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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
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## NOVEMBER 2016

**H**ello Everyone,  
Our sailing program is bigger and better than ever. If you have been downstairs during the weekends, you will have seen the sights of youth sailing. We have so many excited sailors and families taking part in our program and I am very proud of all that we have accomplished together. In September, we qualified three more sailors, Maya Conway, Charlotte Leigh and Alessandro Gregori for team trials 2017, bringing our total to 8 (!) sailors attending this prestigious regatta. Green Fleet Sailors placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the USODA Southeast Championship and the 47<sup>th</sup> Southeast Dinghy Championship hosted by Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Our sailors have all been sailing at a high level and should be commended for all



the hard work they have been putting in, and we'd like to thank their parents for all of their support. We also had our first annual youth baseball game, which was a great success. Thank you to all the parents who provided snacks and drinks for the kids. In other news we have been working diligently to expand our coaching fleet, and improve the launching and retrieval of boats and dollies to make things smoother for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Diunieski "Koky" Gutierrez

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto Olivo  
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's definitely starting to look and feel like fall at CGSC. Racing/regatta season has begun. Our youth learn to sail and sailing teams are bursting at the seams. Our CGSC youth sailors are doing very well at all of their regattas and youth parents have signed up to be regular members in record numbers. The adult sailing program and Beneteau fleet are out on the water in greater numbers. However, due to shorter days, Wednesday night racing will be discontinued until spring. It's great to see so many families enjoying the club together and getting involved.

Events at the club house in November will include our ongoing speaker and film series featuring Biscayne National Park's presentation on "The Sunken Ships of Biscayne National Park" November 2nd; the film "How to let Go of the World and Love All Things Climate Can't Change" Saturday November 5th, on the lawn; and "Red Dot on the Ocean" Wednesday, November 16th. Don't forget our Annual Work Weekend November 12 and 13th!! Vice Commodore, Ryan Alexander is in charge for the weekend, has a list, and he's checking it twice. It's all hands on deck and gives members a chance to work together off the water on shared projects whether you are a racer, cruiser, kayaker, or very active or not so active member of the club. If you are a new member, it's a great way to get to know your fellow members. Bring your tools, work clothes and cooperative spirit. Lunch is provided as-is frothy liquid refreshment at the end of both days.

Thankfully, Hurricane Matthew's devastating winds and rain spared the club and Miami and hopefully we have seen the end of Hurricane season. Thank you to all the members and staff who worked together to prepare or remove the boats and helped secure the club. Better to be prepared and have the storm miss us than be caught unprepared. Our thoughts are with our neighbors in the U.S., Bahamas, Cuba and Haiti who suffered great losses.

Each year we have many visitors to the club from Biscayne Bay. This year we've had dolphin, mullet, snappers, nurse sharks, barracudas, manatees and recently a few unanticipated visitors, the American crocodile. Our own Crocodile Dundee

visited the club recently from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and gave us some pointers on why the crocodiles are visiting our club and how we can live in harmony with these creatures. As the coastline of Biscayne Bay has developed,



the crocodile's habitat has been greatly reduced. The mangroves along Peacock and Myers Park are attractive shade and the freshwater from the storm drains are vital for them to thrive. They can't live in water that is too salty. Their population has increased 10 times in recent years and there are now around 2500 in Florida. The more crocs, the better chance you will spot one.

People can safely co-exist with crocodiles by following a few rules. Swim only in posted areas. Keep small pets on a leash at least ten feet from the water or mangrove edge. Leave crocodiles alone. State and federal law prohibits killing, harassing, feeding or possessing crocodiles. Never feed the crocodiles and tell others that it is illegal to feed them and can create a problem for people who want to use the water for sailing, kayaking and other water sports and recreation. Going forward we can no longer allow fishing off the CGSC docks because bait and discarded fish scraps may attract crocodiles by providing them an opportunity for a free meal. Feeding them can cause them to lose their natural wariness of humans. Always maintain a safe distance between you and the crocodile. Hopefully when the rainy season ends and the water cools, our prehistoric visitors will make their way to a less populated area but in the meantime be on the lookout and treat them with the respect that they deserve. For more info go to [MyFWC.com/Crocodile](http://MyFWC.com/Crocodile).

Fair winds,

*Janice Pruett, Commodore*  
*SV Effortless*

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

"Where sailors and friends belong"

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**S**ailing, along with many other sports offers valuable life lessons. On a lifted tack while the rest of the fleet is on port it may seem that the correct approach would be to follow the others. Patience often shows that it is better to ride the puffs, tack with the header and cross the fleet. You can only make these decisions with experience and a knowledgeable crew. The value of teamwork cannot be overlooked while sailing. Recently, we experienced some equipment failure while participating in a regatta against some worthy opponents. After notifying the race committee of our problem we headed back to the CGSC dock and replaced the broken part. We returned to the course in time for the third race and finished in the middle of the pack. Individually, each of us probably could have resolved the problem with time, but together we repaired the boat and continued. On any other day the middle finish may not have been significant, but to fix your boat and have a respectable finish was worth noting. Later we discussed the events of the day and remarked that teamwork was evident throughout the

day. At the CGSC we are a large team, 1100 members, 28 staff that individually can accomplish some thing. The preparations for Hurricane Matthew required that all members of our CGSC team work together. We took care of all of the 120 boats owned and maintained by the CGSC. Our members pulled together to ready their personal boats and pitched in to prepare the club owned boats. It did not stop there, while Matthew ventured to other locales, we came together again to return everything. Teamwork allowed us to accomplish this. On November 12, 13, our annual work weekend calls for us to once again pull together as a team. We hope to see you there.



Thank you

*Ryan Alexander*

*Vice Commodore*

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

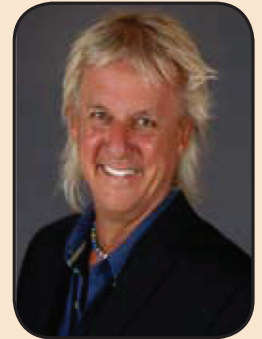
**H**ello Sailors!

Halloween has come and gone. The Youth Program howled, and the Haunted Mooring Field handed out more candy than mosquitos in the Everglades. Well done all, particularly Sue and her team. The next fun event for the Youth Program is the Rear Commodore's Cruise on 19th November, when youth sailors are taken out on the "big boats", to experience something a little heavier than an Opti. The more boats we have the more youth sailors can come out, so if you would like to join in please let me or Jim Green know - each boat gets (depending on its size) two to four youth sailors accompanied by one or two parents. There's a free T-shirt for every boat owner and one crew member who is part of the cruise.

We are planning some changes to the Youth Program bylaws to help encourage more full memberships at the club. In particular, we expect to enact a change that allows parents/guardians of youth members to use club facilities only when accompanied by the youth member, or while the youth member is out sailing from the club. Parent/guardians of youth members will need to become club members themselves if they wish to use club facilities independently of the youth member. Further, we are considering placing a two year limit on youth membership, after which it will be necessary to progress to associate or full membership. At this stage these are only proposed changed - bylaw changes can be made only at the AGM next July. If you have any suggestion or comments on these proposals, please contact me - we want the club

to be a place for everyone to enjoy equitably.

And now a story about the hurricane that never was ... Matthew. Different boat owners took different approaches to securing their boats. Some went to the mangroves, some went to Dinner Key, some went to Marine Stadium, and some stayed on the mooring field (luckily it never became a hurricane, in which case they would have had to move too). Some, including myself, have slips up the Miami River, and as the storm approached we took the journey up to our hide holes. What a pleasant trip! The river is full of interesting sights ... boats, restaurants, yards, houses, steamers, etc. If you have time I recommend the trip - it makes a nice day out, with a stop on the riverside for lunch at one of the restaurants. You need to watch the bridge schedules, but it's not complicated, and the bridge operators are friendly folk. Come chat if you'd like to hear more about it. But for now ...



See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore*

*Moonglow*

*rearcommodore@cgsc*

## View from the Signal Boat



The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Annual One Design Regatta and BBYRA OD #2 was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2, 2016. Flying Scot sailors from all over the state joined our local FS sailors to compete in the first event in the State's Annual Flying Scot Championship for 2016-2017. In addition to the Flying Scot fleet, we had Etchells, J-24s, Snipes and Lasers racing during the weekend. Weather was perfect and a steady Bear Cut breeze made for two great days of racing.

In addition to their results working towards the Annual State Championship, the Flying Scots were also sailing for the Sally Russell Trophy, awarded to the first place winner, and the Charlie Fowler Trophy, awarded to the highest placing team in our local FS Fleet #96. Snipes were sailing for the Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz Trophy. Thanks to

Flag Officer Olivier de Lavalette for his assistance with Trophy presentation.

Congratulations to the first place and Perpetual Trophy winners. (see below)

The rest of October will keep the Race Committee busy with many volunteering for the Annual Columbus Day Regatta, our Annual Cruising Regatta and BBYRA ORC #2, our Support Boat Training Class and our premier Youth Event, the Halloween Howler.

See you on the Bay!

Susan  
Susan Walcutt  
Race Committee Chair  
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Nick Voss and crew with the Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz Perpetual Trophy and Gonzalo Diaz and CGSC Treasurer Olivier de Lavalette

### RESULTS:

Etchells	1373	Buddy Bribb
Flying Scot	5983	Jeff Linton ( <i>Sally Russell Trophy</i> )
J-24s	4591	Gary Sprague
Lasers	209473	Roberto Porter
Snipes	28814	Nick Voss ( <i>Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz Trophy</i> )
Flying Scot	6109	Obie Smith ( <i>2nd Place Charlie Fowler Trophy</i> )



Obie Smith & Crew with the Charlie Fowler Perpetual Trophy and CGSC Treasurer Olivier de Lavalette



FS out of towners preparing for the Annual OD Regatta



## Flying Scot Racing

The 2<sup>nd</sup> One Design race of the season was October 1 & 2, the CGSC One Design Annual Regatta. There were seventeen boats registered. Here are the final standings.

### FLYING SCOTS

Pos	Sail #	Boat	Skipper	Races	Total Points
1	5983	The Speckled Butterbean	Linton Jeff	2 1 1 1 1	6
2	6109	I Gone	Smith, Obie	4 2 3 4 2	15
3	6099	M&M	Taylor, Mark	1 5 6 5 3	20
4	5566	USA 5566	Signor, Jim	5 3 2 6 7	23
5	5544	Funky Diva	Bigham, Jim	6 4 4 7 5	26
6	5871	Ack Ack	Clifton, Charlie	8 9 5 2 6	30
7	1885	Ghost	Moring, David	9 7 7 3 4	30
8	6082		Bott, Jeff	3 6 8 10 9	36
9	5642	Hovercraft	Helmick, David	7 8 9 8 8	40
10	5220	Air America	Price, Bud	10 10 11 11 15	57
11	3185	Redeemed	McNally, John	11 11 13 12 10	57
12	5636		Picco, Henry	13 13 16 9 11	62
13	3423	CGSC 1111	Reinhold/Etkin	12 12 12 16 16	68
14	5246	Culpable	Hoffman, Andi	15 15 15 13 12	70
15	6075	Beija Flor	Alexander, Ryan 18/DNF 18/DNS 10 14 13		73
16	1881	Dom's Cadillac	Newland/Grupenhoff	16 16 17 15 14	78
17	5123	Pearl	McPhee, Greg	14 14 14 18/DNC 18/DNC	93

The next BBYRA race One Design #3 is the CRYC Annual Regatta 11/6/16. See you there. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple  
Fleet 90 Captain

Happy  
Thanksgiving



Let us give Thanks

## CGSC AT THE 2016 MELGES 24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2016 Melges 24 World Championships will be sailed here in Miami, November 28-December 3. With over 100 boats entered from 20 countries, this will be the largest world championship ever conducted in our waters. CGSC's Race Committee Volunteers will serve as race committee for the event.

Competitor Announcement No. 1, *2016 Worlds, On Track For A Successful Regatta*, has been sent to all the competitors.

As preparations continue for the 2016 Melges 24 World Championship, the Organizing Authority is in fever-pitch, full-on event planning mode.



With competition still taking place in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean off of Virginia Key, and Biscayne Bay selected as a back-up sailing venue should ocean conditions warrant, PRO Anderson Reggio and IM24CA Championship Coordinator John Abel will be fully supported by Ron Rostorfer and his amazing race committee team (volunteers mind you) at Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC). Enough cannot be said about CGSC's drive, passion and determination to provide the very best in sportboat racing. Combined — Reggio, Abel and CGSC — Melges 24 World Championship racers are in the hands of a very capable 2016 Worlds Race Management team. They have all the right people in the right places and continuously discuss how to make this event the best ever by listening to what competitors want.

For certain — Melges 24 racers will reap all the benefits where it counts most — downwind, on a full plane, with their hair on fire!



### **NOTICE** **Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

**International 420 Clinic**  
**November 22-26, 2016**

**Melges 24 World Championships**  
**November 28, 2016**  
**to**  
**December 3, 2016**

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1**  
**December 9-11, 2016**

**29er Training Clinic**  
**December 19-23, 2016**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION  
FORMS ON  
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)  
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

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by the 10th of November.



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