

the COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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APRIL 2016

Flip, Flop, Fete

Was that a trombone player leading a conga line across the CGSC Lawn? Yep! Which can only mean one thing: the return of the Flip-Flop Fete.

Our annual spring fund-raiser for youth sailing outreach came back for its fourth outing on Sat., March 12th, and once again proved a big hit. We had more than 100 people turn out for the festivities, which included the daiquiri dock bar, Island Dinner downstairs, great music by Blackstar and its best-in-town brass section, and (making its debut this year) movie night upstairs for the kids.

But the highlight remained our Flip-Flop Silent Auction. This was our biggest ever, with more than 60 items up for bidding. Oh, and did people bid! We brought in about \$5,700 from bidders and our raffle -- and that doesn't even include the cash donations we received from members and parents who couldn't make it.

This article is being written the morning after the event, so we're going to make our donor acknowledgements on the club email once we have everything tallied. But let's remember how generous our local businesses have been to the Club and our mission of teaching kids to love to sail.

All auction revenue from Flip-Flop supports our outreach program -- that is, the boats and scholarship dollars needed so that any child who wants to come sail with us can. The Club already invests in this, of course. But Flip-Flop lets us do more to make sure we have a big enough Club fleet to give kids without their own Opti a competitive

boat and cover fees if their family can't afford them.

So the mission makes the success of Flip-Flop something to really celebrate. This year, we saw our Youth Sailing parents take the lead on the auction committee and secure more items than ever. We had bikes. We had polo lessons. We had guava

bars, and sunset sails, and dry bags, and wonderful art and jewelry, and dozens of gift certificates to some of our favorite local restaurants and shops.

After an evening of bidding and a dinner that proved a hit, it was time for lawn dancing to Blackstar. Then the conga line formed and the 2016 Flip-Flop Fete shuffled off into another great memory.

Doug Hanks, PC



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Being from the northeast, we were always happy for April to arrive and for the "April showers to bring May flowers." This year I am glad that March and April finally brought dry weather – enough of the rain already. Hopefully you've been able to enjoy the dry weather and the good breezes. I've been out on the water more than usual the last month and seem to see more boats than usual out there enjoying the bay. Several club members went to the Sands Key rendezvous in early March for an afternoon of friendship. Thanks again to Karen Arndt for keeping these fun outings going. If you're looking to get out on the water, join us for a monthly raft-up rendezvous or take a sailing class or head over on Wednesday evenings for weekly racing. There is no shortage of opportunities to get out on the water at CGSC.

This month brings the Annual Rendezvous. Rear Commodore Alexander is putting the final details together for what promises to be another great weekend. We're going to Elliott Key this year with the ever-popular pirate theme. Put the final touches on your costumes and I'll see you at Elliott Key April 15 – 17 (get your taxes finished and use the rendezvous weekend to forget about paying Uncle Sam). And don't forget the kick-off party

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Attention all pirates and buccaneers, it's that time of year again when sailors get together for our annual rendezvous. Historically this is the biggest event held at the CGSC. Past rendezvous have had as many as 150 participants. This year we will meet at one of our favorite anchorages, Elliott Cay. This year's dates are 15, 16, 17 April. Get your ship stocked, charts and maps out and head on down to Elliott Cay, Latitude 25,27.2 N - Longitude 80, 11.8 W. On 09 April we will have a gathering at the "Crows Nest" to finalize preparations and begin the revelry. It begins on Friday at the anchorage with a raft up and traditional dinner and continues through the weekend with Saturday kayak racing, island bar build, lunch and scavenger hunt, dinner and pirate costume competition. On Sunday we begin the day with a breakfast and island cleanup, later we load up all the gear and head back to CGSC with great memories and enough conversation to carry us to the next rendezvous.

Remember to sign up early to enable accurate

on Saturday the 9th to pick up some of your pre-trip bounty. You can sign up online or at the office.

It was great to see everyone at the annual Flip Flop Fete. The turnout was great and the silent auction items were plentiful and very popular. Thank you to everyone that helped with the event (including Doug Hanks, PC for taking the lead again this year) and to everyone that attended or donated time or money for the benefit of our youth sailing program and outreach. Great teamwork by all!

By the time you read this, we expect to have Lauren back from maternity leave. She has been missed but we are glad that she and her baby are doing great and that they were able to spend some very important time together. I want to thank all of the CGSC employees for filling in and stepping up during Lauren's absence. Everyone did a great job and we don't thank them enough for all the hard work.

Happy Spring! See you at the Club or on the water.

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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Shenanigans, Catalina 36



planning for meals and receive a gift.

A Pirate's Hymn

Mother, mother ocean, I have heard you call
Wanted to sail upon your waters since I was three feet tall
You've seen it all, You've seen it all

Yes, I am a pirate, two hundred years too late.
The cannons don't thunder, there's nothing to plunder
I am an over-forty victim of fate
Arriving too late, arriving too late.

But the time we'll turn back, just for a day or two
We'll sail and then party, drink and eat hearty
Just like it was so long ago
We'll have it all, We'll have it all

Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to review several important upcoming club events. We are fast approaching the end of the year at CGSC! Sounds strange, but as many of you know our fiscal year ends on June 30. This in turn sets in motion a number of year-end events at the club.

The Annual Rendezvous, is planned and executed by our Rear Commodore Ryan Alexander and his merry band of pirates. The Annual Rendezvous will return to Elliot Key this year on April 15-17. Bring your family, your dog and your pirate gear for a weekend of fun on the bay and on the island. The Finance Committee has been working over the last two months to develop a proposed budget for the Club for fiscal year 2016-2017. That committee is chaired by the Olivier de Lavalette and includes the Vice Commodore, Treasurer and 3 other members. The proposed budget will be taken to the Board of Directors at their April meeting, for review and then approved at the May meeting. The proposed budget will be posted for the members review 10 days before the Annual meeting.

The Future Development Committee has been meeting to create a strategic five year plan that will enable our members to accomplish our club mission and vision statements. Our mission is to encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship, to sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes, and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship among our members. We want CGSC to continue to be a community of sailors, to be a valued asset to our members, a valued asset in our community, and to be recognized for our contributions to the sport and science of sailing.

The Nominating committee which is appointed by the board develops nominees for Secretary, Treasurer, Rear and Vice Commodore, and three board of director positions that will be coming open for next year. The nominating committee must deliver its nominations no less than 30 days before the annual meeting. The Vice Commodore automatically succeeds to the office of Commodore. If you are interested in serving as a Board of Director or officer please contact the nominating committee.

That brings us to the annual meeting. Set in the

by-laws, this meeting is held the first Friday in June. This year the meeting will be held on Friday June 3. The major purpose of the meeting will be the election of officers and board members and the review of the Club budget. A quorum of 10% of the membership is needed at this meeting. Traditionally, following the annual meeting is the Installation dinner where new officers are installed. The date for this has not yet been set, but normally occurs before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. New officers and board members take office July 1 and serve to the following June 30.

Enjoy your club, get involved, be kind.

Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
SV Effortless
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
"Where sailors and friends belong"



In Memory...

Alan Ray Westcott, 84, passed away on January 10, 2016. He was born in Miami, Florida on January 15, 1931, and proudly served in the US Coast Guard from 1951-59. Alan was an avid sailor and loved racing his sailboat out on Biscayne Bay. He was a longtime member of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and served as its Commodore in 1980-81. His final wish was to have his ashes scattered in Biscayne Bay where he spent so many years on his beloved sailboats.



Patchett, Judith (Dugan) E., PC, 64, passed away Sunday February 14, 2016 in Franklin, NC. Dugan was the daughter of Sidney and Phyllis Patchett of Miami, Florida. In addition to her parents Dugan was preceded in death by her loving sister Hiddy Doren. Dugan was a former Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in Coconut Grove, Florida. Dugan was an avid sailor and loved sailing on Biscayne Bay.

YOUTH RACING

The Youth Sailing Program had a spectacular showing in the last two regattas this month; the Buccaneer Blast Regatta in Key Largo and the Opti Fest in Jensen Beach. We got six trophies and some of our kids were promoted into the red, white and blue fleet which is a more competitive fleet. Our plan for the next a few months is to qualify some of the sailors for the US national team and do more specific training with the Green Fleet and the learn to sail classes after team trials. In the Laser class we represented the club this season in the Laser Midwinters in Clearwater, and the kids sailed really well. This is a national-level event and attracts the best sailors of the country. Because there were not too many regattas posted on the Florida schedule this season, the coaches have also hosted some racing series to keep the kids competitive. Our Laser team is developing really quickly and the kids getting better as the season goes on, so we would like to recognize the parents for the support given to our sailors and the program; thanks to the club for the continued effort in helping us to improve our coaching fleet. We'd also like to thank the coaches for their hard

work and dedication to our program. The Youth Sailing Program will be having their biggest fundraiser of the year, the Flip Flop Fete on March 12, and will be hosting their Spring Camp from March 21- 25. We have already opened Summer Camp registration on our website, which will start June 13 all the way through to August 19. This year we will be offering a variety of classes like: Beginner Optimist, Intermediate Optimist, Sunfish, FJs, as well as a racing camp for sailors attending the summer championships.

Alberto Oliva



CONGRATULATIONS

Results at the Buccaneer Blast Regatta :
 Bailey Knight: 1st Place, White Fleet
 Alex Cruz-Bustillo: 2nd Place, Blue Fleet
 Charlotte Leigh: 2nd Place, Red fleet

Results at Opti Fest Regatta
 Bailey Knight: 1st Place, White Fleet- 15th overall
 Martin Barrera: 3rd Place, White Fleet, 28th overall
 Alex Cruz-Bustillo: 6th Place, Blue Fleet, 10th overall



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Hallelujah! We're sailing again after a long, challenging El Nino winter that has affected our ability to conduct regular weekend classes, weekend and weekday coaching and testing, since early December. The wettest winter since 1905 also provided plenty of wind beyond our safe and reasonable limits for teaching and coaching. And, if there wasn't too much wind, there was often none. This affected both the Sunfish program and the Ensign keelboat program, and also offered challenging conditions for our Cruising classes. For the popular and busy Ensign program, we actually cancelled and rescheduled more classes and related events, than we were able to conduct. This challenge was the first time for this long-time club instructor. Activity and revenue for the keelboat program was almost 50% off last year. At one time, we owed make-up classes, coaching and testing to more than 20 students. We scheduled complete weekends with multiple instructors to try and deal with all these students, only to have to cancel because of weather. Thanks to instructor Ed Benitez for some concentrated efforts, working with me, to try and catch up with all these students. Finally, in the final days of February, we began to get some relief and we were able to complete a full weekend BASIC KEELBOAT Class and several private classes, and since then have managed to catch up with most of the students we still owed services to. Three of those students received

their US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT certification on the same weekend. Our two upcoming March classes are both almost sold out at the time of this writing, and we already have reservations into May.

Our final BASIC CRUISING Class for this season is April 16 thru 18. Basic Keelboat Certification is the prerequisite. Contact Capt. Bruce Penrod, bapenrod29@msn.com, or 814-341-0094 to register or for information. In closing, we are still looking for a few dedicated adult instructors, willing to spend a long weekend to be evaluated and certified for either or both the Level 1 Dinghy instructor, and the Basic Keelboat Instructor. Evaluations are held at many locations in the U.S. This is not a full time job, but could require at least a weekend per month. Instructors are paid for their services. Being a certified instructor can open other types of opportunities locally and nationally, including special classes during the summer. If interested in learning more, please contact me, or go to www.ussailing.org. Check the educational opportunities.

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GREAT C&C 30 OD REGATTA ON THE OCEAN!

Once again, Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted an ocean regatta at the Club's Miami Beach Station! Well, that part is a joke, but it was a great event venue at Miami Beach Marina and Monty's Restaurant, with racing on the ocean south of Government Cut and east of Key Biscayne. The regatta was sailed February 19-21, with practice racing the day before. The C&C 30 One Design is a new sportboat class, only in its second year. They've sold well, and had a good fleet at Key West in January.

It was a regatta of firsts: CGSC's first event for this Class; the first time they've raced in Miami; their first "stand-alone" event where they didn't have to sail through other fleets on the same course; the first time they've ever completed four races in one day, and the first time CGSC has conducted a ten-race ocean regatta over just three days. Courses were windward-leeward twice around.

Conditions were outstanding for the regatta – finally, normal Miami weather this season. A front had just passed, and tight isobars set in around the following High which resulted in big breeze early on day one. This resulted in a postponement ashore as conditions were expected to moderate somewhat during the day. Sure enough, racing got underway at 1330 and three great races were sailed in NE winds of +/- 20 knots. Results were tight, with two boats tied for the lead and another two points back. After racing, the competitors gathered for a post-race social at Monty's that was very kindly sponsored by Class President Dan Cherish and the Class builder, US Watercraft in Rhode Island.

Saturday dawned with winds in the mid-teens. Racing commenced as scheduled at 1100. Four races were sailed under excellent conditions, bringing the total to seven of the scheduled ten races, thus leaving three for the final day on Sunday. At the end of the day, Dan Cherish and his team on Extreme2 held a one point lead over two boats tied for second: Jim Madden's Stark Raving Mad VIII (SRM henceforth) and Nigel Biggs' Checkmate XVI. After that, it was an 8-point drop to fourth place, so really a three boat regatta for the win. CGSC's RC, with Race Manager Blake Middleton as PRO did an excellent job getting the four races completed and the fleet was back at the Marina by around 1600.

Sunday's conditions were also outstanding – bright sunshine mixed with clouds and winds in the ten knot range. Again, racing commenced on schedule at 1100. It didn't start out like Extreme2's day. They had a fourth in Race 8, and then were over the start line early in Race



Photographs by Richard Pober and Chuck Edelstein



9 and had to re-start. However, they fought their way back through the fleet to take a near-miraculous first place! Checkmate had faded, but SRM posted a 1-2 for the two races and held a one-point lead going into the finale. It was to be a virtual match race between the two. If Extreme2 beat SRM by a boat, they would be tied on points, but Extreme2 would win the tie-break. SRM started well, but Extreme2 got the upper hand shortly thereafter, and held on to put three points on SRM and win a very hard fought regatta by two points. However, the real story of the race was John Heaton's Hooligan. They had finished last in eight of the nine previous races, and beat only one boat in the other race. Up the first beat, they nailed a nice lift and carried it to a commanding lead at the windward mark. They continued to sail well and held on for a very rewarding and probably unexpected win in Race 10. Checkmate ended up in third place for the regatta.



They were happy but tired sailors who gathered in Monty's for appetizers and awards after Sunday's racing. All in all, quite an event – excellent conditions, tough competition for a fine group of sailors, and not a single course change signaled by the RC over the ten races.

Once again, the CGSC Race Committee did an excellent job of race management, led by Blake. Special thanks to our private boat owners, Alex Morgan for his Grady-White 33 Signal Boat, Gary Ellis' Eagle Eye as the Pin Boat, and RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender up to windward. CGSC's new (to us) Angler 24 looked very good on the race course as the Gate Boat. Special thanks also to C&C 30 OD Class Rep Dobbs Davis for his very valuable assistance and advice.



Our RC crew on the Signal Boat included Allen Cox, Dottie Rostorfer, Cathy Buller, Bonnie Padgett, Connie Bradley, Denise Schneider, Mitzi Johnston and Jo Ann Mathieu. Up to windward with Susan were Race Officer Sicotte Hamilton, James Liebl, Joel Krieger, Dick Pober and Richard Etkin. On the Angler Gate Boat were Race Officers George Bradley and Rick Klein, Operators Julie Hanrahan and Debbie Ryder, along with Don Poole, Andi Hoffman, Chuck Edelstein and Obie Smith. The Pin Boat crew included Race Officer Ron Rostorfer PC, Carol Cottrell and Philippe Dusser.

Finally, special thanks also to the fine folks at Miami Beach Marina and Monty's, and to the RMKMerrill-Stevens yard up the Miami River where several boats launched and hauled.

MELGES ROCKS IN FINAL WINTER EVENT!

Although the three events of the Melges 20 Miami Winter series are numbered 1, 2 & 3, the third event is also known as the “Melges Rocks Regatta” and this regatta did indeed rock! Mother Nature has been presenting us with somewhat unfamiliar seasonal weather and winds all winter, and the Melges 20 Winter Series #3 was no exception. Right about the time that the entire fleet arrived at the start line on Friday, the west winds we’d seen over the previous hour of 8-9 knots simply shut off. For the next 90 minutes, we sat in near calm conditions, then watched as an easterly sea breeze (4-6 knots) came in at the start line, and battled the westerly gradient wind from the opposite direction just a mile away at the windward mark. Eventually the gradient west winds of about 6-9 knots won the battle and filled across the entire course, so racing got under way.

The winds oscillated back and forth over the next couple hours with 10 to 25 degree shifts, and the wind speeds went up and down all afternoon as well. The CGSC RC team on the pin boat with skipper Ev Hoffman, CGSC Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer, Saralee Lamb and Emy Martinez faced the challenging task of having to anchor and re-anchor the pin boat multiple times before and between each race to keep up with the changing winds. Other RC staff on the pin boat over the weekend included Deborah Ryder and Phillippe Dusser.

The delay in starting due to lack of early winds meant that only two races were completed. Naoki Hirakawa’s team on

“Swift Magic” from Japan figured out the challenging shifts best with finishes of 5th and 3rd to lead the 25 boat fleet after the first day. Young gun Liam Kilroy’s “Wild Man” team had won the previous two Winter Series regattas in December and February, and was close behind in 2nd place.

On Saturday, a low pressure system over Florida brought in stronger NE winds. With a weekend Star class regatta being run in the area to the South of Middle Ground where the Melges fleet has typically raced, we moved the course north into a part of Biscayne Bay that was unfamiliar to many of the Melges fleet sailors. The race course start was set just NE of the end of Dinner Key channel, and the weather mark was set up towards Bear Cut. Relatively steady breezes all afternoon allowed the RC team to roll off three straight races. The CGSC gate boat RC team of skipper Julie Hanrahan, Regional Race Officer George Bradley, Denise Schneider and Joel Kreiger kept up with the gate and finish mark sets, mark roundings and back up finishes on a busy day with solid 10-14 knot winds. The Gate boat RC staff over the weekend also included Kathy Gunst. Team “Wild Man” took over the regatta lead, followed closely by Drew Freides on “Pacific Yankee” and Dario Levi’s Italian team on board “Fremito D’Arja.”

Saturday evening, the regatta participants and Race Committee crew were treated to a fantastic Pig Roast for the Melges Rocks party at CGSC, sponsored by Melges 20 sailor Rob Wilbur and his “Cinghiale” team.

On Sunday morning, the winds started out from the



Northwest, and eventually settled in out of the North, so Principal Race Officer (and CGSC Race Manager) Blake Middleton had skipper Jim Green take his fabulous Signal Boat Bali Ha'i a mile and a half Southeast of the previous day's start location. The busy signal boat team over the weekend included Deputy Race Officer Nancy Rogachenko, timers Dottie Rostorfer and Andi Hoffman, driver Bob Welbon, scorer JoAnn Mathieu, recorders and flags Connie Bradley, Cathy Buller, Vicky Mathews, Joel Kreiger, Emy Martinez and Susan Mohoric.

Sunny skies and excellent winds of 9- 14 knots saw the Melges 20 fleet flying around the course! Boats that caught big wind gusts were able to carry them down to the leeward gate, often picking off multiple opponents in just minutes, and in race 6, that's exactly what happened when the Blue Yankee team blazed to a race win.

The RC team had been expecting that the winds might shift towards the NE during the day, and in the final race, it happened fairly suddenly. The RC Mark boat team of Skipper (and CGSC Race Chair) Susan Walcutt, Race Officer Sicotte Hamilton, Obie Smith and Dick Pober called in a warning via VHF radio to the rest of the RC team just as the fleet rounded the first windward mark. They then rushed a half mile to the Northeast to inflate and set the new windward mark and offset mark while the Gate boat team signaled the change of course to the fleet. Other CGSC RC team members on the weather mark boat over the weekend were Andi Hoffman and Lovell Luparini.

Jim Wilson's team on "Oleander" took the final race win to move up to 4th overall for the regatta, just behind the Italian team aboard "Fremito D'Arja". "Pacific Yankee's" final day finishes of 1st and 4th sealed the regatta win for the team of skipper Drew Freides, and teammates Morgan Reeser and Charlie Smythe.

The second place team of 12-year-old (you read that right) skipper Liam Kilroy and all-star crew Steve Hunt, Lara Dallman-Weiss, Erik Shampain (and Steph Roble for Events 1&2) did claim the overall CGSC-hosted Miami Winter series title by finishing 1st, 1st and 2nd in the three regattas. Well done indeed!

"Character 2.0" with the Canadian team of skipper Justin Quigg and teammates Nick Cleary and Julian Plante took finishes of 3rd and 9th on the final day to win the Corinthian division of the Melges Rocks Regatta!

At the awards ceremony for the Melges 20 Winter Series #3, the Melges 20 class representatives heaped praise on the host club. That included all twenty-seven (27) members of Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Melges Rocks race committee, with special thanks to CGSC Shore side manager extraordinaire Sandrine Quenee. The CGSC dock masters, office, bar and kitchen, staff all stepped up as well. You were all noticed and your efforts were truly appreciated by the

Blake Middleton



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Washington's Birthday Regatta

A Note to Nancy:

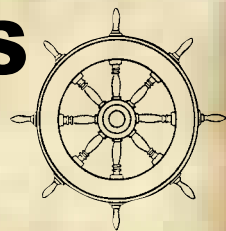
I would like to thank Nancy Rogachenko, and her CGSC race committee team, who worked this year's Washington's Birthday Regatta on Saturday February 22. Over 20 boats registered for this event from almost as many classes. The boats included Egret Sharpies, Mud Hens, Beach Hens, Bay Hens, Bahama dinghies, Tanzer, Arch Davis Sharpie, Sakonnet, Core Sound, Skerry, Nimble Kodiak and an 8 foot Nut Shell Pram. Many boats had no sail numbers or names and with all three assigned groups at times racing, bailing, and fighting to get across the starting line, (at times the boats were actually racing backwards) it was challenging for the team to keep them all straight. It was great to see so many CGSC members, local sailors and out of towners brought together to commemorate the first regatta Commodore Ralph Monroe held on Biscayne Bay in 1887. It wasn't world class, it was first class. Commodore Monroe was an early settler of Coconut Grove, a boat designer, wrecker and writer. Our current clubhouse is fashioned after his home, The Barnacle.

Huge thanks to Past Commodore Alyn Pruett for organizing the 20th anniversary to celebrate this historic regatta and to The Barnacle State Park for hosting this weekend long event.





ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS



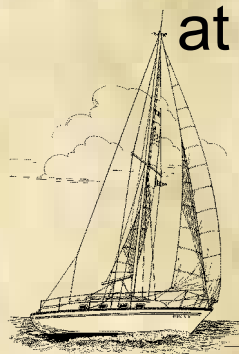
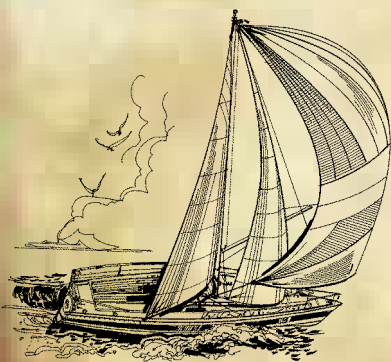
April 15 - 18

Elliott Key 25.4431° N, 80.1972° W

Join fellow members for CGSC's traditional Rendezvous! Spend the weekend playing games, camping, searching for pirate loot and more!
Open to Pirates of all ages!

Pirate Pre-Game Party - April 9th at The Grove's Nest! Get your official Rendezvous gear and info packets and celebrate the upcoming journey!

April 15 - 18 - Rendezvous with CGSC
at Elliot Key



RSVP

No later than April 10th

Wednesday Night Racing Starts April 11th

Wednesday night racing was created to replace the old Racing 101. Its goal is to introduce people to the sport of sailboat racing and get them out on a boat. As a result everyone, regardless of experience is welcome. There is no advanced registration needed. Just show up.

People start arriving around 5:00 and we try to leave the dock by 5:30. For those of you who cannot get there that early you can certainly join us as you get there if it can be coordinated with a skipper.

We sail out to the end of the channel and set up a small course. Then we sail as many races as we can get in and make it back by dark. In mid-summer we have gotten in as many as 6 races

Here is how it works. We decide based on who shows up how many boats to take out. We try to get as many people out as possible and usually get everyone on a boat. We just need to have enough qualified skippers. You can become a qualified skipper by sailing with me one evening. As long as you seem to have the required skills you are in. There are 5 club boats available for use. Sponsors have the first choice to use them but if no sponsor shows up we assign them to qualified skippers. It is the responsibility of the skipper and crew of each boat to leave the boat as close to how it was found as possible including putting things back how you found them and making sure the boat is clean and tidy. Anything that breaks or doesn't work correctly should be reported to me so I can solve the problem for the following week. There will also be privately owned

boats there. We ask those skippers to take out as many as the can as well.

The purpose of this event is to provide people the opportunity to go racing regardless of experience. This means we must be patient with newcomers and try to educate them as much and as gently as possible. For it to be a success people have to have fun and want to come and join us in our sport and hopefully on a Flying Scot, but all classes of boats are welcome.

Normal breakage of things is not the responsibility of the participants other than to report the problem. Damage due to collision or abuse is the responsibility of the users. Therefore boat contact is strongly discouraged. If there is contact between two boats both are responsible for the damage. If someone is going to hit you ---even if you are in the right ---tack away.

There is no scoring for these races. If there is a foul on the course there is no need for penalty turns. Simply disqualify yourself in your mind for that race and carry on. You will owe the person you fouled a drink at the bar. In case of disagreements I will act as jury. I will hear both sides and the loser of the grievance will owe me as well as the winning party a drink.

After racing we all meet at the bar.

We will have chalk talks about rules, tactics, speed tips and spinnaker handling. We try to choose talks and times based on time and weather. Last year we had a night too windy to go out so we did a spinnaker seminar on the strip. Often we will have rules and tactic discussions after the races while we are enjoying refreshment.

I hope to see you all out there!

Bud

NOTICE **Upcoming CGSC Regatta**

Goombay Regatta
May 21-22, 2016

Race Committee Volunteers are taking a much needed rest after a very successful Regatta Season.

Thanks to all CGSC Members and Friends for their support of the CGSC Race Committee.

Race Committee Training
GPS & Race Course Geometry
Support Boat Handling
April & May - Dates TBD

See notices of race and registration forms
On race bulletin board downstairs Or at www.Cgsc.Org
For bbyra 2014-15 sailing instructions
Visit their website @ www.Bbyra.Net

Flying Scot Racing

The 6th race of the season was 2/20/16 , the Miami Yacht Club 1D Annual Regatta. It was a one day race with 8 boats registered. The winds were 10 to 15 knots and MYC had a great awards party after. Here are the final standings.

1st Place - Jim Signor, 2nd Place - Ryan Alexander, 3rd Place - Henry Bernstein, 4th Place - Bud Price, 5th Place - Lorie Messier, 6th Place - Etkin & Reinhold, 7th Place - Philippe Dusser, 8th Place - Jose Hernandez

Next race is Sunday, March 13, 2016. Sail fast and I'll see you on the bay.

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