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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Fellow CGSC members!

This month I'd like to talk a little about volunteering. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is different from a traditional yacht club in that our corinthian nature makes us a lot more hands-on which is to say we are involved!

But what if you're not involved? How does one get involved? How does one get their hands dirty and get into the mix with all the various activities that are happening all around us? Well, that is what I am going to write about this month.

For starters, if you have a boat at the Club you can simply go sailing! Yes, I really mean that! Far too many boats sit month after month, even year after year without getting off their mooring ball, rack, or trailer. This is a tragedy. Nothing says neglect like a sailboat sitting on her mooring ball attached to the bottom with 50 pounds of mussels and seaweed attached to her bottom. Instead try and consider entering some of the fun events that the club offers such as the Get Off the Ball Rally or some of the other fun events in the bay like the Miami to Key Largo race, the Columbus Day Regatta, the Around the Islands Race, or any of the day races put on by BBYRA? All of these require little upfront costs, are super fun, and you get to use your boat. You know, that fun toy you pay so much to keep on the mooring at the club? Haha.

If you don't have a boat, consider volunteering for Race Committee. The RC is always looking for new talent to help run the many events we have each year. We will be hosting the Halloween Howler regatta and we will need shore support, on the water support, back end support, all kinds of help is needed to organize and wrangle over 200 kids. Other upcoming regattas will need large numbers of volunteers including the Finn Gold Cup in January, Melges 20 regattas, etc. The Race Committee is a great way to get in some community service hours and give back to a sport that we all love. Remember that no experience is required and the RC will find you a job in your comfort zone. Always know that the RC is trying to develop talent in this area so if you like what you are doing and what to progress inside the sport, you can take classes and get certified for various positions within the RC to assist with the more important and critical pieces of running races.

Is the RC not your thing? Are you more of a land creature? Perhaps hooking up with the Clarendon Island clean up crew is more your speed. Each month James Grupenhoff and his band of trash collectors make their way to the island and pull hundreds if not thousands of pounds of trash off the island making our bay a cleaner and safer place. This is an excellent way of giving back to the club and the bay. The manatees and turtles will thank you!

If all of that doesn't interest you then finally there is the Club Cleanup day that is coming up on November 11th and 12th. This is a very important part of club maintenance and it involves volunteering a day or 2 of service where we clean the club stem to stern, trim bushes, paint things, repair docks, sand tables, you name it, we clean it. It's a good time and the club provides refreshments and food for those who volunteer their time.

The bottom line is this: It's your club! Enjoy it! Don't sit on the sidelines. Get involved in the myriad ways available and most of all, have fun doing it!

Dave Martin, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

One of the classic club events coming up in November is the annual Work Weekend. Consider this a less than subtle reminder to those new to this event to mark your calendars. Taking place on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, it is chance to get dirty, use sharp tools, mess up otherwise good clothing with paint and solvents, and of course help empty a keg after the day's toiling in the hot sun or driving rain, depending on Poseidon's mood. Look for the email soon with times and more specific projects we will undertake.

While it is welcome and appreciated if you can attend both days, please make the effort to be there at least one of the days. This is a great club community event, but also a valuable effort to keep the facilities in good repair and looking shipshape. This is integral to good seamanship and is part of the DNA of a sailing club.

You can expect to help in many ways, from working with tackle, painting the dinghies and outdoor furniture,

cleaning up the landscaping, and keeping the dock carts in good repair. This is just a sampling of the jobs available, so be prepared to also apply stain, polish brass, wash and clean areas that seldom see a cleaning rag. All in the spirit of good shipmates contributing to the sailing community.



Have a pet peeve about something that we could attend to during work weekend? Ideas about a project? Please contact the me at my email: richard.etkin@gmail.com.

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The club has now entered its fall regatta season and our youth and adult sailing programs are continuing to generate great interest as we look to expand these offerings and introduce more people to the sailing lifestyle. As a reminder the Halloween Howler is on the 29th and 30th and we are still looking for volunteers for various roles, especially if you have a boat. If you are interested in helping, and if you have a boat that could serve as part of our race committee for the event, please reach out to me, or the Youth Committee chair.

Also, as part of our ongoing commitment to safety, we have recently fitted most of our fleet with propeller guards that form a protective shroud around our power boat propellers. You may see these devices on our smaller craft and rib fleet. This is part of our ongoing commitment to lead the way on safety.

We continue to enhance our fundraising efforts and are expanding our efforts in this respect to new and exciting opportunities to help fund the activities that we love and support. At Bay 13 in Coral Gables, if you mention CGSC when you dine, a portion of the proceeds will be used to fund youth sailing. We are also

participating in Give Miami Day, a fundraising event that helps raise money for a variety of non-profit activities. For more information, please visit <https://www.givemiamiday.org>.



Finally, it is with great sadness that I note the recent passing of past commodore Ron Rostorfer. Having had the opportunity to have worked with Ron over the years, I can say that he was a titan in the racing world and a wonderful human being to work with, always willing to help and share his knowledge and enthusiasm for sailing and our club.

I look forward to seeing you at the club and on the water.

Regards,
Keith

Keith Henrich, Rear Commodore
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Flying Scots

Wednesday nights are still going on and greatly attended with usually around 10 boats. We are going to try to run through the winter with the time change not happening. Remember to be there around 4:15 to 4:30 if you are looking for a ride. We will usually be gone by 5:00 this time of year in order to get our races on before dark. So, don't be late. Can't make Wednesday nights Joins us twice per month on Saturday for the Saturday racing clinic.

You will find the dates on the club calendar. It is always the day before the fleet races. Questions? Email me [at bud5220@gmail.com](mailto:bud5220@gmail.com)
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Pictures from previous events



Early Saturday morning, Virginia Key weather station had wind at 30 degrees and 1.7 knots gusting to 3. Wind was forecast to build so CGSC's Race Committee headed out to the Bay at 10am. We had light rain showers while taking wind shots and setting up the course which disappeared by the time racing started. It was another beautiful day on the Bay. Wind finally settled in at 60 degrees, 8-14 knots. We sent the Cruising Spinnaker Fleet on a two windward/leeward course of 1.0 nautical miles. The Non-Spinnaker fleet also raced a two W/L course with a distance to the Weather mark of .70 nautical miles. Congratulations to the following Skippers:

PHRF Spinnaker Fleet results after 3 races

- First Mark Kamilar
- Second O Valdes/C Santiago
- Third G Heale/C Oliver

PHRF Non-Spinnaker Fleet results after 2 races

- First John Embler
- Second Chris Colton

Thanks to the Race Committee crew:

- Signal Boat Martha Ledesma, Vicky and Jerome Goodin, Susan Walcutt

- Weather Mark Boat Stacy Morris, Allen Cox

Susan

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair



Pictures provided by Vicki Goodin and Martha Nina Ledesma

RECAP of SEPTEMBER

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! Watch for announcements regarding the next event.



J/24 Fleet 10 Florida State Championship August 20-21, 2022

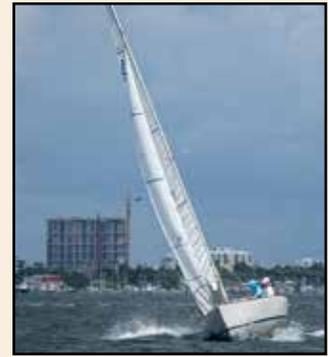
It was a great weekend for racing on Biscayne Bay. Twelve J/24s registered for the two days of racing with the majority of the fleet from the Miami area. Winds were a steady 8-12 knots out of the east with our PRO, Ian McClelland, using a BBYRA course W2D (Windward/Leeward twice around) with a leg length of 0.80 nautical miles. Congratulations to: Rick Jarchow who took First Place.



Single and Double handed Regattas were held in August. The weather were great and the race committee conducted an excellent regatta.

The winners were:

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| Lasers | First Place | Marcello Correa |
| Finns | First Place | Fabiano Vivacqua |
| ARC | First Place | Jennifer Wirth |
| Spinnaker: | First Place | Joey Kolish, |
| Non-Spinnaker: | First Place | Jennifer Wirth |
| Flying Scots: | First Place | Dave Martin |



YOUTH

At CGSC 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.

The Summer Camp had over 500 sailors passing through our gates this past summer, and over 120 sailors (and counting) registered for the Fall Season. The coaches have done a great job of keeping them engaged and interested in the Sailing Club and furthering their experience. We are looking forward to the Fall.



RECAP of OCTOBER

Past Commodore Charles Ronald "Ron" Rostorfer passed away Saturday, August 20th, 2022.



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)

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 USAA National PRO at CGSC. His influence and guidance will be missed.

A memorial was held on October 2, 2022 at CGSC.

Flying Scots

The 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. 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.





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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1
November 4-6, 2022**

**CGSC Work Weekend
November 12-13, 2022**

**Dinghy Fall Series #5
November 19, 2022**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #5
November 20, 2022**



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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