



January 2022

the

channel



COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
serving the community since 1945 www.cgsc.org

COMMODORE'S REPORT

My family and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Thank you for all of the support that you have shown to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in 2021. From the Island Cleanups and Work Weekend to the Haunted Mooring Field and the Holiday Boat Parade, the club would not be what is it without you.

Now that 2021 is in the books, we have a new opportunity for a fresh start in 2022. For me, that means continuing my resolution to spend more time sailing on the bay. A good friend recommended that I keep a boat log of my time sailing my boat Grey Wind. At first, I viewed the exercise as a chore. Something that I felt obligated to keep. However, over the holidays, I truly enjoyed reading about my past trips, the people I shared them with and interesting

stories that arose. I was also pleased to see that we went sailing 22 times in the past six months -many of which include bringing crew who have never been sailing before out of the bay. I know I will continue to keep my log and look forward to reliving my adventures for years to come.



Robert Carlson, Commodore
SV -Grey Wind
commodore@cgsc.org

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Holidays will be in the books by the time you read this article but the club will be busier than ever!

Recently the Melges 20 World Championships were held at our club and it was a huge success. What does that mean, success? Let me explain.

The reason it was successful was because of you, the average CGSC member. From the youth parents to the cruisers to the folks without a boat having dinner at the bar. Your commitment to your stellar race committee, your commitment to sailing in general, and your support of these regattas allows our race organizers to host such events and there's more to come in 2022!

I'd like to personally thank many who were involved. Alberto Olivio for organizing the youth program so that we could take over the south dock for boat moorage, Bud Price

for organizing the Flying Scots so we could take over the North dock, all the mooring field members who allowed us to take over the main dock, and ALL the members who graciously tolerated the parking lot usage during the event. Jose for pumping out more meals in our tiny little kitchen than should be physically possible, Lauren for her patience and steady hand while all the craziness was upon us, and Andi Hoffman for her tireless efforts organizing the event. The entire club came together and supported the event in ways that I've not seen before. That is what I would call a success!



We have a great club!

Dave Martin, Vice Commodore
vicecommodore@cgsc.org



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I think it is appropriate at this time of year to get a bit more philosophical. Meaning to think less about the facts of sailing and sailing events, and more about the values we share. What is it about the water and traveling on it by a simple force of nature that draws us in? What values do we hold that are in harmony with sailing?

Also, and of no small importance to our expression of personal values, is that we are rushing to yet another New Years celebration. That period of self reflection when we count up what we did or may not have done this year. It went by so fast, and of course COVID limited us in so many ways. But not to worry, we are making that list of resolutions to be executed in 2022. We all know how that works out!

Just take a moment to get back to values. This may actually draw us in to realize the why we love to live near the water. Why we have, or desire to have a means to engage with the water and collaborate with nature.

For the youth program I think the value we share it to provide our kids with an opportunity to take charge, in actual fact to be the captain

of their own ship. There is the development of self reliance, and for many the joy of competition.

For regular members, we too get to engage in the same way. Whether on a cruising sloop, or a Flying Scot, we put ourselves in charge, we work collaboratively with friends and family, and when we choose to compete, we are transported back to our youth.

I don't want to forget the social aspect of being a member of a community dedicated to these values and to a spirit of comradery. An evening on the deck of the sailing club is a special event, watching nature, and the beautiful form of sailing vessels.

So a few minutes of thought about the values we hold in making our resolutions, will help make them more real and more possible. Good sailing in 2022.

Richard Etkin, Rear Commodore



2021 MELGES 20 WORLDS AT CGSC

Once again, Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the Melges 20 World Championship. This time it was the 2021 Worlds. This year's event was sailed during December 7-12, 2021, with all 18 competing boats shore-based at CGSC. More were entered, but as we understand it, at least two boats from Europe were stranded in their containers at the port and weren't available to sail. Our own "supply chain" issue, it would seem. This was CGSC's fourth World Championship Regatta dating back to the 2014 Melges 32 Worlds sailed in the ocean off Key Biscayne, and shore-based at Miami Beach Marina. A similar venue was used for the Melges 24 Worlds in 2016. Then, the 2019 Melges 20 Worlds were sailed from CGSC. The Melges 20 Class Rules state that the Worlds site alternates between North America and Europe every year. So, at their first opportunity to come back to CGSC in 2021, that's exactly what they did! This is the Melges 20's 13th season for their Miami Winter Series at CGSC. Another testament to our Club!

The Racing. CGSC hosted the Melges 20 North American Championship back in November. Sounds

great, but it was basically a tune-up event for the Worlds the following month. The NAs were a breezy event. Unfortunately, that was not the case for the Worlds. The event covered a practice day in which two races were sailed, followed by four days of the World Championship with 10 races sailed. At no time did the wind exceed 8-9 knots. That said, although it was a light air series, racing conditions were fair, and good competition ensued. Winds during the event were from the easterly quadrant, from NE to SE, but again, light in velocity. All races sailed were Course 4, upwind and back, twice around, with a leeward gate.



continued from 4

The first two races were sailed on Thursday, December 9th. Winning the day was John Sommi aboard *Pineapple Express* with a 2-3, and a three point lead over Dan Thielman aboard *Kuai*. After that, Dan and crew put on a clinic for a runaway victory and the 2021 World Championship. On Day 2, they posted a 1-4-1 to take a lead they never relinquished. On Day 3, they scored a 1-2-7 for a 12 point lead going into the final day of racing on Sunday, December 12th. In the first race on Sunday, they finished 2nd. This gave them an unsurmountable lead and allowed them to retire from the final 10th Race with a comfortable win for the World Championship and a score of 26 points over the nine counting races, given the boats could drop their worst score during the event. It was an incredible performance. Dan's crew included wife, Rayleen, along with outstanding sailors Lucas Calabrese and Alec Anderson. Other than Dan, it was a competitive event. A score of 38 point could win the Worlds. Over nine races, that's equivalent to seven 4th places and two 5th places. A long way from 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Ending up second with 39 points was *Russian Bogatyrs* sailed by Igor Rytov, a frequent podium finisher at our Melges 20 Winter Series events. It was a very narrow decision for third, with Harry Roepers' *Honeybadger* winning the tie-breaker with Rhonda Joyce's *Grinning Streak*, each having 49 points. The back story for *Grinning Streak* is that it was holed via being hit by a commercial power boat operator from Dinner Key Marina on Sunday before the Worlds. The boat was taken to an outstanding repair facility at Ft. Myers. It was finished late on Tuesday, the day before the Practice Day on Tuesday, December 7th. CGSC Vice Commodore Dave Martin left the Grove at 10 pm that evening, picked up the boat in Ft. Myers at 1 am Wednesday, and returned it to the Grove by 4 am. The boat sailed the Practice Races starting at 11 am that morning. That's dedication to sailboat racing!! Thank you, Dave!





Shoreside. There was an active shoreside schedule for the Worlds. That started with a couple of days of measurement checks conducted at Shake-A-Leg where the boats launched. This was led by Chief Measurer David Sprague from Sail Canada with CGSC RC volunteers assisting. CGSC's Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman arranged for all 18 competitors from five countries to be shore-based at the Club during the event. There was an Opening Ceremony on Wednesday evening, a BBQ on Thursday, a keg and appetizers on Friday, a Cuban Pig Roast on Saturday, and Awards with a keg and apps at Shake-a-Leg (SALM) on Sunday.

CGSC Race Committee. Once again, we were fortunate to have US Sailing Certified National Race Officer Shannon Bush from Texas as our Principal Race Officer for this event. Her expertise and dedication to the sport are exemplary. In particular for this event, it conflicted with an Etchells Class event hosted up the street. She's an excellent Etchells competitor and owner, but ran our Worlds instead. She recruited

a skipper and her boat sailed in the Etchells without her. Joining Shannon on Marc Allen's Grand Banks 36 Signal Boat were Deputy Race Officer and Scorer Andi Hoffman, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Francisco Castillo and Charity Johnson, and Recorders Saralee Lamb and Marlene Ervin.

Up to windward on her Contender 27 was CSGC RC Chair Susan Walcutt, with Race Officer Vickie Matthews, Steve Herman and Kathy Gunst. Also up there was Mark Boat 2 with Steve Fuccillo, Race Officer Ian McClelland and Don Deresz. The Pin Boat crew was Race Officer Ron Rostorfer, with Line Sighter Helen Phillips, Recorder Martha Ledesma and Helm Allen Cox. The Gate/Finish boat was crewed by Race Officer Nancy Rogachenko, with Helm Rick Klein, and George and Connie Bradley. Special thanks to "Lunch Lady" Denise Schneider, and shoreside Registrar Jo Ann Mathieu. Also to Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman. She did a great job and received her own round of applause at the SALM Trophy Presentation on Sunday.

Flying Scots

The Scot race for this month was called due to light wind. So, I will report on the Saturday morning racing clinic. Twice per month we hold Saturday racing clinics. The purpose of these clinics is to introduce sailors to racing and increase the skill level of sailors who want to race. Thanks to great volunteers such as Obie Smith, Gary Schrodt, Luis Martinez, Oliver Buckwell, Ryan Alexander, Vince Curl, Andy Buys, Eileen Kross, Peter Houseworth and many others who volunteer their time. This program provides a low stress and fun way to learn about racing. I video the races with commentary and distribute them later. We also have a quick debrief on the veranda after racing.

The day starts at 10:00 getting the boats ready and in the water. The first race is at 11:30. We have 3 short races and are back in by 1:30 with the debrief finished by 2:00. This is all done with private funds. No club assets or money is used so there is a fee to race. Come and join us and see what fun it is. The race dates are on the club calendar.

The link to the video of the last clinic is here. <https://youtu.be/lbbycKXbBcUWe>



Bud



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

Adult Sailing

Happy New Year and Safe Sailing for 2022. This past year has been a year of changes to increase the dynamics and allow for accommodating our successful and continuously growing Adult Instructional program. We have added the staff position of Adult Program Coordinator to increase our service, safety and accuracy in our programs. This is especially true right now as it regards the Sunfish and Basic Keelboat programs, which includes not only instruction, but member-use privileges as well. Already established and popular, our Adult BASIC KEELBOAT Classes are reserved full as much as two (2) months in advance. The pandemic bears some of that effect as individuals and families were looking for clean, safe outdoor activities. What could be better than sailing? During this past year, we have also added additional adult certified instructors, all of whom are staying busy and you will see activity at the club often seven (7) days a week. The number of students getting certified and, as members, earning member boat-use privileges continues to increase. We are now again able to provide Cruising and Bareboat classes for these Basic Keelboat graduates to continue to pursue sailing the larger cruising boats.

It has been this instructor's privilege to have promoted and participated in this growth over three (3) decades. This included submitting regular and some additional articles and photos monthly to our wonderful CHANNEL Editors, Cherie and Charles Branning, who do a fantastic job monthly with deadlines often pushed to the limit by those of us submitting monthly articles.

For months, we have appealed for an individual or couple to serve as Adult Sailing Chairperson(s), but at this point, the volunteer position is still open. In addition to promoting the Adult program, attending monthly meetings to meet new members and other tasks, the submitting of monthly articles to the CHANNEL is a big responsibility.

This will be my last CHANNEL article, and hopefully, it can be continued as a complete or photo article in the future. Thanks to all who have assisted me from time-to-time with this task, and especially to Cherie and Charles.

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

Richard Crisler – Past Chairman – Senior Instructor
crisler@mindspring.com
305-342-4775





2021-2022 Officers

BRIDGE:

Commodore	Rob Carlson
Vice Commodore	Dave Martin
Rear Commodore	Richard Elkin
Secretary	Doreen Fischer
Treasurer	Olivier de Lavalette

BOARD:

Carlos Beckman (22)	Tom Santoro (23)
Elizabeth Bernstein (22)	Bob Aiken (24)
Priska Urban (22)	Jeffrey Flanagan (24)
Jennifer Cheney (23)	Keith Henrich (24)
Henry Gomez (23)	James Green, PC

Susan Walcott, ex officio
General Manager.....Lauren Simpson

*2990 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
Tel. 305-444-4571 Fax 305-444-8958
www.cgsc.org*

Volume 77

Issue 7

In Memorium

Fred Hutchinson

1934-2021

After a few months fight battling cancer, Fred passed away at his home in Bokeelia, Fl. His wife, Bunny, and daughter, Vicky, were with him. Fred, was a past Commodore of the Sailing Club and the designer of the clubhouse.

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**BBYRA ORC #5
January 2, 2022**

**Dinghy Winter Series #1
January 8, 2022**

**Flying Scot Winter Series #1
January 9, 2022**

**470 & I-420 North Americans
January 15-17. 2022**

**470 & Finn WM Open Sailing
January 21-23, 2022**

**Dinghy Winter Series #2
January 22, 2022**

**Flying Scot Winter Series #2
January 23, 2022**

**Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta
January 29-30, 2022**

FOR BBYRA 2021-2022 NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

STANDING COMMITTEES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
Race Committee	Andi Hoffman & Susan Walcott
Adult Sailing	Bob & Trisha Aiken
Youth Sailing	Elizabeth Del Rio Henrich
YST Vice Chair	Doreen Fischer
Property	Dave Martin
Membership	Jennifer Cheney
Nominating	James Green, P.C.
Librarian	Renny Young
Public Relations	Kathleen Hatfield
Entertainment	Joel Hopkins
Cruising and Rendezvous	Chiara Manton
Future Development	Alyn Pruett, P.C.
Finance Committee	Dave Martin
Bylaws	Tom Santoro
Marine Council	James Liebl
Chamber of Commerce	Carla Pugh
Mooring	Paul Van Puffelen, P.C.
Strip	Bud Price, P.C.
Channel	Cherie Branning
Protocol	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.
Webmaster	Jo Ann Mathieu
Community Service	Denise Schneider
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Jennifer Cheney
Seamanship	Doug Hanks, P.C.
Fundraising	Priska Urban
Member Use / Cruising	Glenn Cunningham
Lease Renewal / Expansion	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.