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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**hoy Coconut Grove Sailing Club Members! The Board of Directors takes their job very seriously about maintaining the facilities and I wanted to share with everyone a few of the bigger maintenance items that are under way at CGSC. First off, the Mooring Committee and the Dock Staff have been hard at work making sure our mooring field is in tip-top shape. According to dockmaster Eric Lindeman, the inspection of the mooring field was under the budgeted dollar amount and a number of shackles, down lines, swivels and pennants were replaced. More spare parts have been ordered as both CGSC and American Underwater Contractors ran short of parts but once those arrive they will be replaced as necessary. Great job Eric and your team! The next large maintenance item relates to the cranes on the Strip. The existing cranes are over 50 years old and are getting long in the tooth. Strip mooring holders know all too well how the cranes are becoming less and less reliable as time goes by. For this reason the Board authorized

the purchase of new cranes for the strip. Past Commodore Ryan Alexander and I have secured a bid for the new cranes and are getting more information on the concrete base as we need to make sure that the new crane sits atop a base that will meet the City's new sea wall height requirements. An engineering contractor will be hired to do some tests on the existing concrete base of the old crane to see how it is holding up and to determine if we can build on top of it or if we need a new concrete base. Stay tuned for more information on that project!

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**appy December. As we move into the Holiday season, my update will be brief. I would like to start by thanking everyone involved in the Haunted Mooring Field and the Halloween Howler event that occurred at the end of October. The regatta was a huge success and we hosted just shy of 300 sailors in fleets ranging from Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, ILCA 4.7 and ILCA Radials and C420 classes. All in all our Youth Sailing Committee and Race Committee ran a highly professional and enjoyable racing event with five simultaneous racing circles. The logistics and teamwork from our committee members and volunteers to pull something like this off is incredible and I would like to personally extend my congratulations on a job well done. I would like to also thank all of our mooring field boat owners for participating in the Haunted Mooring Field this year. Once again our members did an incredible job decorating their boats and getting everyone into the Halloween spirit. Regatta participants and family members of our members

were able to enjoy a fun filled night at the club with a dunk tank, where many of our younger sailors eagerly took to dunking and being dunked in addition to the trick or treating activities in the mooring field. A special thanks to our docks staff for running the launches. As we look ahead the club is planning many more events. We are actively looking to resume sailing rendezvous in the coming months now that the Covid emergency seems to have subsided, and will be looking to do even more shoreside events, such as dockside rendezvous. Please keep your eyes open for announcements to come. I wish everyone Happy Holidays and I hope to see you at the club.

Kind regards,  
*Keith Heinrich, Rear Commodore*  
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*HAPPY HOLIDAYS*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**s Vice Commodore, we only get to write about this month's topic once per year. That is the Annual CGSC Work Weekend. This is the event where members new and long term, come together to give back to the club, and help the grounds and sailing assets stay shipshape. We held the Work Weekend on November 12 and 13, and by all measures the staff and membership made it a success.

We didn't get a firm count, but I believe we had close to 75 to 80 workdays covering Saturday and Sunday. What was amazing for the event was the spirit and attitude of all involved. There were so many places we worked on, I am sure I will leave some out, and for that I apologize. Here are the highlights of what was completed.

We broke up into groups to cover specific areas. Board member and Past Commodore, Bud Price, organized the Flying Scot fleet, which now sports new and properly tuned rigging. Not surprising many of the sailors in that fleet attended to all the tasks required which also included small repairs and preventative maintenance.

The member use fleet and Ensign fleet were brought to the dock and varnished and cleaned by a dedicated crew over the two days. Richard Cristler and Phil Adams kept that group organized. We also maintained and revarnished the blades for the Sunfish, and rowboat oars attended to.

Speaking of the rowboats, we have four in the water with perfectly repainted bottoms.

An impressive list of general projects was also completed around the grounds. The seawall is painted, along with the downstairs restrooms. Dock carts were maintained and painted along with the Adirondack chairs. Note the new slightly purple hue to three of the chairs. We used the paint we had! Overgrown

bushes were cut back by the fence, and the no parking zones given a fresh coat of yellow paint. Speaking of yellow paint, the gate to the strip was painted again by Past Commodore Alexander, his personal favorite project.

Upstairs was also cleaned up in the bar area, lamps cleaned, and the weird colors of the bar TV repaired by installing a replacement TV. A very simple solution. Rounding out some of the other maintenance projects the bar foot rails are back to looking like brass, and the deck railing given a fresh coat of grey paint to extend its life. That's true for the main dock too, whose railings received a few coats of polyurethane.

I am sure I left out some projects and honorable mentions and thankyou's I should have made. Let it be known all the staff and volunteers contributed their time, and just as importantly, their ideas and expertise.

If you couldn't be there, mark your calendars as soon as you receive notice of the next work weekend. Beside the projects to complete there is beer, friendship, and the good feeling of being part of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club community.

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### A Word from the Dockmaster

**H**ey everyone,  
I want to give you all a brief summary of where we are with the mooring field inspections and repairs. The inspections were completed under budget at about 42K. However, that is not to say we are done. For various reasons we did not end up doing the work ourselves. I hired American Underwater Contractors Inc. for the job, which they were able to complete in about two weeks. Dave Foster's report is available. They replaced a number of shackles, down lines, swivels and pennants, until they ran through all of their stock of spares, and ours. Which leaves us with what's left. Some of the galvanized thimbles on the pennants, and the down lines have worn through to the storm soft. We need to now pull them, replace the thimbles, re-whip them, and re-install them. Let's schedule a meeting at your convenience so we can discuss in further detail.

Thanks  
Eric Lindeman  
Dock Master



# CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta BBYRA OD #2 October 22-23, 2022



**C**CGSC's Annual One Design Regatta is a two-day event as it is the first in the annual Flying Scott Florida State Championship. As it was also a BBYRA One Design race, BBYRA boats were given the opportunity to race one or both days. It was a challenge for our PRO Ian McKlelland to manage starts and courses for both keel, multihull and dinghy style boats. Wind shifted from 30 to 70 degrees during Saturday's racing which kept the Weather and Pin boats busy. Five races were held over Saturday and Sunday, with Windward/Leeward courses, twice around.

Special thanks to the CGSC Race Committee volunteers:

Signal Ian McKlelland, PRO, Martha Ledesma, Saralee Lamb, Charity Johnson  
Mark Jurgen Teintze, Andi Hoffman  
Susan Walcutt, Allen Cox, Dick Pober

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Susan Walcutt  
CGSC Race Committee Chair

Congratulations to the first place winners:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Flying Scots (24) | David Ames      |
| Laser 4.7 (11)    | Marina Wardlaw  |
| Laser Radial (6)  | James Liebl     |
| Finn (5)          | John Dane III   |
| Sunfish (8)       | Enrique Guitart |
| Etchell (4)       | Chris Lanza     |
| J24 (6)           | Eamonn deLisser |
| Beach Cat (1)     | John McKnight   |
| Snipe (1)         | Rafael Jaranta  |



# Halloween Howler a Rousing Success

The Howler was a smashing success this year with 268 registered boats and a few milestones achieved: For the first time, the Howler Regatta hosted the Club 420 Class with 14 boats on the line. Competitors woke up to fantastic conditions on Saturday and Sunday with a very nice Northeasterly breeze in the 10-12 knot range, although which did not live up to the Howler's reputation, provided great racing for the 280+ competitors across 268 boats thanks to over 70 Race Committee volunteers and CGSC staff.

In the ILCA 4 and 6 fleet, the best CGSC sailors were Fernando Figueroa in 3rd place ILCA 4, followed by Alessandro Gregori in 6th. In the ILCA 6 fleet, Conner Brandon finished in 23rd.

Our sailors in the Optimist class put up some great results on the scoreboard, with our top performers Henry Bolz finishing 5th overall, followed by Freddy Nooij and Lydia Iddir in 7th and 10th, respectively. In RWB Optimist, our Forza Italiana Davide Bazzoni finished 11th overall, with Julia Gil in 22nd.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who made this happen, especially Andi Hoffman our Race Committee Chair, and Elizabeth Del Rio the Youth Program Chair without whose tireless efforts this event would not have been possible. Looking forward to the 13th annual edition in 2023! It's going to be extra spooky!

## OPTI's



All Howler Photography compliments of Hillary Oswald



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# C420's



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# LASER's



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# After Race Spooky Mooring Party



Photos by Susan Mohorcic



# Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1



Photos by Dick Pober





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## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #2**  
December 2-4, 2022

**Dinghy Fall Series #6**  
December 10, 2022

**Flying Scot Fall Series #6**  
December 11, 2022

**J70 & Melges 24 Winter Series #1**  
December 16-18, 2022

**Open Orange Bowl**  
**Dinghy & Flying Scots Winter Series #1**  
December 27-30, 2022

FOR BBYRA 2020-2021 NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING  
INSTRUCTIONS

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

## Flying Scots

**T**he Scot fleet is doing very well. We had 24 boats sign up for our annual regatta with 18 of them from CGSC. The racing was very competitive with a lot of the sailors that came here shooting for the regional championship. The top 4 boats were from out of town. David Ames, the current national champion, won handily with 9 points. He was followed by Fred Soward from Sarasota with 15, then Jim Signor from Key Largo. Fourth was a former national champion Mark Taylor. Dave Martin was the top finishing local sailor with a 5<sup>th</sup> position.

I am sad to say that Wednesday night racing is now over for the year. The legislature failed to make the change to stay on daylight savings time so it will now get dark too early to race in the afternoon.

It was a great season with 9 or 10 Scots at most events and some Finns thrown in occasionally for good measure.

It is a tribute to the Scot fleet sailors that they are so willing to take new people on their boats to teach them about the boat and the fun or racing.

While Wednesdays are over we will continue the Saturday racing clinics. They are scheduled two Saturdays per month year round. The next several dates are Nov 19, Dec 3, and 10, January 7 and 12 and March 11 and 25. The morning starts with sign up at 10:00 we get the boats ready pick teams and sail out for an 11:30 start. We are



back in by 2:00 for a debrief on the veranda and videos are available the following week with tips on beginning racing tactics and techniques.

We always need skippers to get people out so come and join us one Saturday.

### ***Another thought:***

I am also using this months article to thank Tom And Debbie McMullen. They established a charity called the Sunshine Fund and allowed me to chose where the charitable funds would go. I picked the club Flying Scot fleet. The fund has provided many upgrades over the years and even helped finance a new (used) boat. This year the money was used to rework the connection between the forestay, jib and the bow. It doesn't sound very sexy but the conversion will save the club around 900.00 every two years

in maintenance and prevent failures that cause the mast to come down.. We were also able to provide storage hammocks under the seats for life jackets to assure they are always available and keep them in good shape.

Thanks Tom and Debbie!

Bud

