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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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JANUARY 2018



COMMODORE'S REPORT

With the rest of the US snowed in or stuck at near freezing temperatures from November through March, Biscayne Bay is even more attractive to sailors. One of the best ways to get sailing on the Bay is through the CGSC and our programs. Each month we have a number of instructional classes geared toward getting people ready to sail. Our Race Committee has regattas every weekend and is always looking to train people for race management. BBYRA has at least one ORC and one OD race each month. The CGSC Flying Scot fleet is one of the biggest fleets on the Bay and are always in attendance. The ORC boats are normally looking for crew to sail our regattas. At CGSC we are always trying to help sailors fulfill their sailing ambitions. The weather, winds and water are great, let's get out on the Bay and do some sailing.



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FLYING SCOTS

December's BBYRA race had 9 Flying Scots on the line, keeping us the largest fleet on the bay. Henry Bernstein came in first. Ryan Alexander was second. Jeorg Reinhold and Richard Etkin were third. Chuck And Sarah Lamphere were fourth and Philippe Dusser was 5th. Castle Harbor continues to host the Flying Scots along with the Harbor 20's on Saturday mornings. The fleet invites anyone wanting to race regardless of experience to come and join in on the fun.
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Open Orange Bowl Regatta
Tuesday – Sunday
December 26-30, 2017

470 & I-420 North American Championships
Saturday – Monday
January 13-15, 2018

BBYRA One Design #5
Saturday
January 20, 2018

Sailing World Cup Miami
Monday – Friday
January 22 – 26, 2018

**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**



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

I always used to joke that Vice Commodore is the most important job at the CGSC, because the Vice Commodore is in charge of the toilets and the parking. But joking aside, keeping the club property maintained and ready for sailing is what it's all about (park, go to the toilet, go sailing, right?). Each month the property committee meets to discuss what work needs to get done, and plan for future property developments. This month we looked at several projects: Firstly, I'm on a mission to upgrade the downstairs toilets, and the current plans including getting the doors mounted, hiding the pipes below the basins, and putting in drop ceilings to hide the plumbing up there. Thanks to Duffy Samuel for taking on these projects. Next, the gardens continue to benefit from Jen Cheney's attention (after my whoops on workday ... I don't know the difference between a croton and a clausia), and area by area we're starting to look good. Janice Pruett is working on getting the artificial turf straightened out ... at some stage we will need about 20 strong backs to help pull it all around. Also out there we are looking at adding a chickee hut where the tree used to be, so we can sit in the shade and watch the world go by after a long day out on the bay. Over in the youth program area I am supporting Alberto with the design and installation of new racks for the Sunfish and

Lasers, along the lines of the racks we have for the Optimist. The new racks have to fit in with a new storage container that will replace the two sheds that got destroyed by Irma. Lastly, I hope we can get our recycling organized ... a lot of beer and rum bottles are going to the regular trash! If you are interested in helping out with any of these projects, or have suggestions for new projects, let me know - volunteers are always welcome.



So, what about sailing? The Thanksgiving weekend was an excellent opportunity to get off the mooring. Moon Glow took out a late Thursday night load of people with stomachs full of turkey, spent Friday night at Chicken Key, and took a rest while I sailed on another boat on Sunday. A great time for family and friends to get together and give thanks ... thanks for the wonderful sailing we have on Biscayne Bay. See you out there!

Geoff Sutcliffe,
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Iam happy to report that Basic Coastal Cruising and Bareboat Cruising certification courses are once again being offered at CGSC, after a brief hiatus. The first Basic Coastal Cruising course is already scheduled for January and has been filled; additional courses will be scheduled thereafter, at least once a month. If you have your U.S. Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification and you wish to move up to sailing cruising vessels, feel free to contact me, the Adult Sailing Director or visit CGSC's website for information on when courses will be held and all of the details needed to register. The Basic Coastal Cruising Certification will make you eligible to participate in CGSC's Beneteau

Adopt-A-Boat program, and the Bareboat Cruising Certification is necessary to charter boats for overnight use in The Bahamas and beyond.

Sheet in, hike out, turn on...

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Adult Sailing

HAPPY NEW YEAR from your Adult Instructional program for 2018. Despite IRMA's interruption of three normally scheduled classes and specific boat damage, we have finished the 2017 instructional season with a good showing for our classes with all boats back in service. Another good note for 2018 is the resumption of US Sailing Cruising classes with certification. Thanks to Rear Commodore James Grupenhoff and member Capt. Bruce Penrod, we have two BASIC CRUISING Classes currently scheduled for January 2018. These are three (3) day classes. The first is January 9-10-11 (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday) and the second is January 26-27-28 (Friday-Saturday-Sunday). We currently have more than enough Basic Keelboat Certified sailors, that we should be able to fill these classes and hopefully schedule more. The BASIC CRUISING Certification for members will allow them to participate in the Adopt-a-Beneteau program and begin use of our Beneteaus for day-sailing.

Safety Inspections: Our US Sailing Courses always stress safety inspections of the boat you are about to use. It is required during classes and for the Ensigns it is required in the instructions for the member users once they are qualified to take out the Ensigns for day sailing. Recently an astute student noticed a crack in the gooseneck on one of our most used Ensigns. Had we sailed out without noticing it, the boom likely would have broken free of the mast with the potential for injury as well as sail and other damage. On another occasion one of our students noticed the key missing from the clevis pin on a backstay prior to heading out.

That could easily have resulted in a dismasting, but was caught. A recent issue with one of our Beneteaus being dismasted may have been prevented with a safety check prior to departure. As prudent sailors, we should always do a safety check and report any problems or even suspicions to the dock staff.

We are very pleased to have member Michael DelMarmol, now a certified US Sailing Keelboat Instructor, helping with our classes and coaching. We have especially been short-handed with weekday instructional demands, and Michael stands to help us significantly in this regard. Thanks also to Michael who was very helpful to us with the Ensigns during Work Sunday. (Who knows how to varnish better than Michael?)

Lastly, our sailing class Gift Certificates were a big hit this Christmas season. I was up late many nights preparing these special, customized certificates. Just a reminder that Gift Certificates are available year-round for Sunfish, Keelboat and other classes, coaching or even a simple two-hour introduction to sailing class on an Ensign for \$90. These are very unique gifts and a special certificate that will make the recipient smile.

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

Richard Crisler

Adult Training Chair

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Chamber of Commerce Conditions return for the Melges 20s!

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's string of winter championship regattas for the International Melges 20 Class got off to fantastic start when Mother Nature rolled out the red carpet December 1st through 3rd. The sailors at winter series #1 enjoyed almost perfect conditions over three straight days of moderate Northeasterly breezes on Biscayne Bay,

Day One saw an extremely talented fleet of boats from around the globe mix it up for three great races in winds of 12-15 knots to get the series rolling. The "Russian Bogatyr's" team led by Igor Rytov, held the early series lead after Friday's races with finishes of 8, 3, 2, just ahead of teams from Denmark, Italy & the United States.

On Saturday, two additional regatta fleets were out racing on Biscayne Bay, so the CGSC team moved the Melges race course a couple miles south to allow room for the Star and BBYRA One-Design race circles to share the Bay. After three

more races had been completed Saturday, the leaderboard was topped by Drew Freides's "Pacific Yankee" team, with rock star crews Morgan Reeser and Charlie Smythe pulling off a powerful 2, 2, 1 set of finishes to take command heading into the final day of racing.

Sunday saw the course location change once again. The Melges fleet swapped race course circles from the previous day with the Star regatta, and slid back to the North. Although winds were a tiny bit lighter, the 9 to 12 knot breezes still allowed for extremely tight, competitive racing.

The CGSC Race Committee team managed to get all eight races started without the need for penalty start sequences, and the final two races Sunday were no exception. As the sequence rolled down to the start of Race 7, the line appeared to be square to the wind, but the entire fleet was crowding the starboard end of the start line. CGSC Principal Race Officer Blake Middleton, looked over his



shoulder with about 20 seconds to go before the start and decided it could never be a fair race, so he put up the Postponement flag just seconds before the start.

Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer and his Pin Boat team pulled their anchor and reset the start line in an effort to try and convince the fleet that both ends of the line could use some “love.” It worked, and the fleet was off for yet another great beat to the windward mark.

When the RC announced finish positions over the VHF radio after the conclusion of Race 7, the top teams did the math to see what the regatta score totals were. The “Pacific Yankee” team knew that they had secured the regatta win with one race to go, and they were able to sail in early, using the final race as their “discard” for the series.

The racing was incredibly tight, with numerous downwind finishes having three to six boats overlapped as they crossed the line. Over the course of the eight- race series, seven different boats won individual races. Freide’s “Pacific Yankee” team proved once again that consistency pays off at sailing competitions. They even fought back to place second in a race on Saturday after having to restart after being called over early. The incredibly deep, talented fleet saw three Russian boats (“Russian Bogatyrs”, “Nika”, and “Russotrans” finishing 2nd through 4th in the regatta, while the Italian entry “Mascalzone Latino jr” finished 5th.

Full Results and crews link:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=4478

Many thanks for the generous support of Ev Hoffman, who provided Trahandy II as Signal Boat for the regatta! P.R.O. Middleton was supported on the Signal Boat by Dottie Rostorfer and Sicotte Hamilton as timers, along with master recorders Connie Bradley and Denise Schneider, Dick Pober and Rick Klein.

The Mark set boat duties at the top end of the course were handled by Race Committee Chair



Susan Walcutt, with support of Vickie Matthews, Bill Quesenberry, David Frazier, Hamilton and Pober.

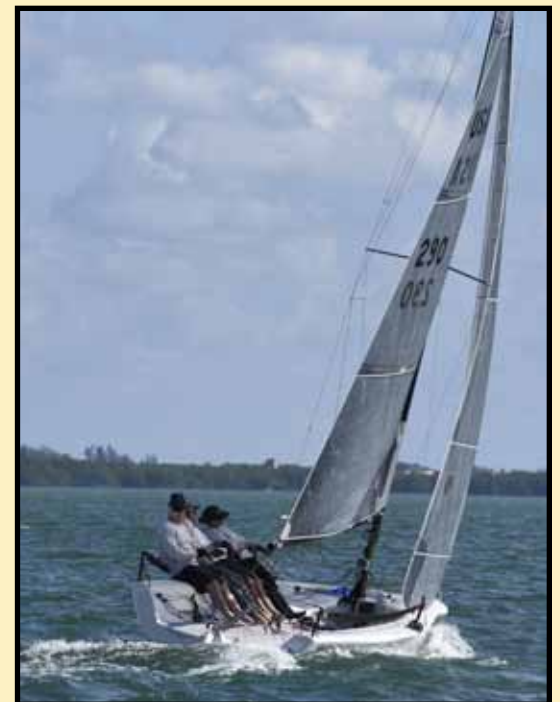
Ron Rostorfer's Pin Boat team had drivers Deborah Ryder and Allen Cox, along with brand new CGSC RC volunteer Max Boschetti.

On the Gate Boat, race officer George Bradley had the able assistance of Julie Hanrahan, Cox, Klein and Pober.

Susan Walcutt handled the scoring for the event, while CSGC Regatta Chair Richard Etkin and Maryann Etkin stepped in to assist Susan with registration, plus shoreside duties and protest committee support.

One of the genuine signs of how much talent exists on the CGSC Race Committee team is shown by the examples listed above of the same people in multiple positions on different RC boats on different days. The skills, abilities and willingness to adapt to different needs and roles on the team is huge!

That's just another example of why Coconut Grove Sailing Club manages the challenges of running so many big national and international events so well. And when Mother Nature provides "Chamber of Commerce" conditions for an entire regatta... well that doesn't hurt one bit either.



Photos provided by Richard Pober

YOUTH NEWS OF INTEREST

The World Championships just concluded in China. American twin sisters Carmen and Emma Cowles dominated the girls I-420 to win the Gold Medal. The Boy's I-420 team of Tom Rice and Trevor Bomarth took Silver, just ahead of the Australians.

CGSC has hosted the I-420 Nationals and North Americans for the past several years, as well as hosting a Training Camp over Thanksgiving Weekend each year. As a result, our Club has provided a venue where these and many other I-420 youth teams have successfully honed their skills. So, in a modest way, our Club played a role in these world class successes.

Regarding Carmen and Emma specifically, they are a special team. The Boys and Girls race together at our events. We've seen the two of them compete and win

in big breeze against Boys teams with more weight, muscle and leverage.

The I-420 is the Youth trainer for the Olympic 470 Class, which is sailed by both Men's Mixed and Women's teams.

In addition, the USA Girl Laser Radial competitor, Charlotte Rose, also won Gold at the event.

Below is the article as reprinted from Monday's Scuttlebutt sailing e-newsletter. Bold type added for emphasis.

Ron Rostorfer

(Reprint)

Medals awarded at Youth Sailing Worlds

Sanya, China (December 15, 2017) - The final day of the 2017 Youth Sailing World Championships delivered gorgeous sunshine and a consistent 12 knot easterly breeze to complete one final race for each of the nine events.

American twin sisters Carmen and Emma Cowles claimed a stylish gold medal in the Girls 420 with a race win. They finished 26-points ahead of Violette Dorange and Camille Orion (FRA) and Arianna Passamonti and Giulia Fava (ITA) who completed the podium.

"Right now we're trying to digest it," said the sisters in unison. "It's still sinking in. We're going to tell our mother and sister, they've been following it from afar, even though it's midnight there. They're probably really excited right now."

Australia's Otto Henry and Rome Featherstone overcame Thomas Rice and Trevor Bornarth (USA) to win gold in the Boys 420. Henry and Featherstone trailed the Americans by a single point ahead of the final race and had a game plan.

"We knew we had to beat the Americans and come ninth or better. We knew we had to get a good result," explained Henry. "But it didn't quite go by the play back

as he continued, "We stuffed up the start. We were jammed in between the start boat and the French and then we couldn't go anywhere so we hit them. We had to do two penalty spins. But we stuck to our plan and came back from there. It worked well in the end."

The Australians came through in third with the Americans behind in 11th which gave them silver. Ido Bilik and Noam Homri (ISR) completed the podium.

It was a tense finale in the Girls Laser Radial as Charlotte Rose (USA) and Dolores Moreira Fraschini (URU) went toe to toe. A mid-fleet battle ensued but Rose did just enough, finishing 17th to win via countback as she was tied with the Uruguayan.

Nations Trophy: Italy's consistent performance across the week earned them their fourth **Nations Trophy**, an award which recognizes the top performing national team in the competition. Italy also won in 2006, 2013, and 2016. Israel and USA, neither of which have won before, finished second and third respectively, both improving on their **performance in 2016**.

The competition for the 374 sailors from 60 nations was held on December 11 to 15.