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*Don Q Snipe  
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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Over the past few years everyone has heard my song of the value of sailboat racing. It is easily one of the things that brings the biggest smile to my face. Fortunately, the size of my smile is not directly related to the finish position, although podium finishes have their own level of joy. The members of BBYRA, Miami Yacht Club, Key Biscayne Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and Coconut Grove Sailing Club, each have a number of members that produce our races. Each group of Race Committee volunteers works hard to ensure we have a well positioned course for our races. They give us wind and distance readings and record our results. Often the blustery conditions that we as racers enjoy, provide an uncomfortable day being bounced around in the committee boats. Setting and resetting marks for wind shifts and repeatedly "yanking" anchors can take a toll on anyone, but the Race Committee does

it smiling with no complaint. As racers we try to thank the Race Committee as we pass the Committee boat when we finish the last race and the people on the signal boat appear to appreciate our gratitude. The past couple of years, because of other obligations, I have participated very little with the RC but expect to do more next regatta season. If you can try to give the Race Committees a hand when you have some free time, it is well worth the effort. Meanwhile, whether you race or not, when you see a RC volunteer say thanks for what they do, they have earned it.



Thank you

*Ryan Alexander,*  
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## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

#### **RESCHEDULED**

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta  
& BBYRA #2  
Saturday  
May 12, 2018**

#### **Annual Goombay Regattas**

#### **PHRF Pursuit Regatta**

**Saturday**

**May 26, 2018**

#### **One Design Regatta**

**Sunday**

**May 27, 2018**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
@ [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)  
FOR BBYRA 2017-18 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

Each month at the board and general club meetings our Commodore, Ryan Alexander, reminds me that his tenure is coming to a end in a few months, and barring unforeseen circumstances that I'll be given the reins. With that in mind, I am always pleased to hear James Liebl give his Race Committee report at the general meeting, which starts with a reminder of the club's mission ... to get butts on boats on the bay! As Vice-Commodore I sometimes get frustrated how many people complain about the parking, while they sit on the Grove's Nest balcony looking out at the wonderful view of sailing boats. Where am I going with this? Recently I was in Washington DC (to renew my Australian passport), and took the opportunity to see some of the monuments and historic sites. At the Lincoln memorial I went in to the small museum down below, and was very impressed by the engraved extract from Lincoln's letter to the Honorable Horace Greeley. I'm going to blatantly paraphrase, to make my position about the parking and the sailing clear ...

My paramount object in this struggle is to get butts on boats on the bay, and is not either to save or to destroy parking spaces. If I could get butts on boats on the bay by saving parking spaces I would do it, and if I could

get butts on boats on the bay by destroying parking spaces I would do it; and if I could get butts on boats on the bay by saving some parking spaces and destroying others I would also do that. ... I have here stated my purpose according to my view of official duty; and I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all sailors every where could find free parking spaces.



That is written with admiration and respect for a great American. And did you know Lincoln did some sailing ... when he was 19 years old he got a job sailing sailing a flatboat down the Mississippi River. The prominent southern slave trade that Lincoln saw on this trip heavily influenced him, and prompted him to proclaim an oath to combat slavery, which he fulfilled decades later as president.

Butts on boats on the bay! See you out there!

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Vice Commodore*  
Moonglow - Bristol 30'  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

May is upon us and once again it is time for our annual fundraising event for the Youth Sailing Program, "The Flip Flop Fete". This year's Fete will be on May 5th and appropriately will have a "Cinco de Mayo" theme. This event is very important for the continued health and wellbeing of our Youth Program, as the funds raised via the sale of the tickets, the silent auction and raffle are vital to the upkeep and replacement of our equipment. Our Youth Summer Camp will likely see another 300 kids get experience sailing on Biscayne Bay at CGSC this year, many for the first time. We need the support of all members (and anyone else) who is willing to pitch in and make a donation to helps maintain this effort (and its going to be a lot of fun). There will also be an adult Opti race before The Fete begins, which promises to be

hotly contested and somewhat ridiculous. I hope to see you there!

Regards,  
*James Gruppenhoff,*  
Rear Commodore  
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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
ANNUAL MEETING

will be held on

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM

All members should plan to attend.

## Don Q 2018

The 52nd Don Q Rum Keg Regatta delivered its dependable mix of Serious Sailing, Serious Fun® on March 23-25 in Miami, FL. Six countries and 31 boats completed the eight races on Biscayne Bay for this World Qualifier event which remains the premier Snipe event in the winter and one of the best of the year.

Friday's forecast was for 13-15 knots of NE breeze, but it never built to anything over 12 knots and the shifts provided plenty of opportunity for gains and losses on the four leg windward leeward course.

Ernesto Rodriguez/Kathleen Tocke won all three races, so the battle was for second overall with the points tight behind them. (This theme continued for the next two days.)

Saturday's breeze was lighter and righter, and less predictable than the usual Biscayne Bay with shifts and puffs filling from both sides. Ernesto and Kathleen finally managed to sail a drop race (a second, behind George Szabo/Diana Waterbury). Sabo was so excited he screamed "it feels like winning the worlds" as he crossed the finish line ahead of Ernesto. Carol Cronin/Kim Couranz moved up to second overall with three top six scores, but the points remained close going into the final day.

Sunday's glassy Bay required a postponement to wait for the breeze to materialize, but the race committee's patience was rewarded and we managed to squeak in two more races in a 4-7 knot southerly; the first of which had to be shortened at the weather mark due to the dying wind and the second which required the not often seen in the Snipe Class "U" Flag. Randy Lake/Madeleine McGrath avoided the biggest holes and handled the powerboat chop well to win race 7; Pietro Fantoni/Silvia Penso took the last race (and then also won the all-important race to the hoist). Three countries in the top five!

Once again we need to thank Cathy and Mark Buller for the use of their sailboat Otra Cuba Libre as the signal boat. They seem to always step up to the plate when we need them as well as the close to 20 volunteers which made up the Race committee for this event.



Photos by  
Cherie Branning

# ADULT SAILING REPORT

**W**e are on a “roll”. Every BASIC KEELBOAT class in 2018 so far has been at or near Full, with no weather cancellations. Our Cruising Courses with Capt. Brue Penrod continue to fill and have been taught with good regularity. Our Sunfish Classes and Clinics with certified Instructor Philip Adams continue to grow and prosper, and we have keelboat class reservations all the way out through July 2018. Every time this Instructor goes out teaching or coaching, I see one or both of our Beneteau cruising boats coming or going in Brennan Channel. That’s CGSC, with a concentration on the “S”!

Congratulations to Hank Resnik, Ayrton Neto, and Tomasz Migurski for earning their US Sailing BASIC CRUISING Certification and further to Mal Applebaum, Stephen Rodger and Tomasz Migurski for completing their BAREBOAT CRUISING Certification. Both of these classes were taught by Captain Bruce Penrod, and our next scheduled cruising class is BASIC CRUISING on May 11-12-13. Contact Captain Bruce at [bapenrod29@msn.com](mailto:bapenrod29@msn.com) or 814-341-0094. Congratulations to new member Francisco Diaz for earning his US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification. Through these certifications, these members are now qualified to take advantage of the member-use program

at the boat level they have been certified for. It doesn’t happen often, thank goodness, but an over anxious member-user pulled the main halyard shackle to the top of the mast without it being attached to the mainsail on one of our Ensigns. With the help of members and staff, we have worked out a not-painless way to retrieve the halyards from the Ensigns. We raft the Ensign to our Beneteau TOGETHER, then send a volunteer in a bosuns chair up the mast of TOGETHER to the height of the lower Ensign mast, heel the two boats towards each other, and then we can reach over from the big boat to the smaller boat and retrieve the halyard. This happened this month to our member’s favorite Ensign, PUFF-DADDY. Thanks to Capt. Duane, our Dock Master and Max Boschetti for assisting us with this retrieval. We just don’t want to make a practice of it!

Any questions about our Adult Instructional program? Give us a call!

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

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# This Time, Patience Is The Key For The Melges 20S!

**U**nlike the classic “Chamber of Commerce conditions” seen during the first two Melges 20 Winter Series regattas in December and February, the March event required significant doses of patience for both the competitors and the race management team. And for those who displayed that patience, the rewards of great sailing on Biscayne Bay were still there!

A week before the event, the early forecast looked promising, with moderate winds on tap for all three days. As the regatta got closer, the forecast got progressively more depressing each day as the expected wind numbers kept dropping again and again. By the time the competitor’s meeting rolled around on Thursday evening, the prognosis had devolved to “marginal” wind conditions on Friday and Saturday, and horrible (almost nonexistent) wind conditions on Sunday.

Since the wind forecast for Friday morning called for very light breezes, PRO Blake Middleton announced an on-shore postponement. Susan’s mark set boat went out early to check conditions, and quickly reported back that there was indeed almost no breeze on the Bay.

The original warning signal time got pushed back several hours. After a long delay ashore, the wind started to fill, so the AP ashore was dropped, and the fleet and rest of the

race committee headed out.

CGSC often needs to coordinate how to share Biscayne Bay race courses with other events on many winter regatta weekends. Fortunately, it’s a big bay! When the RC team left the dock, we all knew about an Etchells regatta on the schedule. The Melges and Etchells PROs had already coordinated the location of race course circles. The unexpected twist was to find that two additional small boat regattas were also on tap for the weekend. Once the course was starting to get set up, the CGSC Mark set boat found a huge Optimist regatta course being set directly upwind of our weather mark location. At the same time, the signal boat found a 29er fleet regatta directly to leeward of the Melges 20 starting line. With the entrance to the Dinner Key channel just to the southwest, the best option was to have everyone breathe in, hold our breath, and cross our fingers. So we did just that!

By the time the wind had built consistently above the Melges 20 class minimums, and the direction had stabilized enough to finish setting up the race course, the initial warning signal for Race 1 was signaled a bit after 2pm. By being patient, decent race conditions had developed and the fleet was off! Daniel Thielman’s team on “Kuai” pulled away to take the



Regatta winner Proskhin aboard *Nika*.

Photos by  
Cherie Branning

first race win, just ahead of “Heartbreaker”. Rob Wilber and his crew of Charlie McKee and Matt Woodworth started with an 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the first two races, but won the 3<sup>rd</sup> race in a tight battle with multiple boats overlapped at the finish line. South/ Southeasterly winds for the day averaged 6-8 knots. After three races, “Nika” held a narrow regatta lead, with the next 5 boats each lined up just a single point apart per boat. On day two, the Teams arrived to find what looked to be almost a carbon copy of the first regatta day. Once again, the easy call was to postpone ashore again. While none of the Melges sailors were excited to be missing out on racing, there was unanimous agreement that since the racing conditions were horrible, they were thrilled to not be bobbing around on Biscayne Bay for hours in no wind.

By 1pm, the breeze was starting to fill in, so the fleet was sent out. Like Friday’s races, the first race wasn’t started until many hours after the scheduled time, with the first warning signal of the day signaled after 3pm, which is a bit unusual. Vladimir Proskikhin’s Russian team aboard “Nika” was quick to take advantage by taking the “bullet” in Race 4, just ahead of the “Midnight Sun” team led by skipper Alex Michas.

When Race 5 started, things changed up quickly. Eight (8) boats were over the line early and called back under

an individual recall. 7 of the 8 returned to restart correctly. Fortunately, only a single boat failed to restart and be scored OCS.

Although the time was getting late, the breeze had built a bit, with gusts over 11 knots. Combined with the “challenging” forecast for Sunday, a decision was made to do a third straight race. A small course change was put in by the RC team, and the fleet was off successfully. This time the boat that figured out the shifty winds best was “Mascalzone Latino Jr” with skipper Achille Onorato and his international crew, including two-time Olympic Gold medalist tactician Malcom Page.

With six races completed at the end of racing Saturday, the Sailing Instructions allowed for a throw-out, so each boat could discard their worst finish position in the regatta.

When Sunday arrived, the wind (as expected) failed to arrive at all. After another on-shore postponement, and the likelihood that breeze needed for championship sailing conditions was not likely, and the decision was made to complete the event

P.R.O. Blake Middleton was supported on the Signal Boat by Ev Hoffman, who continues to set the standard for Signal Boat skipper at CGSC for the Melges (and plenty of others)



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events. Ev's generous and gracious support in providing his beautiful Trahandy II for all three Melges 20 regattas for the season has been incredibly appreciated by the entire CGSC Race Committee team. And he's really become an expert member of the race committee team along the way too!

Other RC team members on the Signal Boat included Dottie Rostorfer, Connie Bradley, Denise Schneider, JoAnn Mathieu, and Charles Heimler. JoAnn again handled the scoring for the event from the Signal Boat. Denise also took on the thankless task of organizing the lunches all three days for the entire RC team.

Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer was RO on the Pin Boat. His team included driver Patrick McLister, along with Max Boschetti, Bill Quesenberry and Melinda Smith.

Race Officer George Bradley ran the Gate boat, with the all-star "three-PROs-in-a-boat" team of Nancy Rogachenko and Rick Klein.

Thanks to the incredible support of DV Sailing, the Mark-set boat was the envy of the entire RC team for the Melges 20 regatta.

CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt served as Race officer aboard the DV Sailing Protector 36, with skipper Todd Giesler at the helm all weekend. Her support team included

Steve Herman, Kathy Gunst, Dick Pober and Philippe Dusser. CSGC Regatta Chair Richard Etkin once again managed registration with Susan Walcutt, plus ran the shoreside team and protest committee support.

The incredibly tight racing among the competitive boats showed itself in two remarkable ways; Every single one of the six races was won by a different boat, and the top four overall finishers (Russian boats Nika & Russian Bogatyrs, and American Boats Midnight Sun & Cinghiale) all finished within 5 total points of each other after 6 races! The Nika team was both patient and consistent, and that won them the title.

Prosikhin and his Nika team of Michele Ivaldi and Giorgio Tortarolo also took the overall Miami Winter Series Championship, combining results for all three 2017/18 regattas.

Many thanks and appreciation are due to the twenty talented (and patient!) members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee team for the regatta!

For results and links: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4480>

Blake Middleton



Photos provided by Richard Pober and Blake Middleton.

## FLYING SCOTS

The April Flying Scot race was remarkable in a couple of ways. First of all, the fleet was the biggest ever with 12 boats participating. Secondly the results were jumbled. The fleet captain called an audible at the start of the first race. He attempted to respond to complaints concerning the shortness and configuration of the course. As a result, the five top boats sailed a different course than the rest of the fleet. The end result was some changes in position except for the number one boat, Jim Signor. You just can't hold him down. Most of the fleet took the debacle in stride. All had a great time. We live and learn.

Here are the results

Jim Signor 1

Jeorg Reinhold & Richard Etkin 2

Chuck & Sarah Lamphere 3

Andi Hoffman and Dave Martin 4

Ryan Alexander 5

Phillippe Dusser 6

Obie Smith 7

Bud Price 8

Larry Whipple 9

Alex Sellar & Doug Sherman 10

Henry Bernstein 11

Achene Iddir 12

See you out there!

Bud





## PREVIOUS ISSUES RECAPPED

### Youth Sailing

**MARCH:** I am happy to report that I have accepted the position of Youth Director full-time and am diving in head-first to make sure CGSC has a Youth Program it can be proud of! These kids have hit the water this season with a new sense of purpose, a renewed drive to strive for greatness both personal and public; the same can be said of the coaches who are putting in day after day of hard work and keep looking for every bit of information to bring these sailors to the next level. In the short time since Hurricane Irma we have:

- qualified 2 opti sailors for the 2018 USODA Team Trials
- qualified for the 2018 Laser 4.7 Worlds (we are hoping to go with 3 sailors!!!)
- 105 registered sailors in the Spring Season
- placed in every single regatta we have attended this season!
- Alberto Olivo

**APRIL:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CanAmerican Cup got underway at 1030 AM Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 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!

-Alberto Olivo



Lake Forest Burgee Exchange



Canadian Burgee Exchange



*Marina Gellen, Humberto Porrata and Guilio Zunino all qualified for the Laser 4.7 World Championships.*

## 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. 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. 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 three bullets on the day. The 15-boat Melges 24’s were a jumbled mess, complete with Black Flag penalties. 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 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.

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.



## Pacific Yankee & Mother Nature team up again!

The February winter event in the annual Melges 20 Winter Series shared two major results with the initial winter series regatta in December. Both saw almost perfect sailing conditions on all three days of racing on Biscayne Bay. And both saw spectacular race results from Drew Friedes’s “Pacific Yankee” team. Friedes and crews Morgan Reeser and Charlie Smyth were almost untouchable in the series. The racing included a deep field of boats from four countries, many of which included teams with multiple national, international and Olympic championships in their sailing resumes. Vladimir Proskikh’s Russian team aboard “Nika” was slow out of the gate in the first race on Friday, finishing 12<sup>th</sup>, but during six of the remaining seven races, they stayed consistently in the top five, to take home second place in the regatta. The third place boat “Mascalzone Latino Jr” carried an international crew from the US, Italy and Australia, but raced under the flag of Monaco. Their talented team included Australian tactician Malcom Page, a two time

Olympic Gold medalist in the 470 class. Page just started his second year as the Chief of Olympic Sailing for the United States.



## Commodore Snipe Regatta

The club hosted the annual Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta on the first weekend in February. The long-standing event is the brainchild of “El Viejo,” Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., who started sailing and winning in Snipes in the 1950s in Havana. Considered a “must do” event for sailors devoted to the venerable Snipe class, this year sixteen boats, from as far away as Maryland and Massachusetts, came to participate. All three races were run under code flags Whisky and Delta, indicating to Snipe sailors a windward-leeward course with a downwind finish. One of the great traditions of the Rasco is the Saturday night party hosted by El Viejo (“the Old Man”) and his charming wife, Carmen, at their home. There sailors and race committee gather to relax, devour lasagna and salad, and watch El Viejo’s home movies of Castro’s arrival in Havana, sailing in Havana Harbor, and El Viejo winning the Cuban Nationals. . The top five

finishers for the regatta were: 1- Rios & Rivera; 2- Commette & Commette; 3- Cronin & Couranz; 4- Hernandez & Munzemaier; and in fifth, giving great hope to the younger members of the class, sisters Lisa and Lexi Pline sailing with the Severn Sailing Association.



Commodore Snipe Sailors

## The Washington's Birthday Regatta

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 yearold 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.



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.

## Us Sailing Honors CGSC, Rostorfer

US Sailing Award winners for 2017 were recognized February 1<sup>st</sup> for their contributions to the sport of sailing in the US. To celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals and organizations, US Sailing recognized them at the Sailing Leadership Forum in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Fifteen awards were presented that evening. Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Ron Rostorfer PC were honored with the President's Award for special contributions to the sport and partnership with US Sailing. This was the second highest award presented by US Sailing during the Awards Celebration. In making the presentation, US Sailing President Bruce Burton made the following statement:

"Many individuals and clubs contribute to our sport by hosting and staffing events, but a few go above and beyond anyone's expectations in supporting sailors and sailing. Rostorfer, the race committee and regatta committee for 15 years, was instrumental in finding a home for the U.S. International 420 Class Association in the early 2000s. They have similarly supported the 29er and 470 classes, Melges 20s and 24s. CGSC's support has contributed significantly to the redevelopment of the US I-420 class. Larry Law, president of the class, wrote, 'If there is a Guardian Angel for the sailing world, then I believe Ron and CGSC are as close to that description as can be found in our world.'

Olympic sailor David Hughes echoed that sentiment, 'I can think of no one and no club more deserving to be honored for their service to one-design sailing and sailors than Ron and CGSC. From my perspective, the I-420 and 470 classes owe a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid.'

## CGSC's Sailing World Cup - Miami

Once again, CGSC played host to the Men's and Women's RS:X Olympic Windsurfers for the 2018 Sailing World Cup - Miami. It was another big fleet regatta for our Club, with 48 Men's "Boards" and 35 Women – a total of 83 competitors. The Boards lived on scaffold racks at the Club as has been the practice over the past few years. The entire SWC-Miami event featured racing for all ten Olympic Classes on five circles around the Bay. The event headquarters were at Regatta Park, where most of the other fleets were also based.

The French windsurfers were dominant in the event, winning both Men's and Women's Classes. A Dutch Board was second, some 13 points behind. There were also three British Boards in the top 10, with the best finisher in 4<sup>th</sup>. The Dutch two-time Olympic Gold Medalist was 10<sup>th</sup>! Racing in the Women's fleet was much closer. The win by the sole French Women's Board in the top 10 was only by one point over an Italian entry, with a Spanish Board only another point back in third. The USA has not been competitive in Olympic Windsurfing for many years, and this event provided no exception. The top USA Men's Board was sailed by Pedro Pascual and finished 35<sup>th</sup> out of the 48 entries. Women's veteran Farrah Hall was 25<sup>th</sup> among the 35 Women.



## CGSC Receives US Sailing Award

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Ron Rostorfer PC were awarded US Sailing's President's Award back on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sailing Leadership Forum on St. Pete Beach. Commodore Ryan Alexander had planned to attend, but was unable to make it. Dottie Rostorfer accepted the Award on behalf of the Club. At the March Race Committee Meeting on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, the Club's Award was presented to the Commodore. In the photo, left to right, are Ron Rostorfer, PC, CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt and Commodore Ryan Alexander.



## Race Committee End-of-Season Banquet

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's active winter regatta season came to an end March 23-25 with the Annual Don Q Snipe Regatta. Promptly thereafter on the following Saturday evening, our intrepid Race Committee volunteers, over 50-strong, gathered in the Main Room to celebrate.

The kitchen staff set out a fantastic dinner with churrasco steak and Mahi-Mahi entrees accompanied by salad, veggies and followed by Key Lime Pie. Yum!

Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt served as Master of Ceremonies. The year was recapped along with a peak ahead to what sounds like an exciting next season. CGSC's US Sailing Certified Race Officers were recognized, as were the private boat owners who volunteered themselves and their boats for RC duty during the season. They received very nice boat-bag awards.

Two very special annual awards were presented. The "Rookie of the Year" Award was won by Max Boschetti. This goes to the person judged to be the most outstanding RC volunteer in his first year with our team. The "MVP"

award, the Al Chapin Trophy, was presented to Ev Hoffman for his outstanding service as Signal Boat skipper with his Trahandy II.

The Guest of Honor and speaker for the evening was Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist Kevin Burnham, who was joined for dinner by his wife Elizabeth ("EK"). Kevin captivated the audience with his tale of perseverance as he pursued his Olympic dream over a few decades in the 470 Class. Example, 12 years went by between the Silver and Gold Medals, finally winning Gold at age 47 – old enough to be the father of many competitors at the Athens Games. He received a standing ovation from the RC Members.



*Left, Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist Kevin Burnham addresses the Race Committee.*

*Right, CGSC Race Committee volunteers at the 2018 End-of-Season Banquet.*



*Signal Boat owner/skipper Ev Hoffman with the Al Chapin Trophy, emblematic of the year's outstanding member of the CGSC Race Committee Congratulations, Ev!!*



## Pergola Project



“THE PERGOLA” is constructed from Douglas Fir with a dip stained finish in redwood. Notice the arched roof, and it comes with shaded panels for the roof to provide shade. What a great visual impact this will have on our club.

While having a beer, Vice-Commodore Sutcliffe sat pondering what to do since our beloved tree was felled by Irma. Wishing for shade, the thought of a pergola popped into his head. By chance, several club members passed by, and thinking it was odd for the Vice-Commodore to be drinking beer, they asked what he was thinking. When he informed them about his

need for shade and the pergola idea they were all in, and wanted to contribute. Now we need your help!!! Already the club members who joined the Vice-Commodore for a beer have agreed to contribute a combined amount of \$1,500.00, but we need more. Please help fund this project. We all want to dream big, just as we like to think our boat is bigger than it is. Depending on your funding level you can claim it so:

- Be a Hinckley = \$500
- Be a Beneteau = \$300
- Be a C&C = \$200
- Be a Flying Scot = \$100
- Be a Sunfish = \$50
- Be the best crew EVER = any amount

Donations of \$50 or more will be acknowledged with your name engraved on a stainless steel plate attached to one of the pergola legs. All donations should be given to Jesse or Lauren in the club office, with a note on the cheque saying “Pergola”. Thanks to Ed Raiburn for being the Coordinator of the Pergola Plan!

## A Word from Phil

We were happily sailing from Guam to Japan when tropical storm Jelewat popped up and we headed for Saipan where they have the biggest casino west of Vegas! The Port Captain has been very gracious and gave us a free dock and use of the Port’s wifi.

We are now waiting for the storm, which has stalled, to clear so that we can head for Hiroshima. We are still on schedule as we had planned a week in Chichi Jima which is now off the list.

The problem with sailing this area is that there is

a transition from the north easterly trades to the lows and storm that form in the Philippine sea and the northern lows that come off the Japanese coast.

It is quite possible that if we catch the back of a northerly low we might be forced to head for Okininawa which Ron has been suggesting for the last year.

KBO...for the reference to KBO watch the movie about Churchill...“Gathering Storm” about how a cantankerous political has-been helped save the Western World!

Phil & Nell