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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**elcome to October!

This month's article is to let you know that the Board of Directors, alongside the Lease Committee, has approved a strategy for approaching the expiring lease and I wanted the general membership to know and understand how hard the various groups have been working and what the general plan is.

First off, there are various short term strategies that have been presented but the key here is that everyone wants to secure a long term lease so that has been our focus. In order to obtain such a lease it has been determined that we will need to define what CGSC will do in return for such a long term lease. The City will want to know what our plans are for the property, our programs, and our general plan in order to grant such a request so the Lease Committee has developed a plan that has already started to take shape.

The very high level plan is to develop 3 committees: Programs, Facility, and Financial.

The first committee will be to define what we mean by "programs". What does CGSC want to offer and what do we see ourselves offering up in the future? Some of these questions are easy, like we certainly plan on retaining the mooring field, all the youth programs, and sail training. We certainly plan on continuing our strong Race Committee presence in the bay, etc. But long term, what do we see happening with the Club? How many

kids can we take in the youth program? Can we expand the mooring field outside the bounds of our existing footprint? Do we offer extended cruising classes? Do we need a larger, more modern clubhouse?



The clubhouse comment invokes the 2nd part of the plan which has to do with facilities. We can define what programs we want all day long but without the facilities to implement the programs we cannot move forward.

And then finally, nothing happens unless there is money, so the financial team will assist with figuring out how much things will cost and potential sources of money.

I am working on creating these teams as I write this. If you want to submit ideas or ask questions please shoot me a note at [commodore@cgsc.org](mailto:commodore@cgsc.org) and I would love to hear your ideas!

Thanks

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**Interesting Club  
Perspective  
Photo Submitted by  
Past Commodore  
James Grupenhoff**

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**s we start the club's new year we can look forward to the changes we plan to implement. Of major impact on the facilities side is the planned investment into the kitchen. We expect this will have a significant impact on member experience. While we are a sailing club, the social aspect of promoting sailing on the bay is integral to our mission.

The budget is in place and the architect is presently laying out plans for the enhanced kitchen. It is amazing how much food we are pumping through the current facility now and with the planned improvements it will be better than ever. The project will be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the contribution of past Commodore Ron Rostofer to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club who passed away recently. Under his leadership of the race committee and with the expertise of the team he had around him, CGSC developed a recognized word class race committee in Miami. I am proud to have worked with and learned from him.

*Richard Elkin, Rear Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**s we begin the fall season, the time for the Halloween Howler is fast approaching. This year's Howler will be from October 29-30 and will launch out of Regatta Park. The event this year is shaping up to be bigger and better than the prior years event with multiple classes, with the traditional Opti Green and RWB fleets, ILCA 4 and 6 fleets and Club 420s. The Howler has attracted a lot of attention in the youth sailing world and is increasingly being viewed as a high quality regatta in the Florida circuit. We are looking for volunteers for this event for all areas. If you have a boat that can be used for race committee, or if you have some time to help with registration, scoring, check in and check out or any of the other myriad roles that are essential to running these events, please contact me, or the Youth Sailing Chair for more information. If you have no experience, we are happy to teach you any of the many roles.

As part of the Halloween Howler, CGSC has traditionally hosted the Haunted Mooring Field on the first evening of the regatta. Our members decorate their boats for Halloween and our launch ferry's kids through the mooring field stopping at each boat for a unique "trick or treat" experience, CGSC style. If you are interested in this event and have a boat in the mooring field, please contact

me for more information.

CGSC and the Youth Racing program also recently held a fundraising event at Bay 13 in Coral Gables. Bay 13 is a local micro-brewery restaurant located in downtown Coral Gables and had graciously agreed to provide a portion of the proceeds from all sales where the guests mentioned CGSC to help fund youth sailing. I would like to thank the organizers of this event and all who participated, we had a great turnout, with good food and good company. More importantly, Bay 13 has agreed to continue to this opportunity so that anyone who goes to Bay 13 and who mentions CGSC will have a portion of the proceeds go to help youth sailing at our club.

We have a busy regatta schedule this year and a lot of great activities at the club coming up. I hope to see you all there and on the water.

Regards,  
*Keith Henrich*  
Rear Commodore



*In Memorium*  
*Charles Ronald "Ron" Rostorfer, PC*  
*1942-2022*



**P**ast Commodore Charles Ronald "Ron" Rostorfer, 80, passed away Saturday, August 20th, 2022. He was born August 4th, 1942 in Rochester, New York to Howard Rostorfer and Theresa Hickman. During his childhood Ron was introduced to sailing at the lake by YMCA Camp Eberhart.

Some of his sailing accomplishments include: placing 2nd and 4th in the Thistle Class National Championships as skipper; finishing 1st overall out of over 300 in the Port Huron to Mackinac Race as tactician & watch captain; sailing in seven Newport to Bermuda races as navigator and helmsman; sailing in four Transpac races (Long Beach to Honolulu) as watch captain & helmsman; logging over 31,000 nautical miles via offshore racing and passage-making, sailing around 17 countries from Greece in the east, to Japan.

Ron's leadership in sailing continued on land serving as past commodore, vice commodore, and director of Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Ron was a driving force in the CGSC Race Committee. He brought many national and international regattas to the club. He was not only a Principal Race Officer, but the first and

only USSA Certified National PRO at CGSC. His driving force will be missed. He was also past president & 1st and 2nd vice president of the Thistle Class Association; and past commodore of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association.

One of Ron's proudest sailing achievements was being invited to join the prestigious Storm Trysail Club. He served as a sailing coach at the United States Naval Academy; taught classes, and led clinics regarding boating safety and equipment.

On June 2nd, 1964, Ron married Dorothy "Dottie" Lee Stone in Chicago, Illinois, by whom he is survived, with Robin and Deb. His daughters often crewed for him in Thistle regattas.

A memorial will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd, at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2990 S Bayshore Dr., Miami, FL.

Family members will sprinkle his ashes in various places.

## Flying Scots



**T**he Scot fleet continues to be very active with around 10 boats showing up consistently for Wednesday night racing and strong attendance at the Saturday racing clinics. The David Ames seminar was a great success. We had people from 12 boats attend the morning session. Some went home before the water time. Those who came out learned even more. David was instructing from the powerboat giving tips and even went on a few boats and sailed with them for a bit. I think it will make the entire fleet faster. David said he is available for private lessons for anyone who has an interest in building their skills. I am taking him up on it on Monday. David is the current and repeating National champion in Scots. He is a product of our club, growing up here racing Optis. He is on a mission to make our entire fleet faster.

The racing was intense on Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. David Ames won very race but was not scored as he is not enrolled in the series. Evan Duffy showed up with Jim Nubiola and Andi Buys to score first for the day. Alex Sellar had a great day with Achene to finish second. Bud Price and Bill Denyer scored a third which was just enough to propel them to first place for the series. Philippe Dusser with Sarah as crew came in fourth.

Lorrie Messer with Atilio and Peter came in fifth. Eileen Kross was 6<sup>th</sup> with Toni and a third who's name I do not remember(sorry)

Obie Smith was 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Alexander 8<sup>th</sup>  
Juan Alvarez 9<sup>th</sup>  
Joerg Reinhold was 10<sup>th</sup>

The series finals were announced with 17 boats sailing at least one race

First was Bionic with Bill Denyer, Gary Schrodt and Bud Price with a total score of 15

Second Was Beja Flor with Ryan Alexander and Karla 17 points

Third I Gone Obie Smith 20 points

Fourth Nolo Contendre Dave and Andi missing too many races 20

Fifth Zoom Jason Philippe and Sarah 23

6<sup>th</sup> Lady Hope with Laurie and Peter 29

7<sup>th</sup> Bandit Alex and Achene 31

8<sup>th</sup> Air America Eileen, Amy and Toni 31

9<sup>th</sup> Go UGLY Early Richard Shellow John Rouse 35 not enough races

10<sup>th</sup> Scarface Jeorg and Esther 42

11<sup>th</sup> Two Docs Juan Alvarez 42

12<sup>th</sup> Sally R Victor Sopena 44

13<sup>th</sup> Culpable Ollie and son 44

As you can see from these scores racing remains very tight with a lot of tie breakers. Sailing consistently with no big mistakes and perfect attendance continues to be the recipe for high scores.

Bud





**Photo by  
Stacy Morris**





2022-2023  
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**NOTICE**

**Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

**CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta  
& BBYRA PHRF #2  
October 1, 2022**

**Dinghy Fall Series #4  
October 15, 2022**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #4  
October 16, 2022**

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta  
& BBYRTA OD#2  
October 22-23, 2022**

**Halloween Howler Youth Regatta  
October 29-30**

**FOR BBYRA 2021-2022 NOTICE OF RACE & SAIL-  
ING INSTRUCTIONS VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @  
[WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)**

We're back for our  
12th Annual  
Youth Regatta  
October 29 - 30th



The Haunted  
Mooring Field  
will be on  
Saturday,  
October 29th

**HOWLER** 2022  
**Coconut Grove Sailing Club**