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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that we have just broke a record in membership -over 1,300 members. While I hear people say that we have "knife and forkers," that is not what I see based on listening to the new member introductions at the monthly meetings. What I hear are either people who are experienced sailors looking to reconnect with the sport or people that have no experience but have a desire to learn. As to the ladder group, I am heartened to see them ask questions after the meeting as to what programs we have for them to learn. The CGSC truly is a special place.

One recent Saturday evening my wife, daughter, and I had dinner up at the Grove's nest and happily ran into some of our friends from the club and, then some other friends from our neighborhood. We enjoyed some burgers (the club has one of the juiciest burgers in town, in my opinion, and excellent fries) and beer overlooking the best view in Miami. Just prior to dinner, upon visiting my boat I was offensively surprised to find out that it was leaking, brought on by a broken seal in my water pump. I immediately texted my go-to boat mechanic for help. However, through a spirited discussion over dinner, our friends convinced me that I

could fix the leak myself. Soon other esteemed members of the club (both former Commodore Pruitt's) overheard the discussion, came over to our table, and agreed with the DIY analysis and encouraged me to take on the project. In my next article, I will let you know the status of the experiment. My reason for sharing this story was to relive the evening again to imprint the memory upon my brain of a moment in time when my daughter was almost 5 and loved hanging out with us at the club, my family was together and healthy, our experienced sailing friends told tales of boat fixing and encouraged me out of my comfort zone, and life was good.

Please mark your calendars/be aware of the exciting upcoming events:

- CGSC Annual Rendezvous: held at Boca Chita in April
- Miami to Key Largo Race: April 22-24

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HAPPY
St Patrick's
DAY

A festive graphic for St. Patrick's Day. The background is a light green with a subtle pattern of small shamrocks. In the center, there is a large, stylized green top hat with a gold band. The text "HAPPY St Patrick's DAY" is written in a mix of green and gold fonts. "HAPPY" and "DAY" are in a simple, bold, sans-serif font, while "St Patrick's" is in a large, elegant, cursive script.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year

Established in 1961 by US Sailing and sponsored by Rolex Watch, U.S.A. since 1980, the annual presentation of US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards recognize the individual male and female U.S. sailors who have demonstrated on-the-water excellence at international and national events to earn their place in the history of the sport. These prestigious awards are widely viewed by the sail-racing industry as the foremost individual competitive sailing honors in the nation. Five men and four women have been shortlisted for US Sailing's 2021 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year awards. Once again, the annual rundown of the year's "best in the U.S." represents a wide range of accomplished sailors from various disciplines and at different stages of their respective careers. The five Yachtsman finalists earned their way on to this exclusive list by dominating their respective classes and showing true variety in their sailing accomplishments. The four Yachtswoman finalists represent a wide array experience and sailing disciplines, and each had a 2021 to remember. All nine of these sailors represent their own unique pathway to the shortlist after a triumphant season on the water in their respective boats. Over its history the coveted awards have been presented to 44 men and 35 women, including these distinguished sailors who have claimed the honor multiple times: Ed Adams, Betsy Alison, Sally Barkow, Dave Curtis, Dennis Conner, JJ Fetter, Terry Hutchinson, Allison Jolly, John Kosteci, Buddy Melges, Lowell North, Jan O'Malley, Jane Pegel, Ken Read, Cory Sertl, Lynne Shore, Jody

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

By the time the channel comes out this Valentine's Day will have passed. But Valentine's Day is a reminder to us of not just the people close to us that we cherish but can be extended to our relationship with the sailing craft that gets us out and on the water. We certainly have a relationship with our sailboats, and if you are part of the adopt-a-boat program of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, with the boat we sail, even if that boat is not a personal possession. In most cases these boats possess us. Consider how much time you spend thinking about the next task or project. You do this while driving, watching TV, or even just sitting on your boat, glass in hand, still tied to the mooring ball. In movies, characters I have seen focus on the

Starck, Anna Tunnicliffe, Daniela Moroz, and Ted Turner. I want to congratulate CGSC's own, Dave Hughes, as one of the five finalists! In 2021, the versatile "super crew" was part of National Championship teams in 3 different classes, Etchells, J/24s, and the Atlantic Class. Additionally, Hughes and his long-time teammate, Stu McNay, won the 470 North American Champs and the US Open Sailing Series Miami, and finished 5th in the World Championships and 9th in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (sailed in 2021). The Coconut Grove Sailing Club has a long history of producing champions and our strong youth program ensures this tradition will continue. You can read more at this link if interested: <http://rolex.ussailing.org/>
Thanks,

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partner as they walk away, hoping that person will turn around for one more glance. I bet you have done that on the launch, as you return to the dock from closing up the boat, taking one more glance with affection, at your otherwise, serious money pit.

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International 420 North American Championship

And the winner is....from just down the street at Coral Reef Yacht Club, the team of Griggs and Emery Diemar with consistent finishes of ones, twos and threes, throwing out their worst score of third place. Seventeen points behind, brother and sister duo of Cole and Annabelle Woodworth from Pequot YC had 28 points. I'm sensing a trend here. And just one point behind, finishing third overall was the team of Freddie Parkin and Thomas Whidden from Riverside and Coral Reef YC. The top female team finishing seventh overall was Samara Walshe and Lillie Foster from EYC and American Yacht Club, finishing with 36 points after their discard.

This three-day, seven race regatta was challenging not only for the sailors but the race committee as well. Day one dawned with beautiful sunshine and water reflecting like a mirror. But the intrepid weather mark boat headed out early in search of wind. Finally, about 2:00pm, cat's paws appeared and so the fleet was sent out, only to have what little promising breeze finally peter out completely. With 11 races scheduled the committee and coaches decided on an early start for Sunday to beat the strong storms predicted ahead of the massive cold front. In moderate but building breeze the committee set a short windward-leeward course and got in race one. While setting up for the second race of the day, all the phones lit up with



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a tornado watch! The fleet was quickly sent in while we waited for the front to pass through. Sure enough about two hours later word was received that 60k gusts were not far behind and everyone scattered to be sure their boats were secure on the pad. A few moments later we watched the wind rip jibs off some of the boats on the moorings. One person even took a screen shot of his read out of 76.1k while he was on his boat next door at Dinner Key Marina. About an hour after the storm passed we headed back out to get in two more races in about 7-10k and the fleet headed in just before sundown.

RC and coaches again chose another early morning start to try to get in four more races. The breeze this day was off-shore from the westerly direction which made for challenging conditions with big shifts and building breeze. Gusts were as high as 23k. It was quite exciting to watch the fleet in these conditions



control their boats at the start and be on the line but not over. Only two OCS boats were identified in one race. There were a few capsizes on the windward-leeward courses and as the breeze built the RC extended the length of the course each race finally ending with a mile long leg.

Though the weather shortened the number of planned races, conditions were challenging and the winners excelled in all conditions. A true championship, and test of great skill.



Photos by Dick Pober



53rd Annual Comodoro Manuel Rasco Snipe Regatta January 29-30, 2022

We had a record turnout for the 53rd running of the Comodoro Manuel Rasco Snipe Regatta, Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30, 2022, with 32 boats registered. Entrants came from New York, California, Maryland, Puerto Rico and locally from Ft. Lauderdale, Key Largo and Miami. With challenging wind conditions, only three races were held over the weekend.

Congratulations to:

First Place	Raul Rios
Second Place	Arthur Blodgett
Third Place	Enrique Quintero
Fourth Place	Alfonso Garcia-Bringas
Fifth Place	Augie Diaz

Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers: On the Signal Boat PRO Shannon Bush, Andi Hoffman, Saralee Lamb, JoAnn Mathieu, Maria Volakis and



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Kathy Gunst. Support Boat crews included Stacy Morris, Don Deresz, Martha Ledesma, Bill Quesenberry, Steve Herman, Don Libbey, Phillipe Dusser, Susan Walcutt, Dick Pober and Bill Becker. Shore side help included Terry Boram, Scorer, and Rickard Etkin, Protest Committee. A special thanks to a new addition to the volunteer Signal Boat fleet, Captain Will Sancho and *Brown Eyed Girl*.

Susan
Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



2022 West Marine OCR, US Open Sailing Series January 21-23, 2022

This regatta was part of a NEW sailing series, that replaces the Miami World Cup, formerly the Olympic Classes Regatta (OCR) It is now a Florida sailing series that begins in Ft Lauderdale, then Miami, and finishes in Clearwater. Although the Miami regatta is no longer an Olympic qualifier event, the sailors continue to enjoy Biscayne Bay world class sailing.

CGSC was responsible for the "Z" circle, the 470 class and Finn class. We were in our sweet spot, 2 miles south of Brennan's Channel. Each of the 3 days was light air, but we were able to run all scheduled races within the target times for both fleets. The 2 other circles were Nacra 17, 49er, 49er FX, iQ open foil and open foil. Plenty of room on the bay for all classes.

The Results for the Finn class, 9 boats, 8 races sailed, 1st Place, Rodin Mazin, USCG (Thank you for your service!) 2nd place, Peter Frissell, NCYC, and 3rd, John Dane III, Pass Christian Yacht Club, and 4th, Dave Martin, CGSC! Congratulations!

The Results for the 470 Class, 7 boats, 9 races sailed, 1st place, Louisa Nordstrom and Trevor Bornath, Windmark Sailing Foundation/Oyster Bay 470 team, 2nd place, Kyra Phelan and Sawyer Bastian, HPC, 3rd Place, Alec Van Kerckhove and Dylan Murphy, HPC.

Thank you to the CGSC Race Committee and special thanks go to Andi Hoffman, wearing many



hats, covering all of the logistics behind the scenes plus timing on the signal boat! Signal boat staff, PRO Nancy Rogachenko, Andi Hoffman, Kathy Gunst, Saralee Lamb, Don Deresz. Pin/Gate boat staff, RO Steve Herman, Alan Cox, Martha Ledesma, and the Weather Mark boat staff, RO Susan Walcutt, Bill Becker and Don Libbey. Thank you for sharing your Contender as our Signal boat AND the whole race committee for being flexible in RC assignments. As always, we are a team, and good shipmates, quoting Ron Rostorfer in his many trainings. And there's more, Andi Hoffman also picked up the lunches!

We appreciate Carol Ewing for being the scorer for all courses and the liaison for the judges, chief judge, Rick Mallinson, and the jury. Thank you to West Marine for the 20% coupon given to all race committee members, and Josh Toso, Marketing Director, US Sailing.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Rogachenko, RRO US Sailing



MELGES 20s FEBRUARY EVENT

CGSC's long history hosting and running regattas for the Melges 20 Class continued February 11-13, 2022 with what was officially called Event #2 of the Miami Winter Series 2021-22 season. Event #1 was the North American Championship back in November. However, separate from the Miami Winter Series was the 2021 World Championship which we hosted in December. So, actually, the February regatta was our third event this season for the 20s. The early March event will conclude the season.

The Racing. For February, 13 boats registered, but only ten showed up to race the regatta. It's not unusual to see a bit of a letdown following a major event like the World Championship. It was a very hard fought, close regatta sailed in what we're sure was frustrating light wind conditions for the competitors over all three days.

Friday turned out to be the only day in which three races were sailed. That in a light NE breeze which at least was relatively steady. Further, the scheduled 1100 first signal was postponed to 1300 due to forecast very light winds. The wind turned out to be not that bad in the morning, but three races were sailed even with the delayed schedule. World Champion Dan Thielman from San Francisco won the day with a 4-1-3 series, with Canadian Rhonda Joyce only one point behind. Jennifer Canestra, also from San Francisco, with CGSC Olympian Dave Hughes aboard, was two points further back in 3rd.

Saturday saw a continuation of the light conditions, this time from further to the right. Just two races were

sailed in these difficult conditions. Our Principal Race Officer Mark Foster, an International Race Officer from Texas, asked the fleet if they wanted a 3rd race for the day, but most expressed a preference to go with Sunday for Race 6. That, coupled with a report from RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Weather Mark Boat of just three knots wind speed terminated racing for the day. Jennifer won the day with a hard to beat 2-1, giving her a two point lead over Dan and another two points over Rhonda. Further, one more race would allow each competitor to drop their worst score for the regatta from their score. Jennifer stood to pick up another point as she then had an 8th to drop while Dan had only a 5th.

However, not to be. Jennifer was over the line early for Race 6 on Sunday and ended up with a 9th. Dan was around mid-fleet for much of the race. Then, on the final gybe to the finish, Dan was above the starboard tack layline. A left shift on that gybe allowed him to sail lower, so it turned out to be a layline gybe after all. He won the race, and, it turned out, the regatta.

PRO Mark then started a 7th race. However, the wind died to well below the minimum. He made the decision to abandon the Race, thus bringing an end to a six race regatta. Dan, Jennifer and Harry Roepers each won two of the six races, meaning the three of them won all the races. After the drops were figured in, Dan won by a single point over Rhonda. She wasn't a race winner, but had four 2nd place finishes. Jennifer was another single point back in 3rd, with Harry only one more point behind in 4th. A very competitive regatta sailed in difficult light air conditions.



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Shoreside. The CGSC kitchen, under Chef Jose, put out great appetizer selections for four straight days. This started on Thursday for the Competitors' Meeting in the Main Room, Friday and Saturday downstairs near the lawn, and then Sunday's awards ceremony at Shake-A-Leg where the fleet hauls and stores between events. Lots of bubbly was sprayed around at and among the winning crews. There is a lot of camaraderie in this fleet.

Race Committee. CGSC's Race Committee did another fine job of race management for this event, and was recognized accordingly by competitors on the water and at the awards. Many thanks to Chris Carleton for volunteering his beautiful Carter 33 *Corragio* as our Signal Boat, as well as PRO Mark Foster for travelling out from Texas to run the event. Also aboard Signal were Deputy Race Officer and CGSC Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Kathy Gunst, Charity Johnson and Maria Volakis, and Recorders Saralee Lamb and JoAnn Mathieu.

Up to weather was Race Officer Susan Walcutt with her Contender 27 twin OB power boat. Mark Boat crew

were Steve Herman, Denise Schneider, Don Libbey and Susan Mohorcic over the three days. The Gate Boat was CGSC's Angler 24 with Race Officer Ian McClelland, Allen Cox, Louise McKee, Thomas Druck and Phillipe Dusser. The Pin Boat was CGSC's Key Largo. Nancy Rogachenko was our Race Officer. Martha Ledesma was at the helm and PC Ron Rostorfer crewed.



Photos provided by Ron Rostorfer and Andi Hoffman



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Dinghy Winter Series #5
March 12, 2022

Flying Scot Winter Series #5
March 13, 2022

Miami Sail Week Adults
March 18-20, 2022

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March 24-25, 2022

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March 26-27, 2022

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