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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

In the last week of 2018 I was riding the launch, talking to Juan about old boats on the mooring field. Over the years the dock master had always maintained logbooks of every boat that came and left the mooring field. Sadly, the logbooks were in milk crates on the dock office floor when Hurricane Irma came through in 2017, and all those records were destroyed. Happily, we still know a lot from the financial records that were safely in the upstairs office during the storm. Juan and I started wondering which boats have been on the mooring field the longest, and there were quite a few candidates. That Friday in the bar I consulted the club historian Renny Young, and he also had some good ideas. Eventually, having pestered enough people around the bar, we found the answer! Since then I have done some digging in the records (thanks to Jesse and Lauren for their help!), and can pose the following quiz for you ... given the following lists of boat names, member names, and years, can you link up which boat is owned by which member and what year the boat came into the mooring field? The answer is at the end of the Channel ... don't cheat ... see if you know the answers. And if not, take some time to meet these members and talk about their boats



- there are interesting tales to hear. (If your boat deserved to be in this list please let me know - sorry I missed you - that's what losing records in a storm does.)

BOAT (alphabetical order)	OWNER (alphabeticaorder)	YEAR (ascending order)
Dona Pituca	Bill Beavers	1969
Dutch Treat	Mike Del Marmol	1974
Finesse	Michael Lovelady	1974
Jolly Roger	John Pistorino	1982
Late Start	Luis Prieto	1983
Misty	Joanne Pzenny	1984
Nepenthe	Dale Robinson	1986
Rocking Robin	Elliot Robinson	1988
Sambal II	Stephen Samson	1991
Stardust	Co Vanderkreeke	1992

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These are photos of the new members who received their burgees at the December General Meeting.

Flying Scots

December was a slow month for the Flying Scots as the BBYRA race was cancelled for the month. Saturday races continue in place of the Wednesday night races until the time changes again. The next one is scheduled for Saturday Feb 2nd. We had another Scot donated. We are getting trid of the worst one and using the parts to make the rest of the fleet stronger. The fleet is strong with 10 boats out for the last race. Come and join us.

Bud



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

Although I know how captivated you all are by news about the facilities and equipment, I'm going to take a detour this month to tell you about the fun times that can be had when you volunteer at CGSC. As you know, this past December 27-30, CGSC hosted the 56th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta, and on day 2 of the event I volunteered to skipper the Signal Boat from which the PRO and his team oversaw all three classes racing in the event. We motored out at 9:30 AM into a steady twelve-knot breeze and dropped anchor about a mile south of the entrance to Brennan's Channel. From there the RC team promptly set the marks, the fleets of i-420s, 29ers and Lasers mustered and racing began in earnest. Photos of the action are featured here, and I'm sure you can tell the competition was fierce and exciting to watch.

You do not need to know how to sail or know anything about racing to volunteer for Race Committee, and there are a variety of duties which will likely provide everyone with an opportunity to do something they enjoy, whether

it be handling flags, sounding the horn or helping with the scoring. I've participated in Race Committee several times over the past few years and have had some unforgettable experiences. I hope more members will take advantage of this opportunity!



Sheet in, head up, hike out...

James Gruppenhoff,

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy New Year! I trust one of your resolutions was to sail more often. If not, it's still Ok to make it now. The weather is perfect most days, good wind, not too warm, perhaps the occasional excuse to wear foul weather gear.

The Orange bowl regatta took place recently, and what an impressive sight. The bay was covered with racing boats on many racing circles, great fun to watch. It's one of the biggest regattas in the world, right here at home on the bay. It all makes me realize how lucky we are to live here and have such an amazing sailing venue. Of course our Race Committee makes it all happen, caps off to them!! If you're looking for a good way to get involved in the clubs activities – join race committee- I've done it for a few years, it's fun spending time with a great group of people, It's instructional, and definitely helps us to appreciate sailing more.

On New Year's day CGSC hosted the Miami Yacht Squadron's RC championship. What's that you ask? Well- Radio controlled yachts are a US Sailing recognized class, and races are run under US Sailing rules like any other race. Was great fun to see 25 RC boats participate- very competitive too. If you want to see these boats- they get together on Tuesday evenings off the North dock. May not be 'Butts on boat on the bay (but only because our butts don't fit), so in this case it's 'Butts on the dock, boats on the Bay'. The

commodore's word of the month keelhaul is difficult to apply to sailors on such 'little' boats, Many regattas are coming up- North American 470/I-420 champs, ISAF World Sailing cup-over a hundred top international board sailors, definitely one

to come and watch. The Commodore Rasco Snipes regatta, Melges 20's series, Then in March a huge junior event- Miami Sail week, run by our junior team leaders , in conjunction with CGSC race committee. Please sign up to volunteer, get ot there to watch too.

The junior program is now in its spring season, heavily attended, and we are looking forward to another season developing our youth sailors, helping them enjoy our sport, and to be good competitors and team mates. Friendships made now last a lifetime. As a Rowing coach myself, I really enjoy giving back to sport, helping and watching youngsters develop as athletes and grow as individuals.

Well, I'm looking at the bay right now, wishing I was out there. Its picture perfect- so get out there folks.

Jim Green, Rear Commodore

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Bali Ha'i



2018 OPEN ORANGE BOWL

The 2018 open Orange Bowl regatta run by Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt, Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer and Pro Rick Klein was a huge success attracting over 60 entries and over a hundred sailors. Three classes, I-420, 29er and lasers, sailed eleven races over the four day regatta.

On thursday winds whipped out of the southeast blowing a steady 19 knots, gusting to 23. The good news is we found an extra member- owned support boat which allowed us to utilize one of the club boats as a safety boat. Many of the 29ers capsized, some repeatedly, and as pro I was relieved to have a boat keeping an eye on them while continuing to run races. I imagine the youth sailors treading water were comforted to see a boat standing by.

We ran three races on Thursday, but on Friday the wind pressure dropped from 6 knots to less than 4 later in the afternoon. We were lucky to get in two races before the wind quit for good.

On Saturday and Sunday the weather was beautiful, it blew a steady 6 to 8 knots and we got in three races both days to complete the eleven race regatta.

The twenty-seven member I-420 fleet was very aggressive and Saturday and Sunday they were almost exclusively "black flag" starts.

The winner of the I-420 class was

Justin and Mitchell Callahan with three firsts and a total of 40 points. They also won the trophy for the top youth team, under 19 years of age.

They sail out of Houston. Second was Maddie Hawkins and Yumi Toshiyasu, also out of Houston, with 47 points. They also won a trophy for top female team. Third place was Oliver Hurwitz and Ethan Froelich, sailing for the American Yacht Club with 48 points.

The 29er class was won by Berta Puig and Bella Casaretto, out of Lauderdale Yacht Club, with 42 points. They also won a trophy for top female team and top youth team. Congratulations Berta and Bella. Second place was Charlie Leigh and Shane Nera with 47 points. Stephen Baker and Oliver Duncan won third place also with 47 points.

The laser and laser master class was won by our



very own Augie Diaz with three firsts and a total of 25 points. Augie is a past world champion in stars and snipes, and truly an ambassador/statesman for the sport of sailing. It is always an honor and pleasure to have him on the race course. Second was Brett Putnam with 35 points and third was Dave Chapin with 48.

Trophies were awarded by Vice Commodore James Grupenhoff and Rear Commodore Jim Green. Many thanks to both of them for coming down to the club and presenting the cups to the young racers.

A regatta is not just four days of racing. It's drawing

up the notice of race... sailing instructions... ordering trophies... making arrangements with the club to feed the racers... talking to class reps... and working with CRYC on sharing judges and storing trailers. A lot of this behind the scenes work is done by Susan Walcutt and Ron Rostorfer who never receive enough accolades.

Steve Herman, Deputy Pro, was very helpful in running the races and along with Ron Rostorfer in drafting and redrafting the notice of race and the sailing instructions for the regatta.

This is a team effort and as PRO I was honored to be at the forefront, but it is the patience, willingness and each individual's special skills that make the regatta work.



A friend of mine said she had worked another regatta the past four days and wished she was working with us at CGSC because she has so much more fun with us because of the "people." Amen. Speaking of people: Kathy Gunst, Connie Bradley, Jo Ann Mathieu and Helen Phillips served as recorders on signal. After a rough start, my fault for not understanding clearly what was required and conveying that to them. But that got straightened out and day two through four they rocked. I am so grateful to them for organizing and presenting the results in a most professional format to the scorer, Sandrine Quenee.

I learned that all boats entered must be listed on

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Photos courtesy of Richard Pober.

the finish sheet as finishers, or assigned a scoring penalty. Recorders must check texts/emails every 7.2 Minutes for updates from Sandrine Quenee, the head scorer/registrar/check-in person/ "mom in charge of all racers".

Sandrine does a fantastic job and has the races scored before the boats hit the dock. Very impressive. France needs a new president, I vote for Sandrine.

Martha/Nina/ Ledesma, Anne Platt, Patrick McLister and Deputy PRO, Steve Herman, manned the flags on signal and took finishes. Like me, they weren't perfect, but damn good and there was nothing we couldn't fix.

Dottie, our timer, was in charge and kept us on a tight schedule. It is always reassuring to hear her voice, at least, when she remembers to turn on her radio. I really appreciated how willing she was to start on the odd minutes and how carefully she noted the timing of each flag for each start.

George Bradley, Don Deresz, Bill Quesenberry, Helen Phillips and Steve Herman worked on the inner gate/pin boat. When Feorge is there

he has the marks set in the correct spot while I am still scratching my head. Steve Herman, Don and Katie Steiger ran the boat on day 4 and did a great job, they were in the right spots at the right time.

Ron Rostorfer was race officer on the weather mark boat and provided valuable guidance and support throughout the regatta. Most of what I've learned I've learned from Ron and George and I am grateful for their patience and support.

Weather mark boat was a 25' grady white, owned by Josh and Laurie Chisari, who are new members and graciously offered to let us use their boat. They both pitched in and helped all four days. If you



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see them at the club please introduce yourselves and welcome them.

On outer gate/finish was Susan Walcutt, Sara Lee Lamb, Michelle Wood, Dick Pober, Richard Etkin, Katie Steiger and Harry. They took a lot of finishes in a hotly contested i-420 fleet sailing the outer trap. I don't have to worry about her end of the course.

Signal boat on Thursday was "Hyperion" driven by Mark Allen, on Friday we used "together" captained by Vice Commodore James Grupenhoff and on Saturday and Sunday "No Rita" captained by Frank de Laurier.

Our "support" boat was captained by Allen Cox and crewed by Harry and Denise Schneider. Thursday, with the 19 knot wind capsizing 29ers left and right, it was a blessing to have a support boat out there to keep an eye on all the sailors in the water.

Denise Schneider took all the lunch orders and organized everyone's individual requests into a comprehensive subway order. She then arrived at Subway at 7:30 each morning to pick up the lunches and deliver them to the club. We all owe Denise a big thanks for a job very well done.

Michelle Wood and Carol Cottrell manned the registration desk and on the last day Michelle Stuck around to refund flag deposits to coaches and parents.

This was a team effort and it takes a full team to do it well. I thank all of you for putting forth your best effort to run a great regatta for the kids. I know they all appreciated the square courses and swiss precision. Okay, I guess it didn't exactly run like clockwork, but close. I hope you had as much fun as I did and I look



forward to working with all of you again.

A special thank you to Patrick Mc Lister who accompanied Frank home to Homestead on "No Rita". Thank you Patrick for standing tall and doing the right thing.

Happy new year to all.

Rick Klein

Answer to the Commodore's Quiz

Boats	Owners	Years
Late Start	Dale Robinson	1969
	(see the photo below)	
Jolly Roger	Stephen Samson	1974
	(we're unsure if it's the same Jolly Roger - anyone know?)	
Rocking Robin	Elliot Robinson	1974
Dutch Treat	Luis Prieto	1982
	(Dave Holland was the original owner, and Randy Klee owned her for a long time)	
Stardust	John Pistorino	1983
Dona Pituca	Joanne Pzenny	1984
Sambal II	Co Vanderkreeke	1986
Finesse	Bill Beavers	1988
	(now cared for by Tom Beavers)	
Misty	Michael Lovelady	1991
Nepenthe	Mike Del Marmol	1992



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Dear Members, this is likely my last CHANNEL column as your Chairman of the Adult Instructional program at CGSC. It has been my pleasure to serve my club for decades in this and many other chairmanships, including Nominating Chairman (several years), Membership Chairman (six years) and on the Bridge as Secretary (one year). I have been a member for thirty-four (34) years and have been teaching at the club since the late 1980s and have had the pleasure of teaching more than four thousand (4,000) students. It is time for a change, and we are very fortunate to have Capt. Bruce Penrod assume this chair. I will continue to teach selectively as your Senior Adult Instructor, which will include our large group BASIC KEELBOAT Classes and perform certification testing. I owe a huge thanks to so many of you for your support and friendship over the many years.

Now to the adult training business at hand. It has been a busy end of year since Capt. Bruce Penrod returned from the Chesapeake Bay in his boat, Leaping Groundhog. Seven students completed the Basic Cruising Class in November and December and they are: Jan von Felitzen, Duane Smith, Jose Alvarez, Will Burke, Charlie Seybold, Jonathan Parker, and Henrique Machado. Then six sailors went on to complete their Bareboat Cruising Certifications. They are: Ayrtou Mai Neto, John Bek, Gigi Bek, Pietro Della Torre, James Gruppenhoff, and Will Burk. Many of these also became members of the Beneteau fleet.

For our BASIC KEELBOAT activities, however, December was brutal to our schedule weather-wise, as we had to cancel two full BASIC KEELBOAT Weekend classes and ten sessions of coaching or testing. That

is twenty-eight (28) students in all. Never have we experienced so many cancellations in one month, all due to weather, most of which was not enough wind. To date, we have made up about half of those students and are hoping for better weather in 2019. We have two (2) FULL Weekend Basic Keelboat classes in January at the time of this writing. There is only one BASIC KEELBOAT Group Class scheduled for February, as the Arts Festival restricts access to our club on the usual third weekend of the month. There is so much demand for the BASIC KEELBOAT class that we may schedule a second February class on the untraditional fourth (4th) weekend. That will be announced if it occurs.

We will be hosting a US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructor Evaluation in the very near future. I know that we have some dedicated members already interested in testing for the certification, which will be announced soon.

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

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Youth Sailing in the Junior Orange Bowl

Hello members, sailors and friends

Hope your 2019 is going well, we here at the youth sailing program have started off with a bang with a very active spring season. We wanted to take the time to share with you all our experience at the 2018 Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta. We attended with 9 sailors in Green Fleet, 10 in RWB and 4 laser sailors. For the event we were joined by our old friends Alexandro Riquelme who many of you know, is Sigrid Beckmann's youngest son. Some friends from Curacao and Aruba also joined us who last sailed with us in Orange Bowl in 2015. The regatta started off in the freshest breeze out of the NNE with breaking waves inside the bay! Our team struggled, but the Caribbean sailors really shone with Gavin Debevere from Aruba putting up a 4th and an 8th for our team the first day. As the event



went on, the tricky conditions were tough on everyone, but our green fleeters really started to get to work with Fernando Figueroa putting in work. The regatta went on and was dominated by phase-shifts brought in by moving clouds with our easterly and southeasterly breeze. After day 2 we had enough races to do the RWB Gold/Silver Fleet split and our very own Daniel Van Puffelen put up a first place in Silver Fleet on Day 4, and Alexandro finishing 25th overall in Orange Bowl 2018. In Green Fleet, Fernando Figueroa got a taste of the podium with a 7th place finish overall in his first orange bowl!

A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to a productive season. Check back in with us next month to hear about our adventures in St. Petersburg and Key Largo!

May the wind always be in your favor,
-Alberto





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CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons

Sailing World Cup Miami
January 29-February 1, 2019

50th Annual
Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta
February 2-3, 2019

Melges 20
Miami Winter Series
February 08-10, 2019

Barnacle Regatta
February 23, 2019

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