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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

This is my 48th Channel article as some kind of Commodore (yep, twice around as Rear Commodore), and almost certainly my last. I have often wondered how many people read them, but I have appreciated some of the feedback I have received. Most of my articles have had some reference to Biscayne Bay, because the bay really is the focus of the club ... it's a sailing club, and that's where we sail. At last month's general meeting a friend of mine was there to apply to become a member, and he sent me this photo that he took just before the meeting started:

This photo is clear proof that the "pot of gold" is at the righthand end of a rainbow (I'm not sure where the lefthand end of this rainbow touches down, but it's certainly not in the bay). Biscayne Bay is a sailor's true pot of gold, and the CGSC is the starting point of our treasure hunts. It was a long

time ago that Billy Beavers lent over to me at the bar and asked, "What are you doing on Saturday?". I had no inkling of anything regarding the board, the operation of the club, and the people who contribute time and energy to make it a success. Now I've come out the end of the mill, I have an appreciation for what it takes, and who we should be thanking every time we go sailing to enjoy the beauty of the bay. Thank you all.



See you out on the bay, following your rainbows.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sailors:

I am pleased to report that we have had a very successful year in The Grove's Nest restaurant and bar. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the management and staff for their hard work in making this possible. Additionally, we have made some improvements in an effort to support the staff and help to ensure we deliver the best food and drink we can in the most efficient manner possible for the benefit of our members and their guests. Those improvements include the repair of the oven in the kitchen (which had not been keeping consistent temperature), a new and bigger wine refrigerator in the bar, and a new automatic dishwasher for glassware at the bar that will help us to keep up with demand on (more and more frequent) busy nights. Additionally, to help

satisfy the discerning tastes of our clientele, Dragan has added some new wines to our selection which are available only by the bottle and each feature a rating of 90+; I hope you'll give them a try. We'd also like to encourage members to consider The Grove's Nest as a venue for special events such as birthday parties, family reunions, etc. We've had a number of such events over the last year that were great successes; speak with Dragan if you are interested.



Regards,

James Grupenhoff, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ok rear commodore's question - who noticed the 'error' in my last article? I described a close encounter with another sailboat. True story except that in the article I reversed the tack situation- we were actually on starboard he was on port. Any one notice that as written he had the rights not me?

Anyway- as we approach another Hurricane season please be sure to have your plan in place, check your boat is fully prepared, including checking that all systems work- engine starts, plenty of fuel on board, lines anchors and rodes in good order and of sufficient size and strength. Best not to leave anything to chance, or to the last minute.

It's been a good year for sailing at the club, we are succeeding in pursuing our mission to get butts on boats on the bay.

All club fleets are busy, instructional classes are well filled, we have added US sailing certified instructors to increase our capacity. The junior program is developing well; the coaches are doing a great job improving the skills and performance of the team. Next year should be even better.

We have gained a lot of new sailing members this

year- activity on the water is increasing. The CGSC Harbor 20 race clinics are bringing new people to the club, and further enhancing our sail offerings to non members as well. The Beneteau member use program is strong, and provides easy access to sailors looking to sail on larger boats, whether just part time or as a stepping stone to buying their own boat. The flying scot fleet continues to attract a big following and is very active.



The Annual Rendezvous took place at/off Elliot on May 6-8. Around 50 sailors and guest took part and a great time was had by all. Big thanks to Lauren and the Staff for their efforts and support, also to Janice Eric and Karen who really know how to set up and throw a party.

It's the time of year to sail, drop anchor and swim. Happy, and safe, Sailing.

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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Bali Ha'i

Let's Talk about Team Trials!

Our very own Daniel van Puffelen competed in the 2019 US Optimist Team Trials held at California Yacht Club on May 2 – 5. The results of the US Team Trials in this class determine young sailors' position on international teams, the US National Team, as well as the US Development Team. Daniel placed 2nd in Silver fleet, which is a huge accomplishment and from what I understand didn't come easy.

Today I'm sitting down with him for a Q & A session to find out all of the details of his experience.

Hello Daniel, on behalf of the Coconut Grove Sailing we'd like to give you a BIG Congratulations on your success this past weekend! I can't wait to hear the story. First, we will start off with some easy questions and then we will get to the hard ones.

How long have you been sailing?

I've been sailing for seven years; two years in beginners and five years on the racing teams. I started sailing when I was five years old.

What made you want to sail?

I have always been a fan of the water. My brother, Alex also encouraged me to sail by watching videos. It's just natural for me to be on the water.

What do you think the most important skill (s) are in sailing?

Staying focused. You have to stay focus and pay attention to everything that changes, like a wind shifts.

What drives you to keep getting on the water and competing?

Mainly I love sailing as a sport and want to keep improving to become the best that I can be.

Tell me about the process of Team Trials. How did you get there?

In order to get invited to Team Trials you must qualify at one of a few qualifying events. I qualified at the St. Pete Valentine's Day Regatta on February 10th. The top 25% which would have been the first 60 boats qualified. I came in 35th place.

Did you do any special training in preparation?

Yes, I trained with Coach Osvaldo during Spring Break. I also practiced for 1 day to learn the Pacific water conditions. It's much different than Florida. Lots of dolphin and seals swimming with us. We were able to do some sightseeing and I watched a soccer match with my coach. Then, we ate at Lala's, Coach Hernan says it's the best Argentinean restaurant in LA.

You had a very successful regatta this past week. Tell us about it:

Well, I had a really bad start, I started off in 150th place. Coach Hernan, decided to change my strategy and instead of starting on the favorite side with all of the "dirty" air, I changed to the less favorite side. I had to do a little more sailing and



tacks. But, once we changed tactics I was able to pass 53 boats on Day 1 and passed 32 more on Day 3.

I missed Gold Fleet by 3 spaces when I submarined my boat. By Day 4, I was excited because I started in 3rd place in Silver Fleet. While on the water, I kept the same strategy in which I got me 2nd place in Silver Fleet.

You have sailed in over 50 regattas. How did this regatta compare to the previous?

This was the hardest regatta because of the competition and the conditions. I was racing against some of the best Optimist sailors. The sea conditions were different; the wind speed, shifts, waves, swells, and current was something that I had to adjust to quickly.

How nervous were you at the start? Did it change by the last day?

I was a little nervous because I never sailed in those conditions and I was thinking about making the national and international teams. I was definitely not nervous on the last day because I was doing very well overall.

How did it feel to get a 2nd Place trophy?

I was very happy. But, I knew I could have done better because my mistake cost me 10 boat positions. But, I was still very happy because I have a chance to get on the international team and I also got a trophy. I'm now hoping for a place on the Development team.

What are your next goals?

To make European Championships. I will have to get top 10 overall at the next Team Trials.

I heard you recently had a birthday?

Yes, my 12th birthday was the day before I left for the regatta.

So, this was a pretty good birthday

present?

Yes! There are 70 positions to fill on the International Team, I'm 67th overall.

Coach Hernan has been coaching you for some time now. What would you like to say to him?

I love him a lot and knew he would be my favorite coach because he was always nice to me. Make it Happen! That's our slogan.

Daniel, as a Leader, what is the first thing that comes to your mind that you would like to tell your fellow teammates:

MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

Well there you have it. Let's make it happen. Again, Daniel Congratulations for your hard work!

Written by: Lauren Simpson, General Manager



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Welcome to the new US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructors. They are Danielle Barcion, Alex Fox, and David Escudero. They have already started accepting teaching assignments. If you see them around the club, offer your congratulations. They join the rest of the instructors, Richard Crisler, Bruce Penrod, Philip Adams, Ed Benitez, and Marc Pendaries. A total of eight US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructors is the most that we've ever had and you can see their profile on the Instructional website. Check it out.

Turbulent weather this spring caused cancellation of classes, and many makeups. Both Basic Keelboat Classes in April and May were full, so full that we decided to add a third class in May. The summer classes are also starting to fill up and we hope for some good weather. Lead instructors for the classes are now rotating and working with one experienced instructor and one new instructor to make up the team of three for each class. After each class, students are encouraged to continue their sailing experience by scheduling private lessons with one of the instructors. The student can choose the instructor

or we select it for them. Students also often schedule with others they have met in their class to split the cost. The end goal for many is to move to Basic Keelboat Certification and then join the Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising Classes.

Here is a look at the upcoming schedule.

Sunfish: June 6/7, July 3/4, August 7/8, Sept. 5/6

Basic Keelboat: June 8/9, 15/16, July 13/14, 20/21, August 10/11, 17/18, Sept. 14/15, 21/22

Basic Cruising: June 7 to 9, July 12 to 14, August 23 to 25, Sept. 20 to 22

Bareboat Cruising: June 21 to 24, July 19 to 22, Sept. 27 to 30

So if you haven't taken one of our classes yet and you want to use the club boats, sign up and get started or get refreshed!

BrucePenrod



Flying Scots

Hi everyone. I thought the Wednesday night racers might enjoy sharing these videos of this Saturday's racing at the club. The Saturday races for the Flying Scots are different than the Wednesday night series. It is serious racing with all boats wanting to have the best crew available. Wednesday nights are set up to be low key and invite newbies into the fleet with good finishes not as important as getting people on the boat and sharing the experience. We do it to build the fleet in hopes that some of you will get the bug and join us on Saturdays. There are club boats available to sponsor by the month that can be used for these races. If you have an interest in the club boats contact me. If you want to get out and crew on Saturdays let the skippers know on Wednesday nights. That is where a lot of the Saturday crew came from. The other boats you see here are Harbor 20's. If you don't feel confident crewing in highly competitive environment yet, or have found the Flying Scots a little too physical for you, you can sail these boats on Saturday. This program is set up to be a racing clinic and like on Wednesday nights they welcome beginners. There is a 60.00 charge but it is a great way to get more racing time in and learn in a low-pressure atmosphere. If you are interested be at the club On the veranda at 10:00 am. They race every Saturday that the weather permits. Whatever path you pick we are excited to get you out there and enjoying the sport we are all very passionate about.

The Scots had their 3rd race of the 3-race series run at the club. The finishes were as follows:

- 1st place with a 1 2 1 Air America Raced by Dave and Bud
- 2nd place with a 4, 1, 2 was Maggie Mae Raced by Carlos and wife and kids
- 3rd place was Lady Hope sailed by Henry (sorry, crew name unknown)
- 4th place Scarface sailed by Jorge, Richard and Esther
- 5th was Obie and his wife in I Gone

Next up is a 6 race summer series with trophies for the series winner The dates are 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10 and 8/24

These races are held at the end of the channel and are a set of 3 that are 30 to 40 minutes long. This puts us back at the dock between 1:30 and 2:00. If you have not tried it yet come out and join us. It is a lot of fun and competitive racing packed into a small amount of time.

The link below will get you to a video of the action. Check it out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6kWWB9qcXk>

See you out there.
Bud



View from the Signal Boat

Senior Commodore's Cup

April 13, 2019

Junior Commodore's Cup

April 27, 2017



We had 14 boats out racing for the Senior Commodore's Cup with winners garnering bragging rights over the next year. Six different types of boats raced, some as the only boat in their class. We had first place trophies for the six winners so all went away happy. Congratulations to:

Dave Martin	Finn	
Chuck Lamphere	Flying Scot	1st Place
Henry Bernstein	Flying Scot	2nd Place
Nicholas Nathanson	Multihull	
James Adams	Cruising Non-Spinnaker	
Joaquin Vinas	Cruising Spinnaker	
Eduardo Luaces	Racing	

The CGSC Youth Program had a great turnout for the Junior Commodore's Cup on Saturday, April 27th. We had 12 Lasers, 12 Red/White/Blue Optis and 11 Opti Green Fleeters out racing. Congratulations to:

Lasers	Roberto Rodriguez	First
	Dorje Hopkins	Second
	Marlon Mulkay	Third
RWB Opti		
	Carlos Beckman	First
	Sophie De Leon	Second
	Keith Grupenhoff	Third
Opti Green		
	Aden Weinberg	First
	Conor Merry	Second
	Nicolas Ojesto	Third

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



CGSC Member and past-Treasurer Ron Canizares, left, along with friend and skipper Phil Asche, on the podium at Antigua Race Week in early May. Ron and Phil won the Doublehanded Division of Race Week, and also the Around the Island Race that preceded Race Week. Ron had already stated this event would be his final sailboat racing event after many years of competition. What a way to go out!!



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Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**BBYRA OD #10
Saturday
06/08/19**

**CGSC RC takes
The summer off**

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