



FEBRUARY 2016

NICE FAMILY WEEKEND OUTING!!

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Event #1 was sailed December 11-13 under outstanding Biscayne Bay conditions. All eight scheduled races were sailed. The first day saw more moderate winds, but the breeze came on for the remaining two days. Consistency over all three days proved challenging. One team posted a 1-1-2 record on Day 1, but never finished above mid-fleet the rest of the regatta. Another posted a 15-8-7 on Day 1, but never finished below 3rd the rest of the regatta.

12 year-old Liam Kilroy and crew won the regatta by a five point margin over his father, renowned sailing competitor John Kilroy. Veteran Melges 20 sailor Jim Wilson was third, while Drew Freides and Cesar Gomes Neto rounded out the top five. Wilson began well with a

2-4-1, but couldn't keep pace with the Kilroy's after that. Jay Golison finished 10th overall and was the top Corinthian team out of five such competitors in the fleet. Complete results are available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1536>

It was a great kick-off to Season No. 7 for this Series at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, one of the favorite venues of this world-wide racing class. Six countries were represented across the fleet. This was the 20th Melges 20 event at CGSC, dating back to December, 2009.

CGSC's Race Committee did another outstanding job on the water. Special thanks to our private boat owners Jim

Green, with his Signal Boat Bali Ha'i, RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender up to weather, and Dave Frazier's Angler as Gate Boat.

The CGSC RC was headed up by Principal Race



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Past Commodore Alyn Pruett reported in February 2011 that we had 722 members. We have just under 1200 members today and have been steady at that number for several months. That is a 65% increase in 5 years and tells us all that the CGSC is the place to be and that we value and enjoy our time and experiences as members of such a great Club. So, fellow members, make the most out of your membership.

What are you doing the weekend of February 6? If you have a boat, or a friend with a boat (or go make friends with someone who has a boat), join us for the February Mardis Gras Rendezvous at Hurricane Harbor. Thank you to Karen Arndt for such a great effort as Cruising & Rendezvous Chair (and I hope you joined us for the January Rendezvous at Sands Key). E-mail Karen if you're interested and for info.

Can't join us that weekend? Come to the Club for the tasty monthly brunch on February 28th and enjoy the view, the breeze and some great eats.

Or, volunteer for Race Committee. They are involved with so many regattas that there is no shortage of opportunities to get involved and help them out, either on the water or shoreside. If you've been at the Club in the last month you've seen all the regatta participants and it's easy to see that through the hard work of our Race Committee, the CGSC is an ever more popular regatta venue. E-mail Susan Walcutt, Ron Rostorfer, PC, or Blake Middleton for

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

New and existing members often speak of having little interaction and/or sailing time with other CGSC members. One great solution is to volunteer for a committee or event. We have several opportunities coming this month. Our race committee is always looking for personnel to conduct regattas on the Bay. You receive required training while actually participating with the regatta management. The usual characters on race committee are a good group and bring their humor along with the wind reading and GPS instruments. Our club is considered one of the best regatta managers on the Bay. There are several regattas during the next 4 months, practically every weekend. Contact race committee and sign up. In addition to the race committee we need volunteers for the Art Show booth and the Strictly Sail booth. These events occur on the same weekend 11 through 15 February 2016. Contact the office, Adriana can steer you to the appropriate committee. Our yearly rendezvous is tentatively scheduled for 15,16,17 April

info.

Or, volunteer to promote the Club during the Boat Show (see the Vice Commodore's article) or at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival; both the weekend of February 13 - 15.

Or, volunteer to help clean up Clarrington Island during a monthly cleanup.

There are opportunities for everyone each week. Make the most out of your membership.

And lastly, back in December I held a "Cocktails with the Commodore" on a Tuesday night where I helped tend bar and chatted with members. Join me on Wednesday February 17 starting at 6:30 for Another Round (but remember, it's cocktails WITH the Commodore; not ON the Commodore's tab!). Come for a drink, some food (it's fajita night), a chat, some friendship and let me know what you're enjoying (or not) about the Club. Of course I also hope to see on the 4th Thursday of each month for the General Meeting.

Enjoy and see you around!

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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Shenanigans, Catalina 36



2016. This is a fun event, we are planning on Elliott Key this year for the camping opportunities and additional mooring space. Check the Club calendar for specific dates. Sailing opportunities are always available at CGSC. On a daily basis I have stopped by the club and seen persons looking for crew for a day sail or people wanting to go out sailing for 3 hours or so. I have often found crew downstairs or at the Crows Nest bar. The only requirement is that you step up and talk to people. Our nearly 1200 members have CGSC and an interest in sailing in common. Start the conversation with something in common, you could end up doing a good bit of sailing.

Thank you

Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

February is a busy month in Coconut Grove, and especially at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. This is the time of year when many visitors come to our community and club to take advantage of our fair winds, beautiful bay and sunny shores. We have regatta visitors from all across the nation and the world who will be training and competing. Please make them feel welcome and be patient and understanding if the dock staff is assisting them or if there is a boat parked in your parking space. They only get to enjoy our spot in paradise for a short time, whereas we get to enjoy it year round. Walk, or ride your bike to the club on weekends if you live close by. Take a stroll or ride through our new Miami Regatta Park.

Our youth program is having a great year under the guidance of our dedicated coaches, race committee volunteers and parent's support. They train Wednesday after school, Saturday and Sunday at the club and have the opportunity to travel to regattas around the state. Check out their article in this month's channel for more details regarding their recent participation in the Orange Bowl Regatta and upcoming events.

The Coconut Grove Arts Festival and Miami Boat Show are planned for February 11-15. The arts festival takes place right in our backyard, for the 3 day weekend, so vehicle access to the club is not permitted. If you are attending the festival, stop by for lunch or dinner that weekend and bring a friend. Rest your feet, quench your thirst and enjoy the best view in Miami. In fact you can spend the weekend on your boat at the club, check out the festival, go sailing to avoid the crowds and come back to a quiet mooring field at night with no street traffic noise. Alyn and I have done this for several years. It's like a mini vacation. Too busy at the club on the weekends for you? Enjoy an evening meal on the balcony Tuesday - Thursday or Sunday. The staff are relaxed and accommodating and parking spots are usually available.

The Miami Boat show comes to visit Bayside Marina and Marine Stadium Park February 11-15. Take advantage of the many show specials, check out the hot new sailboats, gear and charters to the islands. There are many free seminars showcased at the Strictly Sail venue as well, including two presented by CGSC. Sailboat Buying 101 and Secret Cruising Spots on Biscayne Bay. Seminar schedules are listed on the Strictly Sail site <http://www.strictlysailmiami.com/seminars>. Volunteers are needed to work at the CGSC booth all days. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering to work a shift at the booth or help set up or take down. vicecommodore@cgsc. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The cruising committee is starting to plan this year's adventure rendezvous. Bimini? Berries? Exumas? Cuba? We are looking at an earlier departure date this year. As you know we had a successful rendezvous to the Abaco Islands last summer. The crossings were adventurous to say the least and the raftups and rendezvous along the way were lots of fun. It was always a welcome sight to see a boat flying a CGSC burgee coming into an anchorage or port. Look for info in upcoming email blasts regarding planning meeting dates. Thinking of a rendezvous closer to home? Karen Arnt our Rendezvous Chair is planning an outing February 6 to Hurricane Harbor. to celebrate Mardi Gras. I hope to see the Beneteau fleet there and you as well.



Our manager, Lauren Simpson, will be taking some well deserved time off to get acquainted with her new baby. Her new office is on the first floor of the club opposite the dock office. I trust that the club will run smoothly without her daily guidance for a few weeks.

Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Audi Melges 20
Miami Winter Series #2
February 5-7, 2016

C&C 30
2016 Miami Ocean Challenge
February 19-21, 2016

Barnacle Regatta
February 20, 2016

Audi Melges 20 & Melges 24
Miami Winter Series #3
Melges Rocks
March 4-6, 2016

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OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
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Officer and CGSC Race Manager Blake Middleton. The Signal Boat crew included Bob Welbon, Nancy Rogachenko, Dottie Rostorfer, Saralee Lamb, Michelle Wood, Connie Bradley and Veronic Aghayan. To windward with Susan were Race Officer Sicotte Hamilton, Javier Sanjuanbenito, Cathy Buller and Dick Pober.

The Pin Boat operator was Debbie Ryder, with Race Officer Ron Rostorfer PC, Don Poole, James Liebl and Barbara Safiullin. On the Angler were operators Julie Hanrahan and Jaime Ramon, with Race Officer George Bradley, Andi Hoffman and Philippe Dusser.

Sandrine Quenee did her usual great job as Chair of the Regatta Shore-side Committee, heading up Registration, Scoring, coordinating post-race hospitality, etc. She was assisted by Marlene Erven.

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OUTSTANDING 53rd ANNUAL CGSC OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

It was four straight days of excellent winds on Biscayne Bay December 27-30 for CGSC's Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta. The Bay is off to a terrific start for the winter regatta season in terms of conditions. All three CGSC regattas in December saw excellent racing conditions. Hope it continues! For this event, the SE quadrant wind wasn't just steady during each day's racing, it was even pretty steady from day to day! All scheduled races were sailed – ten for the Lasers and I-420's and 12 for the 29ers who sail a shorter course. Each boat could throw out its worst race.

Overview. Some 70 boats raced in the regatta, split among our long-standing adult Laser fleet, and "no age restriction" International 420's and 29ers. The I-420's were the largest fleet with some 36 entries, our largest fleet in history for this Class. The Lasers included Full-Rigs, Masters and Radials. The Open Orange Bowl regatta is always one of CGSC's largest events during the winter regatta season. This geographically diverse fleet hailed from eastern Canada and New England thru Chicago and the Midwest, down to Texas and west to southern California. Clearly, a Continental event.

As a bit of background, the I-420's are the primary training ground for the Olympic 470 Class which is sailed by both Men's/Mixed teams and Women's teams. The 29ers are the primary training ground for the Men's Olympic 49er skiff Class and the Women's 49er FX skiff Class. Tricky, demanding boats!! So, our Open OB is a much needed annual event in the long and intensive development of Olympic-class sailors.

I-420's. The big I-420 fleet was very competitive, as might be imagined in a fleet this large. Normally, the more competitive the fleet, the higher the average score needed to win. Sure enough, a sixth place average would have been good enough to win the event. Enter Wiley Rogers and Jack Parkin from Riverside YC in Connecticut. They won every race until Race 10 when they retired and claimed this as their throw-out. They won the event by 46 points!

29er's. The 29er fleet saw something similar, with a few more boats competing for the top slot. However, in the end, it wasn't that close. Here, the same sixth place average would have only been good enough for third place, not first. As with the I-420's, another great team ran away with the event. Ryan Ratliffe and Samuel Merson from Mission Bay

YC in San Diego threw out a 3rd place as their worst race and accumulated 15 points over 11 scored races to win by ten point over Max and Ian Brill, also of Mission Bay. Obviously, a hotbed of US 29er Class sailing.



Lasers. The adult Laser Full-Rigs were won by Jose Gutierrez who won every race when separated from the Laser Masters – a 20 point margin over Ross Murdoch from Kingston YC, Canada and Eric Lawrence who was four points behind Ross. The Masters were won by CGSC's outstanding Ernesto Rodriguez by ten points over Mike Matan from New York City. Augie Diaz was third, another eight points back. The Laser Radials were won by Daniela Rivera

by nine points over Cristina Persson. Monica Wilson was another eight points back in third.

Race Committee. CGSC's Race Committee also reveled in the excellent racing condition. Once again, many thanks to our private boat owners – Carl Updyke's Gemini 34 catamaran Cool Obsession as Signal Boat, Susan Walcutt's Contender up to weather and Dave Frazier's Angler as Gate Boat. Our Principal Race Officer and CGSC Race Manager Blake Middleton led the team. Signal Boat team included Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Denise and Lorelei Schneider and Recorder Connie Bradley.

Upwind on Susan's Contender were Race Officer Sicotte Hamilton, Rick Klein, Dick Pober and Chuck Edelstein. The Pin Boat was operated by Debbie Ryder, with Race Officer Ron Rostorfer PC. On the Angler Gate Boat were operator and Race Officer George Bradley, Joel Krieger and Saralee Lamb.

Shore-Side. Regatta Shore-side Chair Sandrine Quenee again headed up our regatta shore-side activities. She was assisted by daughter Jeromine, Carl Updyke and several parents of racers.

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BANNER: Melges 20 racing on Biscayne Bay hosted
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CLARINGTON ISLAND CLEAN-UP

Saturday, February 27 and Saturday March 26

UPDATE:

Seven brave members got their hands dirty and their shoes wet on January 9. The care of the Island is an on-going project that not only involves trash pickup but plant growth clearing on the trail, tiki hut picnic area and other tasks.

Come on out for a day of service. You are welcome to bring family and friends. We meet downstairs between 8:45 and 9. Launch service is provided as well as everything you might need except a hat.

Upon return to the main land, join your mates for a pint.

Many thanks to all who have participated.

Denise Schneider

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Another Great Boat Parade



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Looking back at 2015, your Adult Instructional Program had a good year, with all programs running on a scheduled or as-needed basis. We continue to get lots of referrals for all of our classes, as well as continue to get significant inquiries from potential students and members shopping our Adult Sailing section of our website. This has produced significant success from follow-up for Sunfish, Flying Scot and keelboat classes. We were especially excited in advance to have two full BASIC KEELBOAT classes scheduled and filled for December, only to have the first-ever situation of back to back cancellations due to unfavorable weather. The first class was only able to complete the first day, and the second class had to be cancelled completely, leaving us with over a dozen students to do make-up classes as December ended. We are cutting away at that backlog while continuing to offer our regular schedule. A significant accomplishment this past fall and again in January, is the increased incidence of the Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising classes, conducted by Capt. Bruce Penrod, aboard his Marlow-Hunter 40 Sloop, "Leaping Groundhog". Most recent congratulations to Clarence Charest from Michigan and members Steve Katzman, James Liebl and Charl Myburg (pictured below) who were US Sailing BASIC CRUISING Certified in early January. This certification, followed by our Beneteau member-user orientation, now provides the member-privilege for day use of the Beneteau cruising boats to these members. A BAREBOAT CRUISING Class is scheduled for January 22-25, where the students will be on-board, sailing in the Upper Keys for three (3) days, with certification testing on the fourth day.

For February, the usual second and third weekend classes for our popular BASIC KEELBOAT courses will be reduced to only one group class on February 20-21. This is due to the limited access to the club on the second weekend, which is the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, plus certain of our instructors are involved in the Strictly Sail Miami Boat Show that same weekend. The Sunfish regular monthly class on the first weekend of the month and weekly clinics will not be affected by these events.

Our Adult Instructional programs continue to grow, but we are limited for week-day activities, especially coaching and testing, due to lack of instructors available during the week. We continue to search for qualified sailors who would be interested in beginning a "second" or "retirement" career as a certified US Sailing instructor. If you are interested and willing to commit a small amount of time, your club may work out a program to assist you in earning your Certified Instructor status with US Sailing.

It is a rewarding and satisfying endeavor and your certification is good for life, if you maintain it annually. One of the biggest perks of being an adult instructor at C.G.S.C. is all the nice, like-minded people you will get to meet and help get started safely and correctly on their personal sailing adventure. You won't believe how many smiles you'll see and friends you'll make. If interested, my contact information follows.

Sail Often... Sail Safely... Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay...

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YOUTH SAILING

Happy New Year, CGSC!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Diunieski Gutierrez (but everyone calls me Koky) and I am the Youth Sailing Director here at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. I am very pleased to have been invited to write to you, the membership, and report on the monthly doings of your Youth Sailing Program. We had a spectacular year in 2015 with record number of sailors in the program throughout the Spring Season, Summer Camp, Fall Season, and our very own Halloween Howler Regatta. Our year culminated with the Orange Bowl International Youth Sailing Regatta where I am happy to report our sailors had a spectacular showing. We placed 2nd out of 70 in Green Fleet, 66th out of 225 in the RWB Fleet, 2nd out of 87 in the 420 Fleet, and all of our Laser sailors placed in



the top 20 boats in all the Laser Fleets. We are so proud of these sailors because they worked very hard all year and their dedication to their sport showed over 4 days of racing, and they should be commended for all they have

accomplished in a short period of time.

On a personal note, I am very pleased to enter my second year here at CGSC and look forward to all the challenges and successes that 2016 will bring. I am very proud to see what our sailors have accomplished over the year that I have been here and know that in due time, CGSC will have a nationally recognized program. Again, I hope your new year is off to a great start and as always I wish you

Fair Winds, Koky