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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we install a new Bridge and new members of the Board of Directors there is a renewed sense of excitement around the club. It can be seen in our sailing courses which are overbooked, the families using the kayaks on the weekends, the children playing on the lawn, and members getting their boats ready for a fun filled summer of sailing. There is just a feeling around the club that we are back.

We kick off the new year with a Forth of July BBQ which marks the first formal in-person event in over a year. While the waterslide will not be there, we look forward to eating, drinking and celebrating Independence day. We follow-up this celebration with the 2021 Installation Ceremony which is scheduled for July 17th. COVID forced us to have an informal ceremony last year, but we are looking forward to a return to our formal Installation celebration and sharing food, drink and dancing among friends. We will also be returning to in-person

general meetings starting in July.

As I take over as Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, I look forward to the opportunity of building upon the past leadership that has made the club the wonderful place that it is today. I do not take this responsibility lightly and will work hard to serve all of you - our members. Finally, I would like to thank Past Commodore Jim Green for all of his hard work, dedication, and leadership. His stewardship over this past year proved invaluable. Jim -you can now enjoy the rank of Past Commodore. Strong winds and calm seas lie ahead.



Robert Carlson, Commodore
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Flying Scots A Great Scot Story

We recently got a Flying Scot donated to our club. The story behind it is so typical of the Flying Scot group I felt I had to share it. Sally Russel and her husband started fleet 90 at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in the 90's. Shortly after they started racing, they realized that they just did not race well together. So, they bought a second boat for Sally. It is hull number 2762. She and her husband and their kids raced Scots for the next few decades. Sally, now 83 decided that it was probably time to stop racing. So, she donated the boat to our club. Here it will be used in our club boat "Sponsorship" program where it will be shared

and raced by 4 members. The club is incredibly happy to have the boat and will honor Sally by naming the boat the Sally R.

Bud Price



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome to Summer! The longest day of the year has come and gone, the rains have started, and it's time to reflect on our past year as the mighty wheels of CGSC churn out another Board of Directors and a new Bridge.

I am happy to report that even while Covid had the world in its grip, we persevered and kept on sailing as much as the government would allow and here are some achievements that the club made in the last 12 months.

In the 2019-2020 season the race committee held 36 events. Last year there were over 48! A 33% increase thanks in large part to Bill Quesenberry who is now running the Flying Scot races on the weekends. Bud Price was also instrumental in keeping the Wednesday night racing program afloat and his hard work in increasing the Scot fleet size is impressive.

There were 22 Flying Scot and dinghy races which include Andi Hoffman's new Laser program, the hard work of Ahcene Iddir, Alex Sellar, and Enrique Guitart in the Sunfish group, and myself, Fabiano Vivaqua and Charles Heimler in the Finn fleet. Everyone's hard work really shows up on the race course in numbers and we are really showing our stuff out on the bay.

There were 4 BBYRA One Design and Keel boat regattas, 3 Melges 20 regattas, 2 Snipe regattas, Finn North Americans, 470 North Americans, 420 Nationals, Skiff Championships, Halloween Howler, the Open Orange Bowl, the Barnacle Historical Regatta, Miami Sailing Week for both adults and kids, and the Single/Double handed regattas. Phew! The RC has been busy!

In the 2019-2020 season the average size of the Flying Scot fleet was 8.5. Last year it was 13. A 52% increase in participation! There are currently 20 Scots, both private and club owned, on the Strip right now. Amazing.

The Finn fleet went from basically zero boats to 7 but now it's dropped back down as some of those boats are owned by snowbirds but still we have seen growth. The same can be said of the Lasers and Sunfish.



The Get off the Ball event in the early part of this past year saw 54 boats get off their mooring and go sail. That is something to be proud of, everyone! Congratulations!

This will be my last post as Rear Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and all I can tell you is I had a blast working with all of you sailors last year and I look forward to a more "normal" year ahead.

Many thanks,

Dave Martin
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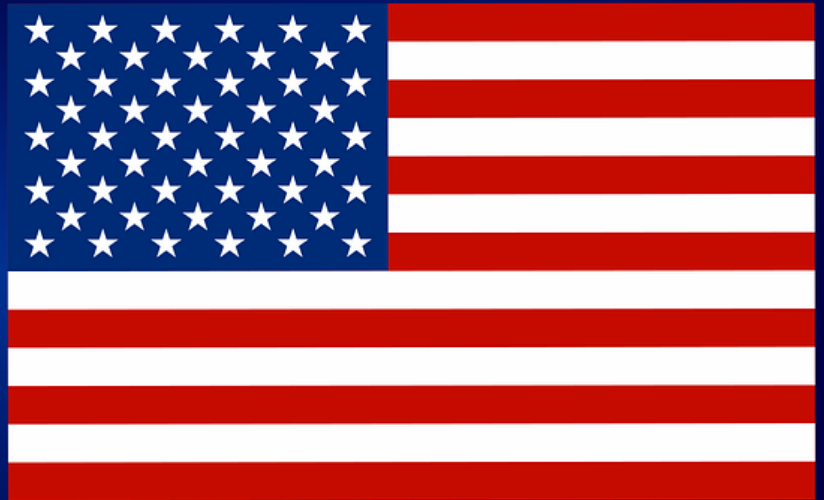


REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I joined CGSC in 2010 shortly after moving to Miami from New Jersey. I have been active at the sailing club having served on the Race Committee, Board of Directors, and several other committees over the years. As it has been for many of you, the Club has been an important part of our family life, providing a wholesome environment and activity for the membership, while contributing to the community and the diverse lifestyle of Miami. I look forward to using my experience as a Flying Scot racing sailor and active participant in many club activities, both on the water and off, to fulfill the role of Rear Commodore. This position is focused on

sailing, which is a key mission of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. This translates to sailors, in boats, on Biscayne Bay as the mission for the Rear Commodore through our member use programs, adult and youth programs, rendezvous, and racing. Please share your ideas, feedback, and experience with me, to help the CGSC realize its contribution to its members, the City of Miami, and our common interest, SAILING!

Richard Elkin
Rear Commodore



JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING

THE BBQ STARTS AT 4PM

Be sure to make reservations...

RSVP TO: Laurensimpson@cgsc.org

PRICE: \$25 FOR ADULTS

\$10 FOR KIDS

Stay and watch the
fireworks all over
Miami.



Adult Sailing



View from the Signal Boat



**Goombay Handicap Pursuit Race
Saturday, May 29, 2021**

The Sailing Club's Annual Goombay Handicap Pursuit Race was held on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Forecast was for light winds and, combined with the summer weather, course #5 was posted on the stern of the Signal Boat totaling 6.45 nautical miles.

Registered sailors received notices via Regatta Network advising them of the Signal Boat's Lat/Lon location, the five different possible courses and each boat's starting time for each course. The Racing fleet had six registered racers, Cruising/Racing fleet had three and the Cruising/Non-Spinnaker fleet had two.

Congratulations to Saturday's winners:

Racing

1 st Arista	Mark Kamilar
2 nd Victoria	Alexander Birukoff
3 rd Lil White Magic	Joey Kolisch

Cruising/Racing

1 st Sunquest	Wilfredo Paredes
2 nd TooTooToo	Lorie Messer

Cruising/Non-Spinnaker

1 st Sacrosanct	Al Otero
2 nd Coraggio 2	Chris Carlton

Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers. The Signal Boat crew included Susan Walcutt, Kathleen Prunier, Denise Schneider and Sonia Diaz. Rick Klein ran the Mark boat with Stacy Morris and John Baker as crew, dropping marks near Matheson Hammock (M) and Mark B. RC Pin boat was manned by Allen Cox, Phillippe Dusser and Don Derez.

Susan

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Flying Scot Summer Series #3
July 11, 2021**

**Flying Scot Summer Series #4
July 25, 2021**

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

CGSC Commodore's Ships Wheel

The ships wheel came from a steam powered sidewheeled vessel called "Uncas". It was a dual sided paddle wheeled ship built in Mystic, Connecticut in 1872. She was in ferry service in New London, Connecticut and later became a Staten Island ferry. She was scrapped in 1914. The wheel was donated to the Sailing Club by Walter van Pelt whose Civil War grandfather had salvaged it when the ship was broken up in 1914. The name "Uncas" was an Indian name and was the name found in *The Last of the Mohicans*.

Renny Young



Example of ships wheel for a sidewheeled vessel such as the one pictured below.



2020-2021 Officers

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