENT 2 - DÉJÀ VU!

South Florida's rapidly changing wind and weather pattern continued through January and into early February. The Melges 20 fleet gathered for Event No. 2 during February 5-7 of their three-regatta Miami Winter Series at CGSC. This is Season No. 7 and Event No. 21 for the Class at CGSC going back to December, 2009.

Friday's conditions for the first day of racing were excellent, if a bit challenging for the competitors. The cold winds were westerly in the 18-22 knot range, close to the Class wind limits. Racing was exhilarating, for sure. CGSC's Race Committee conducted three races under the leadership of Race Manager Blake Middleton as PRO. A tiring, but great day on the water.

After three races, father and son competitors John and Liam Kilroy from California were tied for the lead at 7 points. Liam had a 2-2-3 and John a 5-1-1. Liam is only 13 years old and sails with a top-notch crew. After racing the Class had a "press conference" presentation about the day's racing with CGSC appetizers and a keg.

Then, Saturday, it was vacuum city. Very light winds caused the RC to hold the fleet ashore. A light SE thermal breeze developed, and Race 4 was started a little after 1:30 pm vs. the scheduled start at noon. So, three races would be a challenge on the day. Race 5 followed, but by then, around 4:00 pm, the wind had lightened and the sky to the SW looked threatening. That was in keeping with the forecast of late day rain and cold front arrival.

Liam Kilroy continued his consistent performance, posting a 2-2 on the day. Father John had a 4-3, so Liam opened up a three point lead on Dad compared to the tie after Day 1.

Sure enough, Sunday dawned very cold and very windy. The Star Masters were racing up the Bay, but they stayed

ashore. Our Melges 20's and the Etchells Class were out there. Winds were westerly again, and very close to the Melges 20 wind limits of 23 knots steady, gusting to 25. But, they weren't quite there, so Race 6 got off with the hope that three races could be completed for the day. That would get to the 8 races scheduled.

The boats sailed well and held up well under the conditions. However, towards the end of Race 6, the wind began to increase. After the finish, the RC saw gusts in the low 30 knot range. After an announce 5-minute wait to see if the winds would get back down under limits, further racing was abandoned and the fleet sent in.

Who won Race 6? Young Liam! So, overall, he and his team won the event with 9 points after dropping their worst finish – a Third! John ended up second with 14 points. James Wilson was third with 28. Five boats finished within seven points after that – a tight group.

It was a happy crowd that gathered at SALM for the trophy presentations Sunday afternoon. This included a champagne spraying of Liam and his crew! The final Melges 20 Regatta of the season is March 4-6, which will feature a "Melges Rocks" dinner and party at CGSC on Saturday evening.

Many thanks to our private boat owners Jim Green of Bali Ha'i, RC Chair Susan Walcutt and her Contender, and Dave Frazier's Angler.





2015-2016 Flag Officers

BRIDGE:

Commodore Jeffrey Flanagan
 Vice-Commodore Janice Pruett
 Rear Commodore Ryan Alexander
 Secretary Cathy Buller
 Treasurer Frank deLaurier

BOARD:

Robert Carlson ('16) Richard Erkin ('18)
 Brian Donahue ('16) Julie Hanrahan ('18)
 Susan Walcutt ('16) Erik Noonburg ('18)
 Ed Almeyda ('17) Patricia Murphey ('17)
 Geoff Sutcliffe ('17) Paul Van Puffelen, PC

COMMITTEES:

Executive.....Jeffrey Flanagan
 Finance.....Frank deLaurier
 Adult Sailing.....Richard Crisler
 BBYRA Rep.....Susan Walcutt
 Bylaws.....Doug Hanks, PC
 Chamber Rep.....Brian Donohue
 Channel Editor.....Cherie Branning
 Community Service.....Denise Schneider
 Cruising & Rendezvous.....Karen Arndt
 Entertainment.....Mia Carlson
 Future Development.....Janice Pruett
 House.....Janice Pruett
 Jr Pram.....Paul Van Puffelen
 Jr Racing Development... Maria T. Adams
 Librarian/Historian.....Renny Young
 Membership.....Robert Carlson
 Moorings.....Sean Connett, PC
 Pier Seven.....Bill Bradden
 Property.....Janice Pruett
 Protocol.....Sean Connett, PC
 Public Relations.....Terry Boram
 Race.....Susan Walcutt
 Regatta.....Ron Rostorfer, PC
 Regatta Shoreside.....Sandrine Quenee
 Strip & Rack.....Bud Price

BANNER:

North American photograph courtesy
 of Richard Pober.

2990 South Bayshore Drive
 Coconut Grove, FL 33133
 Tel. 305-444-4571 Fax 305-444-8958
 www.cgsc.org

MOTH REGATTA

CCGSC hosted the foiling Moth Class sailboats for a regatta January 8-10. Nine of these speedsters contested the event, which is sailed inside Middle Ground for flat water, even in a breeze. Professional sailor Anthony Kotoun ran away with the event. Must be a steep learning curve for these boats. Seemed like most of the fleet spent 3-4 minutes capsized for each minute of foiling! Great fun to watch sail, or even on the lawn at CGSC.



CGSC YOUTH SAILING TEAM

We are very proud of the hard work and dedication of our sailors and the commitment and passion of their coaches. The 2015 – 2016 sailing season has so far been a great success!

The youth sailing team had remarkable performances at all the regattas, placing top ten, or even top 5 in many races!

2015 finished on a high with Bailey Knight winning second place in the Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. It also started on a high with Karl Waldman and Alex Cruz-Bustillo qualifying for nationals at the Saint Petersburg Valentine's Day Regatta.

They will be joining their teammates Charlotte Leigh and Stephan Sosa to represent CGSC in San Francisco at the USODA Team Trials in April.

Congrats to the CGSC Youth Sailing Team! Looking forward to more excitement at the upcoming regattas this Spring.





2990 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MIAMI, FL
PERMIT NO. 461

2990 South Bayshore Drive

Coconut Grove, FL 33133

305-444-4571

www.cgsc.org

YOUTH RACING

What a start to the season! With a solid program of 70 sailors we are in our second year running with record numbers. We attended the Valentine's Day Regatta in St. Petersburg on February 6 and 7 where our Green Fleet Opti Sailors had a solid showing and our very own Karl Waldman qualified for the USODA Team Trials this April. We would like to recognize all of our sailors which will be representing Coconut Grove Sailing Club in San Francisco:

- Alex Cruz-Bustillo
- Charlotte Leigh
- Stefan Sosa
- Karl Waldman

It was a cold, wet affair but it was a great weekend in St. Petersburg for everybody. Thank you to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for the wonderful event. Our Laser sailors should also be commended for their 2nd place in Laser Radial by David Perez, and Antonio Miranda placed 6th in the Laser 4.7 class. Everyone did a great job and was tested by the

weather conditions, especially on the last day. We will report back in April on how the kids did in Key Largo and in Spring Fling.

Fair Winds,
Diunieski "Koky" Gutierrez



"Our Green Fleet staying warm. The future members of CGSC."