

**CGSC
Commodore Cup
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Good day, CGSC members!

I've been struggling to find a topic that is worthy of my last as your Commodore. It has taken poor Cherie quite a bit of brow beating to get my article to you in a timely fashion and this gives me a public forum to both apologize to her for making her job so difficult but to also thank her for her hard work in putting together our Channel magazine each month. Thank you, Cherie!

I was reminded of a saying that a past Commodore and friend, the late Ron Rostorfer, used to say and it was "be a good shipmate." He used to say this to the race committee crew, and he held this standard for all of his friends and fellow sailors. I think in these 4 words there is a lot of wisdom in what he was trying to convey and I think it applies to all of us as members of CGSC.

CGSC is going through some uncharted water. We have near-record membership. We have a lease coming due. We have no room to expand programs, but we have demand that continues to pressure us. We have nearly 1500 members and 52 parking spaces. Our Summer Camp programs are bursting, our restaurant is over capacity, the bartenders whip up drinks at record pace, and there is a regatta nearly every weekend of the year.

With so much going on, it is tremendously important for us all to reflect on this situation and remind ourselves to "be a good shipmate."

What does it mean to be a good shipmate? I can think of dozens of things right off the bat. It means not parking in the parking lot and taking off to dinner in the Grove. It means not parking in the fire lane. It means treating the staff with respect and not sending snippy or snide emails. It means paying your bill on time. It means cleaning up your area. It means having your boat seaworthy and following the policies of the mooring agreement. It means using your boat like you said you would so you can continue to keep it on the strip. It means

saying please and thank you when ordering dinner. It means keeping your kids in line during dinner time, so they aren't running rough shod over the club. It means respecting and treating club assets carefully and fixing things you can when you can. It means saying you're sorry if you're out of line. It means not bringing your dog upstairs because you see others do it even though you know you don't have a service dog. It means respecting yourself and others when sharing your experience at our wonderful club.



For most of us, the Club is our happy place. A place where we unwind, let our hair down, relax, and have fun. This is great but we must also recognize that as the club grows and get busier, we must also be on our best behavior.



Let us all strive to be a good shipmate!

Thanks
Dave

Dave Martin, Commodore
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*Thank you, Dave.
It has been my pleasure to serve with you
this past year. I look forward to many more
years to come in whatever position you hold
at CGSC.*

*Cherie W. Branning
Channel Editor and Task-master*

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

This Channel is the last of the Club's 2022/23 fiscal year. I think it is fair to say this year has been a return to a more traditional one for our Sailing Club community. In person events now feel normal. The work weekend accomplished the goal of the membership helping to keep everything shipshape. We celebrated an in-person Annual Rendezvous again this year. The club's fiscal state is sound and we will be presenting the new balanced budget at the annual meeting.

The next year looks to be an exciting one as well. The club hosts many important regattas and that is continuing with events on the national and international level. Improvements which we have been planning for the Grove's Nest will be implemented during this

year. First, we will expand foodservice with the opening of the back bar out on the deck for beer, wine, and light food items. The long term planning activity to support our lease continues and is generating many ideas to sustain, improve, and expand the club well into the future.

Richard Etkin, Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Youth Sailing.

As our spring racing season draws to an end and summer gets closer, we have much to be proud of at CGSC. Our optimist racing team is sending two of our sailors, Leonardo Terzani and Paloma Barrera to Antigua for North Americans in July. In addition, we have qualified several of our opti sailors for Team USA. Our ILCA team is sending some of our sailors to ILCA worlds in Greece. In short, CGSC continues to grow its programs and ensure that we are the place for sailors to learn and grow in the sport. This would not be possible without the continuing support of our youth parents, our members, all of the people who volunteer throughout the year, and most importantly, without the tireless dedication of our fantastic coaches.

Our learn to sail programs continue to see strong demand and have been doing a fantastic job training our next generation of youth racers. In addition, we are looking to expand our on pilot junior cruising program by introducing a more STEM oriented focus on sailors who do not wish to race, but nevertheless wish to stay involved with sailing, but with a more academic twist. Additionally, I am pleased to say that we are actively working on securing several C420's with the intention of starting a C420 racing team. This important step should help CGSC reinforce our commitment to promoting double handed boats in the youth space. This popular class is present in High School, College and other private circuits, making this hull a good platform for giving our kids a competitive advantage in high school and beyond.

Adult Sailing.

Our adult sailing and cruising programs continue to see high demand. In particular, our ensign keelboat

classes are booked solid and our member use program for this class continues on as more and more of our members become certified. As an aside, many of our students who take our keelboating classes and who are not already members, ultimately end up joining the club. This is fantastic news for the club and sailing as we continue to attract members with strong ties to sailing.

Commodore's Cup

The Commodore's Cup occurred on May 13 and was a great success. We had a tremendous turnout and a great day of racing. It is my hope that for next year, we will be able to ensure that we can get an even greater participation rate and continue to grow this fun event. As is tradition, the youth racing teams end their season with this event and their annual potluck dinner. This event was highly attended and I would like to thank all of the families that participated in the potluck.

Annual Meeting.

Our annual meeting occurs on June 2. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are supportive of CGSC and our mission to promote sailing, please make sure that you attend this event, vote for our annual operating budget so that we can continue to carry out our mission.

I hope to see you all there.

Regards,

Keith Heinrich, Rear Commodore

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CGSC Annual Commodore's Cup

Saturday
May 13, 2023

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Commodore's Cup is open only to CGSC Members and to Juniors currently in the CGSC Youth Program. This is the race for the Club's Championship in each of the classes racing. We had 49 boats registered but unfortunately only one boat registered in the Senior PHRF Class, Past Commodore Doug Hanks, garnering him a first place in his class. We had a good group of Juniors come out to the racecourse but several of them had missed the closing of registration deadline on Friday afternoon, May 12th. Many of them raced as well but could not be scored.

It was a Chamber of Commerce day on Biscayne Bay. Winds were steady from the east averaging 9 to 13 knots. Race Committee set up windward/leeward courses for all but the Opti Green Fleet who ran a modified triangle around the Signal Boat. Race Committee was kept busy starting fleets on the Port side of the Signal Boat and finishing others on the Starboard side. The Finns, Flying Scots and Lasers course was two W/L to the Weather Mark set at .80 nautical miles. Sunfish sailed a single W/L course with their Weather Mark set at .60 nautical miles.

Awards were held downstairs at 5:00, with Commodore Dave Martin presenting each winner their trophy and posing for photos. Many thanks to the CGSC Race Committee volunteers, many of whom had their heads on swivels, keeping track of both the starting and finish lines with boats coming and going at the same time. Saturday's RC included Charity Johnson, Jurgen Teintze, Susan Mohorcic, Carol Cottrell, Allen Cox, Gail Miller, James Morris, Melinda Smith and myself.

Thanks to all of the racers and RC volunteers for making this Commodore's Cup a great day.

Susan
Susan Walcutt

Congratulations to:

Senior Racers

Finns	1 st	Dave Martin
	2 nd	Ricardo Vadia
Flying Scots	1 st	Philippe Dusser
	2 nd	Ryan Alexander
	3 rd	Bud Price
Sunfish	1 st	Larry Sutter
	2 nd	Jack Campo
	3 rd	Enrique Guitart

Junior Racers

Laser 4.7	1 st	Myles Holt
	2 nd	Jordan Glassman
	3 rd	Aila Giannini
Laser Radial	1 st	Oscar Sanchez
	2 nd	Conner Brandon
	3 rd	Ludvig Fellstrom
Opti Green	1 st	Silvia de Andrade
	2 nd	Daniela Mayor
	3 rd	Sebastien Silvin
Opti RWB	1 st	Davide Bazzoni
	2 nd	Andrea Bolz
	3 rd	Leonardo Terzani
	4 th	Paloma Barrera
	5 th	Elena Bazzoni



Commodore Cup Photos
By Susan Mohorcic





Trophy Presentations



Flying Scots

The last 3 Wednesday night races have been really great with nice winds, no rain and pleasant temperatures. We have had between 11 and 13 boats each time putting all of the club boats to use. Many of our privately owned boats offered rides to the new sailors as well.

We generally have 3 per boat so between 33 and 39 people out each week.

This is a true testament to the skippers who come out and put new people on their boats and take them racing. Racing this way has been likened to single handing, but with people in the way. Our skippers do it and with smiles on their faces. On one of the three evenings we actually had to send 6 people home. We just ran out of boats and skippers. We usually get everyone on a boat, but if you are thinking of joining us, being there early is the best way to insure a ride. We leave the dock a 5 so you need to be there around 4:15 and find me for the best chance.

See you down there,
Bud



Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Race Committee
End of Season Dinner
April 19, 2023

Over 41 Race Committee volunteers plus their guests met for the CGSC Race Committee's Annual End of Season Dinner on April 19, 2023, in the Great Room. We celebrated our busiest season yet with 79 days of racing including the International Finn Gold Cup, Finn Midwinters, North American Championships for the 470s and I-420s, Bacardi Series racing for the J70s and Melges 24s and VXOnes. Thanks to the tireless work of Andi Hoffman, our Regatta Chair, it looks like the 2023-2024 season will be more of the same with a World Cup event added.

After an excellent dinner provided by our Chef and his crew, we took time to recognize those who helped us during the year.

Signal Boat Volunteers

Everett Hoffman	Soft Landing
Alberto Olivo	J24
Chris Carlton	Correggio
James Gruppenhoff	Stardust
William Sancho	Brown Eyed Girl
John Sauvigne	Adventure
Steven Wolther	Charlie Kate
Ron Carlson	Grey Wind
The Barreras	Nepenthe
The Patrons	Island Princess

Race Committee awards

Don Libbey *Chapin Trophy*, presented annually to the RC volunteer who has contributed the most during the past season.

Stacy Morris *Rookie Award*, presented annually to the newest and most active first year volunteer.

Saralee Lamb *Good Shipmate Trophy** presented to the RC volunteer who most exemplifies Ron Rostorfer's first qualification for any RC member... "to be a good shipmate".

We lost our guiding light, Ron Rostorfer, earlier this year. We repurposed one of his beautiful trophies, donated by his family to the Club, to create the Good Shipmate annual award.

Thanks to Susan Mohorcic for creating a slide show with photos of races and RC during this past season which ran during the evening. Maria Volakis assisted with decorating the tables with CGSC trophies as centerpieces. It was also time to say goodbye to our RC Snowbirds before they headed north for the summer.

Join the CGSC Race Committee! We are the most active group at the Club. We will train you and provide lunch and two drink tickets at the end of each day that you volunteer. It is a great way to spend time on our beautiful Biscayne Bay and meet other like-minded volunteers.

Susan
Susan Walcutt, Race Committee Chair





2022-2023 Officers

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

BBYRA OD #10

June 4, 2023

Dinghy Summer Series #1

June 10, 2023

Flying Scot Summer Series #1

June 11, 2023

Dinghy Summer Series #2

June 24, 2023

Flying Scot Summer Series #2

June 25, 2023

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