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COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have a great club!

When you watch the news, whether it's local or national, it can be easy to get dragged into the negative side of things and think our country is going to heck in a handbag. Similarly, too often members get hung up on some petty negative aspect of our club and they don't take the time to seek an overall perspective that can show them how truly great our club is.

Did you know that we have over 1400 members? While this may seem like a negative if you're trying to get a table on a Friday night, this shows you how popular our club is and all these new members bring a financial stability that allows us to upgrade our facilities, sponsor more disadvantaged youth, acquire more coach boats, buy cranes, save for future hurricanes, and buy those pesky hose nozzles that always go missing! Last year over 800 kids passed through our doors with more opportunities for youth than has ever been possible. More Flying Scots are on the Strip than I can ever remember, the Race Committee is hosting more regattas than ever, more prestigious events are occurring under our flag, and the condition and quality of our club boats and programs is higher than ever. The Adult Sailing program is maxed out, the youth programs are completely full, and all the while on a beautiful summer weekend there are still parking spots available to those who choose to come down for a delightful iced beverage of their choice. Yes we have it good!

But that doesn't mean your Board of Directors are sitting on their laurels. To the contrary there are mighty things afoot and constant improvement is the name of the game. Just last month the bar floor was renovated with new laminate flooring, there were 3 new doors installed on the lower level, the fence on the Strip was repaired, we have met with the crane consultants to get prices on a new crane, we have met with the city to discuss plans for more space at Regatta Park, and most of the mooring balls in the field have been inspected and/or repaired. The club has been busy!

We are now preparing for the onslaught of a new season of racing and youth programs which will start in September so hold onto your hats! It's going to be a wild ride this year!

Commodore Dave

Dave Martin, Commodore
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Dinghy Fall Series #1
September 10, 2022

Flying Scot Fall Series #1
September 11, 2022

CGSC Race Committee Work Day
September 18, 2022

Dinghy Fall Series #2
September 24, 2022

Flying Scot Fall Series #2
September 25, 2022

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

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is a new year for the Sailing Club, and we have a new fiscal year with new board members, new bridge, and a fresh outlook for the coming year. Look for improvements to the facilities as we have a number of projects for the club house to be completed this year. We have been waiting for some time to enhance the kitchen and member hospitality experience. The kitchen is being renovated and the architect has begun to create plans and drawings for the new equipment and layout. This will improve efficiency for the staff and turn around time for orders. We are also going to complete the improvements to the back bar on the balcony to a full service facility. Cheers!

The big member event to contribute your time and effort to the quality of the club is coming up in November, on the 12th and 13th. This is the member work weekend and please put this on your

calendar. Remember, the club facilities are closed for this weekend, with no kitchen, bar, or launch service. All hands on deck to paint, polish, and repair club assets. If you have a particular suggestion, craft skill, or ideas, please email me at richard.etkin@gmail.com.



Also, calling all looking to contribute to the club with their time and expertise. The property committee has openings, so please volunteer. Don't complain about something, help improve it.

Richard Elkin, Rear Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As another successful summer draws to an end, CGSC is preparing for a new season of regattas and instructional activities. The Summer Camp has concluded another successful season which saw high demand from kids in the local community looking to spend their summer experiencing what our club has to offer. Our adult sailing programs continue to see growing demand as we expand our mission to bring the sport of sailing to the Miami community. Some of you may have noticed that during certain hours this summer we had some new gate protocols. In order to ensure the safety of our younger members and guests, when we are running youth events, during pickup and drop off times, you will be asked to present ID to access the club. We appreciate your cooperation. At the time of this writing, we have five of our youth laser sailors competing in Worlds in Portugal. The sailing conditions are challenging, but our team, many of whom are attending for the first time, are putting

in a good effort. We have a lot of activities and regattas planned as we look ahead, with many opportunities to get out on a boat. In addition to our traditional regatta schedules, including events such as the Halloween Howler, the Melges 20 Winter Series, and Miami Sailing Week, I am proud to announce that CGSC was selected to host the Finn Gold Cup as well (which is a testament to the skills and dedication of our Race Committee).

I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Regards,
Keith

Keith Hewich
Rear Commodore

Off the Ball

The Get Off the Ball Rally was held on July 30, 2022 and was a huge success based on the great attendance and the beautiful sailing weather!

Conditions were perfect with 12 to 14 knots of breeze while 25 boats left the mooring field and the strip to participate in what is quickly becoming a classic club outing. For the first time in running GOTB we encouraged members who do not have a boat to hook up with those who do so there were a lot more people out on the water fulfilling our mission of getting folks out on the bay.

As always, there was our favorite club photographer Susan Mohorcic out there documenting the whole thing with fabulous pictures for the participants as well as our fearless race committee members Susan Walcutt and Andi Hoffman taking names and writing up the results. As is tradition, the Club gives out a free month's mooring credit via a random drawing at the end of the event. This month's winners were Fabiano Vivacqua sailing his Finn, The Gomez family, and the Grupenhoff family. Congrats to the fee mooring winners!

Please stay tuned for the next GOTB Rally and be ready to get off the ball!

Commodore Dave



View from the Signal Boat
**CGSC Annual
 Single & Double Handed Regattas
 August 6 & 7, 2022**



Saturday's **Single Handed Race** was a challenge for all the Skippers that participated. Their one race was a tour of the Bay with a course that included a weather mark, a mark east of the south entrance to Matheson, a mark dropped at the location of 'B' near Stiltsville and a finish back at the Signal Boat. Wind was steady but high with gusts up to 24 knots. The wind and waves thinned out the racers with only five finishing the course.



Congratulations to:

Lasers	First Place	Marcello Correa, KBYC
Finns	First Place	Fabiano Vivacqua,
CGSC		
ARC	First Place	Jennifer Wirth, CGSC
	Second	Michael Lingswiler, BBYC
	Third Place	Chris Carlton, CGSC



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Sunday's **Double Handed Races** were run under optimum conditions with a steady breeze of 10-12 knots. Fleets raced traditional Windward/Leeward courses with the Spinnaker fleet sailing to a longer Windward mark and the Non-Spinnaker and One Designs sailing to a shorter Windward mark.

Congratulations to:

Spinnaker:	First Place	Joey Kolish, CRYC
	Second Place	Alexander Birukoff, Belarus
	Third Place	Eduardo Luaces, CGSC
Non-Spinnaker:	First Place	Jennifer Wirth, CGSC
	Second Place	Michael Lingswiler, BBYC
	Third Place	John Embler, CGSC
Flying Scots:	First Place	Dave Martin, CGSC
	Second Place	Obie Smith, CGSC
	Third Place	Jason Ferreri, CGSC

Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers:

Signal Boat: Marlene Erven, Martha Ledesma, Esther Delio, Charity Johnson, Jean Messer, Susan Walcutt

Weather: Bill Quesenberry, Carol Cottrell, Stacy Morris
Robert Rodriguez

Pin: Ian McClelland, Allen Cox, George Flanders

Shoreside: Steve Herman, Denise Schneider

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



View from the Signal Boat
J/24 Fleet 10
Florida State Championship
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It was a great weekend for racing on Biscayne Bay. Twelve J/24s registered for the two days of racing with the majority of the fleet from the Miami area. Winds were a steady 8-12 knots out of the east with our PRO, Ian McClelland, using a BBYRA course W2D (Windward/Leeward twice around) with a leg length of 0.80 nautical miles.

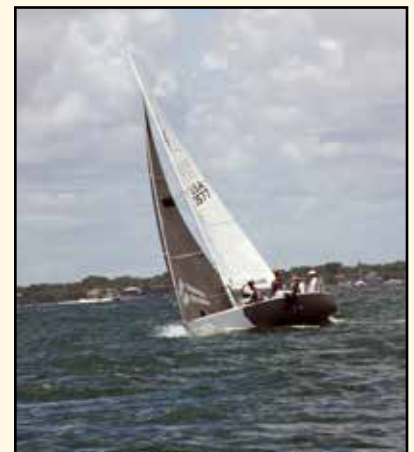
Congratulations to:

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| First Place | Rick Jarchow, HISC & US Sailing Center |
| Second Place | Patrick Frisch, US Sailing Center |
| Third Place | Eamonn Delisser, CRYC |

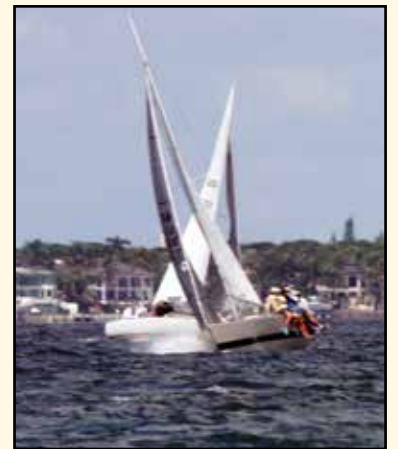
Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers:

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| Signal Boat | Ian McClelland, Martha Ledesma, Anne Klein, Charity Johnson, Jean Messier |
| Weather | Cherie Branning, Denise Schneider, Drew Mouacdie, Phillippe Dusser, Susan Walcutt |
| Pin | Bill Quesenberry, Allen Cox, Esther DiLeo, Carol Cottrell, Don Deresz, Stacy Morris |
| Shoreside | Steve Herman, Denise Schneider, Andi Hoffman |

Susan Walcutt
 CGSC Race Committee Chair



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YOUTH

Ahoj There!

It's been quite a while since I have written to you all on the Channel, but I wanted to catch you all up on how the kids have been doing this Summer. As always we stay busy and have had quite a busy summer camp and summer racing season, with our Opti teams having participated in the 2022 US Optimist Nationals, ILCA 4 Youth World Championship, ILCA Atlantic Coast Championship, and various clinics and events.

I am very proud to report that as of the writing of this article, we have just concluded Summer Camp with over 500 sailors passing through our gates this summer,

and over 120 sailors (and counting) registered for the Fall Season. The coaches have done a great job of keeping the engaged and interested in the Sailing Club and furthering their experience and I commend them for keeping the tradition strong.

Please enjoy the photos from this summer, and I will see you around the club. Go CGSC!

-Alberto Olivo
Youth Program Director







“Call for Volunteers - Clarington Island Cleanup - Sept. 17th”

On Saturday, September 17th, our initial Clarington Island Cleanup of the 22’-23’ season shall take place in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup, via our partnership with [VolunteerCleanup.org](https://www.volunteercleanup.org). We’ll be one of 45 different cleanup sites in South Florida, and thousands throughout the U.S. on that date. Check-in of registered volunteers shall begin downstairs @ 8:15, and we’ll head out to the island @ 9AM. CGSC shall supply gloves, buckets, pickers, cold drinks and handle the disposal of all garbage collected. The cleanup will last @ 2.5 hours, and lunch shall be served at the club thereafter. Attached is a photo from last September’s Cleanup, where we removed over 1,200 pounds of garbage from the island!



Please pitch in to help us fulfill our mission to protect our environment and support sailing on Biscayne Bay! There is an appalling amount of garbage on Clarington Island, and we need every hand we can get. You can sign up here:

https://www.volunteercleanup.org/40660/cgsc_island_cleanup_icc_2022”

Let me know if you need anything else...

Regards, James

James Grupenhoff, PC / Community Service Committee Chair
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Flying Scots

Wednesday night racing is going strong thanks to all of the skippers who are willing to take people out while they race. I especially want to thank the regulars, Obie Smith, Ryan Alexander, Gary Schrodt, Sarah Seski, Joaquin Burr, Jason Ferrer, Philippe Dusser. Also helping often are Luis Martinez, Andi Hoffman, Nuno Pope, Alex, Andy Buys and Bill Denyer. We have been having 9 to 10 boats all full of people every night. The last three races have had perfect weather.

The formal racing just started a new series. In the first race of the series 1st place was taken by Bud Price, Gary Schrodt and Bill Denyer. Second was Ryan Alexander with Karla and Tommy on board. Third was Richard Shellow and John Rouse, 4th Philippe Dusser, Jason Ferrer and Sarah Hayes, 5th Obie Smith and crew, 6th Eileen Kross, and 7th Alex Sellar. David Ames will be coming on the 27th to conduct a racing seminar. He is the current U.S. champion in Scots.
Bud

