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MAY 2016

2016 (50th Annual) Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta

Biscayne Bay in March: what could be better? 38 teams came to enjoy the hospitality of Don Q Rum, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and Old Man/Carmen Diaz who have been in charge of this event almost since it started. With five races over three days in breeze that ranged from 6-20 knots, every team had a chance to shine. And all enjoyed the post-race socializing, fueled by daiquiris and Carmen's famous Cuban dinner on Saturday night.

As you can see from the scores, Ernesto Rodriguez/Claudia Loiacono won the event (and races 2 and 4), closely pursued by Jensen McTighe and Andrew Guaragna who won the first (and lightest) race of the event. Augie Diaz/Jessica Claflin won the other two races, but an early Z flag penalty kept them a few points behind right from the start.

Friday's building breeze gave the light air specialists a chance in the first race, before building to a steady 12 knots for race two. An early finish to the racing after two downwind finishes left plenty of time for renewing old friendships, and talking through tuning setups, back on the lawn at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Saturday's conditions were epic Biscayne Bay. With an approaching front bringing 15-20 knots



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's not easy keeping a finger on everything happening at the Club.

The (fiscal) year-end planning is under way with the Finance Committee working diligently to develop next year's budget. They are leaving no stone unturned and digging deep into the operational aspect of every part of the Club. Thanks to committee chair Olivier de Lavalette and everyone involved for your hard work.

The Nominating Committee was appointed and have made their recommendations for Officers for next year and Directors to take on a 3 year commitment to the CGSC Board. Thank you to that committee for your thoughtful reviews of the nominees and to the nominees for agreeing to serve the Club in an increased volunteer capacity.

FRIDAY JUNE 3 is the ANNUAL MEETING. Please put it on the calendar and plan to be at the Club for a 7:00PM start. Vice Commodore Pruett will review next year's budget; we will do a year in review for this past year and importantly, your attendance is needed to cast votes for Officers and Board Members. We also have some minor by-laws revisions to vote on (please see the proposed revisions later in this issue of the Channel).

The Property Committee and VC Pruett are hard at work trying to determine the best route for the "main lawn." With more members, more youth and adult sailing instruction and more regattas, that patch of grass just can't stand up to the use. They are deciding whether we can continue to use real grass and develop a plan that will hopefully allow it to grow and stay green or if the conversion to high quality turf should be made. Come to the ANNUAL MEETING for more details.

The Annual Rendezvous was in April with a pirate themed weekend at Elliott Key. Rendezvous Weekend

is always a great time to socialize with other members and have a weekend of relaxed fun. Thank you to RC Alexander and Adriana Gonzalez for pulling it together.

On the Adult Sailing front, Richard Crisler is happy for the better weather we have had so he and his students can get caught up with classes. He always has

a full class of eager adults each weekend so if you want to take lessons, please get yourself signed up as there may be a small waitlist. Our Youth Opti Sailors had a joint practice with the CRYC team in April. The Coral Reef team came to CGSC and if you were at the Club the weekend of April 9 – 10 it looked like an Opti Convention. What a great site to see all those boats and kids together.

Jeffrey Timmons put together a Whiskey Tasting event on April 12 (sadly I had to miss it). Jeffrey has been doing various tastings (a wine and a rum tasting in the recent past) and these are nice, and different, opportunities for members to socialize and try new items. Combine that with the first-class food that Jose Chouza and the kitchen staff cook up and there's no better place to get a bite and a drink than at your Club (if you haven't had the whole hogfish or the seafood chowder – make those a priority next time you place an order).

I hope to see you at the Club or out on the water. And be sure to attend the ANNUAL MEETING on FRIDAY JUNE 3 at 7:00PM.

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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Keep your eye out for future tastings. Thanks to Jeff Timmons for putting together a great scotch tasting!



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The fiscal year for CGSC is winding down. New officers and board members are being nominated for next year and the number crunchers are finalizing the budget. The visiting regatta sailors, snow birds and hurricane- wary boat owners will soon head back to the cold waters of the north as we prepare for a leisurely summer where parking spots abound, local bay races are scheduled and rendezvous can happen without bringing out the big anchor or tucking into a hurricane hole for safe anchorage.

The club has endured a huge impact from our successful youth and adult sailing programs and our regattas: coach boats need maintenance in preparation for summer camp; race committee needs a safety boat; the kitchen and bar need new coolers; the downstairs bathrooms need updating, and we need new turf for all to enjoy.

We continue to pay off our loan for the mooring field and south dock at an accelerated rate to save finance fees, but funds are lacking for capital items in need of attention or replacement. There are those that say raise fees across the board, yet there are other ways that we as members can contribute to make a difference. We are starting our first fundraising drive for the not-for-profit IC (Instructional Center) May 3. You will be getting a number of emails in May as part of this drive. I hope that you enjoy the pictures and the stories in these emails and that you will make a tax deductible donation to support our sailing programs, coach and

safety boats, summer camp, optis, sunfish, lasers, flying scots, FJs, ensigns, cruising fleet and scholarship programs. These all come under our 501-C3 status and support the most important mission of the club: SAILING.

Think back to the first day that you took the helm and looked back at land or the first night you saw the full moon rise over the mooring field. You don't have to be a sailor to love sailing. If you value what we do as a club for our community, please find it in your heart to be generous during our fundraising drives. Our high energy fundraising committee is also looking for grants, corporate donations and sponsorships to support our instructional center. If you are interested in participating in the committee please contact me, Pat Morris, pgmorris410@gmail.com or Joel Krieger, jbkmiami@gmail.com to get involved.

The more funds we can generate through donations for our instructional center, the better our community of sailors will be and the more resources we will have available to address other pressing needs of the club. Many thanks.

*Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
SV Effortless*

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

"Where sailors and friends belong"



Miami skipper Augie Diaz wins the 2016 Star World Championship

Miami skipper Augie Diaz used his intimate, lifelong knowledge of the currents and breezes of Biscayne Bay to win his first Star World Championship Saturday, April 16, after a tight duel with the Italian boat. Diaz, 61, became the oldest winner of the title and his crew, Bruno Prada of Sao Paulo, Brazil, became the first crewman to win four world titles.



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from the south, sailors refreshed their reaching skills for the double triangle courses. Best of all was finishing both races after the second reaching lap, with the final race (to the dock) a continuation of great wave riding and planing conditions. Daiquiris ashore tasted all the sweeter after such a constant saltwater rinse.

Following a delicious Cuban dinner, Old Man passed the microphone around and everyone shared memories of previous Don Q events. Stephanie Muto from Boston was attending her first Don Q and said it was great to be back in the Snipe again. "It's like a family," she said. Peter Commette remembered a 1992 capsized at the jibe mark that took him from first to not quite last (though he and Connie still won that year). And we all toasted Old Man, who was the only one present (besides Carmen, of course) who had attended all 50 events.

Sunday's conditions consisted of shifty breeze from the south-southwest with large variations in pressure. The fleet seemed a little skeptical of a last minute course change from the Race Committee, turning the last downwind leg into a triangle course finishing downwind. Some were able to take advantage of the change of course and made large gains on the fleet, though it was a parade for most. Congratulations to Ernesto Rodriguez and Claudia Loiacono for placing first by six points!

Big thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for running this Regatta, to the Don Q Rum (Destileria Serralles, Puerto Rico) for sponsoring it and to the Race Committee including:

Jaime Ramon (PRO), Brainard Cooper (Scira Rep), Dottie Rostorfer, Liz Balbin, Joel Krieger, Jaime Ramon Jr., Catie Patton, Carolyn LaPointe, Susan Walcutt, Cathy Buller, Mike Ledwell, Ron Rostorfer, Blake Middleton, Allen Cox, Phillippe Dusser, Elena Shishkpva, Carol Cottrell, Rick Klein, Bob Welbon, Denise Schneider, Ev Hoffman, and the Stand by Judges: Rick Mallinson, Jane Ann Pincus, Mike Catalano. Also big thanks to Joe Dapena for the use of the Signal Boat.

By: Carol Newman and
Jensen McTighe

Action photos courtesy Elizabeth Balbin



Regatta winners Ernesto Rodriguez and Claudia Loiacono with Roberto Serralles, Don Q President, Jaime Ramon Regatta PRO, Claudia Loiacono, crew, Ernesto Rodriguez, skipper with the Perpetual Trophy and Ryan Alexander, CGSC Rear Commodore.



Regatta Second Place Jensen McTighe and Andre Guaragna.



Third Plee Jessica Clafin, crew, Augie Diaz, skipper.

50th ANNUAL DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA 2016

BY-LAW CHANGES

Dear Members: The By-Laws Committee has recommended some minor changes to the CGSC By-Laws. These recommendations have also been recommended for approval by the Board of Directors. The changes update some dated terminology and the other eliminates a stray, incomplete sentence (basically a scrivener error). The proposed changes are below and your support of these changes at the Annual Meeting is appreciated. Proposed additions are **bold, highlight italicized** and proposed deletions have a **~~strikethrough~~**.

Doug Hanks, PC

By-Laws Committee Chair

First revision:

Section 3. Membership and Duties of Committees: The membership of such Committees and their duties shall be as follows:

- t) **PROTOCOL COMMITTEE:** The Protocol Committee shall be responsible for investigating and attempting to resolve complaints against members, or other persons whose conduct violates the bylaws or rules of the Club, or otherwise is injurious to the welfare of the Club. The committee shall be composed of five Life or Regular members, at least one of whom is a Past Commodore of the Club and at least one of whom is currently serving on the Board of Directors. The duties of the Protocol Committee shall be carried out as follows:
 - 1) Upon the receipt of a written complaint or charge, signed by the person making such complaint or charge (the claimant), the chairperson of the committee shall select no fewer than three committee members, which may include the chairperson, to conduct an investigation, to resolve the complaint, or if resolution cannot be achieved, to make a written report and recommendation to the Board of Directors for further proceedings in accordance with Article XVII. In the alternative, the committee may rule that the charge does not warrant a response and dismiss the complaint without further discussion. The committee must convene within ten **calendar** days of receiving the notice of the complaint, and respond to the claimant within five **business working** days of its meetings and findings.
 - 2) The committee members selected shall immediately notify the person accused of misconduct (the respondent) that a written complaint or charge has been lodged and that an investigation is being conducted. Notification shall be by certified mail, **regular U.S. Mail and e-mail** directed to the respondent's **mailing address and e-mail address** as currently listed in the Club records, shall include a copy of the written complaint or charge, and shall advise the respondent that he or she is entitled to review any materials provided to the committee, to provide additional materials, and to make a statement to the committee regarding the complaint or charge.
 - 3) Thereafter, the committee shall conduct an investigation into the complaint or charge, taking into account all matters it deems relevant.
 - 4) Upon the conclusion of its investigation, the committee shall meet with the respondent and attempt to resolve the dispute. If deemed appropriate to facilitate complete resolution of the dispute, the committee in its discretion may invite the claimant to attend the meeting. Notice of the meeting shall be by certified mail, **U.S. Mail and e-mail** directed to the address, as currently listed in the Club records, of each person invited to attend.

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Second revision:

ARTICLE XVII - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

~~If any member of the Club shall be charged in writing by any other member or members with conduct injurious to the character or welfare of the Club.~~ If the Protocol Committee is unable to resolve the charge in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, the Board of Directors may at its next regular meeting thereupon cause a statement of such charge to be mailed to the member charged at his address as it appears on the record of the Club. Such statement shall be mailed not less than 10 days in advance of the time when the Board shall consider such charge. At the time and place specified in the notice, the Board shall consider the charge and an opportunity to be heard shall be given the member charged. If the Board shall be satisfied of the truth of the charge, the member may, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors be censured, suspended for a period not exceeding one year, expelled or denied privileges of the Club, or shall be disciplined as the Board may deem proper. In making its determination, the Board shall take into consideration, but shall not be governed by, the report and recommendation made by the Protocol Committee. Any member expelled hereunder may apply for re-instatement to membership at the Annual meeting of the Club next following his expulsion. Such member shall be reinstated upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at the meeting.

YOUTH RACING

Last month, Coconut Grove had a historic meeting with CRYC and KBYC and hosted a joint practice where a combined 87 sailors participated. This event was held in preparation for the 2016 Team Trials in the RWB Fleet, and to foster a closer relationship between the clubs. It was amazing to see 87 sailors come over to our club, I have to say that the energy and attitude was an all-around positive one, and I think that all the sailors and coaches and parents had a good time. I would like to commend our coaches who acted as Race Officers for the races we held, they did a fantastic job. I am very pleased with how far these kids and our program has come in such a short time, I thank Coconut Grove Sailing Club for giving me the opportunity to work with these kids. Our next goal is qualifying sailors for the Optimist National Team, attending Laser and Optimist Nationals, as well as running a successful summer camp.

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CGSC Race Committee Banquet!

The Annual CGSC Race Committee End-of-Season Banquet took place Saturday, April 2nd at the Club. It was the largest and best ever, with over 50 active RC Members attending. A great buffet dinner was provided by the Kitchen Staff. Attendees were treated to very kind remarks by Vice Commodore Janice Pruett and Guest of Honor, World Champion Augie Diaz.

RC Chair Susan Walcutt served as Master of Ceremonies. She presented awards to all the private boat owners whose boats were used in this season's regattas. Regional Race Officer George Bradley also presented awards to his all-female Gate Boat crews. CGSC's RC conducted 13 major regattas and six smaller/local events over the busy winter season. A fitting conclusion to a great year.



**GOOMBAY REGATTA
MAY 21-22, 2016**

ADULT SAILING REPORT

We spoke a little too soon in last month's article, when we said that we were finally free of the adverse effect of "El Nino" on our favorable winds and total weather for instructional classes, coaching and testing, especially for the Sunfish and the Ensign fleet. March also saw its share of cancellations and reschedules, especially private classes and coaching, because of too much or too little wind. We managed some pretty challenging conditions for our first of two keelboat classes in April, but the Sunfish class was unable to finish, due to the excessive wind. Hopefully, by the time of this issue we will have completed more classes and coaching in April than we have had to cancel or reschedule.

We should now be enjoying the steady, moderate, mostly easterly winds of mid-to-late Spring. Now, with DST, our days are longer, providing as much as three hours for those nice evening sails after 5PM, where it is not only cooler, but we get to see those beautiful South Florida sunsets as we are sailing back into the club. Our Adult Sailing program has learned to take advantage of these late afternoon sessions for coaching and testing, and everyone should be out sailing now, no excuses. One of the best and most enjoyable ways to get out sailing on these great late afternoons, is to participate in our weekly Wednesday evening racing. Don't have a small keelboat or dinghy to sail with us? Just come

to the dock by 5PM, and you will be able to get on one of the Flying Scots or other boats to enjoy some fun social racing and camaraderie. Boats depart the dock at 5:30PM. This is a popular and fun event each week. Beginners and novices are welcome. If you want more information, contact Bud Price at budp@cgsc.org.

Since our last issue, another US Sailing BASIC CRUISING Course, with Certification, was conducted by Capt. Bruce Penrod in mid-April. Congratulations to these newly certified members, who will now be able to take advantage of the member-use program for the Beneteau cruising boats. For May, the Sunfish Learn-to-Sail Course, conducted by Phil Adams, will be the weekend of May 7-8. BASIC KEELBOAT Courses (2), will be conducted the weekends of May 14-15, and again on May 21-22.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

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Flying Scot Racing

The 7th race of the season was 3/14/16 , run by the Miami Yacht Club. It was a one day race with 6 boats registered. The winds were 10 to 15knots. Here are the final standings.

- 1st Place - Jim Bigham
- 2nd Place - Henry Bernstein
- 3rd Place - Ryan Alexander
- 4th Place - BudPrice
- 5th Place - Lorie Messier
- 6th Place -Etkin & Reinhold,

The 8th race of the season was the Sunburn Regatta, 4/9/16 ,run by the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. It was a one day race with 9 boats registered. The winds were 10 to 20knots and BBYC had a great awards party after.

Here are the final standings.

- 1st Place - Jim Signor
- 2nd Place - Jim Bigham
- 3rd Place -, Bud Price
- 4th Place - Henry Bernstein
- 5th Place - Etkin & Reinhold
- 6th Place - Lorie Messier
- 7th Place - Greg Mc Phee
- 8th Place - Ryan Alexander
- 9th Place - Andres de Solminihac

Next race is Saturday, May 14, 2016, the Key Biscayne Yacht Club Annual Regatta. Sail fast and I'll see you on the bay.

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Clarington Island Earth Day Clean Up Events
 Working together for a better earth...
 April 23, 2016 & May 21, 2016
 Biscayne Bay Foundation & Coconut Grove Sailing Club
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9:00 am -12:00 pm
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 (Refreshments will be served)
 Call:954-708-4073 to register or at info@biscayneybayfoundation.org

AN IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We are very excited to announce that we recently obtained non-profit 501 (c) 3 status for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Instructional Center (CGSCIC). Through the non-profit we are now able to raise funds for our youth and adult sailing programs from foundations, corporate and individual contributions that are tax deductible.

A dedicated group of club members have volunteered to be part of the new Development Committee under the leadership of our Chair, Joel Krieger. The goals of the Development Committee are straight forward and transparent: develop a CGSCIC Strategic Development Plan that will guide our future fundraising efforts.

One of our initiatives is to approach foundations with grant requests to support the sailing programs. We are also working to create a new Corporate Solicitation Package that will help us approach the corporate community. In these efforts, we are asking our members for help to identify, qualify and ask our business community for support. Many of our members have contacts with small and large businesses in Miami that might be interested in supporting the club.

The first major campaign the Development Committee will undertake is the 20/20 Annual Campaign that will launch on May 2nd. We hope that with your help we can raise "\$20,000 in 20 days" through the month of May to support the club's summer sailing program. You will receive an email every day from us highlighting the diversity of activities, events and individual members that are a part of our club family. The emails will have stories about new members, long time members, youth sailors, adult sailors, parents and coaches, and why this club is such a special place to them. We hope that you will join our family, make a contribution and support our efforts...\$20,000 in 20 days is doable with your support at any dollar amount.

Finally, we believe that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is a place that many of our members would be interested in supporting with a planned gift. We will be developing planned gift opportunities for those members that truly love the friendships they have made over a lifetime and would consider leaving a legacy gift through the CGSCIC. We hope we can count on your support with whatever works for you...TIME, TALENT, and of course TREASURE. For more information contact Joel Krieger at jbkmiami@gmail.com

