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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

A couple of years ago I was in St. Petersburg on the west coast of Florida, and on a Sunday morning went to have a look at the St. Petersburg yacht club. It is a great place, so I walked up to the bar and asked if I could have a Bloody Mary and breakfast, under the reciprocity arrangement that CGSC has with them. After the bar staff had established that I was a member of CGSC "in good standing" (I was Rear Commodore back then, so a quick phone call to Duane in the CGSC dock office made that easy enough) I had an excellent meal. Now fast forward to the present ... last weekend I was at the Sailfish Club of Florida in Palm Beach, having crewed on Becky Lyons' boat Osita in the 62nd Annual Wirth M. Munroe Ocean Race (we did the "sprint" from Ft. Lauderdale to Palm Beach, and won!). As the Sailfish Club is not a sailing club, there is no reciprocity arrangement with CGSC, and I had to pay up front for drinks - no worry of course - the folks at the Sailfish Club were absolutely welcoming and friendly. But it got me thinking about reciprocity arrangements ...

Whenever a few sailing boats are in the same place, be it a race, raft up, at the dock, a club rendezvous, etc., reciprocity immediately comes into play. Every one invites each other to visit their boat, take a tour of the inside and deck (where we all make complementary comments about the living arrangements, the rigging, everything!), and have a drink in the cockpit to talk sailing. It doesn't matter that there is no formal arrangement, or even that you might not know the boat owner. Sailors welcome each other on to their boats without hesitation. Having experienced hands on board helps us learn and grow as sailors. Having new non-sailors on board provides an opportunity to recruit new crew and new members into the club's sailing community. And having guests on board always leads to new friendships. That's true sailing reciprocity that we all enjoy (alongside the excellent formal agreements that exist between the CGSC and other clubs). You gotta love it.



See you out on the bay (and please come aboard Moon Glow to make appreciative ooh, aaaah, noises!).

Geoff Sutcliffe

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

BBYRA OD #5

January 12, 2019

470 & I-420 North American Championship

January 19 - 21, 2019

ISAF Sailing World Cup Miami

January 28 - February 1, 2019

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION
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FOR BBYRA 2018-19 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

Flying Scots

It was a quiet month for the Flying Scot fleet. The December BBYRA race was cancelled. Saturday racing at Castle Harbor allowed for at least some casual racing. See you next month.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

Happy New Year! If January has arrived, that means regatta season has begun in earnest. We once again have a full schedule of exciting events happening at CGSC that will bring sailors from the highest levels to CGSC and their support teams and families to Miami. These regattas and related events are of vital importance to the mission of CGSC. However, our hosting them also means that there will be a strain on the limited space we have, at certain times impacting members' ability to park and access other parts of the facilities. We have worked hard on plans to manage these events in a way that minimizes such impacts, including some possible parking alternatives for members in close proximity to CGSC (of which you will be informed when the time comes). I know we can count on all members to help in the effort to make these events successful, first by keeping abreast of what events are happening and planning for possible contingencies, and by exercising patience with our staff and management during the peak periods. Via

such cooperation I'm sure everyone can continue to get the maximum enjoyment from the club during this busy time. Thank you in advance...



Regards,

James Grupenhoff,
Vice Commodore
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This is a photo of the new members who received their burgees at the November General Meeting.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Its Holiday season!!

I'd like to wish all members, junior sailors, Coaches and instructors, Staff, Race committee, the Beneteau fleet leaders, our Flying Scot group, and all who make our club such a wonderful place to be.

Sometimes we need to take a pause and remember that we are a part of a special and diverse community with shared experiences, shared visions and a love of sailing. So, look around and say thanks for being a part of this club and for the friends you have met and made through your involvement. Encourage others you know to come and share in our fortune and to find the joy we have in sailing.

If you haven't found time to sail recently - make a point of getting out on the bay, it is a great time of year to sail, good winds and not too hot.

Our junior season has ended. It has been an interesting fall, with new programs being developed and our outreach continuing to grow. Our coaches have done a great job, our team of sailors are developing well. My thanks go to Coaches and Staff, for their efforts and commitment to our sailors, and to parents for their ongoing support without which CGSC team couldn't do what we do. Thanks!

We have also implemented the new Safesport education and procedures, in line with US Sailing requirements, which aims to ensure continuing improvements in physical and emotional safety for our sailors, we have also reviewed and modified our internal procedures, to further build on the concept embodied in Safesport principles. All this means we have a bright future and a good place for junior sailors to be, to develop as sailors, and grow both as individuals and as team members. My hope is they enjoy their early sailing experiences and that the love of sailing stays with them throughout life.

So, in the new year let's keep sailing forward—and remember -- More Butts on Boats on the Bay.

Happy Holidays everyone!!

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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Canary on the Biscayne Bay coal mine course...

The first sign of winter racing at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club has been heralded by the annual return of the International Melges 20s fleet to the waters of Biscayne Bay. Winter Series Event #1 on November 30th to December 2nd was the start of the 10th season, and 29th regatta of the Melges 20 winter series hosted by CGSC!



When the event started on Friday, the RC team was led out to the race course by CGSC RC Chair Susan Walcutt and her team on the Contender of Sicotte Hamilton, Allen Cox and Dick Pober as the Weather Mark boat. Susan's team usually acts as the "canary in a coal mine" by heading out first to see if there's enough oxygen to breathe. (Or enough wind, in this analogy.) The early report back was yes, but just barely, so the full RC team left the dock and we gave the VHF radio call to the fleet to follow us out to the race course.

The expected Easterly breeze eventually built to 7-9 knots as the regatta got rolling. The Russian Bogatyrs team led by Skipper Igor Rytov, with Besputin Konstantine and Anton Sergeev started fast out of the gate, winning the first two races. The teams from NIKA and Cinghiale were right on their heels. By the time that the wind had built a bit, with gusts to 10 -11 knots for Race 3, Alexis Michas's team with Sam Rogers and John Bowden on Midnight Sun got hot and took the bullet to finish the day on a high note.

The Saturday forecast called for increased pressure with the potential for 12-16 knot winds, and a veer to the Southeast. While we had the Bay to ourselves for Friday's races, there were two additional regatta circles for the weekend, so the CGSC RC team moved the Melges 20 course another mile South on Saturday morning. While the expected direction switch to the SE did indeed appear, the expected wind speed increase did not. The winds were slightly higher than Friday's conditions, but never topped 11

knots.

Long time Melges 20 skipper Rob Wilbur and Olympic medalist tactician Charlie McKee started off the Saturday races with a win. After that, the second Russian boat NIKA started to take charge, winning back-to-back in races 5 and 6 to finish strong, and pull within two points of the Boogatyr's team for the regatta lead. Midnight Sun and Cinghiale were just four points back, tied for 3rd with 15 points, but with Sun ahead in the rankings thanks to leading the scoring tiebreaker.



As the Race Committee arrived at the clubhouse on Sunday morning, it was obvious that the expected 6-9 knot SE winds had not made an appearance. The Contender "canary" team made an early report that the wind was from the right direction, but hovering around 1 1/2 to 3 knots. At the request the Class representative, it was decided to bring the rest of the RC boats and the Melges 20 fleet out anyway, in hopes that we'd all be ready to get races started as soon as the wind filled. After an hour of waiting prior to the scheduled 1100 Warning signal time, and then an hour and a half under postponement, it was clear that the wind was unlikely to appear at all. PRO Blake Middleton, Deputy RO Vickie Matthews and the Signal Boat team of Skipper Marc Allen and his awesome Grand Banks 36, Hyperion, along with Dottie Rostofer, Connie Bradley and Denise



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Schneider hoisted Flags N over A, abandoning the remaining races for the regatta. With the scores unchanged, the regatta winners were the talented Russian Bogatyrs!

The Race Committee also included the Gate Boat team of RO George Bradley, with Rick Klein, Don Libby and Carol Cotrell. Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer was the race officer on the Pin boat with skipper Debbie Ryder, Mike Stephens and Bill Quesenberry. Sandrine Quenee managed the shoreside regatta duties, plus registration and scoring for the event. CGSC counts on experienced and talented volunteers to manage races and regattas. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is incredibly fortunate have so many amazing women and men step up to provide world class race management! Only two days of the three had races completed, but the championship quality of the races was appreciated by all of the international competitors!

Two more Melges 20 Winter series events will run in February and March, then CGSC is thrilled to host the Melges 20 World Championship the first week of April!

For those who might be concerned, no canaries were harmed in the completion of this successful regatta.

Photos courtesy of Richard Pober.





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World Championship Coming in 2019!

It's been a long time since CGSC was founded back in 1946 – 72 years, actually. Finally, next year in 2019, CGSC will host a World Championship at the Club. The 2019 Melges 20 World Championship will be sailed from the Club next April 4-7. CGSC Historian Renny Young took a good look back, and could not find any prior World Championship sailed from CGSC. It will be an exciting time in the life of a great Sailing Club.

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