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COMMODORE'S REPORT

If you have been to the Club in the past few weeks you would agree that we are in the thick of race season. The Halloween Howler had record participation (230 kids), the Melges 20 North Americans are back in action and we hosted the Sunfish Florida Regional Championships wherein our past Secretary, James Liebl, finished second (congratulations James!) Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who make these events possible. Thank you also to all of the members who participated in Work Weekend. While it was rainy, we were able to completed many important projects.

We are pleased to welcome back our former Operations Manager, Dragan to our club. In the winter the club is (in my humble opinion) the most sought after location on the water to enjoy a refreshing cocktail and delicious fresh

food, and Dragan plays a key role in maintaining this ambiance. Our bar and restaurant are having continual record performances.

Please join us this December 18th and bring the family down to enjoy the boat parade. We invite members to decorate their boat with lights and festive décor (my inspiration this year is National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation) and we will sing holiday songs as we motor in the local waters. Stay tuned for more information.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello CGSC members and welcome to the beginning of the Holidays!

Kicking off the season was this year's highly successful and productive work weekend. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to the many members who toiled long and hard for 2 very full days beautifying and sprucing up the club! The list of projects was long but here are a few highlights: we painted the back ramp, the seawall on the strip, the picnic tables were varnished, many flying scot and sunfish rudders and tillers were varnished, work was done on the Ensigns and Beneteaus, the bar lighting and foot rails were polished, the trophy case was cleaned and made shiny, the back bar was refinished, the docks had work done, 16 posts were pounded next to the seawall to keep boats safe, tons of landscaping effort was made, 15 bags of mulch were spread around the beds, the Adirondack chairs were repaired and repainted, tons of trash was removed from all around the club especially in the youth area,

dinghies were pressure washed, the great room floor was steam cleaned, new casters were installed in the kayak racks, etc. The list goes on and on. All told the volunteers FILLED TO OVERFLOW a 30 yard dumpster. It was impressive! Pizza and beer were enjoyed by all during the event. Next year we will hold the work weekend on the same date (weekend before Thanksgiving) so the youth can participate. It was an excellent turnout even though on Saturday we had challenges with rain but the members persevered and they just got the job done. Congrats and many many thanks!

Dave Martin, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we have written before, it is amazing how the CGSC's Regatta scene keeps growing organically, running our local events and supporting larger events that cover competitors from all over the world.

We just completed the Sunfish Regional Regatta and will be hosting the Melges 20 Worlds. Another new global event is the Finn class Gold Cup for 2023 which will be on Biscayne Bay with the host club being CGSC!

But sailing programs also find other ways to get our members on the water. You may be familiar with the cruising boats in our member use fleets. There is the Catalina 32 (now under repairs) and the Beneteau 265 available to certified members. It is interesting to note and a measure of the popularity of this program that the course for certification is reserved about 6 months forward.

A special community outreach program is planned for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This is a first for CGSC and in cooperation with

the Miami-Dade County Police and the Mayor's Office. We will be taking kids from the police department's community outreach program on a sail of the bay. This is a great way to present the amazing Miami asset of Biscayne Bay to more kids that might not have the opportunity to experience it. This is an initial effort and hopefully will become the pilot for an ongoing program.

Starting in January we will begin holding dockside rendezvous as we have done in the past. A neat way to socialize and get members who are not boat owners a way to tour OPB, "other people's boats" as we all know, a very cost effective approach.

Richard Etkin, Rear Commodore



Annual Cruising Regatta

BBYRA OCR #2

October 16, 2021



It was another unusual light wind day for an October race but the wind was forecast to build so the first race went off on time at 11:30. All the fleets raced two Windward/Leeward courses and we were able to get three races in for each fleet. It ended up a beautiful day on the Bay and no thunderstorms in sight.

Thanks to the Race Committee crew: Martha Ledesma, Stacy Morris, Philippe Dusser, Cindy Saunders, Richard Etkin, Allen Cox, Susan Mohorcic, Rick Klein, Ian McClelland, Jose Guntin, Steve Herman, Denise Schneider and Captain Jay Flynn and first mate Valerie on our Signal Boat, Elizabeth Bell.

Congratulations to the following Skippers:

ORC #2

First Joey Kolisch
Second J Bill/E deLisser

ARC

First Chris Carlton

PHRF

First Tom Cobin

ARC NS

First Al Otero
Second Luis Solorzano

Susan
Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



**2021 MELGES 20 NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WHAT A REGATTA!!

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the first event of the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series for 2021-22 on November 5-7, 2021. It was the North American Championship for the Class, leading up to December's 2021 Melges 20 World Championship, December 7-12 at the Club. Class rules provide that the Worlds alternate between North America and Europe each year. CGSC previously hosted the 2019 Worlds, so, at their first opportunity to return to North America, the Class is coming back to CGSC in December, 2021, possibly as you read this report. This is a great testament to our Club, they came back as soon as they could! The NA's were the start of the 13th season for the Class at CGSC, dating back to late 2009, and probably around Event No. 39 at the Club. Frankly, we've lost count!

The Fleet. On paper, there were 17 entries, from San Francisco to the west, to Italy and Russia to the east. The Russians didn't make it due to family issues, but the Italians did. So, we ended up with 13 actual competitors in this highly charged, significantly professionally crewed event. Two Canadian and the rest USA competitors made up the balance of the fleet.

The Racing. Things didn't exactly get started off on the best footing. The three day event began on Friday, November 5th, with racing over three days, total, ending on Sunday. Friday's wind on the Bay was light. Our outstanding Principal Race Officer, Shannon Bush, of Texas, ordered the scheduled start on Friday at 1100. One race was completed, in light, but reasonable conditions, that was won by Rhonda Joyce of Toronto in her Grinning Streak, with two male crew, so a relatively light weight boat. Shannon postponed further racing that day, subject to going back out for more racing if conditions warranted. However, conditions deteriorated, with the threat, to become actual, of heavy rain for the rest of the afternoon. So, once ashore, she postponed further racing for the rest of the day. We, on the RC, at least, were very happy with that!

Saturday was to be a day of frontal passage, with light air

eventually filling it. That's not what happened. We had a hard west quadrant wind, not our best direction, with a few showers, instead. Westerly quadrant winds yield significant cyclical shifts that provide competitors with relatively high risks and high rewards for playing them correctly. Since Friday had been scheduled for three races, but only one completed, we were in catch up mode, so four races were planned for Saturday instead of the usual three. Four races were sailed. The Melges 20s sail windward-leeward courses, normally twice around. However, since the wind was essentially coming from the direction of the Club, Course 5 was ordered for Race 5, the final race of the day, so the competitors could race part way back to the Club at the end of the day, in a third beat to weather for the Race. Post racing appetizers and drinks were served on the Club lawn to all attendees, who were tired and hungry!

This brought us to five of the eight races scheduled. Normally, we only sail two races on the final day of these events, but with continued hard breeze forecast, Shannon advised the fleet on Sunday morning that three races would be sailed that final day, still ending within the cutoff time of 1400 hours that makes sure competitors can get to the airport for scheduled departures.

Consequently, another three races were sailed on Sunday, bringing the event to complete all eight scheduled races. Again, Course 5 was ordered for Race 8 so the fleet could race part way back to the Club. All in all, a heck of an event that left crews happy, but exhausted, at the end of the weekend, and hopefully built anticipation for the December 2021 World Championship.

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Photos by Susan Mohorcic



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Results: After the burnout racing on Saturday, the leader was Gamecock. Carolinian Peter McClellan's boat with 18 points, one race of which was a 10th. So, with the prospect on Sunday of dropping their 10th place in Race 1, they looked to be in good condition for the event, as that was the biggest potential drop among the leaders going into Sunday. Four points back were New Yorker Jason Michas and San Francisco's Dan Thielman. However, with three races set for Sunday, again in heavy air, there was ample opportunity for opportunity, so to speak. Jason Michas sailed an unbeatable 2-1-1 on the last day to take the win, with Class Manager Keiran Searle aboard. Dan had a DNF on Race 6 that morning, which became his drop race, and ended up with a DNF-4-2, ten points back of Jason in second place. Four time USA Olympic 470 Helm Stu McNay was aboard. Peter slid to a 3-4-7 to finish third in the end, another three points back. No lead is safe in this fleet! Two additional testaments to the competitiveness of the event: 1) any average under 4th place for the event would have been sufficient to win;

and 2) just one point behind Peter in 3rd in a tie for 4th were both John Sommi in Pineapple Express and veteran Paul Reilly aboard Red Sky.

Trophies were presented Sunday afternoon at SALM where the fleet hauls out and stores between events. Many thanks to Lauren and the CGSC Staff for preparing and delivering the post-racing appetizers and beer keg to SALM for the presentation, and picking up the remains afterwards. Shannon presented the awards, which unfortunately included champagne bottles(!)

Looking Ahead. For the upcoming 2021 World Championship at CGSC in December, 23 entrants are currently registered, including some 10 from either Europe or Canada. Several had issues for the NA's getting to the USA after the Covid travel restrictions. We hope they can make the event. Shannon will be back as our PRO, and a great World Championship Regatta is anticipated.

Ron Rostofer



Flying Scots

The Flying Scot series continues. 16 of the 20 boats registered raced in the 4th race of the Flying Scot series. Keith Davids won the day with 2 firsts and a third. This brings him within one point of first place for the series. Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman came in second scoring them 6th for the series. Matt Sanford and Rick Rosen came in third positioning them at 7th. Jim and Cheyrl Signor came in 4th positioning them in 3rd for the series. Ryan Alexander came in fifth and is the first boat in this group to race all races placing him in 4th for the series. Philippe Dusser and Jason Ferreri came in 6th putting them in 8th. Oliver Buckwell and son came in 7th placing them 10th for the series. Evan Duffy, Andy Buys and Jim Nubiola came in 8th bringing them to 19th for the series. Gary Schrodt and Bud

Price with Bill Denyer standing down, came in ninth maintaining their first place for the series by one point. 10th was Juan Alvarez, Gomez, Rogelio Villanueva and Eduardo Ojesto. 11th Jeorg Reinhold, Danielle Barcion and Esther Delio. 12th Obie Smith, 13th Bruno Felix, 14th Luis Martinez Moure, 15th Daniel Thielman, and 16th Eileen Kross and Amy DeGirolamo. Four points separate the top 4 boats. So the series is still hotly contested. A missed race with competition this close puts you out of the top four for sure for the series. Bud



Photos by Dick Pober

Adult Sailing

Holiday Greetings to ALL. It is a busy season for our Adult Instructional Programs as expected. We are extremely pleased to once again offer the US Sailing BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING Courses now with Capt. Rob Gardner. This allows us to once again offer the US Sailing Complete Keelboat Certification program, beginning with BASIC KEELBOAT as the first prerequisite certification, moving through to BASIC CRUISING Certification and finally BAREBOAT CRUISING Certification. These advanced certifications will allow members to take advantage of our programs offering usage of our larger cruising boats for day use and for overnight use in the case of the BAREBOAT certification. Check the club calendar for classes and contact our Adult Sailing Coordinator, Philip Adams, for more details.

You only have to be around the club and see the busy activity with our Basic Keelboat students on the Ensigns for classes, coaching and testing almost every

day of the week. Our programs continue to grow and expand with additional certified instructors and the new staff position. We have also just added an additional Ensign, in wonderful condition, to our instructional fleet.

Looking for that perfect and unusual gift for your non-sailing friends? We offer Gift Certificates for all of our Adult beginner courses, and even offer a two (2) hour Introduction to sailing session for up to three (3) people at one time on an Ensign for only \$120 total. Contact adultsailing@cgsc.org for details.

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

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Halloween Howler a Rousing Success

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's 11th Annual Howler Regatta was a rousing success this year. It was the biggest Howler yet, with 226 youth sailors coming from the entire State of Florida and some international sailors as well. The Howler certainly lived up to its name on Day 1 of racing, with the wind consistently blowing between 15-20 knots, with some gusts of 25. Sunday was a much calmer day, with the winds at low speeds, but with enough power to get in a few races on Day 2. The regatta consisted of three race circles on the Bay, with 56 Laser Radials and Lasers 4.7, 70 Green Fleeters and 100 RWB for the Opti circles. A special thanks to all the Parents and Race Committee volunteers for their hard work in this event. This is the largest regatta ever hosted by the Club, and it was incredible to see the volunteers come together to make this an incredible event. The Youth Committee also organized the Haunted Mooring during the evening, where members decorated their boats and the kids went out trick or treating from boat to boat. The Dunk Tank was a blast!

A special congratulations to the top finishers!

In the Laser 4.7 the top 3 finishers were:

First Place- Tanner Krygsveld from Key Biscayne Yacht Club
Second Place- Isabella Mendoza Cabezas from Key Biscayne Yacht Club
Third Place- Anna Vasilieva from Key Biscayne Yacht Club

In the Laser Radials, the top 3 finishers were:

First Place- Mitchell Callahan from Key Biscayne Yacht Club
Second Place- Jake Homberger from Lauderdale Yacht Club
Third Place- Spencer Dominguez from Key Biscayne Yacht Club

In the Green Fleet blue Circle, the top 3 finishers were:

First Place- Tegan O'Quinn from Coral Reef Yacht Club
Second Place- Kayaan Panthaki from Coral Reef Yacht Club
Third Place- Louis De Teran from Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Top Girl in Green Fleet blue circle was Andrea Bolz from Coconut Grove Sailing Club

In the Green fleet Green Circle, the top 3 finishers were:

First Place- Sydney Fraind from Coral Reef Yacht Club
Second Place- Juan Gonzalez from CNJS
Third Place- Karl Panthaki from Coral Reef Yacht Club
The Top Girl in Green Fleet green Circle was Sydney Fraind from Coconut Grove Sailing Club

In the RWB Fleet Circle, the top 3 finishers were:

First Place- Jason Folvig from Sarasota Yacht Club
Second Place- Beck Brill from Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Third Place- Alfonso Lanceros from Coral Reef Yacht Club
Top Girl in RWB Fleet was Sohpia de Leon from Coral Reef Yacht Club

A big congratulations to all sailors and here is to the next great Howler!

Elizabeth Del Rio



2021 USSCA Florida Regional Sunfish CHAMPIONSHIP

November 12-14, 2021

November 12th, CGSC welcomed the Sunfish fleet. A special thank you to Club Manager, Lauren Simpson and CGSC Sunfish Class Representatives, Enrique Guitart and Alex Sellar for their dedication and preparation to the organization of 40 boats and trailers! The perfect beginning for the first of many Sunfish class regattas. I was PRO for the 2021 Sunfish Mid Atlantic Coast Regatta and found the fleet to be a close group of sailors freely sharing equipment and knowledge. It was a pleasure to “work” for the Sunfish Class then and now!

The forecast for the weekend was light breeze Saturday and 6-8 knots on Sunday. As is said many times, weather forecasting is the only profession that can be wrong and still get paid! In actuality, the wind was the opposite! As PRO, I chose to keep an on-time first warning time of 11:00.

The signal boat, **Tranquillien**, temporarily grabbed a mooring ball at the end of Brennans channel, keeping the 40 Sunfish close to the club. The bay was a “sea of glass”, clear view of the bottom, and not one ripple! The RC set the race course, with a short postponement, predicted 2-4 knots became 6-8 knots and 4 races were sailed! A beautiful day on the bay! Sunday races were scheduled an hour earlier, with 2 races sailed, before the wind shut down. A total of 6 races sailed, allowing for the drop of a boat’s worst

score.

For those interested, the designated race course was a windward leeward course with a reach finish. Boats finished by sailing through the gate, reaching across the signal boat bow, showing their sail numbers. Easy task to record boats! In a very competitive fleet, the top 5 boats:

1st place: Mike Ingram, from Rochester Canoe Club, New York, and Sarasota Sailing Squadron, followed closely in 2nd place: James Liebl, **CGSC**. 3rd: Chris Carroll, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, 4th: Joe Blouin, Davis Island Yacht Club, 5th: Dominic Simonetti, Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

Top female: Lisa Brown Earhart, Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Top Master: Vito Mannino, Gulfstream Sailing Club, Corinthian award: Betsy Davis, Lavallette Yacht Club.

CGSC was well represented with 10 sunfish sailors! Trophies were presented on the lawn with free beer for the racers. Complete results on Regattanetwork.com. 2021 Florida Sunfish Regional Championship.

Thank you to the race committee! It was a pleasure to be back at CGSC! Signal boat generously offered by Mario and Margarita Bermudez, a very comfortable Catamaran, Tranquillien. Deputy R/O, Ian McClelland, Dottie Rostorfer, Martha Ledesma, Charity Johnson, Carol Temple, Maria and John Volakis. Weather mark, the always



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competent R/O Susan Walcutt's, with Kathy Gunst, Steve Herman, Denise Schneider, also the sandwich lady, and Dick Pober, photographer. Pin Boat, R/O Ron Rostorfer, Carol Cottrell, Bob Valledor. Gate Boat, R/O Vickie Mathews, Allen Cox, Jose Guntin, and Dorian Goldberg. Thank you Dorian, for sharing your race officer skills with CGSC. Scorer, an important member of the race committee, Terry Boram, with Andi Hoffman, standing by to assist, and Chief Judge, Richard Etkin, albeit virtual hearing procedures due to Covid 19, required much planning. Note the many R/O, race officers!

Thank you to Andi Hoffman for coordinating with the Sunfish Class, bringing a fun fleet of sailors, who embrace the Sunfish family, and the sport of sailing.

Nancy Rogachenko

CGSC, US Sailing Regional Race Officer



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2021-2022 Officers

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RC Sailing

A beautiful night of sailing at the Coconut Grove sailing club! Strong winds immediately died upon arrival, leaving the fleet with spotty conditions and big holes on the course. Puffs seem to fill from every and all directions, leaving most skippers scratching their heads and reaching for their beers. Daylight savings means we have much less light, but fortunately the parking lot spotlight came into good use and we were able to get a few races off after sunset. #007 was able to squeak out the win in the last race over a on-point. John Sherry and always speedy Tony Gonsalves. Cap N Ron was just behind with new skipper James co-skipper with Fiona and David Graham rounding out the fleet. Patrick Rynne



Team	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
1 Patrick Rynne (007)	3	2	2	1	1	9
2 John Sherry (65)	2	1	3	2		10
3 Tony Gonsalvez (151)	1	3	1	3	4	12
4 Justin Long (30)	5	4	4	5		23
5 James & Fiona (4)	4	DNF	6	4	3	24
6 David Graham (719)	6	DNF	5	6	6	30

STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1
November 5-7, 2021

Sunfish FL Regional Regatta
November 13-14, 2021

Dinghy Fall Series #5
November 27, 2021

Flying Scot Fall Series #5
November 28, 2021

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