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**COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB**  
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

This month I have only questions for you ...

- Why sit under the clubhouse drinking soda, when you could be sitting on a boat out on the bay having a cold one?
- Why watch your children playing soccer on the lawn when you could be watching them sail Optimis around the bay?
- Why watch anymore episodes of Two-and-a-Half Men when you could be attending the club's monthly meeting?
- Why pay to be in a health club when you could be getting exercise as a crew member on a Flying Scot?
- Why laze about being bored when you could be excited working for Race Committee?
- Why drink alone at home when you could be enjoying the wine-of-the-month with other sailors at the club?
- Why listen to political speeches when you could be listening to a club seminar about sailing adventures?
- Why watch TV when you could be watching dolphins swim past while you are sailing?
- Why eat at an over-priced restaurant when you could be eating good food in the Groves Nest?
- Why play your music alone when you could be jamming alone with other sailors on Open Mic night?
- Why read another trashy romance novel when you could be reading the Channel?

I ask you, why?

See you at the club and out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe,*

*Commodore*

*commodore@cgsc.org*



### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing  
CGSC Dock  
Tuesday Afternoons**

**CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta  
& BBYRA ORC #2  
October 20, 2018**

**2018 Halloween Howler  
October 27-28, 2018**

**RC GPS Training Class  
November 3, 2018**

**International 420 Class Clinic**

**November 20-24, 2018**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS  
@ [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)

FOR BBYRA 2017-18 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

# Let us give Thanks



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**e are happy to inform you that a new weather monitoring station has been installed on the roof of the club, in conjunction with online weather service "Weather Underground". Special thanks go out to Director Mark Adler for his efforts in making this happen. You can access the data from this station by visiting CGSC.org, then clicking the "Waterfront" tab and then the "Mooring & Storage" tab. You will then see a box that invites you to click on it to see the current weather conditions at the club, which will take you to the WU site where you can view all of the pertinent data. You can also access this info by choosing the "Coconut Grove Station" weather station option on the Weather Underground website or app. Additionally, very soon a webcam will be installed, which will provide remote access to view the club grounds, mooring field and the bay beyond. All of this real

time, local data will give our sailors a great resource to view and understand the actual weather conditions at CGSC and Biscayne Bay at any given moment. I'm sure you'll also be very happy to know that the Commodore's "Word of the Month" is "bilge".



We invite you to visit this weather station and use it in conjunction with your sailing activities.

*James Grupenhoff,*  
*Vice Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**R**ecently we have been blessed with great sailing weather - sunny windy days. I hope you managed to get out and enjoy the bay! The fall/ winter season is my favorite time on the bay, not unbearably hot with good winds, makes the boat feel great.

A word of caution- when the wind is up - take care to plan ahead. Check the weather - especially for gusty and stormy conditions. Thunderstorms come up fast so keep a close eye on the sky out there. Be sure your crew is ready to handle the conditions and well briefed. As skipper avoid getting overpowered or putting your crew at risk. You know you'll go faster when you've put out the right amount of sail. The risk of broaching and capsizing (in smaller boats mostly) is real, and not something less practiced crew are able to deal with well and recover from. I've seen enough people come back shaken up so much from their experiences that they don't want to sail with again, especially on that boat or with that particular skipper/crew. So when making tacks and gibes, take it a little slower, allow your crew enough time to complete maneuvers safely and comfortably.

Now, of course, when we are racing it's pretty normal to want to push hard to beat others, but we should always put safety first: that of our crew, other competitors, and other boats/users of the bay. On BH when we get back we like to say a little thanks - "great day, nothing

broken, no one hurt, and we had fun"

It is great fun to be out there but remember the bay is a very busy piece of water; there are lots of inexperienced boat 'drivers' out there. Some days I think it's easier/safer to drive down I95 at rush hour. Be alert to others and definitely don't assume they'll do the right thing or follow the rules of the road etc.

If you have time find a spot- anchor up and hang out, swim, chill out and enjoy the view, it enhances our enjoyment of the bay.

If you don't own a boat or are not regular crew on a boat- grab skippers and 'pressgang' them to take you, make use of the clubs programs to get certified and then use the club boats- remember we have everything available from Sunfish up to the cruising fleet!!

Sail often, sail safe, sail well, sail fast!! Above all have fun!!!!

*Jim Green,*  
*Rear Commodore*  
*Bali Ha'i*





# GREAT CGSC 2018 ANNUAL OD REGATTA!

**W**e're blessed with many great sailing days each year on beautiful Biscayne Bay. Certainly, Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30 rank high among them for the 2018 CGSC Annual One Design Regatta. East winds at 15 knots, the Bay littered with whitecaps and bathed in bright sunshine – not many better days than those two.

A good fleet of some 44 boats came out to contest the event, split among six classes – Flying Scots with 16 boats, Lasers with 12, Four Snipes, four J70s, six j24s and two Etchells. CGSC's Race Committee set windward-leeward courses for the regatta with two windward marks – a long mark for the keel boats and a short mark for the center/dagger board boats. Six races were scheduled over the two days. Each competitor could drop his/her worst score if all six races were completed. Racing went off well on both days. For Saturday's

"I want to congratulate the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and its Race Committee For running a fantastic CGSC Annual 2 day One Design regatta...You guys outdid yourself...I wish other Clubs would do as good a job."

Bill Mauk  
Etchells 928

races, the Race Committee finished all boats in a race before going into sequence for the next following race. On Sunday, the RC was able to finish fleets on the starboard side of the Signal Boat while starting other fleets on the port side. This speeded things up in order to meet an unofficial cutoff time of 1400 hours.

Conditions did take their toll. Several Lasers capsized and righted themselves. In addition, one Flying Scot capsized each day and another was dismasted on Sunday.

When the spray settled Sunday afternoon, two out-of-town Flying Scots had a real duel for the lead. It was won by Dave Helmick with a narrow one-point margin. CGSC's Andi Hoffman and Dave Martin finished third. In the Lasers, Dave Heibert took

a two point victory over Dave Chapin. CGSC's James Liebl was third. Ernesto Rodriguez won the Snipes. Mark Pincus won the J24's, Buddy Cribb won the J70s and Bill Mauk won the Etchells.

The trophy presentation was conducted on the Club lawn and led by CGSC RC Chair Susan Walcutt. Perpetual trophies were presented for the Flying Scots and Snipes. Beautiful keeper trophies were presented to the top three finishers in each class.

CGSC's Race Committee ran a very good regatta, as the testimonial from competitor Bill Mauk, states. Our Signal Boat was past Treasurer Frank DeLaurier's 36 foot power boat Rio Rita, with help from his grandson, Casey. Ron Rostorfer PC was the Principal Race Officer. The Signal Boat crew included Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signaller Cecile Ramirez and recorders Susan Mohorcic and Lovell Luparini.

Up to windward on the Club's Angler 24 was Skipper Susan Walcutt. She was assisted over the two days by John Kandara, Denise Schneider, Dick Poder and Spencer Walcutt. The Pin Boat was CGSC's Key Largo with Skipper Gary Ellis and Allen Cox. Thanks to all our Race Committee volunteers.





Photos by Richard Poder



## ADULT SAILING

Thanks to some better sailing weather, our activity levels with adult instruction are getting back to normal and above with lots of inquiries for all of our sailing levels, including Sunfish, Flying Scots, Ensign Keelboats and the Cruising courses that lead to certification for use of our Beneteau fleet. Member usage of our various boats is a unique and giving privilege. For that member usage, all of our boat levels require endorsement (Sunfish and Flying Scots) or certification (Ensigns and Beneteaus). Your club is proudly affiliated with US Sailing through which all of the certifications are available. At this writing, both of our October BASIC KEELBOAT Courses are full, with our one November course more than half reserved and our Basic Cruising classes and Bareboat Cruising classes for November are full. Bareboat Cruising classes for December and January have already filled. At this time, some additional cruising classes are being offered which include BASIC CRUISING on Dec. 7 - 9, Jan. 4 - 6 and Feb. 8 - 10 and BAREBOAT CRUISING on Feb. 22 - 25. Contact Capt. Bruce Penrod at [bapenrod29@msn.com](mailto:bapenrod29@msn.com) or (814) 341-0094 to sign up for these courses. If you still need your BASIC KEELBOAT Certification prerequisite, contact Richard. Congratulations to new member Giancarlo Zanini for achieving his BASIC KEELBOAT Certification in October. Many more are scheduling their tests for October and November.

Have you noticed two of our hardest working Ensign keelboats, Puff-Daddy and Foundation? Both have had a major facelift including thorough cleaning, painting and with structural repairs. This work was done by our own staff member, Juan, and all three of our Ensign fleet, including our newest boat, Woolly-Bully, are looking better and more professional than they have in the years of hard use preceding this long-overdue work. Thanks for your hard and ingenious work, Juan.

Here's another reminder about the upcoming gift-giving season. You would be surprised if you knew how many of our current students are attending our classes, especially BASIC KEELBOAT, with gift certificates. We offer gift certificates for all of our instructional activities, whether it is a two (2) hour introduction to sailing or a full certification package. These are extremely handsome, custom-printed, one-of-a-kind nautical theme certificates, which will bring an even bigger smile to the recipient. Interested, contact Richard to purchase or get additional information. Happy Thanksgiving to ALL.

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

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## FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AT CGSC!

It's been a long time since CGSC was founded back in 1946 – 72 years, actually. Finally, next year in 2019, CGSC will host a World Championship at the Club. The 2019 Melges 20 World Championship will be sailed from the Club next April 4-7. CGSC Historian Renny Young took a good look back, and could not find any prior World Championship sailed from CGSC.

That said, CGSC has “hosted” two prior World Championships – the Melges 32 Worlds in 2014 and the Melges 24 Worlds in 2016. However, both those events were sailed on the ocean south of Government Cut and east of Bear Cut. Our Race Committee conducted these events along with Anderson Reggio, our favorite professional race officer. Competing boats lived at Miami Beach Marina or Island Gardens Marina. No events actually took place at CGSC itself.

Then, there was the 2011 Melges 20 Gold Cup regatta that was sailed from the Club. The Class had just gotten started in 2009 and did not have sufficient worldwide distribution for World Sailing to allow a World Championship. So, it was called a Gold Cup, instead – sort of a “not quite Worlds.” However, by 2013, the Class was granted World Championship status, and the event has been sailed annually ever since. CGSC also hosted the 2006 Snipe Class Western Hemisphere and

Orient Championship. The Snipe Worlds are sailed every two years, and the “Western’s” are sailed in the off years. Again, not quite a Worlds.

The Melges 20 Worlds alternate between Europe and North America. The 2018 Worlds were just sailed in Cagliari, Italy October 10-13 with 40 boats participating. The victory will be short-lived, as the CGSC Worlds are only six months later! We've been told to expect about the same size fleet next April – Europeans love Miami!

CGSC has a long and active history with this Class. We began hosting their Miami Winter Series in December, 2009, and all together the Club has hosted some 28 Melges 20 regattas. The Club and the Class have a close and good working relationship, as the Club also does with the builder, Melges Performance Sailboats of Zenda, Wisconsin. In fact both CEO Harry Melges and President Andy Burdick have been awarded Honorary CGSC Memberships in past years.

It should be an exciting and great event for CGSC. Plans are just in the formative stages at present, but there will be ample opportunity for volunteer Members to help make our first Worlds at the Club a success. Stay tuned for announcements.

Melges Pictures from January 2018 Race





## 2018-2019 Flag Officers

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