

the channel

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The reasons we sail are as varied as sailors. At a recent event I was talking to a number of people that I have seen over the years on a weekly basis. While talking we discovered a common thread. While sailing together our focus was on the art of sailing. On the boat our discussions covered gathering wind information before the start, getting setup for the start and leaving the line at speed and our upwind procedures. Of course we mentioned mark roundings, spinnaker sets and the downwind leg. In the lull between races we talked of our food intake, weather gear, and how to improve standings in the next race. After a full day of sailing, we gathered at the bar to review the days events. At no time during the

day did we discuss difficult times at work, or how we were dealing with a home renovation. This wonderful day of sailing provided us an outlet from our problems. We were able to leave the daily aggravation on the dock. We all know that sailing is a great deal of fun, it can also be quite therapeutic. Let's all escape and go sailing.



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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I was down at The Club on a Tuesday evening recently and I saw a curious thing - a bunch of little white triangles floating around just south of the main dock in what looked like a choreographed fashion. I went for a closer look and saw they were sailboats. Shocked for a moment, I thought either I've suddenly grown to be 150 feet tall, or those are really tiny boats! Don't be concerned for me, I'm okay... the boats were tiny... There is a fleet of remote-controlled sailboats now racing at CGSC on most Tuesday evenings. It looks like great fun, and by some great coincidence, Santa Claus brought one for my son (wow)! For the past several days I have been assembling it, and that is not fun - just try to tie a bowline knot with a piece of monofilament line @ 20 times and you'll get the idea. But I'll have that wrapped up soon and we'll be out racing with the fleet, in the junior division. The boats are sleek and fast and the competition is fierce at the top level; you'd better bring your "A-Game" or you'll be eating 2.5 square feet of dirty air. It is not surprising that at this club you should be prepared to encounter every type of sailing experience possible. If you're interested in participating, contact me. Now, if you'll pardon me I'm gonna go race paper sailboats in the bathtub...



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

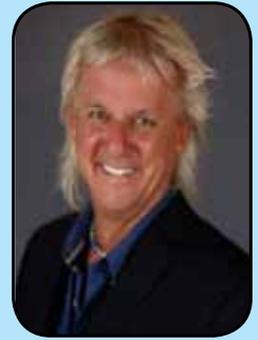
Hello Sailors!

When you arrive at the club, who's the first employee you see? Yep, it's the young man who looks after the parking. Do you know his name? Have you ever had a quick conversation with him? I hope you do, but understand you might not. Who do you see next ... maybe a dockhand, and if you have a boat you probably know his name. Or maybe you head straight up to the Crows Nest, and I bet you know some of the bar staff names! If you have a meal, do you know who cooked it? If you have family in the youth program, you probably know at least some of the coaches' names, but do you know the name of the night security guy who keeps the boats safe? Who repairs things when they break? And each month, you pay your bill, but maybe you don't know who prepares it. When I joined the club in 2003 there were not so many employees; now there are 36! So, here's who they are. Take some time to learn some names, find out what they do for you, and say thank you! ...

- Management: Lauren Simpson - Club Manager, Dragan Savin - Operations director, Jesse Chimerakis - Office manager, Maria Rodriguez - Bookkeeper, Carol Bielowsky - Office admin.
- Bar and Kitchen: Dennis McGreevy - Head bartender, Stephen Monte - Bartender, Jeff Collins - Bartender/barback, Michael Pichs - Barback, Jennifer Simon - Bartender, Jose Chouza Sr. - Chef, Patrick Baker - Cook, Jose Chouza Jr. - Cook, Olga Espinosa - Cook, Cherrilyn Mapp - Cook.
- Dock Staff: Duane Smallwood - Dock Master I, Juan Suarez - Dock Master II, Pat Parnter - Dockhand, Adolfo Perez Jr. - Dockhand, Christian Rodiles - Dockhand/, Carlos Serra - Dockhand.
- Youth Program: Alberto Olivo - Youth Program Manager/RWB Instructor, Tony Mier - Head Laser Coach, Orlando Alfonso Novoa - Head Green Fleet Coach, Christian Johannsen - Youth RWB instructor, Alex van Puffelen - Youth Green Fleet Coach, Alexander Valdes Pages - Head Learn to Sail Coach, Sebastian Aguirre - Youth learn to sail instructor, Brooke Dickler - Youth learn to sail instructor, Santiago Holz - Youth learn to sail instructor, Nicholas Permuy - Youth learn to sail instructor.
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Del Marmol - Keelboat instructor, Phil Adams - Sunfish instructor, Bud Price - Flying scot instructor, Bruce Penrod - Cruising instructor.

- Maintenance: Orlando Chirino - Facility maintenance, Javier Bacallao - Boat maintenance, Jonathan Rodriguez - Boat maintenance.
- Security: Christian Molina - Parking attendant, Jose Lopez - Night security, Christian Rodiles - Night security.



Time to go sailing again ... see you out on the Bay!

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Vice Commodore

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NOTICE



Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta
Saturday & Sunday
February 3 -, 2017**

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #2
Friday – Sunday
February 9-11, 2018**

**Washington's Birthday Regatta
Barnacle State Park
Saturday
February 24, 2018**

**SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND
REGISTRATION FORMS ON
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET**

55th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta 2017

Welcome to the recap of the 55th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta which was held from December 26th through December 30th. The CGSC continues to host the I 420, 29er and adult laser fleets. The I 420 class also raced for the North American Championship trophy which made the award ceremony quite a handful, literally for 3 boats! Although most of the I 420 and 29er fleet sailors are under 19, a few sailors were over 19, creating a nice mix of skill and talent. The competitors in all fleets represented 5 countries, Scotland, India, Canada, Peru and the US and its territories. The course again, was a trapezoid, with the 3 fleets racing on all legs of the course. The breeze was from the NNW to NW all 4 days of the regatta. The first day was the lightest day, with 2 races. The conditions were shifty, with oscillations difficult to time. The conditions proved challenging for the sailors. Of course, that is standard for the northwest breeze on Biscayne Bay!

Days 2 through 4 had increased pressure with winds 8-13 knts, perfect. The regatta included 2 dinners, a barbeque and a "floribbean" fare night, thank you to our

club manager, Lauren Simpson and Dragan Savin, CGSC food and beverage manager, for organizing the delicious dinners.

Thank you to Duane Smallwood and the dock staff, who made sure everyone had room to launch in the morning, and space for the dollies and boats after racing.

The race committee ran 11 scheduled races for all fleets. On a personal note, as the regatta progressed, especially the 3rd day, the view from the signal boat, with all boats on the starting line, powered up, and a clear start, was impressive!

The I-420, 29er and Laser fleets were awarded with engraved Yeti stainless water bottle trophies. The I-420 and 29er fleets received trophies for the top 5 finishers as well as top youth team and top female team. Thomas Rice and Trevor Bornath, from Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, were 1st place in the I- 420 fleet, the top Youth team AND recipients of the 1st Place North American trophy. Quite an accomplishment! 3rd place and the top female team in I-420 was awarded to Peyton Thompson and Victoria Thompson.

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Photos provided by Richard Pober

In the 29er fleet, the 1st place, 1st youth team, AND 1st female team trophies were all awarded to Bella Casseretto and Kaitlin Hamilton from Ft Lauderdale Yacht Club. They all had their hands full! Please see Regatta Network for complete results.

The laser fleet sailed in radial rigs and full rigs with 19 boats. Pedro Fernandez from San Juan Puerto Rico won the regatta, followed by Ernesto Rodriguez, CGSC, (who was also Laser Master 1st place), and 3rd place to Vir Menon from Royal Madras Yacht Club, Chennai, India. Augie Diaz, always competitive, finished 2nd in Laser Masters.

The race committee signal boat crew were familiar names, Dottie Rostorfer, Timer, Saralee Lamb, recorder/ scribe, Ev Hoffman, captain of Trahandy 11 and flags, Michelle Wood, flags and course board. Pin boat, not an easy task with the aggressive fleet starts, Captain and line sighter, Cathy Buller, Max Boschetti (new to race committee), Joerg Fuesik, and Helen Phillips our capable friend from Canada. The ever present and skilled, Susan Walcutt as weather mark boat, with Rick Klein, Patrick McLister, and Dick Pober. The outer trap



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gate and finish boat was former race chairman, Ron Rostorfer with John Treadwell, captain Debbie Ryder, and recorder Bill Quesenberry and Allen Cox. Thank you to Richard Etkin, the regatta chair. Scoring was shared by Susan Walcutt and Sandrene Quenee, who behind the scenes, was the rock of Shoreside!

Denise Schneider had the difficult task of organizing shoreside for all 4 days, including manning the protest desk. Unfortunately, a last day protest delayed the awards. We were happy to share the joy of accomplishment with those sailors and race committee who stayed. It is all a part of a regatta, and we thank the judges who competently heard and ruled on the 2 protests of the event.

Thank you to our Channel editor, Cherie Branning, for

edited from January Channel

The International Melges 20 Class got off to fantastic start when Mother Nature rolled out the red carpet December 1st through 3rd. The sailors at winter series #1 enjoyed almost perfect conditions over three straight days of moderate Northeasterly breezes on Biscayne Bay, Day One saw an extremely talented fleet of boats from around the globe mix it up for three great races in winds of 12-15 knots to get the series rolling. The "Russian Bogatyrs" held the early series lead after Friday's races.

On Saturday, two additional regatta fleets were out racing on Biscayne Bay, so the CGSC team moved the Melges race course a couple miles south to allow room for the Star and BBYRA One-Design race circles to share the Bay. After three more races had been completed Saturday, the leaderboard was topped by Drew Freides's "Pacific Yankee" team, with rock star crews Morgan Reeser and Charlie Smythe pulling off a powerful 2, 2, 1 set of finishes to take command heading into the final day of racing.

Sunday saw the course location change once again. The Melges fleet swapped race course circles from the previous day with the Star regatta, and slid back to the North. Winds were lighter but still allowed for extremely tight, competitive racing.

On Sunday, as the sequence rolled down to the start of Race 7, the line appeared to be square to the wind, but the entire fleet was crowding the starboard end of the start line. CGSC Principal Race Officer Blake Middleton, looked over

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 generous support of the Open Orange Bowl Regatta, including bags for competitors and hats for the race committee and dock staff. It is much appreciated. Thank you to Coral Reef Sailing Apparel for the race committee shirts, including the original logo designed by Michelle of CRSA.

Happy New Year to all!

Nancy Rogachenko

PRO Open Orange Bowl

the Melges 20s!

his shoulder and decided it could never be a fair race, so he put up the Postponement flag just seconds before the start. Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer and his Pin Boat team pulled their anchor and reset the start line in an effort to try and convince the fleet that both ends of the line could use some "love." It worked, and the fleet was off for yet another great beat to the windward mark.

"Pacific Yankee" team had secured the regatta win with one race to go, and they were able to sail in early, using the final race as their "discard" for the series.

The racing was incredibly tight. Over the course of the eight-race series, seven different boats won individual races. Freide's "Pacific Yankee" team proved once again that consistency pays off at sailing competitions. They even fought back to place second in a race on Saturday after having to restart after being called over early. The incredibly deep, talented fleet saw three Russian boats ("Russian Bogatyrs", "Nika", and "Russotrans" finishing 2nd through 4th in the regatta, while the Italian entry "Mascalzone Latino jr" finished 5th.

Full Results and crews link:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=4478

Many thanks to the boat owners and all the volunteers for a fabulous regatta.



Adult Sailing

At this writing, we are off to a great 2018 start with our US Sailing Keelboat Certification program, which begins with the BASIC KEELBOAT Course and Certification. Our first two (2) BASIC KEELBOAT classes in January are Full at this point with reservations already extending out into April. For those Basic Keelboat Certified members whose next step is the BASIC CRUISING Course and Certification, we are pleased to announce that we had a BASIC CRUISING Class in January and have now scheduled BASIC CRUISING Classes for February 23-24-25 and again for March 16-17-18. These courses are conducted by our own Captain Bruce Penrod, and achieving the BASIC CRUISING Certification will allow those members to apply for the Adopt-a-Beneteau program and participate in the member use of our Beneteau fleet. These classes should fill up quickly. Contact Captain Bruce at www.cruisinginstructor@cgsc.org to register or get more information. Checkout our weekly Club e-mail news for more information regarding these courses.

Following with more about our Beneteau program, a successful, well-attended seminar, organized by Fleet Captain, Joel Krieger, was recently conducted on the main dock with the Beneteau TOGETHER as the practice boat. We were very fortunate in having Tom Bremen, a CGSC Lifetime member, to conduct the seminar which was primarily about sail trim, sail handling and sail care. Tom and Jill Bremen of Bremen Sails are pillars in our local sailing community. I first

met them more than thirty (30) years ago, needing advice and a new jib. You will see the distinctive logo of Bremen Sails on all types of boats all over our bay and elsewhere. Tom, one heck of a racer, has helped many club members with their sail issues, and I fondly recall how he built six new rugged Sunfish sails for us, at cost, to help us get our upgraded US Sailing Adult Sunfish program up and running in the 1990s. When you see Tom, thank him for his service to our club. Also, check out the interesting history of Bremen Sails online at www.bremensails.com.

For those of you who would like to get out on the Bay for some fun and competitive racing on Saturday mornings, check out the activity with our Flying Scot fleet. New to racing? You'll have fun and learn with our great group of active Flying Scot racers. This is the same group that offers Wednesday evening sailing during Daylight Savings Time.

Finally, we are needing to spruce up our Ensign fleet with some painting, varnishing and polishing. If you have some extra time and would like to help, please contact me.

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

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EXCELLENT NA CHAMPS REGATTA!

Once again, CGSC played host to the combined 2018 North American Championships for the Olympic 470 Class and for its youth trainer, the International 420 Class. While we're not yet in the run-up to the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, a big fleet was on hand – 30 Women's 470 teams, 32 Men's/Mixed teams and 40 I-420's for over 100 boats, total. The 470's shore-based at the US Sailing Center, while the I-420's were at the Club.

The event took place Saturday through Monday of MLK Weekend, January 13-15. Nine races were scheduled for each fleet. CGSC's Race Committee set Trapezoid Courses for the regatta. The first two starts each day sailed the "outer trap," with the third fleet sailing the "inner trap."

Conditions. Northerly quadrant winds prevailed over all three days as the effects of the then-latest front played out. The NW direction on Saturday was its usual shifty self. PRO Jaime Ramon stopped the racing for the day as the wind became fickle as well as shifty. Result: only the 470 Men sailed the planned three races that day, with the Women and the I-420's being held at two.

Sunday was a much better day, with a building and steadier breeze. The Women and the I-420's started first in hopes of catching up. Excellent racing prevailed throughout the day. So good, in fact, that after three races, the Women signaled that "their fun meter was pegged," so they remained a race behind. The Men and the I's finished the day with six races sailed.



Monday had been forecast as a hard NE breeze all day, but it started out in the 11 knot range and build through the day to the 16-18 knot range. Three more races were sailed for each fleet, bringing the Men and the I's to the nine races scheduled, and one less for the Women. So, 26 of 27 starts were conducted.

Results. The Women's 470 event was won by the Dutch team of Afrodite Zegers and Anneloes van Veen by six points. They sailed a 3-6-5-6-1-2-(8)-1 series for 24 points (each boat was allowed to drop its worst race). Winning the tie-break for second were the Japanese with the Polish Women taking third. Both had 31 points. No country placed two boats in the top nine finishers.

The 470 Men's Class was won by the British team of Luke Patience and Chris Grube by ten points. They sailed a 1-11-(16)-1-5-1-5-4-2 for 30 points. A Swedish team was second, and a Greek team was third,

five points out of a tie for second. The USA team of Stu McNay and Graham Biehl were 4th. The top six were all from different countries.

The I-420 Boys and Girls teams raced together, as usual in our events for the Class. The Boys winners were

Thomas Rice and Trevor Bornarth from Long Island Sound with 27 points. They sailed a (15)-4-1-3-11-10-6-1 series for the win. Another Boys team from the same club were two points back in second. But then, the amazing Girls team of twin sisters Carmen and Emma

Cowles were third overall, taking the Girls NA Championship. These girls are the current Girls I-420 World Champions, having won the title in China a couple of months ago. The second place girl's team was sixth overall, 12-points behind the twins.

Race Committee. Many thanks to Cathy and Marc Buller for providing their Otra Cuba Libre as Signal Boat for the regatta. PRO Jaime Ramon's Signal Boat team included Dottie Rostorfer, Liz Balbin, Philippe Dusser and Connie Bradley. Up to windward with her Contender 27 was Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt, assisted by Steve Herman, Rick Klein and Esther DiLeo. The Pin/Inner Gate Boat was skippered by Ron Rostorfer, PC, with Allen Cox, Max Boschetti and John Treadwell.



The Outer Gate boat was skippered by Marc Allen with Race Officer George Bradley and Bill Becker. The Finish Boat was skippered by Julie Hanrahan, assisted by Kathy Gunst, Sicotte Hamilton and Patrick McLister. Registration and the Protest Desk were handled by Denise Schneider, with Susan Walcutt and Steve Herman handling the scoring.

Ron Rostorfer



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FLYING SCOTS

As of the writing of this report the January race for BBYRA has not yet been run so there are no scores.

There is some news however. Castle Harbor is temporarily operating their Saturday morning races out of the club. While here, they are inviting all of the one design classes to come and join them. The Scot fleet has taken full advantage of this opportunity and have had an average of 5 boats on the line every Saturday.



The races start with a skippers meeting at 10:15. Right after the meeting we sail to the end of Brennan's channel and race 3 races. We are back in by 1:30 for beer and hotdogs. At that time there is some discussion of the events of the morning including

rules problems encountered and comments for what the winners think was the key to their success. As an added attraction Gary gives expert commentary on the races complete with video which is usually available on Monday morning to watch. Here is the link to watch some that have just taken place <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohqtUfsQfts>

For those of you who have had troubles with the long days and long sail involved in BBYRA racing come and try this new format. The shorter day, predictable starting area and quickness of the races will be refreshing to you.

Come and join us while it lasts. This will end when Castle Harbor goes back to their permanent home after hurricane repairs are made.

Snipes—Sunfish—Lasers. Come and give it a try.

Bud