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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Members:

I'm sure you've noticed the new floor in the meeting room and by the time of publication of this report the new lights and fans will have been installed as well. This upgrade to this often-used space at the club has been a long time coming, and I'd like to thank all of the members of the Property Committee over the past year who helped to make it happen. We use this room for our meetings, parties, seminars and other events, as well as making it available for local community groups as a venue for meetings and luncheons. More improvements are to come for this room, as well as other aspects of the club.

We've made great progress over the past few years in upgrading the facilities, including the astro-turf on the lawn, the glass doors on the

second floor and re-paving of the strip. Given how busy we are, with a burgeoning membership and our welcoming of the community to our camps, training programs, regattas, etc. this is a definite need. So, feel free to bring your friends and neighbors down to show off the club, and before they know it they may just find themselves on a sailboat...

Regards, James

James Gruppenhoff,

Commodore

commodore@cgsc.org



Flying Scots

We had seven boats out last Saturday in great conditions for our weekly Flying Scot clinic. There was around 11 knots of breeze with very mild temperatures.

First place went to Alex Sellar in his own boat, Bandit.

Second place was Eduardo Luaces with Dominic and François on board.

Third was Bill Denyer with Amy and Dominic along. Only 1/2 point separated the top two boats.

The video link is here-<https://youtu.be/uJnuG9UxCU>
Come and join us for some casual racing. No racing experience needed.

Sundays Fleet race was abandoned due to high winds.

There is also a short video that will show a Scot with Dave Martin at the helm going to weather in 18 to 25 knots.

<https://youtu.be/HoAhuxcFuqE>

Bud

Fall Awards



1st Place - Ryan Alexander



2nd place - Obie Smith



3rd Place Bud Price



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Just recently, seeing the number of Club members who volunteered to support the club at the Miami Boat show, and the Coconut Grove Art show, I was reminded that the club is truly an integral part of the local 'Scene', and an important contributor to the things that make the Grove and Miami special. Our Club and member support of local activities, not just in our sailing related activities (youth and adult sailing, Race management and participation), but in other ways (eg Clarington Island cleanup, environmental activism), coupled with outreach to the local community and other actions, is both a service and an ongoing duty of CGSC. Heartfelt thanks to all who take part in these efforts.

The club is also one of the most special spots on the bay, our views of the bay accompanied by our dining and social offerings are unique, and provide 'Grovises' and visitors the opportunity to expand their enjoyment of the Grove locality. We continue to look to ways to enhance that experience, and with everyone's help will remain a welcoming and beloved place.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Iam so proud and excited to be sharing news of the Annual rendezvous (I must mention that although I am the bearer of the news, it reflects a collective group effort from our esteemed club members who have contributed their time and creative genius) which I am fondly referring to as a throwback to our club roots. Please mark your calendar for events commencing Friday night April 17th through Sunday morning April 19th for "Treasure Island". This return to CGSC tradition will include fun events such as:

- Friday Evening bean soup and shared social appetizer raft up
- Friday evening castaway to Elliott Key
- Saturday Morning family friendly activities on Elliott Key:
 - Shelter building
 - Scavenger hunt
 - Ship building
 - Kayak races
 - Dressing as your favorite Treasure Island character!

Club sponsored activities on the island will include our famous rum punch and of course cold beer. A grilled

We are a home to serious adult and youth sailors; to social and cruising sailors; to families and friends of our sailors; to those who enjoy other on water activities; to those who may only occasionally 'dabble' in the water and enjoy the camaraderie that is such a part of the club; and to those who simply have come to enjoy the social side of the club. Whatever you want to find at CGSC, you will, and I am sure you will have a fun time being at the club.

Our club is spectacular- make good use of everything we offer and continue to do what you do to make it special for all.

Guess I'll head off for a sail now.

Regards,

Jim

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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Bali Ha'i



lunch will be served Saturday of hot dogs and hamburgers, and a shrimp boil for dinner. We ask that participants bring a dessert to share with the group. Breakfast will be served on Elliott Key on Sunday morning before we say a final goodbye to the beautiful island, longingly look back at our weekend free from technology, where we were able to focus on our family and friends. Of course, no club event is over before we have thanked the environment that sustained us by cleaning up and leaving only our footprints, not our trash!

I look forward to pulling up to the club and seeing familiar faces with their friends and families on the dock, enjoying some social time the evenings of the 17th. I will be there with my family to kick off a weekend that is sure to be memorable.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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2020 (51st Annual) Comodoro Rasco Snipe

The Comodoro Rasco regatta began in Cuba over 70 years ago. As a teenager, Gonzalo Diaz was part of the regatta sailing his new Snipe. He continues to sail in the regatta 51 years later! With winds averaging 10-12 knots on Saturday and 15-18 knots on Sunday, Gonzalo and crew Bruno Mello were joined by 21 snipes racing for the perpetual Comodoro Rasco trophy.

Billed as part of the Sunshine Snipe Regatta series, the Comodoro Rasco Regatta is RELAXED and well attended. The sailors enjoyed great racing, good friends and an unparalleled regatta dinner, graciously hosted by Carmen and Gonzalo Diaz at their home for all the competitors and the race committee.

Resultados: 1st place Augie Diaz and Lexi Pline, 2nd Place Carol Cronin and Kim Couranz, 3rd place Hal Gilreath and Brendan Feeney. Aicardi Trophy winner Telmo Bastera and David Perez.

Pictures of all winners, taken by Kathy Gunst (CGSC RC) and action shots taken by professional photographer, Kathleen Tocke, on Saturday. (Gonzalo Diaz is the sailor in the brimmed hat!)

With brisk weather conditions (for MIAMI!) Saturday races were sailed on a windward leeward course. With a choppy sea-state and higher wind speeds on Sunday, the breeze was strong enough for a Triangle course. The bay was surrounded by storms, but watching the radar and eye to the



Evan Hoffman and Marissa Golison

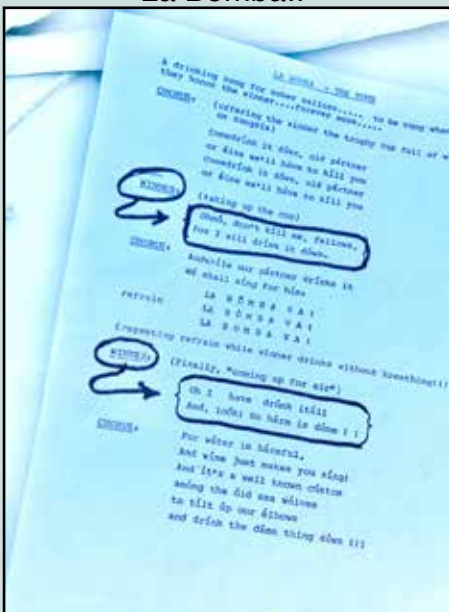


Sharon Johnson and crew



Flora Cole and Andrew Cole

La Bomba!!



Gonzalo Diaz and Bruno Mello



Aicardi trophy winners: Telmo Bastera and David Perez

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sky, other than rain, we were able to complete all 5 races of the regatta, 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. The rain did not dampen spirits on or off the water, as there was the famous Lasagna dinner!

Thank you to the race committee!! Susan Walcutts, Susan Eddings, Bill Boland, George Bradley, Bill Becker, Don Libbey, Steve Herman Allen Cox, Esther Dileo, Bill Quesenberry, all Mark boats on the course, and signal boat staff, Connie Bradley, Saralee Lamb, Kathy Gunst, Martha Ledesma, Sonia Diaz, Kathleen Prunier, Richard Elkin-Protest Committee and our signal boat, Cool Obsessions, Captain Carl Opdyke and his wife Mercedes.

Last, but not least, the awards ceremony joyfully requires the singing of La Bomba Va. Audio not included but with the lyrics you can imagine!

Respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Rogachenko, PRO US Sailing



1st place - Augie Diaz and Lexi Plaine



2nd place - Carol Cronin and Kim Couranz



Acardi Trophy winners from Spain- Telmo Basterra and David Perez



3rd place - Hal Gilreath and Brendan Feeney



Results of Commodore Rasco Reghatta

| Pos | Sail | Boat | Skipper | Yacht Club | Total | Pos |
|-----|-------|--------------------------------|--|--|-------|-----|
| 1 | 30288 | Danilu | Augie Diaz / Lexi Pline | CGSC/ | 10 | 1 |
| 2 | 31295 | | carol cronin / Kim Couranz | Severn Sailing Association/ | 16 | 2 |
| 3 | 8653 | | Hal Gilreath / Brendan Feeney | Florida/ | 22 | 3 |
| 4 | 31313 | The Bitch is Back | Alex Pline / Lisa Pline | Severn Sailing Association/ | 39T | 4 |
| 5 | 30299 | | Trevor Long / Jessica Bennett | MITNA/ | 39T | 5 |
| 6 | 29966 | | Evan Hoffmann / Marissa Golison | San Diego Yacht Club/ | 41 | 6 |
| 7 | 29442 | The Conquistadors | Telmo Basterra / David Perez | Real Club Maritimo de Abra Real Sporting Club/ | 42 | 7 |
| 8 | 29781 | Swim Trunks & Flippie-Floppies | Charlie Bess / Taylor Scheuermann | Coral Reef Yacht Club/ | 46T | 8 |
| 9 | 31555 | | Jim Bowers / Jim Bowers | Winchester Boat Club/ | 46T | 9 |
| 10 | 28814 | | Ian Holtzworth / Margaux Bacro-Duverger | SPYC/ | 49T | 10 |
| 11 | 31304 | | Lee Griffith / Nikki Bruno | Surf City Yacht Club/ | 49T | 11 |
| 12 | 30510 | | Gannon Troutman / Lucas Masiello | Fishing Bay Yacht Club/CCS/ | 65 | 12 |
| 13 | 30571 | | Sharon Seymour-Johnson / Sharon Seymour-Johnson | Lauderdale Yacht Club/ | 67 | 13 |
| 14 | 29687 | one twenty one | Scott Steele / Martha Parker | MRSA/ | 69 | 14 |
| 15 | 30027 | | Andre Guaragna / Charlie Breath | Jacksonville University Sailing Team/ | 71 | 15 |
| 16 | 31114 | | Enrique Quintero | Coral Reef Yacht Club | 81 | 16 |
| 17 | 30236 | | Kenneth Voss / Tara Lobo | CRYC/ | 94 | 17 |
| 18 | 29114 | | Liam Munzenmaier / Laura Munzenmaier | N/A/ | 101 | 18 |
| 19 | 30338 | | Gabriel Porzecanski / Daniel Porzecanski | US Saling Center/ | 104 | 19 |
| 20 | 30336 | Popeye | Gonzalo Diaz / Bruno Mello | CGSC/ | 112 | 20 |
| 21 | 30888 | Bliffzard | Blake Cabassa / Tiffany Fernandez | Coral Reef Yacht Club/ | 113 | 21 |
| 22 | 28142 | | Flora Cole / Andrew Cole | Severn Sailing Association/ | 119 | 22 |
| 23 | 29572 | The Hen | Charlie Bustamante / Michele Bustamante | None/ | 125T | 23 |
| 23 | 30759 | The Love Boat | Patrick Rynne / Fiona Rynne | MRCSS/ | 125T | 23 |

Adult Sailing

February provided us with another good group of students for our classes. Both of our popular BASIC KEELBOAT Classes for February were full, and registrations are coming in for March. This popular class is offered twice monthly on the second (2nd) weekend, and again on the third (3rd) weekend. Congratulations to new member Rolo Cuadrado who earned his keelboat certification in February and to Richard Gray, also certified through the US Sailing Challenge for Basic Keelboat.

We continue to be there to welcome new members each month, many of whom are new to sailing and do not own their own boat. We encourage you to take advantage of our club's member-use privileges for use of our various fleets, some requiring certification and some requiring endorsement. Contact Jesse at Ext. 10 in the office for class offerings.

March Schedule:

7-8 Adult Sunfish Learn-to-Sail

13-15 Basic Cruising

14-15 Basic Keelboat - Adult

21-22 Basic Keelboat - Adult

Private classes, coaching and testing by reservation.

*Certification Question for the month:

If the jib's leeward luff telltale is fluttering, and you don't wish to change course, you should...

(a) Trim the jib in.

(c) Ease the jib out

(b) Ease the main out

(d) Tension the jib halyard.

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

Co-Chairmen – Richard Crisler – Alex Fox



Answer:*c

I-420 NORTH AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP

CCGSC hosted and managed the 2020 I-420 Class North American Championship January 18-20. It was our second great continental championship in as many weeks, with the Olympic 470 NA's being the weekend before (see the February issue). The I-420 is the youth trainer for the Olympic 470, which is sailed by Men's/Mixed teams and separately by Women's teams – same fleet makeup as the I-420's. CGSC hosts the I-420 US Nationals during the Open Orange Bowl Regatta, and then the NA's over MLK weekend. The I-420 fleet has grown steadily over the several years CGSC has hosted these events, but this regatta's 37 entries tops the list for participation. Congratulations to the Class! Competitors hailed from Connecticut to California, and several places in between. Nine races were sailed over the three days in very good Biscayne Bay conditions. Brothers Justin and Mitchell Callahan from Cape Coral & Outfit Sailing "ran off and hid" from this competitive fleet with a 29



point lead over second overall and first Girls Team of Vanessa Lahrkamp and Katherine McNamara from American YC on Long Island Sound. The worst race the Callahans counted was a 4th place. A 5th place average would have been good enough to win the regatta! CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job of managing the racing on Biscayne Bay. Many thanks to our PRO, Jeff Zarwell, a National Race Officer from San Francisco who has been with our team several times going back to 2014, as well as Signal Boat owner Carl Updyke with his catamaran, "Cool Obsession." CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt also supplied her own Contender 27 as the Mark Boat.

The Signal Boat RC team consisted of DRO Steve Herman, Timer Dottie Rostorfer and Records Connie Bradley and Kathy Gunst. With Susan up to weather were Allen Cox, Martha Ledesma, Denise Schneider and Dick Pober. The Pin Boat was skippered by Ron Rostorfer PC with Juan Alban, Sara-lee Lamb, Bill Boland and Bill Becker. The Outer Gate/Finish Boat was skippered by George Bradley with Rick Klein, Helen Phillips and Carol Cottrell. Special thanks also to Susan for doing the scoring after we returned to shore, and to Protest Committee Chair Richard Etkin.

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I-470's



Melges 20 Regatta

Patience on day 1 leads to spectacular racing on the final two days!

For the past 11 years, the International Melges 20 class Miami Winter Series regattas have been an annual staple of excellent International racing on Biscayne Bay for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and the February 2020 event was no exception!

Principal Race Officer Blake Middleton led the Signal boat team on board the amazing DV Protector 36, with skipper Tom Giesler. The Signal Boat group was supported by Deputy Race Officer Rick Klein and timer Dottie Rostorfer, along with Helen Phillips who snuck down to Miami from Canada (kind of up near Minnesota where Blake is from) and Connie Bradley to handle flags and recording.

The event started Friday February 7th with moderate rain and light, and shifty winds out of the Northwest. The RC held the fleet at the dock with an on-shore postponement, moving the initial warning signal back an hour. When the Race Committee and Melges 20 fleet arrived on the race course, the rain was lighter and the breeze was a bit stronger, but the visibility on Biscayne Bay was limited to about a half mile, and the winds continued to oscillate, swinging through wild shifts of 30 to 50 degrees. Multiple attempts were made to reset the course and the starting line, and a couple of early attempts were made to start the race, but each ended after truly large wind shifts. The RC remained in postponement for a couple hours, finally seeing the breeze build to 6-7 knots and settle in at 320 degrees for a 2pm start.

The newest Melges 20 team from the Michas family stormed out to an early lead, with Gordan Michas and the team on "Midnight Sin" taking the bullet in Race 1. With the significantly delayed start of the first race, the RC called it a day and headed back to shore with only a single race completed for Friday.

While the regatta was behind schedule after a slow start Friday, far more appropriate sailing conditions appeared on Saturday, with Northeast winds, starting at 7-9 knots and slowly building. The Melges 20 fleet was warned to expect four races if wind conditions allowed it.

Race 2 started with a general recall, so the Signal boat adjusted anchor position, but once the fleet got off on the second attempted start under Flags I over Z, the regatta really got moving! The star of the day was Robert Hughes team on "Heartbreaker" with Italians Federico Michetti and Manu Weiller Vidal, who reeled off three race wins, balanced by an unfortunate 12th place finish in Race 3. By the 4th race, the winds had moved a bit more towards the east, and picked up to

11-14 knots, and the course length was extended to one nautical mile. The CGSC Windward mark boat team of Race Officer Susan Walcutt and her team of Steve Herman, Kathy Gunst, Bill Boland and Denise Schneider made the appropriate course changes, and the racing moved on without delay.

One of the absolute highlights of the regatta was watching Canadian Rhonda Joyce and her team on "Grinning Streak" pull off a port-tack start in Race 5. The wind shifted slightly to the left just before the start, so Rhonda was easily able to cross the fleet. That simply doesn't ever happen in the ultra-competitive Melges 20 races, but she and crew Morgan Reeser and John Bowden pulled it off in spectacular fashion!

On Sunday, the Melges 20 fleet was presented with gorgeous "Miami Chamber of Commerce" conditions, with NE winds of 15 to 20 knots at the start of Race #6. Normally on Sunday, the Melges 20 fleet only faces a final race or two to complete the series, but after the slow start Friday, it was still time to catch up on the series race total, so with the excellent winds available, the CGSC team announced that they would attempt to get in three quality races, and that's exactly what happened. The "Russian Bogatyrs" team of skipper Igor Rytov and his experienced Melges 20 crew of Konstantin Besputin and Anton Sergeev took the bullet in Race 6, with Vladimir Proskhin's "Nika" team of Victor



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Diaz de Leon, Federica Salva and Giorgio Tortarolo finishing 2nd and “Heartbreaker” in 3rd.

From there, “Heartbreaker” had two race touch finishes of 10th and 9th, while “Russian Bogatyr” pulled away to easily claim the event title after finishes of 2nd and 1st in the final two races of the regatta.

Melges 20 February event Results: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=9526>

George Bradley was Race Officer on the Gate/ Finish boat over the three-day event, with assistance from Alan Cox, Martha Ledesma and Kathy Gunst. JoAnn Mathieu once again did a superb job of managing the scoring for the regatta. The Protest Committee was managed by Steve Herman and Rick Klein. Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer was RO on the Pin boat, with help from Bill Becker and Saralee Lamb.

At the awards ceremony, one of the team members on the winning team from Russia commented that they sail in tons of major international events around the world each year, but that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club continues to put on the very best races they see. That says a lot. Many thanks to the amazing members of the CGSC Race Committee team for continuing to set the bar high. It’s an honor to be part of the team and to represent the club!



Photos by Dick Pobyas

CGSC Annual Rendezvous Treasure Island

Elliott Key

April 17th – 19th 2020

Get your boats ready, your crew signed up, and prepare to test your survival skills as you castaway on a sail to Elliott Key.

Bean Soup Raft up is scheduled for Friday evening. Bring an appetizer to share.

Activities on the island begin Saturday morning and will include shelter building, scavenger hunt, ship building, and kayak races. Dress as your favorite Treasure Island character.

Treasure Island will offer soda, rum punch, and beer. Hot dog and burgers on the grill for lunch and shrimp boil will be served for dinner. Please bring a dessert to share. Sunday morning breakfast will be served on the island followed by a short clean up.

RSVP before April 11th = \$35/person

RSVP after April 12th = \$40/person

Contact Lauren Simpson (laurensimpson@cgsc.org)



Song of the Month

Back in the late 1980's when I was living in Australia, I visited my friend Adriaan Arthur Brink – a sailor of some repute who had had the famous South African sailor Bertie Reed as his mentor. Adriaan was living in Sydney, and wangled us onto some large schooner for a sunset sail on Sydney Harbour. It was about that time that Michelle Shocked had released her swing jazz album “Captain Swing”, which included the song “It must be Luff”. Of course I had to play it on the sunset cruise! Recently I bumped into another old friend who had been on that sunset cruise - he doesn't sail, but has done well as an architect. He reminded me of that fun-filled evening. Thus, the March sailing song of the month, nominated by Art Vandelay, is ...

“If Must Be Luff” by Michelle Shocked

Here's the first verse ...

When I came into your harbor
But I feel my spirits lifting
Like a wind just off the starboard bow
Now, I know I swore I would love no more
but you hauled in and called my bluff
You took the wind out of my sails
It must be luff
It must be luff

Listen to the song on Vimeo at <https://vimeo.com/101357535>

* If you have a nomination for the “Song of the Month”, email it to sotm@coldbeer.cc. Please try to include a photo, some explanation of why you love it, and any stories about the song that are plausible and publishable.





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**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**Miami Sailing Week
Adults**

**Friday – Sunday
March 6 – 8, 2020
Youth**

**Saturday – Sunday
March 13-14, 2020**

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #3

**Friday – Sunday
March 13 – 15, 2020**

**LIV Don Q Regatta
Friday – Sunday
March 20 – 22, 2020**

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