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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

One of the greatest advertising lies is for sail boats, with a picture of a couple relaxing on the foredeck, the sails full, and the sea a delightful small chop. The male inevitably has immaculately groomed salt-and-pepper hair, and is wearing cotton slacks. The female is in his arms, drinking a cocktail, with her hair flowing beautifully in the breeze. The kids (if any) are happily wearing their life vests, sitting talking with smiles on their faces. You know the those ads? Of course the reality is sometimes quite different, after you have bought the boat ... you are in the cockpit avoiding the Florida sun/rain, the sails are either flopping or you are reefed down, you are heeled over in a 5 foot swell, the male is unshaved and wearing a smelly T-shirt, the female is hanging on to the binnacle with her hair stuffed into a peak hat, and the kids are very very upset that there's no internet out at sea. Sheer joy, and I'm not joking. Sailing your own boat definitely adds stresses and strengths to relationships and families, and it's wonderful to see relationships and families that have survived the stresses and gained strengths through having a boat. I emailed a few club members who I know are in this boat (sorry, that was a very weak pun) to get their thoughts on this topic. Here are their responses (anonymous, of course) ...

- "I have two daughters, neither one is into sailing. My youngest loves to tell her friends that her father turns into a Captain Bligh behind the wheel. The oldest describes terrifying incidences of putting our entire family in jeopardy. In an odd way, these stories told around the dinner table strengthen the bond between me and my kids."
- "Strengths are gained from loving the same thing like crazy. There is stress sometimes when one person needs to work on the boat when the other wants to head out on the bay. And the biggest problem is two captains on the same boat, which can be an asset but also a major problem at times."
- "Whatever isn't dealt with on shore will most certainly be addressed while under sail. There can only be ONE captain."
- "Sailing for us is an affirmation of the strength of our relationship as well as a fitness program for it. Sharing a deeply-held passion and agreeing to the financial commitment it entails are the easy parts. Exercising clear communication,

patience and flexibility are the calisthenics for our marriage, on the water and off."



- "The stresses began when he wanted to buy a sailboat. "We will never use a sailboat, and it will be expensive and just sit there" she said. Now our favorite joke is to say "We will never use a sailboat, and it will be expensive and just sit there" as we are cruising down the bay, having a blast, spending weekend after weekend having a great time sailing!"
- "During our first days I recall there was quite a bit of yelling back and forth as we tried to understand how to control the boat. That was pretty stressful, and not much fun. As we gradually became more confident in our abilities we also began to work better as a team. Today there is no yelling at one another - or very little, which means we enjoy our time on the water much more than in those early days. I am also confident we can manage just about any challenge we may have to deal with."
- "The stressor is that, as the captain, your first mate isn't always in your head, which leads to some loud verbal exchanges. But with that comes the learning for one to be better alert and for one to better transmit potential needs and maneuvers. There's nothing better than improving communication."
- "Buying our sailboat was a joint decision. Maintaining our boat and our relationship has been a joint effort. From boat projects and hurricane evacuations to romantic adventures with rainy days and beautiful sunsets, I couldn't have chosen a better companion."

So, next time you see a friend looking at one of those deceitful ads, tell them the truth. And tell them that having a boat will change their relationship and family in ways they cannot imagine. And it's all totally worth it. See you sailing on out on the bay, hopefully with somebody you still love.

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Commodore  
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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Members:

As of this writing in mid-March, the spalling work has been completed on the access ramp and the ceiling and columns on the ground floor of the building. The purpose of this work was to treat and repair sections of the concrete and rebar that had suffered water damage and were beginning to rust and erode. The process was a noisy and dirty business and we appreciate your patience while it was underway. This job was another important step in our continuing commitment to the long-term health and welfare of the facilities of CGSC.

There are additional long-term improvements planned for the 2019-2020 fiscal year which you will be hearing about shortly. Thank you for your continued support.



Regards,

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

New members (and there's a lot of you in the last few months) welcome aboard. I know many of you are already making good use of the clubs offerings- and getting out there – either with the Flying Scot Fleet, the adult sailing classes and Beneteau's. Sailing is why we are here and you have chosen the best club for sailing. Enjoy.

It's been great being out on the bay watching all the regattas that have taken place. The large fleets and great variety of boats from Optimis all the way to M32s make it a special time to see sailing at its best. We are truly blessed to be located on the bay, with the best conditions for recreational sailing and world class racing.

Thanks go to all involved in organizing and running the fleets and regattas. RC - great job as always. Alberto (Sailing Director) - and your team of volunteers and staff- congratulations on running such a successful regatta for Miami Sailing Week. We hope you continue this success in future years- it's a great addition to the spring calendar. To all who completed – well done.

Our sailing offerings have recently been expanded with the addition of the 4 boat Harbor 20 fleet, running a race clinic every Saturday. When I began sailing again some years ago I joined such a clinic and over a couple of years really learned how to sail, so I encourage you to sign up and take the opportunity to enjoy some friendly racing, meet new friends, and enhance your skills. The same philosophy applies to our Flying Scot fleet- now back to Wednesday sailing, come along, no

experience necessary, they're a friendly and welcoming group of sailors.

One common, core, thread running through the club is the encouragement of all to sail, and desire to assist newer sailors to learn and to fully enjoy sailing, recreationally or racing. Our formal classes are run by exceptional Instructors who have a true passion for teaching the sport. Our boat owning members and the Beneteau fleet members take pleasure in introducing non sailors and other to our club and to sailing on the bay.



Couple of upcoming event dates-

Flip Flop Fete April 13<sup>th</sup>-A fun event with primary aim of fundraising for the Junior program. There will be a band, dancing, and a silent auction. All are invited so please reach out to family and friends and associates, to come or if unable to – donate to the auction. Calls for donations should go to Lauren. By the time you receive this channel, notices will have been sent.

Annual Rendezvous – May 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Hawaiian themed event either at Sands key or Elliot key. More details will follow shortly.

Happy Sailing...

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

## Washington's Birthday Regatta



The 2019 Washington's Birthday Regatta, first organized by Ralph Middleton Monroe in 1887, was sailed on February 23rd. The Navy Sea Scouts presented the colors and sang the national anthem to start the 23<sup>rd</sup> Washington's Birthday Regatta. This year the open class, for more modern sailing vessels, joined the Sharpies, Seal Pearl, Egrets, Core

Unfortunately, the "Pilar", the replica of Hemmingway's 1934 sport fishing boat, was out of commission, so the pontoon boat, Pearson, served as our signal boat. Our Captain again, was the competent Dennis. Thank you to Harry Horgan and Shake a leg!

The Race Committee for 2019 were Saralee Lamb, Kathy Gunst. Steve Herman, Martha Lensdama, JoAnn Mathieu, Susan Walcutt, Paul Plump, Denise Schneider, Lorelei Reinman, Dick Pober, Allen Cox, Bill Becker and Bill Quesenberry.

Thank you to The Barnacle Historic State Park rangers, including a special thank you to Jessica and Katrina, John Palanchar, Danny and Wendy Garcia and team from the Barnacle Society, for your organizing efforts.

Nancy Rogachenko

PRO 23<sup>rd</sup> Washington's Birthday Regatta, CGSC

Sound and Bahama Dinghies. Also new, we added one more Herreshoff Bullseye, sailed by Henry Kirschner. Competition for Julie Hanrahan's Bullseye next year! The southeasterly breeze filled the race course at 12-15 knots with a choppy sea state. 3 races were sailed for the Open Class and 2 races for the Egret, Sandpiper, and Plover Classes.

The results of each class: Egret Class: 1. (New) Bear, an Alberg design 19, skippered by Joseph Mensch 2. (new) Nomad, a Sharpie Yawl skippered by Brian McGuinness, and 3. Jack Fell, sailing the Monroe Sharpie, Egret. Open Class: 1. George Llop, Bandolera, a Bounty II Sloop, 2. Alex Perez, Natural Mystic, Tartan 27, 3. Ms Marylou, S2 7.3, Erik Noonberg.

Sandpiper Class: 1. (new) Buddy, Henry Kirschner's Herreshoff Bullseye. Plover Class: 1. Jennifer Wirth's Largo, Mud Hen 2. Poulee Moulee, Beach Hen, sailed by Danny Garcia. Many new boats registered for this year and are now woven into the fabric of this historic regatta. There is room for more! Many of the skippers and crew wore costumes. The best costume award was won by George Llop and crew aboard Bandolera!



# A Fun Day at the Barnacle followed by a Fun Night



Photos by Saralee Lamb, Dick Pober and Martha Cearra

## View from the Signal Boat

### Miami Sailing Week A-Cat Fleet March 7, 8 & 9, 2019



**F**or the second year in a row, CGSC Youth Program and Race Committee worked with Gabriel Padrone, Studio Milano, to hold the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami Sailing Week. Our only Adult Fleet was the A-Cats, a one person-racing catamaran with foiling capabilities. We had 12 boats registered but only nine boats raced all three days. Winds and Biscayne Bay conditions were perfect with four races on Thursday and three on Friday. On Saturday, the A-Cat circle was joined with the Lasers and raced two races for a total of nine races over the three days.

Congratulations to:

First Place	Ben Hall
Second Place	John Tomko
Third Place	Michael Christensen

Studio Milano again set up a welcoming outside bar and seating area. Returning Sponsor, Gosling

Rum, provided refreshments each day after racing. Those of us that were fortunate enough to have a Gosling's Seal Hat wore it with pride (me!). Thanks to our Race Committee volunteers for this event. I was fortunate enough to serve as PRO for this fleet on Thursday and Friday, using my Contender as Signal Boat. Roberto Porter assumed PRO responsibilities on Saturday with Henry Bernstein providing *Ivory Gull* as Signal Boat on Saturday. Additional RC volunteers included Dottie Rostorfer, Helen Phillips, JoAnn Mathieu, Martha Ledesma, Denise Schneider, Julia Rodreguiz, Allen Cox, Ron Rostorfer, Bill Becker, Rick Klein, Paul Plump, Dick Pober, Peter Gorski, Luiz Rodriguez, Mike Stephens, Cathy Buller, Lovell Luparini and Richard Etkin.

Susan Walcutt  
CGSC Race Committee Chair



# YOUTH NEWS

## Opti's At Miami Sailing Week

**A** perfect weekend for the inaugural Green Fleet Opti Class in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Miami Sailing Week. An easy 6-8 knots filled the course throughout Saturday and Sunday giving the kids 8 great races over the two days. After careful consideration, we decided to stick with a simple triangle course and set up a target time of 15-20 minutes to the finish line and all finishers completed their races within 20 minutes of the first boat across the finish line. It was a hard fought battle between Reece Schwartz and Daniil Riabykh, both hailing from our neighbor Coral Reef Yacht Club, trading blows all weekend. Ultimately, Reece with a consistent and clean performance won out over Daniil's mistakes and costly fouls. It was a great learning experience for the kids with sailors from the US, Canada and the Cayman Islands out on the race course and I was very honored to be their PRO. The Top Girl trophy was won by Ciara Murphy from the Cayman Islands, and the top 5 results were as follows

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Overall<br>YC         | Reece Schwartz from Coral Reef    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall               | Daniil Riabykh from Coral Reef YC |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall<br>Islands SC | Ciara Murphy from the Cayman      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Overall               | Minx Anthony from Coral Reef YC   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Overall               | Charles Julien from Coral Reef YC |

Our boys and girls had 2 representing in the top 15 with Aden Weinberg finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> overall and Beverly Ward in 12<sup>th</sup> place overall. Congratulations to the competitors and we hope to see them all again in the 2020 edition of Miami Sailing Week!

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto Olivo  
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**T**he Opti Championship Division, aka the Red, White and Blue Fleet saw 96 boats racing, a huge fleet. As usual, it took several attempts to start most of the racers due to competitors being over the start line in large numbers. All in all, six races were sailed, giving each competitor a drop. The overall winner was Griggs Diemar of Miami with a 4-1-2-7-1-(11) series. Excellent sailing! Jack Redmond of Ft. Lauderdale was second, and Freddie Parkin from Connecticut was third. The racing took place on Saturday and Sunday, March 9-10. The fleet sailed a Trapezoid course for all races.

Special thanks go to MSW Chair Gabriele Pedone, whose tireless work for Registration and the on-shore social gatherings was incredible. Special thanks also to our private boat owners who assisted with the Race Committee: Paul Van Puffelen PC and his Sweet Lime were Signal Boat, Keith Henrich and his Grady White were the Mark Boat, Carlos Beckmann and his RIB were Pin Boat, and Dave Oswald with his Protector RIB was the Safety/Media Boat.

The Signal Boat crew included PRO Ron Rostorfer PC as PRO, James Grupenhoff VC as Deputy RO, and Gabriel Porzecanski as Flag Signaler. Adriana Davila did an outstanding job on board as Recorder, and spent hours in Redress Hearings, in addition to her on-water time. Steve Herman was Race Officer on the Mark Boat with Elizabeth Del Rio and Luis Rodriguez. The Outer Gate/Finish Boat was Skipped by Debbie Ryder, with Race Officer Helen Phillips, Recorder Stacey Morris and Paul Plump.

Ron Rostorfer



## ADULT SAILING REPORT

**B**usy, Busy, Busy. The Adult Sailing instructors have been kept quite busy in February and March. Because an emergency in our Feb. 9/ 10 Basic Keelboat Class left us one very important instructor less, others had to step up. Instructors Philip Adams and Marc Pendaries and member Alex Fox rose to the occasion. Then the winds were too high to do the Sunday sessions, so all of the students had to have make ups scheduled. Most of those have been completed to date. The special Feb. 23/24 class, with our lead instructor, Richard Crisler, back in charge, went well and some of those students moved on to testing so they could get ready for the next step, Basic Cruising on the big boats.

Speaking of testing, our US Sailing requirements are closely followed as all of our instructors conduct the test in a consistent manner. We met on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss that and other things relevant to our programs. After taking the Basic Keelboat Course, some students are ready to take the test but others need to schedule practice sessions with one of the instructors to prepare for the test. For those very experienced sailors, you can skip the class and go directly to challenging the test.

Whether you take the class or move right to the test, the test offers students quite a challenge. From demonstrating all points of sail precisely, tacking and jibing correctly, completing a Crew Over Board using a the Quick Turn or Figure Eight, heaving to, and more, and then returning to the mooring under sail, the test reminds students either how much they know or how much they don't know. After the on water practical skills test, they take an 80 point written test. After passing both successfully, they are given a US Sailing Log Book and a Basic Keelboat Certification Sticker.

If they are members of the club, this qualifies them to become member users of our Ensign Fleet. A check out and approval by Richard on one of the Ensigns now allows them to take one of the Ensigns out without an instructor.

After that certification, students may choose to move on to the Basic Cruising Class and Certification and

then the live aboard Bareboat Cruising Class and Certification, which qualifies them to charter a boat anywhere in the world. Before chartering many often choose to practice their new skills and become members of the club's Beneteau member use program and get out on the Bay, adding time and experience to their log book and sailing resume. All this will help when they are ready to charter or buy a boat.

### Upcoming classes:

Sunfish Small Boat Classes, April 6/7, May 4/5, June 1/2  
Basic Keelboat Classes, April 13/14, April 20/21, May 11/12, May 18/19, June 8/9, June 15/16  
Basic Cruising Classes, April 26 to 28, June 7 to 9, July 12 to 14  
Bareboat Cruising Classes, May 10 to 13, June 21 to 24, July 26 to 29

So take advantage of one of the best Adult Sailing programs in the country, from Philip Adams' Sunfish classes scheduled on the first weekend of each month and racing clinics during the week, to Richard Crisler's twice a month Basic Keelboat classes to Bruce Penrod's Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising classes aboard a very modern 40 foot sloop.

Bruce Penrod  
Adult Training Chair







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*These are the new members who received their burgees at the January General Meeting.*

**NOTICE**

**Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

**Radio Controlled Racing  
CGSC Dock  
Tuesday Afternoons**

**Melges 20 Worlds  
April 04-07, 2019**

**CGSC Sr. Commodore's Cup  
Saturday  
04/13/19**

**CGSC Jr. Commodore's Cup  
Saturday  
04/27/19**

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