

*2023 Finn Gold
Cup Winner
Ed Wright on
the Course*



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Change of Focus:

Now that the Finn Gold Cup is over and all of the mayhem that was associated with that huge event has passed, it is time to refocus my efforts as Commodore to another demographic that has been sorely misrepresented. They are the cruisers and the mooring field holders.

I realize that I am a racer and that has been my focus, but the mooring field represents a hugely untapped resource of fun with the potential of some really great events and rallies. Starting very soon you will see email blasts of an upcoming Get Off the Ball rally and flyers for the annual rendezvous that will happen on Saturday April 29 at Elliott Key. Our cruising chair, William Sancho, has been very busy putting

together some events that will be disclosed soon so keep an eye out for those. If you have any ideas for events that you'd like to see as a cruising sailor or as a mooring field tenant, please email me and we can discuss your ideas!



Thanks

Dave

Dave Martin, Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Another month, another report. Congratulations to all of our staff and to the organizers of the Finn Gold Cup. It was a tremendous event that spotlighted the capabilities of our club. Our youth teams competed in the Buccaneer Blast this past weekend. In the ILCA 6 category, congratulations to Conner Brandon and Enrique Munoz for taking the number 2 and 3 spots respectively. In ILCA 4, congratulations to Marina Wardlaw, Myles Hold and Jordan Glassman for taking the spots 1, 2 and 3. In the RWB fleet, congratulations to Davide Bazzoni for taking the number 4 spot.

Miami Sailing Week is coming up on March 18-19. We are expecting this to be one of the largest youth regattas that we have had to date, with a potential

for between 250-300 boats spanning the ILCA, C420, RWB and Green optimist fleets. We are holding the regatta in Regatta Park and hope to see you all there. We are currently looking for volunteers for multiple roles on and off the water. Please contact the youth committee chair or race committee for more information. Regards,



Keith Heinrich, Rear Commodore
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Youth Sailing

Hello Coconut Grove Sailing Club!
We've been quite busy since the end of December, with the end of Orange Bowl and the start of the 2023 Spring Season.

The Orange Bowl 2022

Ours sailors spent a great few days at the Coral Reef Yacht Club for the 2022 Orange Bowl, and after 4 challenging days our sailors showed some great improvement and posted some results!

Notable finishes:

Davide Bazzoni (Opti RWB) 11th overall with 2 1st place finishes in gold fleet!

Henry Bolz (Opti Green) 2nd overall; Alanea Urbom (Opti Green) 10th overall

International Competitions

From the 2022 Optimist Midwinter Championship held in New Orleans, several of our sailors were selected to represent the United States at several international regattas - special shoutout to:

Davide Bazzoni - representing at IODA South American Championship in Caracas, Peru

Elena Bazzoni - representing at Princess Sofia Trophy in Palamos, Spain

Leonardo Tarzani - representing at Lake Garda Easter Meeting in Riva Del Garda, Italy
Julia Gil, Pierce Weber - representing at the Magic Marine Easter Regatta in Braassemmermeer, Netherlands

Finn Gold Cup

And lastly, I wanted to thank the CGSC Race Committee for incorporating our young sailors into the Finn Gold Cup as flagbearers in the Opening Ceremony - they represented the club and team beautifully and got to meet Mayor Francis Suarez! It was really a spectacle and I commend Andi Hoffman and team for putting on a great event.

Please enjoy the pictures, and if you have any questions about your Youth Sailing Program, you can reach me at youthdirector@cgsc.org or 516-888-6707!

Fair Winds,
-Alberto Olivo
CGSC Youth Programs
Director



Finn Midwinters

The Finn Midwinters were held on January 27-29. This was certainly a great opportunity to have a warm-up for the Gold Cup to be held later in the week. There were 30 boats that participated and had varying conditions during the three days. Many thanks to the outstanding race committee for their hard work. Organizing major events to be run back to back was no easy task, but under the leadership of Susan Walcutt and Andi Hoffman everything went off without a hitch. The top five finishers were: 1 - Pedro Lodovici, 2 - Andrew Kern, 3 - Pedro Trouche, 4 - Caio Gerassi, 5 - Laurent Chapuis.



Finn Gold Cup Racing Committee Crew

Photos by Dick Pober

2023 FINN GOLD CUP

The 2023 Finn Gold Cup was held at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club between the dates of January 27th through the 31st. There were 58 competitors competing from 15 countries and it all happened here, at our Club! The opening ceremonies were held on the evening of the 26th where the Honorable Miami Mayor Francis Suarez gave a short speech indicating his staunch support for the Club even indicating we need to be here for another 100 years and that the community would not be the same if it were not for our sailing club. "There are some things more important than money", he said and further expanded saying "if the Commissioners present me with a lease renewal I will sign in without hesitation." The Club was decked out in the flags of the participating countries and the new dinghy ramps proved to be a big hit when launching and retrieving the nearly 60 boats.

The first race day was fairly windy with gusts ranging from 15 to 18 knots. Ed Wright, from the UK and who has won the Finn Gold Cup before, racked up 2 wins on the first day putting him in first place. Domokos Nemeth, from Hungary had two 2nd place finishes while Federico Colaninno had two 3rd place finishes. These 3 sailors put on a show and were wildly ahead of the rest of the fleet. Day 2 was the windiest of the week with steady breeze of 16 gusting over 20 at times during the day. Once again these top sailors put on a show for the rest of us to follow with Ed getting a 1 and a 2. The heart break of the day was Federico winning the first race of day 2 but then breaking the boom bolt (this is what connects the boom to the mast) and shearing it in half forcing him to retire on the last race of day 2.



Commodore Dave Martin opens the ceremonies.



Mayor Suarez welcomes the competitors to Miami.



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Day 3 started similarly to day 1 with breeze between 15 to 18 knots but then it subsided by the end of the 2nd race down to 10 knots. Day 4 was a light air day where no pumping was allowed. 2 more races were held and then the last day, Day 5 there was no racing due to no wind.

The results can be found at <https://www.fgcmi-ami2023.com/>

Competing in the Finn Gold Cup from our club were: Dave Martin, Fabiano Vivacqua, Ricky Vardia, Jack Jennings, John Dane, Larry Suter, Clay VanNortwick, Charles Heimler, and Kay Statz. Congratulations to all our home boys!



2023 Finn Gold Cup
Champion Ed Wright



Gold Cup Winners

Commodore Rasco

The weekend of February 4th and 5th the Club hosted the 54th Commodore Manuel Rasco Snipe Class regatta in honor of the late Commodore of the Miramar Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba whose contribution to the class will never be forgotten. Dating back to 1932, it is now the Mixed Double-handed dinghy for the Pan American Games held every 4 years. The SNIPE is a 14 foot monohull and remains one the most popular sailing dinghies ever sailed around the world.

Although no races were completed on Saturday due to weather, Sunday proved to be challenging with repeated squalls...did someone say it is February and not summer! Congratulations to the winners Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Carolina Tocke. Taking second place was Raul Rios and Christine De Silva, and third went to Enrique Quintero and Charlie Bess.

Their class motto is "serious sailing, serious fun"! That was evident at the awards ceremony and throughout the weekend as the class members shared great comradery and song among multiple generations and families sailing together. Shout out to the Race Committee who supported the event

in the lulls and squalls! The team included: Sandy Grosvenor (PRO), Andi Hoffman, Susan Walcutt, Cherie Branning, Charity Johnson, Kathy Gunst, Everett Hoffman, Steve Herman, Don Deresz, Sonia Diaz, Oliver Repenning, Don Libbey, Allen Cox, Anne Klein, Karen Young, Bill Quesenberry, Michelle Wood, Maria Volakis, Joseph Chin, Stacy Morris and Richard Etkin. Special thanks to Everett Hoffman for serving as Signal Boat and Susan Walcutt who always adds *Total Chaos* to the RC fleet!
Stacy Morris



Photos by Dick Pober



First Place: Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Tocke



Second Place: Raul Rios and Christine De Silva



Third Place: Enrique Quintero and Charlie Bess

View from the Signal Boat

I-420 North American Championships 470 West Marine US Open Sailing Series January 14-16, 2023

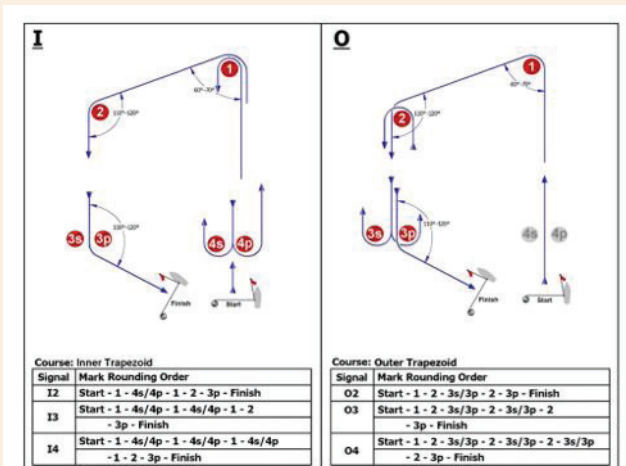


The Coconut Grove Sailing Club has historically held North American Championships for both the I-420s and the 470s over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. This year we hosted the I-420s for their North Americans but the 470s were racing in the West Marine US Open Sailing Series, a qualifying event for the next US 470 Olympic team.

The Race Committee set up Trapezoid courses for the two separate fleets. Miami weather cooperated and we were able to run eight races over the three days.

Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers: Sandy Grovesnor, PRO, Andi Hoffman, Saralee Lamb, Maria Volakis, Kathy Gunst, Charity Johnson, Captain Everett Hoffman with our Signal Boat, Soft Landing, Nancy Rogachenko, Don Derez, Gail Miller, Louise McKee, Susan Walcutt, Bill Becker, James Morris, Dick Pober, Rick Klein, Don Libbey, Stacy Morris, Steve Herman, Allen Cox, Helen Phillips, Susan Mohorcic, Bill Quesenberry, Ethan Prall and our Lunch Lady, Denise Schneider.

Susan
Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



Congratulations to the top three racers in each event:

I-420

- First Richard Sykes/Elle Sykes
- Second Helena Borchering/Violet Martin
- Third William Kulas/Grant Schmidt

470s

- First Stuart McNay
- Second Luisa Nordstro
- Third Vanessa Lahrkamp





On day two of the 1420 North Americans/470 OCR regatta the signal boat experienced a few friends following behind as they went to set the course. Once in a lifetime experience!

Pictures by Kathy Gunst

Photos by Dick Pober



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Flying Scots

Our last race was on a very rainy day. The fleet met at the club. Ten boats decided to give it a try. They were rewarded with 3 great races and only some rain in the last race. It shows that you just have to show up and hope for the best.

Mad Dog and *I Gone* were not scored as of the writing of this article.

The final scores as they stand right now were as follows:

- 8th place Dida Louise McKee and crew
- 7th place Bandit with Alex and crew
- 6th place Lucky Dog with Luis and crew
- 5th place Phoenix with Bruno and Johnny
- 4th place Bionic with Bud, Bill and Gary
- 3rd place Lady Hope with Lorie Messer and crew
- 2nd place Zoom with Philippe, his son and Jason
- 1st place Beija Flor with Ryan and Tom Breman



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #4
March 3-5, 2023**

**VX1 Regatta
March 4-5, 2023**

**J70 & Melges 24 Winter Series #3
March 9-11, 2023**

**Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #5
March 11, 2023**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #5
March 12, 2023**

**Miami Sailing Week – Youth
March 18-19, 2023**

**J70 Midwinters
March 23-26, 2023**

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