



MARCH 2017

SAILING WORLD CUP - MIAMI

Once again, Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted 73 Olympic RS:X Windsurfers at the Club for the 2017 SWC-Miami. Our Race Committee conducted their racing on the Bay, where there are separate starts for the Men and the Women. In addition, this year we also conducted racing for the Olympic Nacra 17 catamarans. Racing was conducted Tuesday through Saturday, January 24-27, 2017. The two RS:X fleets sail a Trapezoid ("Trap") Course, while the Nacra's sail a Windward-Leeward Course.

We would have, say, the RS:X Classes at 1100, followed by the Nacra's at 1330. The next day, the order would be reversed. However, with the challenging wind conditions we had over much of the four days of racing, we were frequently not finished with the early fleet when the afternoon fleet showed up. This made for long days on the water for our RC, made worse by the wind conditions. Frequently, the race course had to be re-oriented and re-set to provide quality

racing. No getting around it, this was a tough regatta!

In the RS:X Men, the French led the way finishing 1st and 2nd. In the Women, China's Yunxiu Lu bested Spanish Olympic veteran Marina Alabau. The USA has never been strong in this Class, with the top Men's finisher, Pedro Pascual finishing 25th of 39. Among the Women, veteran Farrah Hall did manage a respectable 14th in the 34 Board fleet. In the Cats, the Brits led the way with a 1st and 2nd. The top USA boat was Riley Gibbs and Louisa Chafee in 6th among the 17 competitors.



A bright spot in the overall regatta for the USA was in the 470 Class, although not on our race course. Olympic veterans Stu McNay and CGSC Member Dave Hughes won the event in the 26-boat fleet. The young team of Wiley Rogers and Jack Parkin, fresh off winning the I-420 Class Youth Worlds, took a very respectable 6th in this larger 470 Class boat. Keep your eye on that

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Halfway through the fiscal year, all is going well at the club. We are 1100 members strong, and new families and individuals with great sailing credentials and experience, or the willingness to learn are joining us each month. The club remains a busy venue with many sailing options and activities to choose from.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Instructional Center (CGSCIC) provides members of all ages the opportunity to learn to sail, race and cruise with certified instructors and coaches.

Our youth sailing program, under the direction of Diunieski "Koky" Gutierrez offers beginning sailors a safe and friendly environment to learn basic sailing skills. Once those are mastered, youth sailors can move up to Green Fleet and learn racing skills. This is a great way for a young sailor to foster self-discipline, confidence, camaraderie, and respect for the sport with the help of our great coaches. Our youth sailors participate in regattas locally and nationally and scholarships are available. I'm happy to report that we have purchased two new inflatable coach boats this year and four new RS Qubas (with a generous donation from the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation). It is my hope that we can continue to improve our instructional and support boat fleet next year and years to come. Priska Urban and her team of parent volunteers are working hard with staff to make our optimist and laser programs a huge success.

Our Adult Training Chairperson, Richard Crisler and his US Sailing certified instructors offer group and private instruction on Sunfish, Keelboats, Flying Scots, Introduction to Cruising and Cruising Certifications. Classes are open to non members, but members get a discount and once you're "hooked" why wouldn't you join the club?

Once certified, club members have the opportunity to join our Adopt-A-Boat program to master their skills, participate in races, rendezvous' and regattas. Currently Flying Scots and Beneteaus are available in our Adopt-a-Boat program and Ensigns and Sunfish are also available for member use. Many of our Adopt-a-Boat members have gone on to purchase their own boats and become mooring holders.

If you don't own a boat or don't sail, there are still many ways that you can get out on the water. Many of our members with boats are looking for crew or willing to mentor less experienced sailors or boat owners. Send me an email and I'll try to get you in touch with each other.

Also, our Race Committee, chaired by Susan Walcutt is another way that you can get out on the water, serve your club, use your boat as signal boat and be part of the best race management team on the Bay! In February, the club hosted the Melges 20's, The Commodoro

Rasco Snipes and provided Race Committee services and financial sponsorship to the Washington's Birthday Regatta at the Barnacle Historic State Park. The RC provides training, workshops and seminars throughout the year and offers you an opportunity to meet world class sailors and racers.



Our Community Service Chair, Denise Schneider, is always looking for volunteers to participate in our monthly Clarington Island and shore side cleanup events. We work with the City of Miami, VolunteerCleanup.org, Biscayne Bay Foundation, Rotary Club and our new partner, The Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce to create awareness and stem the tide of trash that is deposited on the island from Biscayne Bay. This 10 acre island used to be an unused garbage dump and now it is part of the City park system with a floating dock, walking trails, picnic tables and a chickee classroom. Most importantly, Clarington Island provides the boats in our mooring field shelter from strong Southeast winds.

Our Fund raising committee and chairman Joel Krieger have been working hard to obtain sponsorships and donations for our Instructional Center which has a 501c3 tax exempt status. All donations to the "IC" are tax deductible. If you have a contact or would like to be a sponsor, please let me know. Joel is in charge of our Annual Instructional Center Raffle. This year the Grand Prize is a 7 night Star Clippers Tall Ship Cruise for 2 valued at over \$5000.00 to the Mediterranean or the Caribbean. Tickets are only \$10.00 and the winner will be announced Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Flip Flop Fete. Many other prizes including a stay at the Sonesta hotel are included. Each ticket comes with a \$20 discount coupon toward any youth or adult sailing lesson, certification or summer camp session. Such a deal!!

Finally, I can't forget to mention the Grove's Nest Bar and Restaurant. There is no better view of the sunrise in the Grove than from our balcony. Great burgers, Fajita Night, Friday Night Fish Fry, and Live Music. Weeknights are laid back and parking is easy. Dragan Savin, our F&B Manager, Chef's Jose Sr, & Jr. and their staff will help you unwind, forget your troubles and satisfy your appetite. It's a great place to meet your mates and make new friends.

Enjoy your club, get involved!

Janice Pruitt, Commodore
SV Effortless

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Future of Sailing

Like many others I have read numerous articles related to the decline of sailing. Often it is stated that our busy lives and the stresses associated are the culprit. Some articles mention the high cost of club membership, cost of owning and maintaining a boat or the reduction of marinas and mooring areas as additional reasons for the withdrawal of participants. Probably all of these explanations are true, but we could look closer.

Our busy lives could be better managed by simply setting some limits based on time available. How many activities can we really do and do well? It is tough being a super hero, that is why there are so few of them.

At CGSC we are constantly dealing with the costs associated with membership. Our volunteers provide a great deal of services that would normally have to be paid for by the membership.

Boat ownership can be and often is quite expensive. My personal experience with owning boats is certainly not a good example for how to buy and maintain a boat. As a power boater I routinely overspent on the rehabilitation and maintenance of those boats. When I purchased my first sailboat I continued along the

same path. So, maybe the idea of maintaining and owning a boat would be better served if discussed with some one else. CGSC has boats available for our members to use. Talk to the people in our member use programs, they will tell you we have a great deal going.

The decline of public access to the waterfront is common world wide. There is a finite amount of shoreline available and this is not going to change unless you live near Abu Dhabi or in the South China Sea.

At CGSC we literally provide access to the water for thousands of people every year between our members, their friends and our club sponsored regattas. One might say that we are the solution for sailing's decline. Get the word out!

Thank you

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

In my last Channel article I wrote about the shops I know and love for buying parts for boats. I ran out of space to write about online stores. So here we go on that topic ...

The big starting point is West Marine online (www.westmarine.com). They carry more than you can find in the physical stores, and offer good help if you phone with questions. My favorite for a broad range and low prices is iBoats (www.iboats.com). They are a front end for a lot of other distributors, which means they offer products from a lot of different manufacturers. Another like that is Five Oceans (www.five-oceans.com). Good range, good prices. For line online (hahaha) I find that Vela Sailing Supply (<http://www.velasailingsupply.com>) offers the best deals. They also offer plenty of other items, so a browse around their web site is good way to drink a rum-and-coke. For fabrics and associated tools SailRite (www.sailrite.com) is the best I can find. They are not that cheap, but the quality is excellent. Finally, it turns out that despite the highish shipping costs, it makes sense to buy bottom paint online. I use Boatersland (www.boatersland.com) to get mine (PBS

Boat Store in Pensacola was even cheaper, but they seem to have gone under :-(). And remember Trinidad Pro is just as good as Trinidad SR!

The next big event on my agenda is the Annual Rendezvous, which we expect to hold on Easter weekend, at Boca Chita key. As the years have gone by the Annual Rendezvous has gone from a small affair into a fully catered CGSC event. This year we are going back to the old ways ... the club will provide a BBQ, a keg of beer, and the traditional rum punch. Everyone can then bring their own F&B, so we can enjoy communal cooking, sharing, and have less to transport to and from the island. Get your mind, body, and boat ready for action! It's still a way off, so until then, see you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
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team, along with Dave and Stu.

The Sailing World Cup is an international series of Olympic Class regattas conducted each year. Miami is the only North American venue, with the other events occurring in Europe, Asia and Australia all year long.

Our RC was once again fortunate to welcome outstanding Principal Race Officer Anderson Reggio back for this regatta. It was our seventh event with Anderson, but the first one on the Bay. The others, including two World Championships, have all been ocean regattas.

Special thanks, as always, to our private boat owners who volunteered themselves and their boats, or in one case just the boat, for the regatta. Our Signal Boat was Ev Hoffman's Grady 33, our Windward Mark boat was RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender 27, and the Finish Boat was

Dave Frazier's Angler 20. On Signal with Ev and Anderson were Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signaler Saralee Lamb and Recorder Connie Bradley. With Susan were Sicotte Hamilton, Joel Krieger, Denise Schneider, Patrick McLister and Doug Hyer. On the Finish Boat were Race Officer Rick Klein, with Kathy Gunst, Vicki Matthews and Steve Herman.

The Pin Boat was the CGSC Key Largo operated by Debbie Ryder with Race Officer Mark Foster and crew Allen Cox. The Outer Gate boat was the CGSC Angler 24 with Race Officer Ron Rostorfer PC, Lovell Luparini, Bill Becker, Nancy Rogachenko, Carol Cottrell and Luis Martinez. So, a Signal Boat and four Support Boats. Big deal, big regatta, but tough. Thanks to our valiant RC volunteers who made it happen.



Photos courtesy of Sailing World

REAL CLUB SPIRIT

It happens to almost every sailor sooner or later, but more-so with students, when the shackle on the halyard winds up at the top of a mast. Unfortunately, such an incident happened a couple of weeks ago with students on our training Ensign, PUFF-DADDY. Not only did it render the boat unusable at the moment, but we had a group class coming up that weekend, and the vessel was needed for that class. Since we can no longer make use of the nearby boat yard lift, and further, the Ensign mast system, though keel-stepped, is not substantial enough to hoist an average person, we had to solve the problem at “home”. About a year ago, we had a similar situation and Cathy Buller volunteered to go up the mast of her yacht to help us. We knew what we had to do this time, and began to plan for it.

In the meantime, Thursday of that week was the monthly General Membership Meeting, where we discuss club business and welcome the new members. It has been my privilege for many years to attend these meetings and explain to our new members, as well as advise current members, about our Adult Sailing and Training programs. As Commodore Pruett was closing the meeting, she asked if there were any final announcements, and it occurred to me to make a request, never before done, and I explained what had happened to our training Ensign and asked if there was anyone “lighter” than me that would like the adventure of going up the mast of another boat to help us secure the halyard for Puff-Daddy. No sooner had I finished my sentence, when a slim, young, excited, smiling new

member, Emily Viera, jumped up, held up her hand, and volunteered to go up the mast for us. I met with Emily after the meeting and asked her if she could possibly be there tomorrow morning, Friday, at 7AM. Emily agreed to meet me, and our ever helpful Dock Master, Duane, and she was there the next morning, right on time. We towed PUFF-DADDY out and secured her to the starboard side of our Beneteau, TOGETHER. After hoisting Emily about 2/3rds up the mast, we heeled the two boats together, and Emily was able to reach over and secure the halyard, smiling all the way. Emily was fantastic, received our thanks, then changed, hopped in her car, and off to work she went (with a good story to tell).

Emily and her mother are brand new members of CGSC. It was their first meeting. I remember my first club meeting as a new member, 33 years ago. The room was packed, I was impressed by the camaraderie, and even met the likes of Larry Whipple, the first member to extend his hand in friendship. Attendance at our monthly meetings continues to grow. If you haven't been in a while, you should attend again. Get the latest information about what is going on at your club and what is coming up. This is the friendliest club, at most ideal location on Biscayne Bay. Our meetings can help you enjoy it as well as participate more in the activities of the club.

Thanks, Emily, for the quickest display of club spirit and volunteerism that we could imagine.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler – Adult Training Chair



ADULT SAILING REPORT

We are off to another good start in our Adult Sailing programs for CGSC in 2017. 2016 saw more cancelled and rescheduled classes, coaching and testing sessions than I can remember, thanks to the unusual weather patterns that provided us with too much wind, or not enough wind. For the purpose of providing a safe and effective learning environment, and just common sense, we do have windows of sailing conditions that we adhere to. The toughest situations were weekend classes where we were able to sail on Saturday, but not on Sunday, causing considerable communications and extra sessions to assure that all students were able to finish the classes they expected. One particular student, who kept trying to schedule his BASIC KEELBOAT Certification testing was rescheduled seven (7) times due to unfavorable weather on the day reserved. That's tough on instructors as well as the students. These situations are especially sensitive to the Sunfish and Keelboat programs. Though we live in a sailing paradise, we are looking for bluer skies and better winds for 2017. We did have an exceptional sailing experience during the holiday period with a number of international visitors who came to us for lessons, coaching and certification, as well as couples and individuals from as far away as San Francisco in the US. We also made substantial gains in our Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising certifications, thanks to a number of classes offered by Capt. Bruce Penrod. We have an upcoming Basic Cruising class on March 25-26-27, and a Bareboat Certification class on April 14 thru 17. These certifications are largely responsible for the increase in the Beneteau users group. Sunfish classes continue to be scheduled on the first (1st) weekend of each month, and two-day BASIC KEELBOAT Classes scheduled on the second (2nd) weekend, and again on the third (3rd) weekend of each month. Private classes and coaching for Sunfish, Flying Scots and Basic Keelboat are available year round.

For information or discussion about our Adult Sailing programs, please contact me via the information below, or meet me at the monthly CGSC General Meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

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

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #3
March 03-05, 2017

Don Q Snipe Regatta
March 24-26, 2017

Rescheduled
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Junior Commodore's Cup
May 13, 2017

Goombay Regatta
May 27-28, 2017

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND
REGISTRATION FORMS ON
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS
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MELGES 20 #2 REGATTA

Feb. 4-5, 2017



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FLYING SCOT RACING

The 6th OD race of the season was 2/12/17, the MYC 1D Annual Regatta. There were 8 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

FLYING SCOTS-	SKIPPER	SAIL	POS
LA-	Jim Signor	5566	1
Beija Flor-	Ryan Alexander	075	2
	Reinhold/Etkin	3423	3
Air America-	Bud Price	5220	4
I Gone-	Obie Smith	6109	5
Culpable-	Andrea Hoffman	5246	6
Dom's Cadillac-	P. Dusser	49	7
Margaritaville	-L. Whipple	5399	8

Next race is Sunday March 12, 2017, with the KBYC.

Sail FAST!
Larry Whipple



2017 (48TH ANNUAL) COMODORO RASCO SNIPE REGATTA.
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Despite light enough air that we only touched the hiking straps in tacks, the 20 boats that signed up for the 2017 Comodoro Rasco were not disappointed. For one thing, we all got sailing lessons from Raul Rios/Mac Agnese, who won the five race, no throwout regatta with three seconds on Saturday and two firsts on Sunday. Given the light spotty breeze that confused even the locals, it was a very impressive display of both consistency and boat speed in difficult conditions.

Peter/Connie Commette showed excellent speed to win a tight battle with Ernesto Rodriguez/Kathleen Tocke for second. (Peter and Connie also gave us all a lesson in how to win "La Bomba Va" contest, when each team has to "drink down" a concoction Old Man Diaz mixed in a large glass jar.)

Local and former local David Hernandez/Nikki Bruno never strayed too far to one side or the other, so they were able to capitalize on the irregular shifts and puffs

that filled across the course. And Annapolis father/daughter Alex and Lexi Pline also kept their heads out of the boat to round out the top five.

PRO Rick Klein ran excellent races, in spite of the light winds, with the help of his team members from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club including: Steve Herman, Jo Ann Mathieu, Bill Quesenberry, Carol Temple, Bill Becker, Susan Walcutt, Ev Hoffman, Gary Ellis, Douglas Hyer, Phillippe Dusser and Mike Stephens

The highlight of the regatta was, as usual, the Saturday night dinner at Old Man and Carmen Diaz's house. With extra bonus footage this year, even veterans of this memorable evening were treated to some "new" footage of Diaz home movies from the 1950s. Comodoro Rasco and Dr. Inclan made their usual appearances.

Report by Carol Cronin



Winners Raul Rios and Mac Agnese with Susan Walcutt



Second place winners Peter Commette and Connie Commette with Susan Walcutt

Third Place winners Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Tocke with Susan Walcutt



Connie Commette drinking LA BOMBA VA



Aicardi Fleet winners Christian Filter and Jessica Bennett with Susann Walcutt



Peter Commette finishing drinking LA BOMBA VA as Connie looks on

Commodore Rasco Results

Pos	Skipper/Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	Place
1	Raul Rios/ Mac Agnese Peter Commette/	2	2	2	1	1	8	1
2	Connie Commette Ernesto Rodriguez/	4	7	1	2	3	17	2
3	Katheleen Tockle David Hernandez/ Nikki	1	1	3	7	7	19	3
4	Bruno	7	6	4	4	6	27	4
5	Alex Pline/ Lexi Pline Taylor Scheuermann/	9	8	6	6	2	31	5
6	Charlie Bess Carol CRONIN/ Kim	5	3	8	8	13	37	6
7	Couranz Steve Tautz/ Keisha	12	12	5	5	4	38	7
8	Meyer ZACK KELCHNER/	10	11	7	3	8	39	8
9	BRYAN STOUT Andrew Klein/ Ryan	3	5	9	17/ZFP	10	44T	9
10	Vittimberga Asher Zittler/ J. Watt	6	9	15	9	5	44T	10
11	Duffy III Christian Filter/ Jessica	8	10	11	11	16	56	11
12	Bennett	11	13	12	12 21/RET- BF	11	59	12
13	Nick VOSS/ Nicole Popp Kenneth VOSS/ Tara	13	4	10		14	62	13
14	Lobo	18	15	13	10	9	65	14
15	Gonzalo Diaz/ Patti Bess	16	14	14	15	12	71	15
16	Eliot Payson/ Alice Bush Martin Bebb/ Sarajane	14	17	19	18/ZFP	15	83T	16
17	McMahon mike slouka/ andi	15	18	16	17	17	83T	17
18	slouka Steve Kurtz/ Ed	17	16	17	16	18	84	18
19	LoCcrichio Sharon Seymour- Johnson/ Christina	19	19	18	18	21/DNS	95	19
20	Persson	21/DNC	21/DNC	21/DNC	21/DNC	21/DNC	105	20



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YOUTH SAILING

Over the last two weekends **Coconut Grove youth sailing** teams have been competing at different events in South Florida. The sailors have represented our club with outstanding results. First the Laser 4.7's participated in the **Boomerang regatta in Fort Lauderdale** with **Chris Purcell and Emma Asturias** taking the **first and third place overall**. The following weekend we travelled to Saint Pete with the Laser 4.7 and Optimist teams that included green fleet and red, white and blue. Our sailors once again came out with outstanding results. **Chris Purcell** again made history in the 4.7 Laser class as he won the **2017 Valentine's day regatta and the Florida State Championship**, where **Damian Martinez , Emma Asturias and Antonio Miranda** did a great job finishing **11, 12 and 13 overall** in the Optimist class. We re-qualified 5 sailors for the 2017 US team trials: **Giulio Zunino, Maya Conway, Alex C. Bustillo, Brian Morris, Karl Waldman. Nico Garcia-Castrillon** got his ticket to team trials as well. I want to give a big shout-out to these sailors, **Martin Barrera** also did a great job finishing **5th in white**

fleet. I would like to congratulate all the new red, white and blue sailors that joined the team recently. We loved to see the confidence and desire that they have along with the right mind set. These sailors seem to be transitioning at a really fast pace and will be in the top in no time. In Green Fleet we have sailors finishing in the top with Keith **Grupenhoff** in **6th place overall** and **Carolina Zager** with her first bullet in a regatta. That is a confidence booster. and we hope to continue getting more of those first places that give the kids, coaches and parents a big smile. The Youth sailing program finally got the Laser Quba and we tried them out for the first time yesterday. The kids loved it, so did the coaches. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. That is all for now. Next race is in Key Largo.

Fair Winds,

Koky

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