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COMMODORE'S REPORT

2020/21- I never guessed last summer that we'd still be dealing with the Covid Pandemic, but here we are. The situation does appear to be improving significantly. The level of vaccination, and the efforts everyone has made to be safe and avoid infection and transmission during this time gives hope for an eventual return to something like 'normal', albeit a 'new normal'.

During this year the club has managed to operate and provide services to members and access to sailing on the bay at a high level. Thanks to all members of the dockside staff, adult instructors, and youth coaching team for your efforts. Without your dedicated efforts, diligence, and patience the club would not have been able to provide such a good member experience and serve our youth sailing community so well.

The Grove's Nest was impacted hard by the pandemic restrictions on capacity and social distancing. This created a major challenge for our staff, and at times delays and some significant limitations on our members' ability to be at the club to socialize, eat and drink. Throughout it all, the staff continued to serve members and guests to the best of their ability and most importantly- with a smile. Many heartfelt thanks to Dragan and the 'crew'.

As we head into summer it's time for the annual changes to the club board and exec committee. We welcome our new commodore – Rob Carlson. He has served the club on the board and then on the Executive Committee. He was Secretary for two years, before taking the path through Rear and Vice Commodore. Rob has been a major force behind the club's success, and I cannot thank him enough for his support of the club during my time as Commodore. With Rob as Commodore the club is in very good hands.

I'm starting to feel like I'm writing the 'thank you' part of an awards ceremony, but bear with me - I've a few more folks to thank. Firstly our Exec Committee and the Board –for always serving the club and its best interests and providing sage and

knowledgeable counsel. The time you have put in, and the dedication with which you have led the club has made it what it is today - an exceptional, internationally recognized sailing institution and a major contributor to our local community.

There are other big staff changes this summer- I've had the pleasure of knowing a couple of exceptional individuals, who worked in key roles, that we now say goodbye to:

Coach Hernan Peralta, who has decided after 10 years to retire from the youth sailing team.

Missy – our dockmaster who, having done an amazing job during her time here, has left us to pursue new opportunities in Nantucket.

Good luck to both of you in your future endeavors.

Richard - The unsinkable and indomitable Richard Crisler is stepping down after countless years as the leader of our Adult Instructional team. (He had actually stepped down a few years ago, but was talked into coming back again). Richard taught so many of our sailors, who all fondly reminisce about their time with him. He led and developed the outstanding Instructional Program at the club. He's a true gentleman and CGSC legend. See you on the water Richard.

Jim

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The month of June is upon us and with it comes intense heat, lifted restrictions, the beginning of hurricane season, and a personally exciting year ahead for me as Commodore.

Now is the time when many haul their boats out of the water for improvement projects due to the sweltering heat of our Miami summers. I for one will be packing extra ice in my cooler and will try to get out earlier in the day. While many may be experiencing life "like it was before" due to lifted COVID restrictions and vaccination status, the club is still your best bet for a healthy and safe respite from everyday life.

At this time of year I like to recommend to our club members to familiarize yourselves with our hurricane protocols and to create a punch list of items you may need (which should include a plan to take your boat to a potential secondary location if necessary). Please be prepared to take action if necessary to ensure the safety of the club as well as your fellow members and their boats.

This year I will bid adieu to my role as vice commodore, a role that has brought great

challenges and also a sense of accomplishment for working with a great team of people to make key plans and improvements to the club. We have completely renovated the main room, repaved the strip, purchased new boats, and made critical repairs to the docks and mooring field. Most importantly however, we have continued to push ahead with our plan to secure a longer term lease. This includes long term budgeting for extensive capital improvements and resiliency. In closing, I would like to say thank you for the hard work and dedication of the club management and staff, bridge, board of directors, committee members and all club members who have volunteered their time (and money) to making the Coconut Grove Sailing Club such a wonderful place.

Robert Carlson, Vice Commodore
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Flying Scots

The Flying Scot fleet is doing quite well. We are getting between 12 to 15 boats out for the bi-monthly fleet races. We had 4 Scots, 5 Sunfish and 5 Lasers out for the Saturday morning clinic and 5 to 6 Scots with some Finns, and Lasers for Wednesday night racing.



It has been a really great spring for weather with mild temperatures and lots of wind. Sometimes --too much Bud



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Coconut Grove Sailing Club sailors! On April 24th and 25th the 65th annual Miami to Key Largo race took place on the waters of Biscayne Bay and Card Sound. This race is a local classic and based on the huge participation this year I suspect it will be for many more years to come. The reason I am writing about it is to recognize the massive participation effort that our club members displayed and to encourage those that are sitting on their mooring ball to break those chains that bind and get out and sail!

For those who are unfamiliar with the race here is a quick summary. The race starts near the Rickenbacker Causeway with the western end of the starting line reserved for multihulls and the eastern end for monohulls. The race heads south all the way to Jewfish Creek which is just outside of the channel to Gilberts which is where many head for refreshments after the long day sail. The faster boats, like the multihulls, usually do not spend the night and head back shortly after they arrive but some stick around for Sunday and race back. There is a great party to be had at Gilbert's for those that choose to stay and imbibe.

Of the 69 entries, 13 were proudly displaying their CGSC burgees and I must say that I was impressed with their finishes! In the ARC-2 class the Tartan 40 Osita finished 2nd with Becky Lyons at the helm and in the ARC-4 class there were a ton of CGSC sailors namely Randy Stanton on Americana who was 3rd, Jay Flynn helming Elizabeth Belle in 4th, Lisa Cannon in 5th on her boat Lucky Dog, in 7th Chris Carlton on his Carter 33 named Corragio 2, and finally James Bartley on his Beneteau Oceanis 400 Mystiko in 9th.

There were other CGSC members - too many to mention all of them but you can see the results here if you're interested: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=14400>

My main reason for relaying this event to all the members is to show that we have so many unsung sailors supporting our club and

the sport of sailing that they deserve some recognition. I also want to encourage others to get on their boats and just go sailing. We have so many boats that simply sit on their sad little mooring ball collecting weeds and shellfish. Why not enter into one of these regattas and let your boat stretch its legs! Get off the ball, my friends!

Fair winds,
Dave Martin

Dave Martin,
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Join our 2021 Virtual ANNUAL MEETING



Friday 4th June 2021 at 7:00 pm Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkc-yvr-jstHt1KedcavFBUWS4j08o8o5C-w5>

The following business will be addressed:

Presentation on the State of the CGSC

Election of Flag Officers

Vote on Dues and Fees for the next fiscal year

10% of the voting membership must be present in order to conduct specific business.

Please remember only Regular and Life Members in good standing can vote!

Senior Commodore Cup



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Sr. Commodore Cup continued



Photos courtesy of Susan Mohorcic

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing activity at CGSC continues at a non-stop pace as our Basic Keelboat Classes continue to fill as much as two (2) months in advance, and our Adult Sunfish Learn-to-Sail program is seeing growth in participation and interest, reminiscent of the high activity we enjoyed when it was our only adult sailing class, and we had up to twelve (12) active boats. Thanks for the leadership of Marc Pendaries, and now Marc is getting excellent assistance from our newest instructors, Marika DeNie and Pierre Berthier. Pierre recently donated a day of his time to repair several Sunfish rigs, increasing our available boats, a task once well done by lifetime member, Bob Van Eck, for many years. Thanks Pierre (and Thanks again, Bob).

If you have been on the bay lately, you have seen our work-horse fleet of Ensigns sporting brand new mainsails with the classic Ensign Logos, displaying numbers 1, 2 and 3. Thanks to those who made this possible, as they were badly needed. One of our Ensigns likely has more activity in one

week, than most owner's boats have in a month or more. It is not uncommon for one of our Ensigns to have up to ten (10) sailing sessions in just one week, with all the sail and equipment handling that goes with it.

New members, if interested in the BASIC KEELBOAT classes, don't wait to sign up. Despite increased class size and more frequent classes, we still have a significant backlog. Don't forget that we also offer private classes to individuals, couples and families.

Watch for changes coming in our Adult Sailing program, soon to be announced.

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

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Adult Sailing continued





**2020-2021
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Rear Commodore	Dave Martin
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Treasurer	Olivier de Lavalette

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Membership Use Cruising	Glenn Cunningham	Rear Commodore
Lease Renewal/Expansion	Jeff Flanagan, PC	Commodore

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**BBYRA OD #10
June 12, 2021**

**Flying Scot Summer Series #1
June 13, 2021**

**Flying Scot Summer Series #2
June 27, 2021**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION
FORMS@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2019-20 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET