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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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Inaugural Can-American
Cup Opti Regatta

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The importance of sailing in less than perfect days was evident during some recent regattas. Often we get a little intimidated by the weather. Sometimes we are just a little lazy to sail in less than ideal conditions. Everyone can sail well in 10 to 12 knots of wind. All boats perform well in this wind range. However, it is important to set sail on days that are 15 knots plus and the days where it is a sleepy 5 to 8 knots. Waiting for those perfect sailing days can result in a lot of time sitting at anchor. The last 3 months our regattas have served up a little bit of everything. Several times we started the first race in light winds and finished the third race in winds approaching 18 to 20 knots. If we had not practiced in all conditions there would have been few participants in the racing. Our last two races saw competitors launching spinnakers in winds ranging from 7 knots

to around 15 knots during the three races. It takes a bit of confidence from the entire crew, to set, jibe and take down the spinnaker in shifty conditions. Our last race saw knock downs, spinnakers wrapped, shrimping, and of course, fantastic downwind surfing. All of this added to the sailing experience and gave us confidence for what ever happened next. However, none of this would have occurred if we had remained on the dock waiting for the "perfect" sailing day. We should all push away from the dock or lift the anchor and spend some time on the Bay. It all makes the next less than ideal day easier. Let's go sailing!



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**CGSC's
Commodore's Cup Weekend
(Members Only)
April 28 - 29, 2018**

**Junior Commodore's Cup
Saturday
April 28, 2018**

**Senior Commodore's Cup
Sunday
April 29, 2018**

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

A colleague at my work has her son in the youth program, learning to sail an Opti. She sent me this photo in an email, saying "Last weekend's regatta was a bit tough". The email exchange that ensued went like this ...



Me: Whoops. The rudder in the rigging is a bad sign!

Colleague: Yes! He has two rudders!

Me: It's not all bad ... they learn how to deal calmly with adversity.

Colleague: Thankfully Sunday was a great day and they got 4 races in.

Me: Excellent!

Colleague: My husband and I are planning on learning to sail this summer. Seems our family might be getting hooked on this sailing thing!

Me: Let me tell you how it goes ...

You are happy
You have money
You start sailing
You get hooked
You buy a boat
You do not have money
You keep sailing
You are happy



Colleague: Hilarious! Given we have 3 kids, and the girls are showing a lot of interest in sailing ... 4 years from now we are likely to own 3 boats!

That email exchange truly reflects how much the youth program is great for kids, and how parents eventually too cannot resist getting involved and enjoying the fun and sport of sailing from the club. Well done to the youth sailors and coaches alike! As a bonus, that's my very first piece of sailing poetry, and I like it. Very Haiku-like. I'll do private and public recitals while sailing, out on Biscayne Bay ... see you out there!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

On March 10th Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the Inaugural "Can-American Cup" Opti Regatta. Visiting Opti sailors from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron were joined by fleets from CGSC, Coral Reef Yacht Club and Key Biscayne Yacht Club for a day of competitive racing and camaraderie on Biscayne Bay. Over 70 boats braved the choppy conditions for four hard-fought races. We hope our friends from the north enjoyed our hospitality and we look forward to developing it into an annual event.



James Grupenhoff, Rear Commodore
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MIAMI SAILING WEEK

Quite a different look on the Club lawn over the “weekend” of March 7-10 when Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted Miami Sailing Week. Very nice looking lounge furniture was set up adjacent to open bars sponsored by Gosling’s Rum and a local brewer. CGSC’s kitchen staff provided excellent appetizers on Wednesday through Friday night, and dinner with the Awards Presentation on Saturday night. It all proved very popular with the regatta participants, with many staying after dark when the temporary lighting above the area was turned on.

Oh, yes, there was sailboat racing, too. CGSC hosted three classes to the north on the Bay, called Alpha Circle. They were A-Cat catamarans, Melges 24’s and Flying Tiger 7.5’s. 36 boats competed, overall. CGSC had not previously seen the A-Cats. Wow, are they fast! Some are foiling,

some not. They’re scored both separately and together. The Melges 24’s were very competitive, as usual. We had not seen them since we ran their World Championships on the ocean about 15 months ago. The Flying Tigers are a rental program based in Canada that gives northern sailors the opportunity to race in Miami without buying a boat. They come complete with coaches on each boat, and the well-known Bill Gladstone as overall coach on a RIB.

Weather and Racing. Thursday’s first day saw NW winds averaging around 15 knots. This isn’t our “Chamber of Commerce” wind direction, with big, cyclical shifts as usual. The axis for these windward-leeward courses was set in about the middle of the oscillations, and CGSC’s Race Committee let the competitors play the game.

Three races were conducted for the keel boats, but the A-Cats had had enough fun after two races, and headed ashore. Bruce Mahoney set the stage in the 16-boat A-Cats as he foiled his way to



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three bullets on the day. The 15-boat Melges 24's were a jumbled mess, complete with Black Flag penalties. A 4-2-4 posting led the day. A 1-3-1 took the day among the five Flying Tigers.

By Friday, the wind had moved right to east of north. However, it kept on moving during the day, so our Race Committee had to re-orient the course for the final races of the day. The wind was lighter than Thursday. Bruce kept it up in the A-Cats, who sailed all three races. Full Throttle had a 2-1-1 for the day to take the lead in the Melges 24's and Torgeedo had won half of the six races sailed to lead the Flying Tigers.



every race with his foiling A-Cat. Ben Hall, former owner of Hall Spars in RI was the best of the non-foilers.

In the Melges 24's, Bruce Ayres Monsoon finished well after a Black Flag in Race 3, edging out Brian Porter's Full Throttle for the win. Richard Griffin's



Saturday was "Chamber of Commerce." Steady SE winds from 135 degrees with good pressure made it just about all one could ask, except for the primarily overcast skies. Bruce Mahoney won



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Torgeedo held on to win the Tigers by a slim one point margin. The trophy presentation on the Club lawn Saturday evening was a very happy affair.

Race Committee. CGSC's veteran Race Committee received high accolades from the racers for its on-water performance during the event. Special thanks to our private boat owners, Ev Hoffman's Trahandy II as Signal Boat, and RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender as Mark Boat. Our Principal Race Officer was Ron Rostorfer, PC. The Signal Boat crew included Sounder Ev, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Denise Schneider and Sherry Pearsall, and Recorder/Scorer Jo Ann Mathieu.



Up to windward with Susan were Navigator Steve Herman and crew Kathy Gunst, and Dick Pober. The Gate Boat Race Officer was Rick Klein with Allen Cox and Don Libby. The Pin Boat Race



Officers were Max Boschetti for the first two days, followed by Helen Phillips. Bill Becker was the Operator and Paul Plump crewed.

Special thanks to our out-of-town Judges who drove over from Ft. Myers to assist. They were National Judge Rob Rowlands and Regional Judge Carol Robinson. They were a huge help. We're looking forward to having them back. All in all, a great regatta – on the water and ashore, as well.

Photos provided by Richard Pober

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone, what a busy season it is turning out to be but as always CGSC is the place for sailors to be. With all the action going on let me recount to you about our inaugural CanAmerican Cup. The 1st Annual CanAmerican Cup got underway at 1030 AM Saturday March 10th on a cloudy Biscayne bay. 75 optimists gathered from Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Key Biscayne Yacht Club, Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. PRO Carlos Beckmann ran 5 good races and at the end of the day the top 3 overall finishers were awarded trophies at CGSC.

1 st Overall	Parker Tyson	Coral Reef Yacht Club
2 nd Overall	Cort Snyder	Coral Reef Yacht Club
3 rd Overall	Jackson McAuley	Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

A heartfelt thank you to PRO Carlos Beckmann for a great day of racing, and to Paul Van Puffelen and his crew aboard Sweet Lime: Karime Beckmann, Adriana Davila, Rear Commodore James Gruppenhoff, to scorers Erik Crep and Derek Kellett, and to all the coaches and sailors of Biscayne Bay for taking part in this unique event.

Just before that, we hosted the Lake Forest Sailing Team here at CGSC and were joined by the legend himself Mr. Scott Norman. The kids had a great President's Day weekend sailing and benefitted greatly from

Scott's expertise and experience in coaching. Shortly after that, we attended the 2018 USODA Sunshine State Championship in Jensen Beach FL where after a windy and wild weekend our very own Martin Barrera qualified for the 2018 USODA Team Trials! And to add to the fun, I am pleased to announce that for the first time ever, CGSC will be represented in the 2018 Laser 4.7 World Championship by Marina Geilen, Humberto Porrata, and Guilio Zunino. And that's not all! Our up-and-coming Carlos Beckmann Jr. attended the 2018 WestMex Optimist Regatta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and qualified for the Opti North Americans and World Championships! This means that CGSC will be represented in 2018 at 3 world-class events! This is a huge achievement and all of these sailors should be commended for their hard work and dedication to the sport they love and cherish. Enjoy these photos from the last few weeks, and see you next month!

Fair Winds,
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The Washington's Birthday Regatta

February 24, 2018

The 2018 Washington's Birthday Regatta, first organized by Ralph Middleton Monroe in 1887, was sailed on February 24. This year an open class was added for more modern sailing vessels, joining the Sharpies, Seal Pearl, Egrets, Core Sound and Bahama Dinghies. Also new, the dinghies included a Chesapeake Light Craft, "CLC" Noreaster Dory. It was sailed by first time participant, Oscar Kramer and his 8 year old son who ultimately won the class! New to the "hen" division, a Compac Suncat sailed by Paul Steinbrecher. The easterly breeze filled the race course at 12-17 knots, with 3 races sailed. The open class sailed 2 longer races on a government mark course. Consider this an open invitation to all classic sailboats! The results of each class: Egret Class: 1. Peter Sawyer, Sharpie Arch Davis, 2. Alyn Pruett, Choey Lee Effortless, 3. Rob Rogerson, Monroe Sharpie, Egret. Sandpiper Class: 1. Oscar Kramer, CLC Noreaster Dory, 2. Julie Hanrahan, Herreshoff Bullseye, Clover, 3. Bill Monroe, Bahama Dinghy Smithsonian. Plover Class: 1. Danny Garcia, Beach Hen, Poulee Moulee, 2. Paul Steinbrecher, Compac Suncat, Kite, 3, Mike Chapman, Melon Seed, Scoter.

We were privileged to have the "Pilar", the replica of Hemmingway's 1934 sport fishing boat, as our signal boat. Thank you to Harry Horgan and Shake a leg!

Although docks and the boathouse were damaged in Hurricane Irma, the spirit on the regatta was unaffected, with smiles and stories told at the chowder party. Thank you to Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and John Nordt (sailing his X Dinghy) for their help in securing temporary floating docks for the regatta. Also, Lauren, and the CGSC, for allowing moorings to be shared by these beautiful, classic boats. The black and white aerial photo was taken in 1920. (The Barnacle Historic State Park facebook page) The "photographers" for 2018 are Saralee Lamb, John Kandara, Kathy Gunst and Susan Walcutt. All members of the CGSC Race Committee included: Ev Hoffman, Bill Quesenberry, Bill Becker, Steve Herman, Joann Mathieu, Denise Schneider, Don Poole, Marc Allen and our Sounder, Janice Pruett. Thank you to The Barnacle Historic State Park rangers and John Palanchar and team from the Barnacle Society for your organizing efforts. Nancy Rogachenko, PRO Washington's Birthday Regatta, CGSC



Adult Sailing

At this writing, we have just completed our March 10-11 US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Class. For all of 2018 so far we have been able to complete our regular schedule of keelboat classes, all well attended, with almost no weather inconveniences. We are well ahead of last year with the Basic Keelboat classes. We have also successfully completed our Cruising classes to this point, thanks to Capt. Bruce Penrod. Congratulations to members, Carla Pugh, Scott Avirett and Glenn Cunningham for earning their BASIC CRUISING Certification this past month, which qualifies them to be a part of our successful Beneteau cruising program, "Adopt-a-Beneteau". Our next BASIC CRUISING class will be May 11-13. Contact Bruce at bapenrod29@msn.com. By the time of this CHANNEL issue, we will have completed another full weekend BASIC KEELBOAT Course on March 17-18, with two weekend classes scheduled for April 14-15 and April 21-22. Contact richardc@cgsc.org for information or to register. Our April Adult Sunfish Class is scheduled for the weekend of April 7-8 with certified instructor, Philip Adams. Contact Philip at pmwdadams@gmail.com for information or to sign up for the Sunfish class or to inquire about our weekly Sunfish racing clinics. Also, look for our Flying Scot Wednesday evening racing, open to all, to start up again soon, now that we are on Daylight Savings Time.

In the realm of Adult Sailing, we signed up one of our classic Ensigns for the annual Washington's Birthday Regatta, conducted by the Barnacle in cooperation with CGSC.

It was a challenging day weather-wise, but along with crew members Alex Fox and wife Birgit, we managed a first place trophy in our class. This is such a great annual all-day event, ending with a hugely successful chowder dinner and awards.

Finally, if your looking for that special gift for a birthday or other special occasion, consider our Sailing Gift Certificates. This can be for a two (2) hour Introduction-to-Sailing, to Sunfish or Keelboat classes and all the way to a full certification packages. Our Gift Certificates issued in this past year exceeds any previous year. Contact Richard for more information.

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

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Flying Sctos

At the writing of this article the March races have not been run yet for BBYRA. The February race was run in pretty windy conditions. Ten boats left the dock but only seven boats raced with some returning to the dock because of the one hour delayed start and wind. The top four boats in order were Jim and Cheryl Signor first, Andy Hoffman and Dave Martin second, Henry Burnstein Third and Ryan Alexander 4th. Several of the Saturday morning races were cancelled due to high winds but they continue on all days that are 15 knots and below. Come out and join us for 3 short fun races. We put boats in the water at 9:15 and are back in by 1:30 for beer and hot dogs. Wednesday night races will start again with the time change.

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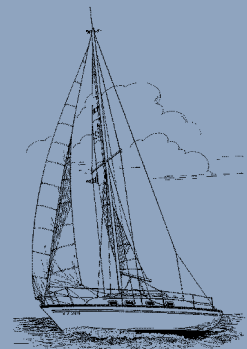
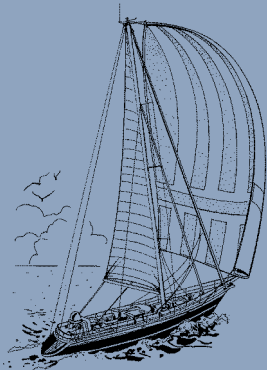


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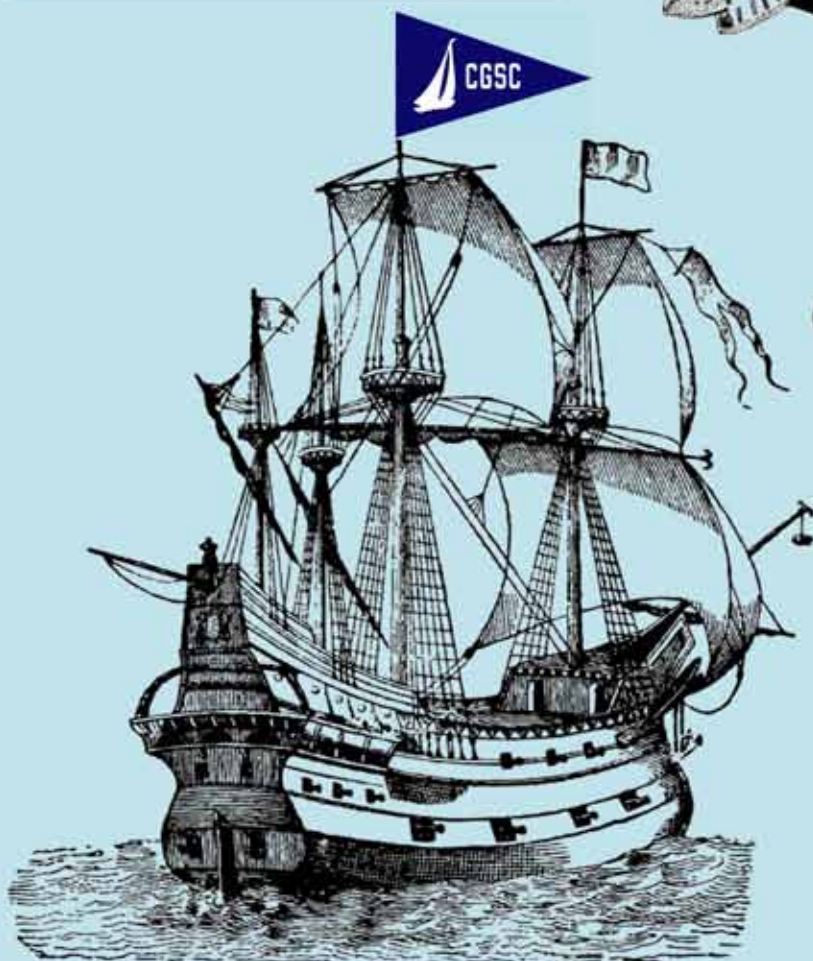
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