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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

I'm confident that one of the other Commodores will be writing about hurricane preparations, so I'll leave that topic alone. Instead I want to talk about three types of sailing I have seen or done in the last month ... and not on the Bay!

In June we visited Jack Wilkens (the owner of Lateral Flow, the boat with the crazy crew with matching shirts in every Key Largo race) in Westport MA. Up there Jack has a "cat boat", which I learned is a 20' boat with a gaff rig, that he sails on the river. Four of us went out for sail to the marshes in the river, where we collected mussels and quahogs. That was fresh seafood for dinner. In July I was in Oxford for work, and walked down to the Castle Mill Stream one breezeless evening. Seriously, I could not feel a puff of wind, and the water was glass. But lo-and-behold, there were three boats (see picture - can anyone tell me what they are - I could not find the main sail insignia online) sailing up and down the river around a pair of buoys, and making good pace. That's subtle sailing! Finally, in August we went sailing on a 45' catamaran in the



Seychelles, sailing island-to-island, snorkeling and swimming, enjoying crystal clear water and mouth watering seafood. Does it get get better than that? And I realized that the word of the month for September is "ballast".

Why have I written about these wonderful things? To make you jealous? Well, maybe a bit. But the point I want to make is that there is a lot of different sailing to be done. Having the Bay on our

doorstep is great, and if you are traveling don't think that you have left sailing behind. Sailing is everywhere out there, in different forms on different boats with different pleasures and challenges. Try them all! Then come back to the Bay anyway.

See you out there!

Geoff Sutcliffe,

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CGSC's Olympian Dave Hughes Named to USA America's Cup Team

CCGSC's Dave Hughes represented the US in the 2016 Rio Olympics as Crew, along with Helm Stu McNay, in the 470 Class. They finished 4th, just off the medal podium. Dave and Stu have had much international success in the 470 Class, and both have sailed professionally and coached in other one-design and offshore classes, as well. In addition, they won the 2016 Melges 24 World Championship that was hosted by CGSC, with racing on the ocean south of Government Cut. 71 boats contested the Championship.

Dave has now been named to the crew of the US's challenge for the 36th America's Cup, *American Magic*. He will be one of the sail trimmers on board. Construction of the boat will be starting soon in Bristol, RI.

CONGRATULATIONS, DAVE!! See if you can sneak a CGSC Burgee on board!

See the crew roster announcement link, below:

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/07/02/americas-cup-sailing-roster-usa-challenge/>

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings and salutations:

I was recently reading the "Society" section of the *Miami Daily News*, dated September 1st, 1946. The subject of the article was the upcoming "Nautical Scavenger Hunt" to be held on Biscayne Bay by Coconut Grove Sailing Club. It described CGSC as "a unique yacht club which grants juniors and women full privileges, including the right to hold office..." and "it has provided plenty of activity in the Miami nautical scene in its first 10 months of existence". It goes on to state that at CGSC "The type of yachtsman who does his sailing in a rocking chair on the clubhouse porch, with a tall cool one in hand, is strictly persona non grata". Well, we may have lightened up a bit on the rocking chair sailors, but it certainly remains true 72 years later that CGSC is all about sailing and everyone is welcome.



This news clipping was found in the CGSC archives, where many great photos and historical records of the club can be found. I'd like to invite any members (or anyone else) who may have photographs of or articles involving CGSC from back in the early decades of the club in their personal records to share them with us so that we might enhance this collection of memorabilia. Anyone who is interested please contact me or the club Librarian, Renny Young.

Regards,

James Gruppenhoff,

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's been a hot summer! Seems to me the best and coolest place to be is on the water.

I recently had Bali Ha'i lifted and worked on upriver. As always, what seemed likely to be a quick project grew larger. As the time passed I realized just how much I miss getting out sailing. But regular maintenance is necessary to make sure we are able to enjoy sailing, safely and with no mishaps. Happy to report we're back out there!!

So to all you boat owners- 2 things-

1: Check all systems on your boat regularly. When you use your boat make a point of turning on equipment you don't use often. If anything is left for a while it suffers, and will breakdown at the most inconvenient time. Could be major or minor, but still incapacitating. With the hurricane season ongoing make sure your engine, bilge pumps, batteries and radio gear are in order. Be prepared.
2: Get out there and enjoy the summer sailing. Winds may be light, thunderstorms may pop up to make life interesting and also to test your seamanship, but the water is warm. So anchor up

and have fun with friends and family. Sailboats are here to be used and enjoyed.

Non boat owners: Be sure to take advantage of all the club offers on the water- from kayaks to sunfish, the Ensigns, and, once you're cruising qualified, join the Beneteau Fleet. Also cozy up to friends and other members who have boats and get out with them. We are a friendly and welcoming club so you should have no problem getting to sail. Just say 'Hi!'. Remember to invite friends who are yet to become members, so they also get the chance to enjoy what you do. We have a rare jewel here so use it and share it.

Happy Sails!!

Jim Green,

Rear Commodore

Bali Ha'i

View from the Signal Boat



Congratulations to all of the sailors that raced in the CGSC Double Handed Race, August 5, 2018. We had to throw up the AP Flag at 12:30 to wait for an ominous black cloud with heavy wind and rain to move south from Key Biscayne. Windward/Leeward courses (BBYRA Course C) set at 100° with the two PHRF fleets sailing to the longer windward mark and the Flying Scots sailing to the shorter mark. We had good wind to start all fleets but it followed the storm south. With winds too light to sail, the course was shortened at the leeward mark for all three fleets. Race 2 was Course C again for all fleets. Race 3 was Course A for the PHRF Racing and Flying Scot Fleets.

All racers returned to CGSC for the traditional 'grab bag' trophies and free beer.

The First Place Double Handed winners:

PHRF Racing Jeremiah, Captain Jonah Pruitt
PHRF Non-Spin Nirvana, Captain Jim Adams
Flying Scot Beija Flor, Capt. Danielle Barcion

Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers for this event: Paul Van Puffelen and son Alex for providing our Signal Boat, Sweet Lime; SB Crew Susan Mohoric, Esther DiLeo, Carol Temple and Lovell Luparini; Pin Boat crew of Ron Rostorfer and Allen Cox and Mark Boat crew Rick Klein, Obie and Eileen Smith.

Race Committee's new 2018-19 season starts in September. We are always looking for new RC



volunteers. You do not have to have any RC experience and we have RC positions on the water and shore-side. Contact me (walcutts@bellsouth.net) if you would like to be added to our RC email distribution list. In addition to being part of the largest and most active committee at the Sailing Club, you are helping to advance sailing on the Bay, we feed you lunch and give you two free drink tickets at the end of the day.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



Flying Scots

August brought the double handed race with Tommy Bremen and Danielle Barcion winning followed by Henry Bernstein in second. Doug Sherman was third with Philliipe Dusser in 4th and Larry Whipple in 5th. Some of the club Keelboats have been joining the Flying Scot fleet for the Wednesday night races. We have been getting between 5 and 8 boats out every week. It will continue until it starts to get dark

too early. All boats are welcome So come and join us before the summer runs out. We meet at 5:00,, with our goal to be off the dock by 5:30. We are back in before dark for drinks ad lively discussion on the veranda. All are welcome. Just come and see me and we will get you on a boat. See you out there.
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ADULT SAILING

Response to our Adult Sailing Classes, especially BASIC KEELBOAT and Learn-to-Sail Sunfish has been strong over the past few months. If only the weather would cooperate. I cannot recall a spring/summer season such as we have had weather-wise this year. What a challenge it has been. For BASIC KEELBOAT, and our popular weekend classes twice each month, we have experienced four weather cancellations this season. In all but one case, the first day of class was completed, but the second day could not be. This built a significant backlog of students needing to finish their courses in order to go on to achieving certification where applicable. It has been a big challenge to try and reschedule all of these fine students, and we are very appreciative of their patience as we continue to work through this backlog. We expect this type of development once, maybe twice, a year, but four times in five months? Ouch! Just with this past weekend class of August 11-12, we experienced the same situation again,

being unable to finish the last half-day.

There are many bright notes though. We just experienced the largest Sunfish beginners class of the year, and we are also very pleased to announce the resumption of Certification Classes for BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING in September. BASIC CRUISING will be conducted September 21-22-23, and BAREBOAT CRUISING will be conducted September 24 thru 27. We are extremely pleased to have Capt. Bruce Penrod back at CGSC for these classes. All students who have completed the US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification are qualified to join the BASIC CRUISING class. CRUISING and BAREBOAT Certifications will allow you to participate in the Beneteau member users group. This is a terrific member benefit at an unbelievably low cost. Contact Capt. Bruce at bapenrod29@msn.com or 814-341-0094.

There are two (2) BASIC KEELBOAT Classes for September on the weekends of September 8-9 and again on September 15-16, and one (1) Sunfish Learn-to-Sail class on the weekend of September 1-2. All classes are open to the public, but members receive a substantial discount.

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

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2018 USODA Optimist Nationals Recap

A wise man once said, “a man without a goal is like a ship without a rudder.” The sailors and coaches on the CGSC optimist sailing team had personal and team goals as the team ventured to Pensacola for the 2018 USODA Optimist Nationals on July 11, 2018 – July 19, 2018. Twelve sailors, three coaches and eighteen parents (as well as five siblings of sailors) represented CGSC with class and dignity. It has been years since CGSC sent twelve sailors to nationals, a true testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in the program, including the sailors, coaches and parents.

After the long drive from Miami to Pensacola, the team began the week-long competition with three days of practice, from July 11 – 13, 2018. It quickly became evident that Pensacola’s weather was not as breezy and cool as Miami. As temperatures approached 100 degrees, the young sailors practiced with the coaches in order to finalize tactical preparation and become accustomed to the waters and currents of Pensacola Bay. During the last day of practice, as the team returned to the launching beach, a few sailors ran aground in the rocky shallow water. This caused damage to the sailors’ rudders and dagger boards. However, temporary repairs were made and all sailors



were ready for the beginning of competition.

Racing day 1 – hot, hot hot! Again, temperatures soared near 100 degrees. Sailors were launched early and spent all day on the water, completing four races in the Championship Fleet and eight races in Green Fleet. The early start allowed the CGSC parents to watch the World Cup Final at the Pensacola Yacht Club’s bar, turning the bar into “Western France”. Special congratulations to Priska Urban for France’s victory. After a long day on the water, the sailors returned to yacht club around 5:00 p.m., exhausted, determined and ready for the remaining three days.



Saturday, July 14, 2018, was an off day for CGSC sailors and a day to enjoy the hotel pool, the beach, or the Blue Angels Air Show. Also, opening ceremony for Nationals was held on July 14, which gave our CGSC team opportunity to meet other sailors and show off their team polo shirts of the past couple years.



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Racing day 2 – rain, rain go away! Unfortunately, day two was a complete wash out. While the sailors rigged their boats and were prepared to launch, the race committee decided that the weather, including rain and lightening, was inappropriate for racings. To kill the time, CGSC’s sailors played cards, chess, iPhones (until batteries died), soccer and went into the pool. Therefore, at the end of day 2, Championship Fleet completed only 4 races and Green Fleet completed 8 races.



Racing day 3 – clouds and threatening storms. However, the race committee was determined to complete races in the Championship Fleet so that the group of sailors could be divided into gold and silver fleets on the last day. Per the sailing instructions, the 256 sailors would be split into gold and silver, with gold fleet comprising of the top 1/3 of the sailors after 5 races. Therefore, the kids did not launch until about 4:30 p.m. Despite the late start, the Championship Fleet was able to finish two sets of races, while Green Fleet completed five races.

Following racing day 3, the race committee split the Fleet into Gold and Silver, with Carlos Beckman earning a spot in the Gold Fleet with his impressive racing on days 1 and 3. The remaining CGSC sailors were assigned to Silver Fleet. However, the goal of sailing fast and qualifying for U.S. Team Trials was within reach for a few CGSC sailors in Silver Fleet.

Racing day 4 – hot (again) with little morning wind. Despite the still conditions, the sailors launched at 9:00 a.m., with the goal of completing as many races as possible. However, the weather did not cooperate, as light winds did not meet the USODA threshold. While on the water, the kids relaxed on the coaches’ boats and playfully pushed each other into the water to cool off. The Blue Angels also provided the kids with entertainment as they flew over the race course on multiple occasions. Thankfully, the wind eventually filled in and the Championship Fleet sailors were able to complete one race, while Green Fleet finished four races.

Racing was complete. The Championship Fleet was able to finish seven races, while Green Fleet completed thirteen races. CGSC’s top sailor was Carlos Beckman, who finished in 70th place. However, other sailors accomplished their goal of qualifying for U.S. Team Trials, including Sophie De Leon Urban, Conor Kellet and Martin Barrera. These sailors will represent CGSC at the U.S. Team Trial in May 2019. Hopefully, other CGSC sailors will quality during the season and join their three teammates at Team Trials. The results for the CGSC sailors were as seen below:

Red White Blue Sailors – Championship Fleet

Sailor	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	T o t a l Score
Carlos Beckman	50	12	9	21	44	22	(60)	158
Sophie De Leon Urban	45	20	48	30	(66)	37	14	194
Conor Kellet	(63)	52	34	28	33	34	56	237
Martin Barrera	58	51	51	46	42	(64)	26	274
Daniel Van Puffelen	38	(71)	36	47	71	65	60	317
Alessandro Gregori	72	(77)	55	57	59	61	48	352
Cole Crep	70	52	(76)	69	73	76	68	408
Isabela Kellet	73	79	79	56	74	(81)	56	413
Daniel de Oliveira	(84)	64	82	65	72	78	80	441
Conner Brandon	(81)	80	76	74	69	78	71	448



Green Fleet Sailors (23 total sailors)

Sailor	Race 1 – 13 Results
Carlo Velazquez	18, 18, 12, 19, 14, 21, 18, 18, 12, 12, 16, 15, 11
Beverly Ward	15, 14, 11, 4, 8, 7, 12, 12, 2, 5, 12, 10, 3

“But Wait, There’s More!” Racing was not complete for two sailors, Isabela Kellet and Sophie De Leon Urban, as both participated in the Girl National Optimist Nationals on July 19, 2018. The journey to Girls Nationals for Isabela and Sophie started approximately three years ago when Coach Alberto put Isabela and Sophia into a boat during summer camp, teaching and pushing the girls to challenge themselves. While nobody could have predicted three years ago that both girls would compete in the Girls National, in the past year, it became a goal for both girls. What a journey it has been. Goals were set and goals were accomplished. Well done! The CGSC family is proud of these two young girls and look forward to 2019 Girls Nationals for both sailors, and hopefully others.

Overall, the Nationals was a success and a learning experience for the team of CGSC sailors. While some sailors qualified for the 2019 Team Trials, every sailor learned from the experience, had a great time and improved. The entire CGSC community should be extremely proud of the group of sailors, coaches and parents that represented the club at Nationals. The

entire CGSC team is excited for the 2018-2019 season. Thank you to Coach Alberto, Orlando and Courtney for their time, effort and dedication.



Submitted by Piska Urban

CGSC Contributes to Huge USA Medal Haul at World Youth Championships

The 2018 Youth World Championships recently concluded in Corpus Christi, TX. **USA youth sailors won four Gold Medals and a Silver**, our finest performance in many years.

In particular, the USA won Gold in both the Girls and Boys I-420 Classes. The Girls, the Cowles twins from Larchmont, NY, were defending their 2017 Gold Medal. Our Boys team has won in the past, but this is the first time the USA has won both the Girls and Boys I-420's at the same time.

For several years, CGSC has hosted two major I-420 Youth Regattas annually, and assists with a third event. The regattas hosted by CGSC are the I-420 US Nationals (in conjunction with the Annual Orange Bowl Regatta), and the I-420 North American Championship in January. Consequently, our Club has provided the venue and assets necessary for the US I-420 youth teams to hone their skills to the World Championship

level. Our Club can take a lot of satisfaction in that.

The names are: Carmen and Emma Cowles, JC Hermus and Walter Henry. Look for both teams to mount Olympic campaigns in future years.

US Olympic Development Director Leandro Spina is primarily responsible for the resurgent success of the US Youth sailors in international competition. He spoke to our Race Committee membership at their Annual Banquet in 2017. His presentation was extremely impressive, and now, so is the performance of the program he established.

Here's a link to the 2018 World Youth Championships:

<https://www.ussailing.org/news/youth-worlds-day-5/>



NOTICE
Upcoming CGSC Regattas


**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**Race Committee Work Day
September 16, 2018**

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
& BBYRA OD #2
September 29-30, 2018**

**Columbus Day Regatta
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17471>
October 6-7, 2018**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
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