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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
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## CGSC Juniors Board the Marstrom 32 Cats!

**Y**ou may have seen them racing on the Bay or read previously about the six-event Marstrom 32 catamaran winter season in Miami. These are very high-end and fast race boats with lots of professional crew aboard. The first four events were fleet racing, with up to ten boats competing. This was followed by two World Match Race Tour events that concluded Easter Sunday. All these events featured Umpired racing with fouls being called on the water.

In order to express their appreciation to CGSC, Event Director James Pleasance invited a group of CGSC Junior sailors to go for a demonstration sail on the boats. The date was set for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, racing was cancelled for the day due to high wind. These are professional teams competing in the Match Racing. So, if they can't sail, they certainly can't take the Juniors out. So, four of the teams turned out to get about 15 of our Juniors aboard the boats at the dock to provide orientation and drills.



*Daggerboard 101*

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Race Committee assisted with these events, providing Assistant Umpires, Signal and Finish Boat crews and Safety Boat Medics. In addition, the Club hosted a few post-race gatherings and accommodated two M32's on the Dinghy Dock during the Fleet Racing events.

Well, it was about as much fun as you can have without leaving the dock! The kids were doing simulated tacking, grinding crewmen across the trampoline with a winch, adjusting the daggerboards, hiking on the racks, etc. There was

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**D**ear CGSC members,  
 It has been my pleasure to serve as your Commodore for the past year. As we enter our 71st year of stewardship and good fellowship, I am confident that we will remain the most active sailing club on Biscayne Bay. I want to thank my fellow flag officers, board of directors, committee and program chairs for their hard work and dedication towards accomplishing the mission of our club. I also want to thank our manager, Lauren Simpson and her staff for the work that they do 24-7 throughout the year. The staff make our members and guests feel welcomed and go out of their way every day to facilitate the needs of the members. Members and guests continually share compliments with me regarding the staff's efforts. I am very pleased that through the member's support and good budgeting, we have been able to make many improvements to our aging facility and fleet of support and instructional boats. Out of immediate necessity and a well-planned contingency fund we replaced two of our 3 AC units the first week of my tenure as Commodore. The ancient launch was replaced with a new customized Carolina Skiff and much needed coach boats were purchased for our youth instructional program. A new fleet of instructional boats (Qubas) were added to the instructional program thanks to the CGSC Foundation. The downstairs bathrooms were renovated and new drains installed, a lengthy but much needed improvement. The Beneteau Adopt-A-Boat program was established allowing over twenty member families the opportunity to learn the skills, benefits and disappointments of becoming a boat "owner." We energized our Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce membership this year and through our community service efforts, networking and attracting visitors the club helped boost the local economy and as a result won the Chamber's Golden Coconut Award. Our Clarington Island Cleanup Program, lead by Denise Schneider, and assisted by the Biscayne Bay Foundation and [Vounteer.org](http://Vounteer.org) has facilitated hundreds of community service hours by volunteers, bringing awareness to the need for cleaner shore lines and an appreciation of Biscayne Bay.

Our Instructional Center is very successful with record numbers participating in both the adult and youth programs. Fundraising efforts for the Instructional Center were successful through Give Miami Day, Regatta sponsorship, the Flip Flop Fete and the 1st Annual Raffle. Our Cruising and Rendezvous committee has been revitalized and our Race and Regatta committee continues to provide excellent service to the worldwide racing communities. The state of the club is strong. Thank you for your support.



*Janice Pruett, Commodore*  
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### 2016-2017 Flag Officers

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

In addition to getting bodies on boats on the Bay, the CGSC is engaged as stewards of our environment, specifically Biscayne Bay. We frequently participate in the Clarington Island cleanup.

How does this translate to sailing?

Part of the obligation for sailors is to possess the ability to successfully accomplish a man-overboard drill. To that end, my crew and I are constantly picking up debris while sailing. The action of retrieving flotsam and jetsam while underway very closely mimics the process of a man-overboard drill.

We're often surprised by the amount and types of things we get. On one occasion, we picked up a child safety seat for boats, albeit without child (which we fondly dubbed Timmy).

During one recent BBYRA regatta, our acquired skills came into play. The day started out with a small craft advisory from NOAA. Translation: fewer power boats and a wet and bumpy ride for us. In short, sweet, sweet, sailing conditions.

Many a like-minded sailor found the warning an invitation. We had Etchells, J-24s, Flying Scots, Lasers, Sunfish, and a couple of Finns participating.

On the downwind leg of the second race, one of our fleet suffered from a knockdown and capsize. Normally, we would have sailed past, with grins all around – boats on their sides are notoriously slow and therefore easy to beat.

However, this day a crew member became separated from the boat and started drifting into the downwind leg of the racecourse, fortunately while wearing a PFD. With little discussion, we swooped in to pick her up. All those days of practicing our man-overboard drill actually paid off.

This time, though, we were picking up a live person. How great is that? Later, we transferred crew and both of us rejoined the fleet for the third race.

*Ryan Alexander*

*Vice Commodore*

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### **NOTICE**

#### **Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

**Goombay Regatta**

**May 27-28, 2017**

**BBYRA ORC #10**

**June 4, 2017**

**CGSC Commodore's Cup**

**Members Only**

**July 15, 2017**

**BBYRA OC #12**

**July 22, 2017**

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FORMS ON

RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)

FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

The big event I have to report on is the Annual Rendezvous, which was held on Boca Chita Key, 14th-16th April (the Easter weekend). The theme this year was "Sea Creatures at Easter", which the T-shirt reflected quite well I think (see the photo). The clash with Easter might have been a risk, and the weather was sporty, but the turnout was great. The boats I recall seeing down there were Hells Bells, Survivor, Ms Mary Lou, Moon Glow, Midnight Cat, Tiki Tiki, Americana, and Namaste (sorry if I forgot anyone). All told, including the sailors and campers, over 30 people joined the fun. As I said, the weather was sporty, but certainly in the right direction for great sailing down the bay - even Moon Glow managed to keep up around 6 knots. Four of the boats came in to the harbour at Boca Chita, while the rest anchored out. Thanks to Christian's launch service for ferrying people in and out to their boats. We set up camp at the south end of the harbour, with BBQ, beer, chairs, and a shade tent. Michelle Posse provided

everyone with bunny ears (see the photo), so we were easy to recognize. During the weekend we went kayaking in the keyhole, swimming on the far side, exploring the island, and the kind National Parks person opened up the lighthouse for us to visit. The highlight of the weekend for me might have been when Gavin White caught a cute little fish in the corals with his bare hands! - we put it back of course. Duane and Juan came back and forth each day to deliver food (thanks to Jose for the delicious "sea creature" dinner!) and drinks. Does anyone remember the Easter Bunny rum punch? - we were forced to finish it Sunday morning! After we all help clear up and load the power boats on Sunday it was a windy sail home (and a wet one for those who left late :-).

This will be my last article as Rear Commodore (I don't think they'll let me do this job for a third time), so either you'll hear from me next year as Vice Commodore, or I'll simply have to tell my stories in the Grove's Nest. Happy summer sailing on Biscayne Bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore*  
*Moonglow - Bristol 30'*  
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## View from the Signal Boat

### CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup



It was a blustery day but that did not stop 43 Junior Members and Youth Program participants from reporting to the starting line for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Commodore's Cup. Winds were a steady 14 to 15 knots from the ESE all day. After completing two races, sailors returned to the Club for their end of Spring Season Pizza Party. Commodore Janice Pruett was on hand to present trophies to the First, Second and Third Place winners.

The Race Committee's Signal Boat was Sweet Lime, captained by Past Commodore Paul Van Puffelen. Parent volunteers provided the Race Committee on the Signal Boat and CGSC Coaches provide the rest of the race support by setting marks and helping track finishes.

Congratulations to the top finishers:

#### Laser Fleets

1. David Perez
2. Daniel Ofamail
3. Antonio Miranda

#### Red/White/Blue Opti Fleets

1. Giulio Zunino
2. Alex Cruz Bustillo
3. Martin Berrera

#### Opti Green Fleet

1. Jack Gonzalez
2. Will Wardlaw
3. Carolina Zager

Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers, coaches and CGSC Staff that made this event possible.

Susan Walcutt  
CGSC Race Committee Chair





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an all-female team with lots of New Zealanders competing in the event, so our Junior girls went aboard their boat and had a great time. Even professional sailor Anthony Kotoun, a good friend of CGSC who was the co-leading skipper in the regatta, took the time to get our Juniors aboard his boat and conduct some drills. All in all, a great experience for our kids.

Many thanks to James Pleasance, Principal Race Officer Mattias Dahlström and the participating teams for hosting our Junior sailors aboard the M32 Cats. Maybe next year they can actually go sailing!



*Jr. girls with their new BFF's.*



*Grinding a crewman*



*Jr's on the rack with tiller and sheets.*



*Back on the dock*



*Tacking*



# ADULT SAILING REPORT

Congratulations to members Ramon Adato, Fuad Alkhoury and James Grupenhoff, CGSC Secretary, for completing the US Sailing BASIC CRUISING Certification with Capt. Bruce Penrod, aboard "Leaping Groundhog" on May 5-6-7.

This is our last BASIC CRUISING Class likely until Fall, although this class can be taken at any US Sailing associated instructional facility that offers it, as long as the student has first received the BASIC KEELBOAT Certification. Captain Bruce and Catherine are headed north on Leaping Groundhog for an extended cruise. You can follow them on a unique site, [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com). As of this writing I observed them passing Charleston Harbor, several miles offshore. We wish them fair winds and safe sailing always.

Yesterday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we received our long sought "new" Ensign, "Wooly Bully", to be put into service immediately. Built in the 70s, this outstanding Ensign has raced successfully in the Ensign nationals, and was originally a Miami boat. We were fortunate to find this boat. Past Commodore Doug Hanks, an Ensign supporter and cheerleader, found this boat on-line for us. I have a history with this boat, as well, as it was purchased by a North Carolina non-resident member, Nelson, who completely restored the boat and kept it on a CGSC mooring. I cared for the boat in Nelson's absence, and he allowed us to use it for teaching. As Nelson's health suffered, I would take him out on this boat. The boat was sold to a woman who lived on her boat at Dinner Key Marina. She took the boat to Lake Wiley, SC (near Charlotte, NC) where she raced it as part

of an Ensign club. Wooly Bully slid off that big trailer so quickly and easily as though it knew it belonged back in Coconut Grove, its previous home for decades. Thanks to the officers and club members who made the purchase of this classic keelboat possible. It will serve us for many years to come.

Wednesday night Flying Scot racing is active and healthy. Thanks to those dedicated Scot sailors who are making this weekly, unique sailing experience possible to our students and all who want to participate. Enjoy this activity and all aspects of sailing at the club, including the Sunfish. Philip Adam's weekly clinics have been popular for years. It's pure sailing, pure fun and a great work-out on the water.

Interested in becoming a US Sailing Certified Instructor? The club will help and guide you to this rewarding experience that you can carry well into retirement for a sense of real accomplishment. Just contact me.

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

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## YOUTH SAILING

**A**nother Spring Season has come and gone and we are sad to see it go but so proud of our sailors who have come to represent CGSC in over 4 countries over the past season. As you all know we had several opti sailors attend international regattas with Team USA this past spring, and we are looking forward to attend US Nationals this summer. We had the pleasure of closing this season with the Jr. Commodore's Cup.

Thank you to all of the Race Committee volunteers,

parents and sailors for a spectacular Saturday of racing. In other news, by the time you read this we will have attended Team Trials in Brant Beach, NJ where we will do our best flying the CGSC burgee.

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto Olivo

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## FLYING SCOT RACING

**T**he 9th OD race of the season was 5/6/17, was the KBYC Annual Regatta. There were 8 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

### FLYING SCOTS

Name	SKIPPER	SAIL	Race1	Race2	Race3	PTS	POS
Culpable	Andrea G Hoffman	5246	1	1	1	3	1
Air America	Charles (Bud) Price	5220	4	3	3	10	2
Pearl	Greg McPhee	5123	3	5	4	12	3
Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein	5321	2	2	DNF	13	4
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	075	5	6	2	13	5
I Gone	Obie Smith	6109	8	4	6	18	6
CGSC 3423	Reinhold/Etkin	3423	6	8	5	19	7
?	?	49	7	7	DNF	22	8

Congratulations to Andrea Hoffman and crew for their first win on the season! Next races are the Goombay 1D Regatta Sunday May 28, 2017 and OD #10 on Saturday June 3, 2017, with the BBYC RC. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple  
Captain Fleet 90

