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APRIL 2017

Melges 20 No. 3 – One and Done!

March is typically the best of the best for the winter regatta season in Miami. Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way for the final event of CGSC's Melges 20 Miami Winter Series. One of the longest periods of high winds set in on Friday morning, March 3rd and remained throughout the weekend and on into early the following week. The result: one day of racing for this fleet on the Friday with three races sailed, and that was it. High winds, well above class limits forced cancellation of racing over the remaining two days.

Friday certainly wasn't "Chamber of Commerce" conditions, either. A gusty, shifty, squally NE wind greeted the 21 competitors. The wind started out at about 25 deg., moved right as far as 70 deg., and finally settled in around 55 deg. for the afternoon. All that with one rain squall after another. There was frequently sunlight in between giving the RC and competitors false hope of improving conditions. There was no improvement!



With these shifty conditions, it would be expected that scores would be high, and they were. One point better than a fifth place average would have won the event. However, veteran Melges 20 skipper Rob Wilbur won the event with a lot more in the bank than one slim point. Rob and crew posted two bullets and a 7th to win the event by six points over another veteran and former World Champion John Kilroy. One point back in third was Drew Freerides. A tough day of sailing for all.

CGSC PRO Blake Middleton and our Race Committee were out on the Bay with the fleet Saturday, but it was clear that the wind was increasing beyond Class limits.

Blake sent the fleet ashore under the proviso that they could be called back out if conditions improved. The RC remained on station monitoring conditions, but eventually racing was cancelled for the day. Sunday was even worse. The fleet was held ashore, and two RC boats went out to monitor

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is great to see the club so vibrant with sailing activities. We are truly living up to our name and purpose as I noted this past weekend when I went down to the club to work on Effortless. Our Race Committee was in action running a GPS course, our Youth Sailing Program was hosting Coral Reef Yacht Club and the Canadian Opti Team for a joint practice, the Flying Scouts were out in full force, we had visiting 29ers and J70's, the adult sailing program had Sunfish and Keelboat Class, and the cruisers were getting their boats ready for the monthly rendezvous and our Annual Rendezvous. The patrons at the Grove's Nest had plenty of entertainment just watching the action.

All of these activities require coordination, cooperation and courtesy between guests, members and staff. We are a large club on a tiny property. We have very limited parking, limited space for storage and dock space is at a premium for launching, maintaining and docking boats. The weekends are especially busy so please be considerate of other members that may want to use the picnic tables, dock carts, and parking spots. In that spirit, here are a few guidelines and tips.

Please do not leave your boats unattended at the main dock and one design dock, especially during busy weekends. Boats on the leeward side should tie up only the bow to allow as many boats as possible. No power boats at the one design and main docks!!

Waiting for the launch on the weekends requires patience and good communication. Don't call the launch for a pick up until your boat is all locked up and your belongings and crew are ready to be off loaded. Please don't ask launch driver to help with boat repairs, adjustments etc. during busy times. Do call the dock staff if you need help docking or mooring your boat, help with lines or in the event of an emergency.

I strongly discourage members from parking in the lot and then hiking up the hill or across the street for lunch or dinner. On many occasions I have arrived at the club in the evening to find the parking lot full and the Grove's nest and meeting room empty.

The Grove's Nest is home to a very diverse group of members of all ages. Even though you may be a sailor, your behavior, language and point of view should not offend or intimate others at the club. Respect for fellow members, guests and staff demonstrates good fellowship and self control.

Speaking of good fellowship, The Annual Rendezvous, hosted by Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe is a great opportunity to enjoy a weekend adventure out on the Bay. Early birds will try to get good spots on the sea wall at Boca Chita and rafting up is allowed for additional boats. We usually head down Friday morning to get a good spot. Bring your kayak, paddleboat, snorkel gear, fishing pole, bug spray, musical instrument, folding chair and helping hands to make this year another great Rendezvous Weekend. Some of the Rendezvous traditions that will be included

are; Friday Night Fish & Bean Soup, Scavenger Easter Egg Hunt for all ages on Saturday, The Starfish Lounge and Easter Sunday Service in the chapel Sunday morning.



The Budget Committee is finalizing next year's budget and The Nominating Committee led by PC Jeff Flanagan will be accepting nominations for next year's Board of Directors this month. If you are interested in serving on the BOD or have input regarding next year's budget, please come forward. New turf and easier access to launch areas and docks is on my wish list. The Flip Flop Fete Committee is seeking donations for Raffle and Silent Auction items. Contact Hannah Martinez for more details about this May event.

Enjoy your club and respect others.

Janice Pruitt, Commodore
SV Effortless

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**CGSC RC
Taking a Breather
April 2017**

**Rescheduled
CGSC
Junior Commodore's Cup
May 13, 2017**

**Goombay Regatta
May 27-28, 2017**

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

With the arrival of longer days the opportunities for sailing increase. Evening sailing is now a possibility, whether it is for a leisure sail, some training to enhance your skills or our Wednesday night introduction to racing series. With our location on Biscayne Bay it takes only minutes to leave the channel and hoist the sails for 2 or 3 hours on the Bay. One objective of our club could be summed up as "butts on boats". Our location allows us to take advantage of afternoon breezes to spend some time on the water. There are a number of sailing options available, Sunfish, Ensigns, the Beneteau fleet, and Flying Scots. I like our Wednesday night introduction to racing series. This program, run by Bud Price, has allowed a number of persons to experience sailing first hand for the first time. In addition, we have gained a number of members to the club and to the growth of the Flying Scot fleet. The beauty of our program is that you do not need to have sail-

ing skills or be a member of the club. Just show up between 5 and 530 pm, we determine the number of skippers, number of crew, and launch the appropriate number of Flying Scots. We have a 15 knot upper limit to keep our boats and sailors safe. About half the boats launched are privately owned, but all our boats are skippered by knowledgeable sailors to help ensure a level of safety. So let's all go sailing, see you on the water.



Thank you

Ryan Alexander
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

Iwas reading on Wikipedia ... "The flat Earth model is an archaic conception of the Earth's shape as a plane or disk. Many ancient cultures subscribed to a flat Earth cosmography, including Greece until the classical period, the Bronze Age and Iron Age civilizations of the Near East until the Hellenistic period, India until the Gupta period (early centuries AD), and China until the 17th century." Why has this belief been abandoned for the new-fangled oblate spheroid theory? What happened to the Marie Celeste? Where do people go when they sail off to the Bahamas and never come back? I know the truth, and as a long-standing member of the Flat Earth Society, I feel it is my duty as Rear Commodore to enlighten you all.

The earth is shaped like two saucers back-to-back. It has to be that way, otherwise all the ocean water would spill over the edges. The world as we know it is on one side, and the other side is paradise. You can get through to paradise if you can find a hole that goes through. The only person I know who has been through and come back is Splugton Hogg, the president of the Flat Earth Society. In order to help believers get through to the other side, a group of Flat Earth Society members split off to form the Hole Watchers Society. Members of the Hole Watchers Society are on constant look out

for holes through to paradise, and are ready with shovels to dig out the last few inches. Of course an organization such as the Flat Earth Society requires administrative support, so it would be remiss of me to omit mention of the society's secretary Jimi Rickles, and the treasurer Reverend D. de Riks. (FYI, as well as being a crucial cog in the wheels of the society, Jimi Rickles is also a very good left-arm spin bowler.) Finally, and most relevant to CGSC members, Splugton Hogg told me that paradise is has a beautiful bay, with coral, fish, lobsters, and clear blue water. He described it very vividly, and I have a mural depicting it in my apartment (bring rum and I'll show you).

Now you know the truth. Keep away from the edge of earth, sail carefully, and keep looking for holes through to paradise. But, I bet the sailing won't be any better on the other side than on Biscayne Bay ... our piece of sailing paradise.

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
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conditions first hand. Gusts to 30 knots sealed the fate for a second day in a row.

This event concluded the eighth season of the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series, and this was the 25th Melges 20 event at the Club. The Melges Rocks dinner in the Main Room Saturday night filled the room to capacity. It was a Pig Roast sponsored again by Rob Wilber's team, with CGSC's kitchen adding Mahi-Mahi, veggies, salad, etc. Melges President Andy Burdick and Class Manager Sam Rogers were the MC's, and gave great praise and thanks to CGSC and our Race Committee for this long and happy association. At the end, a ceremonial cake was cut for dessert.

Sunday at the awards presentation, the season series Perpetual Trophy was presented to Drew Freerides and his crew of Morgan Reeser, Charlie Smyth and Federico Michetti. In the eight seasons of this series, no one has won the series championship more than once. Quite a statement about the competitiveness of this Class.

CGSC's Race Committee did another excellent job under difficult conditions. Special thanks to our private boat owners Jim Green with Bali Ha'i, Ev Hoffman with Trahandy II, John Hannau's Whitewater 28 and Dave Frazier's Angler 20. Bali Ha'i developed windlass issues on Friday as Signal Boat, and Ev Hoffman was very kind to step in on short notice for the other two days with Trahandy II.

With Blake on the Signal Boats were Timers Andi Hoffman and Dottie Rostorfer, Recorders Denise Schneider and Jo Ann Mathieu, and flag signalers and sounders Kathy Gunst, Lisa Harlow, Bill Becker and Dick Pober.

Up to windward were Race Officer Ron Rostorfer PC, with skipper Cecile Ramirez, Sicotte Hamilton, Steve Herman and John Hannau. The Gate Boat skipper was Julie Hanrahan with Race Officer Vicki Mathews, Bill Quesenberry and Mike Stephens. The Pin Boat Race Officer was Nancy Rogachenko with skippers Allen Cox and Gary Ellis and Philippe Dusser.



Photos provided by Richard Pober



CGSC and MYC Team Up!

The International 420 Class is hotbed of pre-Olympic 470 Class training for 'teens. Since the 470 is raced separately in the Olympics by men and women, the I-420 appeals to both boys and girls teams which race together as one fleet.

That said, U.S. Olympic Development Director Leandro Spina and Class North American President Larry Law had a problem: how to add a third winter regatta for the Class in Miami on a school holiday long weekend? This would follow the CGSC Open Orange Bowl over the Christmas Holidays and the North American's over MLK Weekend in January. The only remaining opportunity would be Presidents' Weekend – not possible for CGSC due to the Art Festival. Besides, they wanted racing on the ocean to prepare these sailors for summer competition.

The novel answer: shore-base the new I-420 Mid-Winters at Miami Yacht Club, tow the boats to the ocean and back, and get CGSC's Race Committee to run the event on the water with assistance from MYC RC volunteers. 34 I-420 teams competed in the regatta, which was also a Youth Qualifier – so a very important event for them. Three days of racing were conducted on the ocean south of Government Cut. All eight scheduled races were completed in light to moderate conditions on their standard Trapezoid Course. Each day, the wind was shifty early, but eventually settled down and provided good quality racing.

The event was won by the girls team of Carmen and Emma Cowles from Larchmont YC on Long Island Sound. In addition to this victory, they also won the Open Orange Bowl/U.S. Nationals and were third in the North American's by only three points. They clearly won the winter series here, even though they give up strength, weight and leverage to boys teams in a good breeze. It's called "talent." They entered the final day with a six point lead, and won the regatta by ten. They don't let up!

CGSC's Race Management leadership team was headed up by Principal Race Officer Ron Rostorfer, PC. On the Signal

Boat were Timers Philippe Dusser and Steve Herman and Recorders Lovell Luparini and Kathy Gunst. Up to windward on CGSC's Angler 24 were Skipper Rick Klein, Navigator Dottie Rostorfer Esther DiLeo and Allen Cox. The Pin Boat Race Officer was our Julie Hanrahan. The Outer Gate/Finish Boat Race Officer was CGSC's George Bradley with Recorder Connie Bradley.

Leandro provided a huge help moving marks in his RIB. MYC's Florencia Barletta handled the scoring and did a great job in support of the RC effort. Special thanks to U.S. National Judge Rick Mallinson and his Protest Committee of International Judge Marty Ottenheimer and required "Sailor-Athlete" Judges Shannon Bush and Mark Foster.



Left, George and Connie Bradley were the crew on the Outer Gate/Finish boat at the International 420 regatta held President's Day Weekend.



Beautiful day on the bay!



An early riser starts to prepare her boat for the I-420 regatta at the Miami Yacht Club.



Connie Bradley holds up the notice board giving three International 420 competitors the sad news that they jumped the start and were "U-Flag disqualified" from a race.

Great Quote!

Renowned sailing author and ocean racer/passagemaker John Rousmaniere was interviewed by Contributing Editor Andy Schell in the current April issue of *SAIL* magazine.

In the article:

Andy: "What do you fear about going offshore?"

John: "Everything. You name it. That you'll do something dumb. That there's not enough food or water.

There's a leak somewhere, God forbid...Then, am I up to it? I've been doing this for a long time... I still say, am I up to it now?"

The full hour-long interview is available online as a free audio podcast. Visit: 59-north.com/onthewind.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

As the number of students, both members and non-members, achieve their US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certifications, the demand for the second and third level of certifications continues to increase. BASIC KEELBOAT, the first and biggest step, is the prerequisite for the BASIC CRUISING Certification, which is the prerequisite for the BAREBOAT CRUISING certification. While BASIC KEELBOAT is taught and tested on a true basic keelboat, the Ensign 23, which is tiller-steered, fixed-keel and non-powered, weighing in at 3,000 lbs, the BASIC CRUISING and BASIC BAREBOAT classes are taught on a modern 40' sloop. For members to use our Beneteau cruisers, they must be BASIC CRUISING Certified for day use and BAREBOAT CRUISING Certified for over-night use. Thanks very much to Captain Bruce Penrod for really stepping up to the demand for these advanced classes and certifications during the last few months. Already his March Cruising Class and April Bareboat classes are full with waiting lists. Our next BASIC CRUISING Class is currently scheduled for May 5, 6, 7. For information about these advanced classes, contact Capt. Bruce at bapenrod29@msn.com or 814-341-0094.

We are having better luck so far this year with weather and its affect on our twice monthly BASIC KEELBOAT Classes and almost daily coaching and testing sessions. We would love to see this continue to help us with our backlog of students needing additional coaching before attempting the US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification tests. With Daylight Savings Time now in effect, we will be able to teach, coach or test even after 5PM on weekdays for those who are available. We continue to follow a strict schedule for our BASIC KEELBOAT Classes, almost all of which are full. We offer these classes twice each month on the second

(2nd) weekend, and again on the third (3rd) weekend of each month, providing twenty-two classes or more each year. Response from our exposure at the Boat Show and the Arts Festival has resulted in my phone and email staying quite busy with inquiring students. We now have students scheduled for BASIC KEELBOAT classes even into June.

With the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, Capt. Bud Price announced that the Flying Scot racing on Wednesday evenings have started again for this season. We encourage anyone wishing to join these fun sailors for casual and spirited racing every Wednesday evening, weather permitting. We strongly encourage our adult students, both currently working towards their certification or already certified to join in the sport and fun and another form of sailing with this dedicated group of sailors. Be at the dock around 5PM for a 5:30 departure. You can count on a spirited and fun social gathering after the races if you care to join in.

Finally don't forget our Sunfish classes and Clinics for adults that are patiently and faithfully conducted by certified instructor Phil Adams. Talk about a great way to sail and get exercise and enjoy the camaraderie of other Sunfish sailors, you can't beat these events.

Questions about our Adult Sailing Programs at C.G.S.C., or about our Member-Use privileges? Feel free to contact me anytime.

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

Richard Crisler, Adult Sailing Chairman
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YOUTH SAILING

April, April, April. It is sad to close our Spring 2017 season but we are very proud of what we have accomplished in such a short time. By the time you read this, we will have qualified 9 sailors to attend Team Trials in New Jersey next month - hosted the Canadian National Team for their Spring Clinic – ran a successful Spring Break Camp - held the test event for our Spring Series next year – sailed more than 5260 hours – had a blast while doing it. Congratulations to Bruno Wencelblat who qualified for Team Trials last month in Jensen Beach at the Sunshine State Championship, he

worked very hard for that goal and with him we are taking 9 sailors to Brant Beach, NJ in the next few weeks. So if you see us around the club, know that we are working hard to represent CGSC with pride at every club and sailing venue we visit. We are also looking forward to Summer Camp which is right around the corner. Registration is open, so reserve your spots now at <http://cgscic.org/summercamp> We are looking forward to good results in Team Trials, and we will see you around the Bay!



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*Awards received at the Jr. Olympic
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FLYING SCOT RACING

The 7th OD race of the season was 3/12/17, the KBYC RC ran the regatta. There were 9 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

FLYING SCOTS

Name	SKIPPER	SAIL	POS
LA	Jim Signor	5566	1
I Gone	Obie Smith	6109	2
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	075	3
TBD	Lamphere	6112	4
Air America	Charles (Bud) Price	5220	5
Culpable	Andrea G Hoffman	5246	6
CGSC 3423	Reinhold/Etkin	3423	7
Pearl	Greg McPhee	5123	8
Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein	5321	9

Next race is Saturday April 29, 2017,
with the BBYC Annual
Sunburn Regatta.
Sail FAST!



Washington's Birthday Regatta

The Barnacle Society's Washington's Birthday Regatta, was another success! The Mud Hens, Sharpies, (Monroe and New Haven), Core Sound, Choey Lee, Bahama Dinghies, joined by an X Dinghy and a Sea Pearl, sailed the regatta. This year a new competitor, a Privateer 26 was welcomed to the fleet. Light winds filled the race course at 4-5 knots, for race 1. Races 2 and 3 winds were from 8 to 11 knots under sunny, blue skies. It does not get much better! The CGSC has provided the race committee for over 10 years and I have had the pleasure of being the Principle Race Officer for the past 4 years. We have adjusted the courses to be conducive to the varied boats allowing for fair and fun sailing for all sailors. This year we were privileged to have Earnest

Hemmingway's "Pilar" as our signal boat, a replica of his 1934 sport fishing boat." Pilar" blended beautifully with the classic boats! The Shannon River Marine Heritage Foundation has designed it to be the most completely accessible boat of its size in America. It has been specially modified for users with limited mobility and is on loan to Shake A Leg Miami.

The Race Committee has progressed to adding period costumes as our RC uniform, always fun. However, I thank the CGSC race committee volunteers for their continued dedication, adding their time and talent to maintain the course geometry and signaling of 3 fleets. We are lucky to have such a dedicated race committee at CGSC. The appreciation was echoed by all who participated in this historical regatta!



CGSC invites you to the 5th Annual

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This is a Fundraiser for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club
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