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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Our Sailing Club is now officially in full swing and in the middle of our busy season! If you haven't noticed, there are many more boats on the lawn, cars in the parking lot, and people in the restaurant and bar. It's a great time to be in South Florida!

The next big event at the Club is the Finn Gold Cup which officially starts on January 24th and goes through the 31st. This will, perhaps, be the more prestigious event the club has hosted in recent memory with more than 70 competitors from 15 countries represented, international measurers and judges, international PROs, and more than 10 containers being shipped from overseas to get boats here on time for the regatta. All of this will be hosted on our grounds with spill-over into Myers Park to the north of us.

Our Race Committee organizers need your help to pull this off! We need shore side volunteers to help direct people to their spot on the property, folks to assist manning the beer kegs, helping set up tables, chairs, folks acting as good will ambassadors to help competitors find the West Marine for parts for their boat, etc. Please contact Andi Hoffman at CGSCRACE@gmail.com to get involved. This will be a once in a decade chance to see some of sailing's most decorated and accomplished sailors on the planet.

As you can imagine, this will put quite a bit of strain and stress on the Club. As your Commodore I ask for your patience and to remember that we are, after all, a sailing club, and our mission is to support the sport of sailing from the beginners to the most elite athletes in our sport. While one could look at this event as an inconvenience and a pain in the backside, I would encourage you to get involved and embrace the event and have fun with it - especially the youth sailors and their parents. It would be fantastic if the young sailors in our club assisted with getting the boats in and out of the water for the competitors by running around and gathering the dollies, helping get them to their spots on the

strip, and generally meeting the sailors and asking them questions. After all, if you had a chance to golf with Tiger Woods would you do it? I think so! Some of these sailors are that good. There will be many past Olympians, many world champions, and then a lot of old guys like me but ignore all of us!

Warm up regattas will start on January 19th and you will slowly see the lawn start to stack up with Finns from all over the world. The sailing part of the event will last for 5 days with 2 races/day for a total of 10 races assuming the weather cooperates. Measurement will take place under the club house so you will see gear starting to pile up in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing you at the event and hope everyone can participate in some or all of the events!

Thanks
Dave

Dave Martin, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

To all members, I wish you all the best for the holiday season. Thankful to be in Miami, where sailing is a year round pleasure. Looking forward to the Open Orange Bowl races next week and seeing all at the New Year's Eve Party. All the best,

Richard Elkin, Vice Commodore
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Clarington Clean-up

On Saturday, Dec. 17th, we held our third Clarington Island Cleanup of the season and removed another 300 pounds of garbage and debris from this spoil island which fronts CGSC's mooring field. Given we had only 12 volunteers this time out, it was an impressive output. In the three events since September, we have eliminated a cumulative total of 3,100 pounds of garbage from this ecosystem!!! I am happy to report that the eastern end of the island, from the dock out towards the bay, is virtually garbage free. However, we still have a great deal of work to do on the western end, adjacent to the mooring field, as you can see by the photos here. Our next excursion will be on Saturday, February 11th; please join us to help keep the momentum going! And remember, if you want to help but cannot attend on that date, you can still make a significant contribution by eliminating single-use plastic bottles from your life! Stop buying them and they will stop making them, and half of the garbage we pick up out there will no longer exist!



-James Grupenhoff, Past Commodore, Community Service Committee Chair
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Melges 20 Midwinter Series #2

December 2-4, 2022



Photos by Dick Pober

Bacardi Invitational Winter Series Event 1

December 17 and 18, 2022

Melges 24 and J70

View from the Pin Boat!

Happy Holidays to all! The weekend of December 17 and 18, was the beginning of the Bacardi series #1 for the Melges 24 and J70 fleets. A total of 38 boats raced in the first series, 18 Melges 24s and 20 J70s.

The predicted wind was 2-3 knots. Of course, as we all know, the weather person was wrong and we had an average of 8 knts and a West Northwest wind direction. Considering the predictions, the race committee and sailors were happy for an on-time start, 10:55, for race 1. The start rolled from Melges 24 fleet to the J70 fleet, and a 55 minute race was sailed, longer for the J 70s as the wind died.

What to do with the 2 hour wait for wind after race 1? We, as the Pin Boat, practiced pivot turns as docking practice! The CGSC race committee takes any opportunity to improve our skills!

Races 2 and 3 were sailed as the wind came in at 8-10 knots, with a more northerly and stable direction.

However, any wind direction with a westerly component is shifty, and it was no exception in the afternoon. Sunday, day 2, had excitement at the pin end of the starting line, with a J70 boat hung up on the anchor line inches from the bow, and in the same race, a Melges 24 "sailed off" with the weather mark, and on leg 2, a 40ft sailboat motored into the offset mark. Other than that, 3 races were sailed, with a total of 6 races. Results after the drop of a sailors worst score:

Melges 24:

1. 11 points- Pacific Yankee- Drew Freides/Nic Asher/Charlie Smythe/ Alec Anderson
2. 15 points- Zenda Express- Harry a Melges 1V/ Jeremy Wilmot/Fin Rowe/ Ridley Shelly/ Cooper Del Bridge
3. 22 points- RAZA MIXTA -Chris Larson/ Victor Diaz de Leon/Erik Shampaigh/Patrick Wilson/ Norman Berge

J 70:

1. 7 points-USA Rowdy- Richard Witzel/Jud Smith/ Carlos Robles/Tomas Deitrich
2. 11 points-USA Emperiria- John Heaton/ Wil Felder/Zeke Horowitz/Zac Mason
3. 21 points- MEX Black Mama- Fernando Perez Ontiveros/Goncalo Ribeiro/Bernardo Freitas River Paquin.

Race Committee: Pin Boat: RO Nancy Rogachenko, Rick Klein, Maria Volakis

Weather Mark Boat: RO Susan Walcutt, RO Steve Herman, Jurgen Tientze

Signal Boat: I R O Mark Foster, Andi Hoffman, Everett Hoffman (Captain and Dad) , Saralee Lamb, Charity Johnson, Kathy Gunst.

I appreciate all race committee members who volunteer their time and share their knowledge to be the best. A rising tide lifts all boats, so true!

Nancy Rogachenko



Photos by Dick Pober



Flying Scots

Sunday Dec 11 proved to be great racing despite the forecast of very light winds. We ended up having enough to race and sometimes we were even starting to hike. The winds were shifty and there were lots of holes. But that just made it more fun and challenging. Eleven boats showed up to race. Philippe and Jason won the day with very consistent results .4,2,1. A new sailor to the fleet, Melissa Fisher was in second place sailing Dave and Andi's old boat with scores of 1,4,3. Third was Culpable (another of Dave and Andi's old boats) with Oliver and son. Fourth was Beja Flor with Ryan and Tommy on board, Fifth was Mad Dog by virtue of their 1st in the last race. Sixth was Bionic, 7th Lady Hope, 8th Bandit, 9th Air America, 10th I Gone who retired for the last race, 11th Phoenix. This finished up the series.

There were 16 boats that sailed enough to be scored for the series

Their finishes are as follows

First place Zoom, second place I Gone, 3rd Culpable, 4th Bionic, 5th Beja Flor, 6th Bandit, 7th Grey Wolf (Dave and Andi's new boat), 8th Mad Dog, 9th Lady Hope, 10th Scar Face, 11th Air America, 12th Phoenix, 13th Nolo Contendre, Melissa Fisher, 14th Lucky Dog, 15th Two Docs, 16th Sally R

Bud



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**2022-2023
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Dinghy Winter/Spring Series
#2
January 14, 2023**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring
Series #2
January 15, 2023**

**470 North American
Championship
January 14-15, 2023**

**I-420 North American
Championship
January 14-16, 2023**

**Finn Midwinters
January 20-22, 2023**

**Finn Gold Cup
January 24-31, 2023**

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