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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**W**ith another summer in the books, we welcome the stronger breezes and cooler temperatures that the fall has to offer. October is also a time when we get to enjoy the Columbus Day Regatta and our very own Halloween Howler. If you have not participated in either event previously, there is no time better than the present to experience them. Whether you enjoy being on the water, or assisting on land, there is a place and job for everyone. This year we are also hosting the Haunted Mooring Field which is an opportunity for those on our mooring field to decorate their boats and host trick-or-treating.

As for the Columbus Day Regatta, that race holds a special place in my heart. It was during the great Columbus Day Regatta Storm of 2011 when we embarked on delivering our first sailboat, Serenity, which was a "classic" (i.e. old) 25 foot Catalina from Fort Lauderdale to the sailing club. After motoring for hours down the intercoastal waterway we approached the Rickenbacker Causeway. Emboldened by the fact that we had mastered the intercoastal yet not seasoned enough to know that we were in thirty plus mile per hour winds and 15-foot

seas (artistic license for exaggeration) we decided to unfurl the jib. As we finished griding in the sheet, a massive squall came through and ripped the sail into pieces as the waves sent our boat and tiny outboard on a rollercoaster. With no GPS and no prior experience, we managed to find the channel and arrived at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. With zero visibility through the storm we could not locate the mooring ball which was assigned to us (we would not have been able to pick it up regardless if we located it). With no place to go we landed at the main dock and were welcomed by s/v Drift, who would soon turn out to be some of our closest friends. I tell this story because the Columbus Day Regatta reminds me of this day and because it highlights what the CGSC is all about. A place to seek safe harbor and share your experiences with friends.

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A Halloween-themed poster for the 'Halloween Howler Regatta' at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in Miami, Florida. The poster features a central white rectangle with two stylized sails (one black, one orange) above the text 'HALLOWEEN HOWLER REGATTA' in large, bold letters. Below the text is 'Coconut Grove Sailing Club - Miami - Florida'. The background is orange and decorated with various Halloween illustrations: jack-o'-lanterns with faces, a ghost with 'BOO!' written above it, a tombstone with 'Happy Halloween' and 'From:' written on it, and several bats. The overall design is festive and spooky.

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's difficult to think that fall is almost upon us. But despite Covid's best efforts the annual cycle moves forward. We don't get to see the leaves change color. For South Florida, we get to see more sails on the starting line with our busy regatta schedule. We can think about hanging out on sailboats in the evening or on the deck of the club, sipping our favorite beverage. Pleasant temperatures and starlit skies.

Speaking of regattas, a couple deserve special mention. The Halloween Howler youth event continues to grow and attract competitors from around the bay and the state. This is a two-day event for the Optis and Lasers. The event is combined with the Haunted Mooring Field featuring decorated sailboats and trick or treating from launches.

CGSC is hosting the Melges 20 Worlds this year. This major class event on December 9 through 12 will draw competitors from all over the US and Canada, as well as Europe.

Another regional event is for the Sunfish class. This will take place on November 13, 14 and is a new regatta for the club. This is a strong indicator of how the CGSC is a growing center of competitive sailing in South Florida. While looking forward, we should also recognize our summer activities. Summer kept the racing teams busy with the Opti RWB and Green teams competing in the USODA Optimist National Championship held in Norfolk, VA. Congratulations to Isabella Henrich who qualified for the 2022 Optimist Team Trials and placed 11th at her first Girl's Nationals.

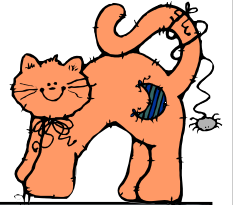
Conner Brandon with our Youth Laser racing team traveled to Dun Laoghaire, Ireland and represented the USA and Coconut Grove Sailing Club at the ILCA4.7 World

Championship and sailed with DRCS Sailing based out of Switzerland. DRCS Sailing's Martins Atilla won the boys championship.

Summer camps were a success and brought smiles to many new and existing youth sailors. After a spectacular summer of sailing, our fall season is completely booked with the exception of the Wednesday after school and our daytime homeschooler program.

Regards,

*Richard Etkin,  
Rear Commodore*





## Flying Scots

The Summer Series ended on August. 29th. 17 boats raced the final race. David Ames (the current Flying Scot National Champion) visited and took the day with 3 bullets. Bionic, with Bud and Gary, came in second with Dida, sailed by Jason and guest Tommy Bremen, took third.

The series results are as follows:

Bionic Sailed by Bud Gay and Bill took first place by 1 point over Dashing White Sergeant sailed by the Rynne family. In Third, only 5 points back, was Dida sailed by Philippe and Jason.

Bejia Flor sailed by Ryan, Karla and sometimes James were 4th breaking a tie breaker with 5th place Bandit sailed by Alex and Achene. Cool Change sailed by Keith and Yvette were 6th, one point ahead of Obie and Joergn in 7th.

Scarface sailed by Jeorg, Richard, and sometimes Danielle and Esther, were 8th by 2 points over 9th place Zoom Sailed by Francois and crew.

Mad Dog sailed by Andy, Evan and Jim were 10th by 1 point winning a tie breaker with Air America sailed by

Eileen, Amy and crew in 11th. 12th was Nolo Contendre sailed by Andi and Dave, one point ahead of Ollie and sons on Culpable Phoenix. Bruno and crew finished 15th and Sally R with Victor and crew finishing 16th.

One of the keys to success was sailing every race. With the fleet this large you get scored in the teens when you miss a race. Miss a few and it is hard to catch someone who comes every time. That said, the competition is close with a lot of the series positions settled by tie breakers or won by a single point over the entire series. It is great fun to see the new competitors getting better every race and picking off their competition one at a time.

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## Adult Sailing

In last month's CHANNEL article, we appealed for a volunteer or volunteer(s) to serve as Adult Sailing Chairperson(s). That search is still on and the need is there. This person or persons would be involved in the overall scope of our adult training programs from a promotional level, serving under the Rear Commodore and working with the key people in each of our programs, such as Sunfish, Basic Keelboat, Flying Scots, adopt-a-boat programs and more. This is a volunteer member position and a great way to get involved in the action and mission of your club. This person would attend monthly general meetings, report on adult training activities, submit a monthly article for the CHANNEL, and may work with the Board of Directors on changes and enhancements to the adult programs. If interested, contact club manager, Lauren Simpson, or you may contact the past chairman for additional information (see below).

By the time you are reading this CHANNEL, you are only a few weeks away from one of the most important, productive and enjoyable annual events at the club.... WORK WEEKEND. For the Sunfish and especially the Basic Keelboat Ensigns and Jolly-Roger, this is actually a 4-day event, well-organized, and needing your service for at least one of those days. It will involve cleaning, repairing, varnishing, replacing lines and parts, light carpentry, and enjoying the pride of seeing a renewed clean, safe and shining fleet back at work for the club.

If you are available to help, please contact the Adult Sailing Coordinator, Philip Adams, to get put on the list of volunteers. You won't be standing around looking for something to do; you will know what it is and enjoy the satisfaction of completing it. We highly recommend Work Weekend to our newcomers as a quick way to get involved, meet lots of other members, and contribute to help out your club. You'll be seeing and hearing a lot more about this important and fun event.

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

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Adult Sailing continued





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### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**CGSC Annual OC Regatta  
Dinghy & Flying Scot Fall Series #3  
October 2-3, 2021**

**CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta  
October 16, 2021**

**Dinghy Fall Series #4  
October 23, 2021**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #4  
October 24, 2021**

**Halloween Howler Youth Regatta  
October 30-31, 2021**

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