

SUMMER 2017



2017 Transpac Yacht Race



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RAISIN' CANE PROGRESS LOG

The Crew



On the move



Preparing for the long journey.



The ice chests carry the frozen foods



We have arrived

NOTE: All times are Eastern Standard
 JULY 5 - Raisin' Cane left the dock at the marina this morning just after 10:00am PDT. There was a live feed from Tommy Stewart from the boat as it cruised past the send-off crew.

JULY 6 11:16pm - Latest update for today. All divisions are now on the race course and showing on the tracker.



Pre-packaged Meals

JULY 7 2:19pm - :00pm status update: see photo below for current tracker and here are clips from their daily communication for today. "RC is now 41 hours into the Transpac and doing OK. Typical early passage bugs and deficiencies are being overcome and conditions aboard are improving as we settle in, shake down, and sort out. It also helps that the wind is drawing aft. We set our first kite 30 minutes ago and, if your typist's (Joe) collected weather forecast data can be relied upon, we expect to be under spinnakers for the foreseeable future. The deck guys are busy flaking and stowing jibs so I can get away with being

brief with this message by passing none of their remarks along. This is good because it is "peppy" at the nav station as it is everywhere on board."

JULY 7 9:16pm - RC had an issue yesterday that affected their speed for a while. Issue appears to be resolved and they have been steadily gaining speed through out today and are doing their best to catch up. Let's all send them pleasant thoughts for good wind and increased speed. Not sure how close they were or if RC saw them but Comanche,



Ready to race



Beautiful night skies

The start



The race is on



a 100ft competitor, passed by them earlier today.

JULY 8 3:07pm - Update from Ted Naughton:RC continue to do well and slowly make up ground. The DTF delta between RC and Resolute is now 25.4 and Fast Exit is 11.7. So, they made up about 2 miles on each in the past 3 hours. The big boats (Comanche & the Tri's) up front are slowing Down

JULY 8 11:07pm- Update from Ted Naughton: RC is moving along faster than all other boats in their division @ 12.9. Relative to Fast Exit @ 11.3 & Blue Flash @ 12 & Varuna @ 12.7 & LK @ 12.4 and Resolute at 12.7 knts. Meanwhile all the Santa Cruz 52's are below 12 knts.

JULY 9 11:02am - RC appears to have lost some ground in the past 7 hours and is now 46 miles back of Resolute. Doing 10.7 knts vs. Resolutes's 11.8 knts. They have also been heading up (more northerly) vs. much of the fleet.

JULY 9 12:08 pm - Communication from RC today: RC is doing OK. The material condition of the boat and its equipment at this point in the event indicates that the highest level of craftsmanship and anticipatory judgement were brought to the preparatory process. Similarly, the crew interaction indicates that a great deal of experience was acquired in tight quarters prior to this event. Yours truly has been promised tropical tradewind sailing conditions by all others on board but he is beginning to suspect that he has been the target of a carefully crafted propaganda effort. Tommy loves reading his letters from Alex. Joe loves his Patty.



Bob sends Kristina his best. Frank tells Pat that he is thoroughly enjoying sailing in the Pacific with this boat and crew. We are all grateful for all that you all have done to assist us in getting to this point in the adventure.

JULY 9 11:00pm - New update from RC: Raisin' Cane is charging downwind in a deep, cobalt blue. ocean, her A2 running spinnaker, straining at her sheets, skipping from wave to wave in a sailor's dance till she reaches the sun baked white beaches of Hawaii. Cane's crew has settled into their hourly watches and daily routines, focusing all their efforts to race across the Pacific. Sailing has been steady with good winds. The fleet is now in the trade winds for the most part, sailing westerly to the Islands with the winds at their back with a little over 1200 miles to go.

JULY 10 2:30pm - Cruising along at 12.1 knots back around 3am HST. Based on leaderboard they have past the half way point and are now showing less miles in the DTF column than in the Dist Sailed column. Yeah! Based on trackers current estimates they could be finishing early morning 07/15, that does not give the shore crew much time to arrive and get the place set up for them. I was hoping for at least 1 full day before they arrive. But, the weather is fickle and who knows what tomorrow will bring them.

JULY 10 9:58pm - After RC hit the half way mark today they sent emails to loved ones as a treat. Projections are arriving on 7/15 or 7/14. Shore crew not continued on p4



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scheduled to arrive until 7/14 at 2:00 pm. Hawaii reception family is prepared to step in if RC arrives before shore crew from mainland.

JULY 11 9:00am - Update courtesy of Ted Naughton: RC is moving along nicely at 12.3 knts. They are now 958 miles from HI and 28 miles closer to HI than Fast Exit. LK is at 765 from HI.

JULY 12 3pm - Tracker leaderboard is now showing RC in 4th place in division. Sending thoughts to them to keep it going fast!!

JULY 11 2pm - Tracker leaderboard shows that RC is gaining ground on FE and LK in corrected time. Keep it going RC, sail fast!

JULY 12 6:16am - Tracker leaderboard shows that RC is gaining ground on FE and LK.

JULY 12 1:52pm - Tracker leaderboard is now showing RC in 4th place in division.

JULY 12 11:30pm - Leaderboard shows RC back in 5th in division RC continues to press. Wind strength currently favors larger boats with symmetrical spinnakers as can be seen on the YC tracker. Boat speed is very much on our minds as wind conditions have become lighter. The overall performance of the J-125 is impressive, under multiple conditions and continues to be so. We as a crew just need to figure it out.

We celebrated Tommy Stewart's birthday at sea with Mac & Cheese from Seattle's Pasta and Co. cook book. Extremely delicious. Hostess cupcakes and freeze-dried ice cream for dessert.

JULY 13 9am - Still being shown in 5th but corrected time is still close between RC and FE. Wind appears to be a little light but RC is moving into an area with a bit more wind. Leaderboard currently shows RC finishing on Saturday about 8amHST.

JULY 15 9:20pm - RC is sailing along at 10.4 knots and have 41 nm to go to finish line. After the finish there is a 1 hour motor to the marina. Sunset is 7:16 HST.

Below are the results for Division 3 and Raisin' Cane in TransPac 2017. They did well finishing 5th in their division and 17th out of 55 in the fleet.



Raisin' Cane Finishing

Transpacific Yacht Club
Transpac Honolulu Race
July 2017

2017 Transpac Honolulu Race
Preliminary Results Race 1

Select to view a specific class result: All Classes

Sail Number	Yacht Name	Yacht Design	Owner/Skipper	Status	Rating	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Class	Fleet
Division 3										
1	USA 521120	Stardust	Supers 40	Chels Hermans	0.9994	8/27/17 - 21:26:49	0:11:20:49	08:11:18:30	1	3
2	USA 521117	SeaBride	1125	Tom Fuller	0.9230	8/27/17 - 20:32:25	0:53:33:25	08:17:16:17	2	4
3	USA 521121	Lady Nancy II	SP43	Reynolds Auld	1.0248	8/27/17 - 20:49:40	0:52:49:40	08:18:05:02	3	6
4	USA 3142	Fast Exit	Andrew 40	John Raymond	0.8983	8/27/17 - 20:08:32	0:51:00:30	07:14:52:16	4	16
5	USA 521125	Raisin' Cane	1125	Frank Atkinson	0.9247	8/27/17 - 18:55:29	0:50:05:29	09:15:16:35	5	17
6	USA 501	BlueDart	Spr 40	Scott Swarth	0.9879	8/27/17 - 08:11:25	0:12:35:25	13:19:01:27	6	37



The crew enjoys the welcome at the dock after the finish.

SPECIAL THANKS to ULTIMATE SAILING
for providing the photo of the finish and cover photograph for this issue. You can check them out at www.ultimatesailing.com and read about Sharon Green and her 30 years of taking sailing pictures. You might also check out their catalog for a great shopping bag, coffee table book or the notecard collection.



Tommy Stewart and David Brink give an interview to TransPac media after the finish of the race.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is July, our summer is in full force. The heat and humidity can sometimes seem unbearable, however, sailing on the Bay is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. We have a lot of options to help you beat the heat. As the day heats up the breezes begin to build and often last until sunset. Our Sunfish, Flying Scots, Ensign and Beneteau fleets are ready and waiting for you. Afternoon and evening sailing excursions are just the thing to take your mind off the heat and humidity. The Bay is full of locations where you can deploy the anchor and go for a refreshing swim before sailing back to CGSC. We hope to restart our movie nights and speaker series to provide entertainment for all as you enjoy some food and drinks at the bar and on our deck. Overlooking

our mooring field is arguably one of the best views in Miami. From the elevated deck you can view some spectacular sunsets and later watch as the moon rises over Dinner Key. The lawn is proving to be quite popular with families. Parents can relax in our lawn chairs as their offspring wear themselves out playing on the turf. Check out the calendar for racing and cruising events. Come to the CGSC "Where Sailors (and their families) belong".



Ryan Alexander, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!
So here I am, proud to be the Vice Commodore, and as I always joked when I was the Rear Commodore, in charge of "parking and toilets". The Vice Commodore's main responsibility through the year is the maintenance of the club property, i.e., the grounds, the building, the mooring field, and the club boats. Much of that already runs smoothly, thanks to the efforts of the staff and various committees of the club. My approach will be to not interfere unless asked, or I can coordinate efforts to help all involved get things done. It's great to see (after so much haggling) the artificial turf and paving installed - kudos to the Pruetts for that step forward. Out on the mooring field the balls and chains will be clean by the time you read this, and they really needed it - I was cleaning the bottom of Moon Glow yesterday, and swam over to my mooring ... I could slice off soft coral like pound cake! As the year progresses I'm planning to improve the downstairs areas of the club, to make new lawn and the area under the clubhouse better value for members (some of this will be done as part of workday). This includes facilities

for socializing downstairs, and if possible some serious upgrades to the bathrooms ... I just came back from a month in the Exumas, which included stops at a bunch of marinas, so I have ideas about what can be realistically expected. On the sailing front, hurricane season is here, so we all need to get our plans in place in case a hurricane comes our way. I'll be offering my hurricane preparation seminars again, and making sure the club staff have the resources they need to protect our property. As I have said in previous years, storms are not a problem if you prepare in advance - I have a plan, do you?



See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

If it is summer in Coconut Grove, there is one thing of which you can be certain - hundreds of kids will be learning to sail at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Our Summer Camp is in full swing again and as it has for years it will provide the first experience sailing for many young people. A few of them may not continue sailing past the summer. For many others, it will be the first step in a lifetime of sailing; perhaps a future Commodore of CGSC or an America's Cup sailor pushed off the south dock and took their maiden voyage in the past few weeks. We can be sure that all of our campers will benefit from a superior program of instruction and the confidence and character that the learning to sail can bring. I have seen the benefits of this firsthand with my son, as he has progressed from a newbie in Camp two years ago, into our racing program and now as a skilled and poised sailor

who knows how to handle himself in all types of conditions (and who is always happy to give his old man some pointers when I'm at the helm). I am very proud of this program and the benefit it brings to our community (and you should be too).



Fair winds,

James Grupenhoff, Rear Commodore
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Celebrating the **4th**



The staff served a delicious buffet of ribs, chicken, burgers, hot dogs and more.



Waiting their turns



The super slide was a great success. Kids and adults alike had a great time swooshing down the slide. Even Past Commodores Janice and Alyn Pruett took the plunge.



Food and Fun



Dragon serves up beer on tap from the downstairs cooler.



Youth Sailing

Youth sailing at CGSC spring season came to an end with the Junior Commodore Cup, but there was more to come. After having success in the local races, we were so proud to have several sailors attend international events with Team USA, and the sailors are looking forward to US Nationals this summer. The sailors had the opportunity to go aboard the Marstrom 32 Cats when they were in town. They were provided with an orientation and drills, but because of high winds this all took place at the dock. That did not phase our sailors. They enjoyed every minute. The end of year fundraiser, Flip Flop Fete, was a huge success once again. Proceeds help in all areas of Youth Sailing. The summer sailing program is in full swing and the camps are filled with eager, young sailors. The staff is working hard to make this time educational and fun for all of the campers.



Jack Gonzalez, Why I Like Sailing

Sailing means everything to me. I started sailing 3 years ago in the Coconut Grove Sailing Club summer camp's learn to sail program. I am now on CGSC youth racing team, where I sail an Optimist boat. I think of sailing as an awesome sport, that I have learned with the instruction of some amazing coaches, where they encourage the sport of sailing, and promoted the science of seamanship and navigation. When I sail, I feel like I can sail anywhere. I love being on the water. I feel free, and can take my mind off everything. I have learned good techniques from the coaches, and as an Optimist sailor, when I am racing, I have learned that a great amount of preparation goes into it. You are up early, you have to learn how to properly rig and unrig your boat, simply to put things away in the right place, keeping them orderly while on the water, and off

the water. Then, I sail away from the dock for the first time, with my mainsheet in one hand, tiller in the other, and in full, confident, control of my Opti, I am at my maximum strength, focus and intellect. When the wind hits me, I feel the hull of my boat lift beneath me. Sometimes, I am able to respond by hiking out, pressing the boat down with my weight. The waves may strike on a good day, and I am thrown back and forth. Being in control of the boat, and refining the sail so that it is at the right tension, and leaning over just the right amount, gives me a great feeling. Sailing also forces me to pay attention, and connect with the environment around me. Having self-confidence is important for me. Being able to pilot my own boat, having spatial awareness, which is coordination, avoiding collisions, navigating my boat through narrow spaces and tight turns, and squeezing my boat into a tight, starting line



at a Regatta. That's all a part of it. Then, that's a great sense of accomplishment. Having a sense of direction, in which I feel comfortable, all while having fun and being safe on the water. I am with my friends, engaging in the fellowship of the team experiences, and participating in Regatta competitions. All these things equally, give me great satisfaction. Truly, sailing has given me confidence in myself, faith in my boat, and I have become a part of an environment, that is precisely powered by the spectacular wind. Sailing an Optimist, makes me happy, and it is the most enriching experience, a gift, which has given me self-reliance, courage, and determination that will last forever.

Jack Gonzalez,
11 years old
CGSC, Optimist
Sailor





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Register for the "One Way Race" in this year's Columbus Day Regatta and compete for the Second Annual **Bill Beavers Perpetual Trophy**. Racers will start on Saturday morning, October 7th, in the vicinity of Rickenbacker Causeway and finish at Black Ledge. Finishers can then continue down to Key Largo or return to Miami for the CDR Saturday evening CDR Dinner & Dancing at Shake-A-Leg.

Come to the CGSC Monthly Members Meeting, Thursday August 31, 2017 for more details. CDR Board Members will be there with pictures, SWAG, details and a free keg from our sponsor, Biscayne Bay Brewery.

Adult Sailing Report

Summer Sailing? It's been great. Our monthly articles are usually covering instructional activities for the Sunfish, Flying Scots, Ensigns and Beneteaus. Just as important to report are all the other adult sailing activities, such as our successful, ongoing Wednesday evening racing on the Flying Scots. This great activity from this well supported fleet has really made a mark this summer, and those new members and students I have recommended to join in have all had nothing but positive and fun reports of their experience. Haven't tried it yet? Weather permitting it will be active through the end of Daylight Savings Time. Join in the fun, camaraderie and racing education you will enjoy. Speaking of the Flying Scots, thanks to Bud Price for his ingenuity and labor to build a better and more secure storage area for the Scots' sails. We're off to a good start in the new fiscal year with our first BASIC KEELBOAT class sold-out, and inquiries both from members and non-members continue to flow. We have reservations now all the way into our September classes. Our two (2) hour Introduction-to-Sailing sessions are helping to build interest in the full classes. We are also going to put more emphasis on getting our Ensign fleet out racing, as we now have



three (3) matched, race-rigged Ensigns with the addition of WOOLY BULLY, which replaces our tired old work-horse, PAT, our original first Ensign when we started that program more than 10 years ago. Including two member boats, we now have five (5) Ensigns in our club.

Our mid-week Adult Sunfish clinics are currently on hold during summer camp activities, but the Sunday clinics will continue, according to Philip Adams. Remember that our long taught Sunfish Learn-to-Sail Classes are the first (1st) weekend of every month, and our Basic Keelboat Classes are twice a month on the second (2nd) weekend, then again on the third (3rd) weekend. Basic Keelboat Certification testing or Challenges are by appointment and available six days a week. Just contact me.

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Flying Scot Racing

The Flying Scots continued to have a great time sailing often. Unfortunately, the 10th OD race of the season was abandon and will not be resailed. The 11th 1D race of the season was sailed on June 25, 2017 and hosted by CRYC. There were 8 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

FLYING SCOTS

Name	SKIPPER	SAIL	POS
Culpable	Andrea G Hoffman	5246	1
LA	Jim Signor	5566	2
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	675	3
Air America	Charles (Bud) Price	5220	4
CGSC 3423	Reinhold/Etkin	3423	5
Been There	Messer/Sellar	4595	6
Pearl	Greg McPhee	5123	7
CGSC 3869	Luis Martinez	3869	8

Congratulations to Andrea Hoffman and crew for their second win of the season! Next race was the CGSC Senior Commodores Cup held Saturday, July 15, 2017. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple
Captain Fleet 90



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Single & Double
Handed Regattas
August 5-6, 2017**

**FL State JR Snipe Championship
September 9 & 10, 2017**

**RC Support Boat Class
September 23 or 24, 2017**

**CGSC Annual One Design &
BBYRA OD #2 Regatta
September 30-October 1, 2017**

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