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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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54th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta

The 54th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta was held from December 27th through December 30th, 2016. The largest International 420 fleet to date, raced the 4 day regatta with the 29er class and the Laser class. The staggered start times and course configuration, allowed all three classes of boats to race on the same trapezoid course, adding to the excitement! Nine countries were represented, with a total of 74 registered boats. 11 races were completed for the 29ers, 10 races for the I-420s, and 9 races for the lasers.

Day 3 became our "lay" day, because the wind never did allow for sailable racing conditions. The competitors were glad to stay on land while Susan Walcutt and her team motored out to look for wind followed by Ron Rostorfer to confirm. The breezy conditions on Friday capped off another successful Open Orange Bowl regatta. Everyone was happy! Tuesday and Thursday were themed dinners for the competitors, with Barbeque and "Floribbean" fare, delicious and timely, thanks to our chef. All coordinated by Dragan Savin, our food and beverage manager and our club manager, Lauren

Simpson. We thank them very much! Duane Smallwood and the dock staff, made sure everyone had space for their boats and room to launch, not always easy.

In all fleets we had top five local finishers. 29er fleet: 3 teams were sailors from Lauderdale Yacht Club and Coral Reef Yacht Club. The International 420 Class: 1 local team from Coral Reef Yacht Club, and the Laser class with CGSC members Augie Diaz and Malcolm Lamphere. The top 5 is not easy in these competitive fleets! Prizes were awarded to the top 5 teams as well as top female team and top junior team, skipper and crew. The laser class prizes were awarded to the top 3 in adult laser and laser masters. Complete results are posted online on Regatta Network. Link also in Scuttlebutt issue 4738.

The race committee team was at the top of their game, and this PRO is appreciative of their support and dedication to running fair races and their skilled course setting. As stated earlier, one course with 3 fleets racing, one being a skiff sailing deep angles, was a challenge that was met by the whole RC Team! I thank the signal boat staff, with

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's great to see so many of our members and visitors enjoying the club and sailing on Biscayne Bay. Regatta season is in full swing and February brings visitors from all over the world to participate in the ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami, the Melges 20 Winter Series, our Annual Commodore Rasco Snipes Regatta and The Barnacle's Washington's Day Regatta.

The design, size and age of the vessels that will be participating varies greatly depending on the event as does their speed across the water with the same wind. Participants of all ages will take to the water this month to enjoy our beautiful Biscayne Bay and celebrate aquatic sports, a tradition that Commodore Ralph Middleton Monroe started. Our youth program is strong and we are building a competitive team to represent CGSC nationally and internationally.

In the spring of 1887 Ralph Munroe organized the first regatta on Biscayne Bay with fifteen boats divided into three classes. "After the race all hands, about fifty in number, participated in a good dinner at Peacock's (the Peacock Inn), given by the promoters." This was the beginning of organized aquatic sports on the Bay. The Washington's Birthday Regatta became "a fixture of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (where Monroe was Commodore for 22 years) until the displacement of sails by gasoline and general interest caused it to degenerate into a "Chowder-party". " This year is the 21st anniversary of the recreation of the original Biscayne Bay regatta. Our neighbors at the Barnacle will host "Regatta Days" on February 24-26 and CGSC race committee's Nancy Rogachenko is the PRO for the race on the 25th. If you have access to a classic boat, a handmade boat, a sharpie, mud hen or nutshell pram, you can join the fun and celebrate on the bay or come for chowder dinner after the race at the Barnacle.

If you are in the market for a new boat or want to check out the latest nautical gadgets and gear, visit the Strictly Sail portion of the Miami Boat Show. Vice Commodore Ryan Alexander is looking for volunteers to work at the CGSC booth this year and

we will be presenting seminars on Biscayne Bay Cruising and Hurricane Preparation. If you volunteer for a couple of hours you can spend the rest of the day attending a variety of seminars as well as checking out the newest sailboat models.

The Club will also have a booth at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival to promote the club, the instructional center and summer camp. See Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe to volunteer a bit of your time during the weekend. The club will be open during the festival so bring your friends and family for a respite from the crowds on Bayshore Drive. No vehicle traffic will be allowed at the club during the weekend so take an Uber, ride your bike or walk down the hill. You can also spend the weekend on your boat at the club so that you can be in the heart of the action.



I'm also happy to report that CGSC was nominated for Best Non Profit Organization at this year's 47th Annual Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce Golden Coconut

Awards and WE WON! I was very proud to accept this award on behalf of all the hardworking member volunteers and staff who make our club a leader in the community. Our contributions to the Coconut Grove community and business district have not gone unnoticed.

Stay calm, sail on.

Janice Pruett, Commodore

SV Effortless

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

"Where sailors and friends belong"



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's Boat show time again. Each year Coconut Grove Sailing Club sponsors a booth at this show. It gives us an opportunity to showcase our club to a broader audience. In addition to our information booth we will be presenting seminars related to cruising, Biscayne Bay as a sailboat racing venue, and hurricane preparedness. as always the booth is manned and the seminars presented by volunteers from CGSC. If you are interested in participating we are looking for volunteers for the 2 hour shifts. The dates for Strictly Sail Miami are February 16 through 20.

Ryan Alexander
Vice Commodore
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My Orange Bowl Regatta 2016

The Orange Bowl Regatta in December was an experience I never had before. This was my first ever Orange Bowl Regatta and there were almost 75 sailors in Green Fleet. From placing third to beating everyone by a mile on the last race on the second day, it was awesome. I have to thank my coaches Alberto and Alex for teaching me and helping me. It felt like winning the lottery finishing in third place. My favorite memory is eating pizza and playing in the pool with my teammates. I was also really proud I won the Good Sportsmanship award one day. I can't wait for next year and I will race in the Orange Bowl Regatta with White Fleet.

Sailor James Asturias



Flying Scot Racing

The 5th OD race of the season was 1/7/17, the CGSC 1D Regatta. There were 7 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

FLYING SCOTS

Name	SKIPPER	SAIL	Race1	Race2	PTS	POS
LA	Jim Signor	5566	1	1	3	1
Been There	Lorie Messer	4595	5	2	7	2
Air America	Bud Price	5220	2	5	7	3
	Joerg Reinhold/Richard Etkin	3423	4	4	8	4
I Gone	Obie Smith	6109	7	3	10	5
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	75	3	8/DNS	11	6
Dom's Cadillac	Dusser/Philippe	1881	6	6	12	7

The next BBYRA race OD#6 run by MYC on 2/11/17. See you there. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple
 Fleet 90 Captain



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first and foremost Captain Alex Morgan, Dottie Rostorfer, timer, Alan Cox and Michelle Reil, a Canadian parent volunteer, flags, Ray, horns, and recorders, mother daughter team Denise and Lorelei. Weather mark boat officer, Susan Walcutt, Dick Pober, photographer, new member Clay Dickinson, new member, Joerg, Marc Allen, all sharing crew duties on different days. Outer gate boat officer, Ron Rostorfer, Joel Krieger, Bill Quesenberry, new member, Joey Hofer, a licensed boat captain, sharing crew duties. Inner gate, start pin boat officer Rick Klein and another boat captain, Debbie Ryder, crew Barbara Safulin, Patrick Mclister, commercial boat captain, and Franco, friend of Denise, round out our small but mighty race committee volunteers! ALWAYS a part of all boats on the water, Sandrine Quenee our scorer and shoreside organizer! Thank you Richard Etkin, our regatta chair.

As you can see in the above race committee list, there are new members, friends and parents. That

is what joining the race committee is all about, shared experiences, fun and the always popular drink tickets. Thank you to our Channel editor, Cherie Branning, for including the photos taken by Dick Pober, to give you an impression of the Open Orange Bowl Regatta. I also want to thank Mark McNamara of KO sailing for his donation of the gear bags, and continued support of the I-420 and 29er classes.

Happy New Year!
Nancy Rogachenko
PRO Open Orange Bowl,
Coconut Grove Sailing Club



YOUTH SAILING

A new year, a new season: Full of promise and hard work. Our sailors have continued to strive for greatness by hitting the ground running. We got started January 14th with a packed room for the Season Orientation, and have been practicing hard for our first regattas in St. Petersburg and Ft. Lauderdale. By the time you read this, we will be competing in the Valentine's Day Regatta hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club in the Laser and Optimist classes. Keep an eye on our developing Laser 4.7 team especially Chris Purcell who has recently transitioned from the Optimist class and placed 3rd in Orange Bowl.

I'd also like to welcome our new RWB sailors who have graduated from green fleet, congratulations for all your hard work

James Asturias
 Isabela Kellett
 Sophie De Leon
 Somak Shivlani
 Roberto Rodriguez
 Isaac Martinez
 Sara Ortiz Vey

I am very proud of our team as a whole, other coaches and I are working diligently to bring the team to the next level. Our focus this season is to improve our physical fitness and our sailing smarts. I would also like to thank our coaches for a great year, 2017 is looking even better as we grow and improve. We would also like to welcome Luis Orlando Alfonso as our new Head Green Fleet Coach, he brings years of competitive sailing experience and coaching to CGSC and we are very happy to have him onboard. Looking forward to a fantastic February, see you all next month.

Diunieski "Koky" Gutierrez



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

I was walking down the dock on Friday, and saw another member's boat with West Marine bags in the cockpit ... oh yeah, work was in progress. We all know that boats require work, and boat work requires regular trips to the store to buy parts and supplies. I started thinking about the best places I have found to buy marine parts and supplies ...

The obvious starting point is West Marine on US1 - it's close, it has a decent range, and the staff (including club member Janis Horn) are helpful. On the way up 27th Ave many of us go past Crook & Crook, and while they are more focussed on power boaters and fishing, the upstairs section has a good selection of parts at reasonable prices (for example, zincs are cheap there). Going straight across US1 there's Shell Lumber. I guess everyone has visited them, at least for home maintenance materials, but on the far side of the paint section there's also an alcove of marine parts, with a good selection of stainless steel shackles and other oddments - go take a look. Shell also has all the stainless steel nuts, bolts, and screws you could ever need.

If those Miami stores don't have what you need, Ft Lauderdale is the next stop. There's a huge West Marine store on the corner of 24th St and St Andrew's Ave, that has a very wide inventory. Boat Owner's Warehouse is nearby on 24th St, which also a good place to find an assortment of general marine supplies.

If you need something old or weird, it's worth rummaging around at Sailorman, also on 24th St, if you don't mind searching through the disarray of new and used parts. Then, if you can't find what you need at those stores, you can go to Ernie's BBQ on A1A for a beer and some really good ribs!



There are two other stores that I have found to be really helpful: Mitchell Welding & Machine on SW 85th Avenue Rd is a wonderful place to get welding and fabrication done, and they also have a range of stainless steel componentry. Finally, for all your rigging needs, look no further than Sailing Services on NW 73rd St. Sailing Services is owned by club member Brooks Jones, and their "service" is amazing ... at the parts desk Richard will sit for hours with you to find exactly the one part you need for a repair. And if Brooks walks in you will not escape a wonderful few minutes of conversation about sailing.

I was going to write a whole lot about the online stores I use, but I've taken up enough space for this month, so I'll continue in March. Until then, see you out on the bay (on your recently repaired boat :-))!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
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King Mango Strut Parade



Thanks to all of our great volunteers for helping with the Clarington Island clean-up.



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR CGSC

470 and I-420 North American Championship

During the Martin Luther King Weekend, Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the 470 and I-420 North American Championship. The weekend provided excellent weather with some rather close racing. Saturday and Sunday the competitors were provided with 7 races each day in 8-14 knots of breeze which kept the Race Committee busy moving marks every couple of races. Monday, to the delight of the Race Committee, arrived with a picture perfect day of 10-15 knot breeze and steady from one direction all day

Racing throughout the event was rather tight with the podium finishes not determined until the last race of the series. Giacomo Ferrari/ Giulio Calabro (ITA) took the 470 title with Wiley Rogers/ Jack Parkin (USA) as the top North American team in eighth overall. Only three points separated the top three I-420 teams, with Joseph Hermus/ Walter Henry (USA) closing strong with a 1-2-1 for the victory.

Thanks to all the competitors for taking part in this event and a humongous thank you to the Race Committee volunteers which made it happen: Cathy & Mark Buller (Signal Boat), Alen Cox, Cecile Ramirez, Dottie Rostorfer, Joel Krieger, Joerg Reinhold, Julie Hanrahan, Kathy Gunst, Nancy Rogachenko, Paula Sly, Philippe Dusser, Ron Rostorfer, Sandrine

Quenee, Saralee Lamb, Sicotte Hamilton, Steve Herman, Susan Walcutt, Veronic Aghayan, and Vickie Mathews.

Jaime A. Ramon
Principal Race Officer



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

FEBRUARY

- 3-5 Audi Melges 20 Winter Series 2
- 11-12 Commodore Rasco Snipes
- 25 Barnacle Regatta

MARCH

- 3-5 Melges 20 Winter Series 3

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