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COMMODORE'S REPORT

While the pandemic has put a damper on most of our traditional club holiday festivities, we can still get out on the water and enjoy scenic, relaxing and safe time outdoors. The club now has more ways than ever for members to access boats and go sailing. Be sure to make use of them. Just contact the Office and/or Rear Commodore Martin to find out more. See you out there soon.

CGSC is in its 75th year (the first meetings of the club were held in December 1945). It is a time to celebrate the club, commemorate our achievements, and to look forward to the future success of the club. Unfortunately, the pandemic has, so far, put a dent in plans for group celebrations and events. We do plan to hold a celebratory sailing event in early 2021, followed (as conditions allow) by further raftups, rendezvous and other events, on land and on the water.

As I write this note, we are in the middle of a major surge in coronavirus cases and deaths. A vaccine has been approved which should, in time, provide significant protection against infection by Covid 19. But, it is going to be some time before we can be vaccinated and count on that protection. Given the greater prevalence of this disease it is a time to be even more diligent and careful. We need to take all possible steps to minimize the risk of infection

for ourselves and others. Be safe and careful folks and follow club social distancing and mask mandates.

The club has to date continued to operate at a high level, despite the restrictions placed on us by the pandemic. This has primarily been made possible by all the club staff members, which continue their day-to-day tasks, and additionally work to maintain the necessary processes to ensure our safety. As members we may sometimes forget the great job our staff do each day. Please take a moment to thank them.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the holiday season and finding ways to celebrate family, even with the need to restrict our social activities. If you have found a particularly creative (and safe) way to celebrate let us know it might be fun to share these ideas and experiences with others.

'Spread the cheer'

Jim Green, Commodore
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Bali Ha'i



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

2020 was a year that brought challenges and changes, at the same time it also brought clarity and showed the importance of maintaining a sense of community and continuing to "show up" even though at times that took different forms (hello Zoom and remote everything). I would like to applaud our great club members and staff for their dedication to keeping everyone safe through the wearing of masks and social distancing. As well, our board members and volunteers came out this year for a beautiful and health-consciously executed work weekend (how amazing is that that despite the hurdles we were able to plan this and made some beautiful improvements-thank you to everyone involved).

Many of us were able to slow down this year and look around, and it is my hope that you spent some of that reflective time at the club- or even better, on the water. The club has been my "happy place" throughout the years but this year, even more. Despite the tumultuous year, nothing on the water changes. It remains the same.

This coming year, we will see more people moving to Miami (many tech start-ups and CEO's are migrating to our great city) and with that, there will undoubtedly be new faces at the club- people looking for their "wind down" outlet. I am excited for the changes we will see in the coming year, and I have hope they will be positive. I wish all team and club members a lovely holiday season and New Year, and it is my hope that you will bring your families to safely enjoy time on our great bay; sometimes, it is all you need to realize how fortunate we are to be club members.

Robert Carlson, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all CGSC members! Late November and early December were packed with events so I'll quickly summarize the great sailing we had on the Bay. First off the Flying Scots finished their 2020 Fall Series in grand fashion with 18 boats participating in the series. This is a record and the great news is that even more Scots are lurking out there so we are hopeful that the 2021 Flying Scot Winter Series will see even more participation. Winners of the Fall series were Andi Hoffman and Dave Martin in their Scot "Nolo Contendere", second was the club boat "Two Docs" with crew of Andy Buys, Evan Duffy, and Jim Nubiola and 3rd was the newest Scot on the bay "Bionic" manned by Bud Price, Gary Shroat, and Bill Denyer. Congratulations to all who made the podium! The Race Committee has had their hands full with all the normal year end regattas as our season heats up. In early December CGSC hosted the 49er North American and 49er FX Championships. As of this writing the Finn North American Championships will have taken place at the club as well. Our hats are off to the RC for all their hard work running regattas while so many clubs are closed all over the country. Looking at their schedule I can see they have events every weekend in January. As always, if you are motivated to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at rearcommodore@cgsc.org. We will put you on a boat, train you up, and get you on the Bay! No experience required.

The Moonlight Races are still on the schedule but the wind gods have been uncooperative. Either too much wind, not enough, or one Wednesday with iceberg sightings near the Club. We still intend to run them so watch for the dates. Be there or be square.

Looking forward, we have the following regattas on the near horizon: The Open Orange Bowl with 6 different fleets competing at the end of December, BBYRA ORC keel boat regatta, the 470 and 420 North American Championships, the Miami OCR regatta, and finally the Commodore Rosco Snipe Regatta all in January.

Please find a way to get yourself on the water! If you're interested but just can't figure out which program is best for you whether it be Adult Sailing classes with Richard, Flying Scot sponsorship, Laser sponsorship, Sunfish sponsorship, or participating in the Race Committee there are lots of ways to get yourself on a boat and my job is to get you out there. Please don't be shy and just ask questions!

Dave Martin,
Rear Commodore
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Happy New Year 2021

Adult Sailing - Basic Keelboat

HAPPY NEW YEAR to All from your Adult Training Committee. We finished 2020 in good shape, despite some weather affected classes in November and December for both the Ensign keelboats and the Sunfish. Our Sunfish instructional classes and clinics are very much back to their previous active state of years past and now moving beyond. Much thanks goes to Certified Instructor Marc Pendaries for his tireless efforts with our Sunfish Learn-to-Sail program. Our Adult Sunfish program has now been active and continuous for more than 25 years. Our BASIC KEELBOAT classes remain very popular and successful. The pandemic has actually increased our business adding additional classes which are now sold out into March, and private classes being scheduled at an all-time high. The recent Work Weekend has our Ensign fleet looking very good, and we sail these classic boats with pride.

KEELBOAT Instructor, Marika De Nie, a member and talented sailor who worked very hard to earn her certification. She is a very welcome member to our short-handed staff of certified keelboat instructors. In addition to her instructor certification, she holds all three keelboat certifications for BASIC, CRUISING and BAREBOAT from US Sailing. Marika hit the ground running and already has regular coaching assignments. Welcome to our dedicated team of instructors, Marika.

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

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Some of the best news to come along in a while is the addition of our newest US Sailing BASIC



Finn North Americans

The USA Finn Class association held the 2020 Finn North Americans at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club on December 18th through the 20th 2020. 12 sailors competed for the title of North American Finn champion. Among them was Luke Muller who is the USA's representative for the Finn Class in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics in 2021.

There were 3 days scheduled of racing on Biscayne Bay with day one winds ranging in the mid teens. Luke dominated the field and won handily the first 3 contests but racers Jack Jennings and Caio Gerrasi led the remaining racers by a pretty decent margin finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. On day 2 the breeze was light and this opened up the possibilities of big changes to the leaders. Positions shifted around as competitors who previously were hampered by big breeze rallied in the lighter air. In race number 4 Tom Bremen pulled off a third place and Dave Martin eked out a 2nd while Luke performed his normal magic and won all of the races on day 2.

Day 3 turned out to be a bust as far as the wind was concerned with not enough wind to even get off one race even though our PRO Shannon Bush tried unsuccessfully 2 times to start races. As she did the wind would shut down to 2 knots and all racing was abandoned and they headed to the barn with 6 good races under their belt for the regatta.

The camaraderie was fantastic and our local Race Committee provided an excellent venue and the infrastructure for events of this magnitude. Covid spoiled the turnout as many racers could not attend due to governmental restrictions in their local areas but for the racers that did participate it was a very fun event.

Dave Martin



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Finn North Americans continued



INTERNATIONAL MELGES 20 MIAMI
WINTER SERIES EVENT 2, DEC. 4,5,6, 2020

Although it was officially titled "Event 2," thanks to COVID the Melges 20 Winter Series kicked off with Event 2, the first event of the season to actually take place, which was held over three days December 4-6, 2020. It was my pleasure to serve as the PRO for the regatta, in the absence of Blake Middleton who has had that honor for the six seasons before this. (Blake decided that travelling in these times was not a prudent thing to do, and as much as he was missed, no one could argue much with that thought).

In planning the regatta, COVID also had a profound effect on the composition of the race committee who teamed together to bring the races off. The Sailing Instructions were written to virtually eliminate the flying of signal flags from the committee's signal boat. A new, automated timer/sound system also meant that both the sounds and the timing could be done by a single person. In the end, this allowed a four-person group to comfortably carry out all of the jobs which need to be done on the signal boat. We limited the crews on the pin and gate boats to just two, and on the windward mark boat to only three. Rotations of crews were also kept to a minimum, so as to further reduce any possible exposure for the volunteers on board.

As a result, we were "oversubscribed" by volunteers for the event. Things ran smoothly, but it is our hope that as pandemic conditions improve, we will be able to expand the size of volunteer crew for Event 3 and have more people involved, just as we have had in the past.

It was thought that we might have ten competitors who would brave the current situation and decide to sail, but only nine completed the registration process, and only seven of those dedicated crews arrived in Miami to be part of the event. The first race was scheduled to start at 1100 hours on Friday, December 4. However, just as we were about to begin the starting sequence, a twenty-degree shift arrived, moving the wind from the 130-degree direction it had maintained for more than an hour, over to 150 degrees. Satisfied that this 8 to 10 knot breeze would hold for long enough to get our first race off, we again went into sequence, and started the first race about fifteen minutes after it had been scheduled. When the sailors had completed two laps of the .8-mile course, the finish line was first crossed by James Wilson's Oleander, followed by

Daniel Thielman's Kuai, Jennifer Canestra's Ghost rider, and Steve Boho's The 300 in fourth.

The wind stayed steady, allowing us to start a second race right away. This time the wind's direction held steady, but its strength started to diminish, holding at around seven knots. Alexis Michas in Midnight Sun was better suited to this lighter breeze, and he took and built a respectable lead which he held to win the race. Wilson's Oleander came second, Thielman's Kuai third, and Canestra's Ghost rider in fourth.

Because of the lessening wind strength, the call was made to shorten the upwind leg to .65 miles before the start of the third race. Midnight Sun again led the field, followed by Oleander, Kuai, with Devin McGranahan's Yo Momma in fourth. The fourth and final race of the day began shortly after Race 3 was completed. The third race had hit our target time of just over 40 minutes, but the wind continued to drop, so that the fourth race ran more than 50 minutes. Wilson's Oleander found the back to the front of the fleet, followed in by Midnight Sun, Yo Momma, and Steve Boho's The 300.

The weather prognosticators had been predicting for days that Saturday would be a dismal day for sailing, and they were right. Julie Hanrahan and Liz Balbin went out as a canary to look for wind early in the morning, as the decision was made to go into a prolonged postponement of race 5. Julie stayed out for more than two hours, recording the decline of the wind from 3 knots to zero, and the decision was made to postpone all races to Sunday, when it appeared



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the conditions would be better. With the hope that we might be able to get in the other four races which were scheduled, the race committee was asked to arrive at the club at 0700 on Sunday, with the intention of starting the first race at 0900.

When we arrived at our position in the bay on Sunday morning, everything looked good, with a steady breeze of 6 to 7 knots out of the north, allowing us to set a course with an upwind leg of .7 miles. All of the competitors came out early, and to ensure we could get at least one race off, we went into sequence fifteen minutes early. However, the blowing of our signal horns was all the wind gods needs to turn off the fan. We managed to start race 5 but were forced to abandon it when no boat was able to make the first mark in thirty minutes. We waited for two hours hoping the wind would come up as predicted, and at 1130 saw it come in again at 4 to 5 knots from the southwest. We set up a course with a .5 mile upwind leg and were about to again go into sequence for race 6 when the wind collapsed. As the surface of the bay started to turn glassy, the decision was made to send the fleet in. In the final standings after four races, Wilson in Oleander took the event with 6 points, with Michas/Midnight Sun second with 9, Thielman/Kuai third with 13, and McGranahan/Yo Momma in fourth with

18. McGranahan had an identical set of results as did Jennifer Canestra in Ghost rider, but was awarded fourth based on the second tie-breaker, having finished ahead in the last race.

My hearty thanks go out to all of the volunteers who stepped up, and in particular to those who had the chance to get onto the water: Ron and Dottie Rostorfer, Connie Bradley, and SaraLee Lamb who helped on the signal boat, which was under the command of its owner, Chris Carlton; Julie Hanrahan and Liz Balbin on pin; Rick Klein, Bill Quesenbury, and Martha Ledesma on gate; and Susan Walcott, Dick Pober, Kathy Gunst, Stacy Morris, Miguel Morales, Susan Mohorcic and Charles Dundee on the weather mark boat. Special thanks for the behind the scenes efforts of Steve Herman, JoAnn Mathieu, Denise Schneider and Richard Etlkin. (Steve also managed to get out on the water with Susan on Friday).

The competitors were pleased. The RC was its usual band of jolly comrades, glad to see familiar faces kept apart too long by the current state of affairs. Hopefully, next time we will be able to see many more.

George Bradley



photos by Dick Pobyas

Flying Scots



The flying Scot fleet had their final race of the Fall Series in December with a total of 17 boats being scored for at least one race and an at least 11 for most races.

First place was won commandingly by Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman. This included one race that Andi helmed with pickup crew and won.

Second place was won by Jim Nubiola with Andy Buys and Evan Duffy on the club boat Two Docs. They were tied in points with the 3rd place boat but won the tie breaker. Third was Bud Price, Bill Denyer

and Gary Schrodt in their brand new boat.

Fourth and fifth was another tie in points with Obie Smith Beating out Philippe Dusser in the tie breaker.

Ryan Alexander came in 6th only 2 points behind the next boats above.

There were a lot of closely contested placings throughout the fleet with many races won by inches.

Bud





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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**BBYRA ORC #5
January 2, 2021**

**M32 Miami Winter Series #1
January 8-10, 2021**

**470 North Americans
January 8-10, 2021**

**Flying Scot Winter Series #1
January 10, 2021**

**I-420 North Americans
January 16-18, 2021**

**FL Olympic Class Regattas
January 21-24, 2021**

**Flying Scot Winter Series #2
January 24, 2021**

**Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta
January 30-31, 2021**

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