



S/V Stardust Committee Boat
for Single Handed Regatta

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a great month of July. We dodged Hurricane / Tropical Storm Elsa and had our first in person large events in over a year. This started with the annual Fourth of July celebration. While we did not have the yearly water slide and fireworks were at a minimum, it was still nice to gather together and celebrate. This was followed by our installation ceremony wherein we thanked outgoing members of the Bridge and Board of Directors and installed new ones. It was a great night of catching up with old friends and dancing to some great 80s music. The month ended with our first in person general meeting in a long time.

If you have read my past articles, August holds a special place in my heart. Setting aside that it is my birthday month, it was also the time of year when we would go on our family vacations and enjoy not being in school. The days were longer and always filled with adventure. As I grew up, August was also the month of getting ready for college football. However, as an adult living in Miami, August sometimes loses its luster in the unbearable heat. It is during those times that I am grateful for being part of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club community. Dodging the summer storms while I head to Hurricane Cove with my family for an afternoon of relaxation and swimming or sailing down to Stiltsville (imaging what it must have been like in their glory) brings back the feeling of freedom and happiness that only August could provide.

The sailing club is a great place but, like most things, you only get with you give. I challenge and welcome all of you to come down to the club and enjoy it. There is no better time to learn to sail or improve your sailing skills and knowledge with one of our sailing programs. Want to go sailing and meet some great people? Then come down on Wednesday night for the Flying Scot races. As I said during my installation speech, this year is the year the sailing club is back. While sailing did not go away last year, our ability to participate in group activities and share fellowship did. We have a year to catch up on and August is the perfect month to start.



I am looking forward to seeing everyone around the club and on the bay.

Robert Carlson.
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Flying Scots

The Scot fleet is going strong with 11 to 14 boats showing up every race and 25 boats now in the fleet. The series results are very tight with lots of close scoring. Our most recent race had 11 boats out there with some tight racing.

Patrick and Fiona took first place with 3 bullets.

Second went to Bill, Bud and guest Crew Toni

Third was Ryan and Karla.

Fourth was Alex and Ahcene

One point behind Ryan and Karla

Fifth place was Jason and two guest crew filling in for Philippe

6th place was Jeorg with crew Danielle and Esther winning a tie breaker with Obie

7th place was Obie, Lorie and Joaquin

8th Place Ollie and son

9th place Eileen with Andy and Mary

10th place was Victor Sopena and Juan Alvarez on the newly donated boat Sally R

11th place was the new couple Carl and Lynn Kafka with coach Peter Houseworth

Wednesday night racing and Saturday clinics have had some bad luck with weather, having to cancel two sessions each.

Last Wednesday we finally got one in with 5 boats competing and lots of new sailors trying out racing the boat. Sally Russel, the former member who donated Sally R, stopped in and raced on her old boat.

Jorge Reinhold won the single handed race again this year. He has won it two other times in the past.

The double handed race was cancelled due to weather. Bud



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Another month has passed and I have been fortunate to be able to visit another yacht club and see how they do things. I just finished the Baxter Bowl here at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in sunny California and next week it will be the Star North Americans.

The NHYC really knows how to put on a sailing event and we can learn from them as this was, from a competitors standpoint, the singularly most organized and prepared sailing event I've ever attended.

Their version of the Strip had painted sail numbers where all the competitors' boats were to be stored, the RC had arranged for tows for all the boats as light winds were expected (and happened!) as the actual race course was a long way away, the food was hot and plentiful, the bar was open, friendly, accommodating, and easy to purchase from, and of course their staff was friendly and helpful. They have set a new standard for what regattas can be like in our beloved sport!

I know we too can rise to this level of excellence. With

Lauren's help and with our great team we have all the tools we need to have our upcoming busy racing and sailing season be our most successful ever.

Dave Martin
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

While the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is about all sailing, it is undeniable that much of the activity of boats coming and going is about racing. We talk as if there is a wall between racers and cruisers, but that may not be the case. This year programs in the planning stage look to be inviting for all sailors. Events can be more of the fun variety, less intense, and requiring less technical information. All sailing requires good seamanship and for CGSC, this is an area we hope to help our members develop in an enjoyable and social way.

For the racing and non-racing crowd people, not boats, there is the Race Committee (contact Susan Wallcut at racecommittee@cgsc.org) to get out on the water, meet fellow members, contribute to CGSC hosted events, and learn about the racing environment and race management. It is an active year yet again with new regattas. We will host the Sunfish Florida Regional in November, and the Finn Winter Series in February 2022. Our usual returning

regattas are the !-420 and 470 classes. In addition the Melges 20 Winter Series and Worlds will be run by CGSC on Biscayne Bay. Important local regattas we host are for the Snipes in the Don Q and Comodoro Rasco Reagatta. Oriented to youth sailing are the Halloween Howler and Miami Sail Week. This is in addition to the BBYRA and club run clinics and Flying Scot events. A full program that gives an opportunity for volunteers to be at the club with their friends.

As always, I welcome your feedback and ideas. Feel free to email me at: richard.etkin@gmail.com.

Richard Etkin, Rear Commodore



Single-Handed Regatta

One of the great traditions at Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the Annual Single-Handed and Double-Handed Regattas which have been held the first weekend of August every year for as long as anyone can remember. The adjacent photos of the 2021 edition of the Single-Handed race were taken from the signal boat, S/V Stardust. Nineteen vessels in three different classes competed and the competition was intense. A great deal of fun was had by all, both competitors and the hard-working Race Committee volunteers. To everyone that was there, we thank you. To everyone that was not, we hope to see you next time!

-Past Commodore James Grupenhoff"



Photos by James Grupenhoff.

Adult Sailing

Growth and Changes... These are two very good words to describe what is going on with your club's Adult Instructional program, especially with the keelboats and Sunfish. As a result of a July 1 change in leadership of the Adult instructional program, especially with the keelboats, moves have been made to expand and extend control over the growth of the total program, both in popularity of the Basic Keelboat classes, increased use of the instructional fleet, increase in the number of certified instructors and increased pressure on the maintenance of boats and engines, the new staff position of Adult Program Coordinator has been established.

With these changes we are still lacking the volunteer member position of Adult Sailing Chairman. This

can be an individual or we can have Co-Chairs of two members or even a couple. This position is to help oversee the Adult Program from a member standpoint, as well as promote the program, assist in future planning, attend all monthly general business meetings to meet new members, submit the monthly Adult Sailing article for the CHANNEL and promote all that we have to offer adults in the form of classes and member-use privileges. If you have interest or are curious about this position, please contact our Club Manager, Lauren Simpson, or you may even wish to discuss what is involved with this former Chairman.



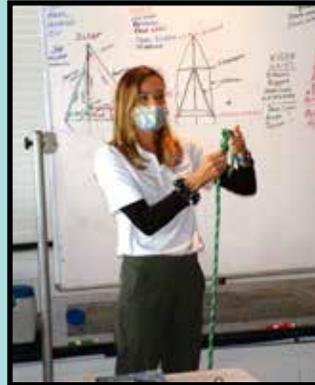
Adult sailing continued

In the meantime, our Basic Keelboat classes are sold out up to two months in advance, we have been doing haul-outs and refurbishing of our work-horse Ensign fleet, now with new mainsails for all plus engine updates, increasing the maintenance on our Sunfish fleet and more.

Note: Certified member-users of the Ensign fleet should now contact Philip Adams, Adult Program Coordinator, for reservations at adultsailing@cgsc.org.

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

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Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Dinghy Fall Series #1
September 11, 2021**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #1
September 12, 2021**

**RC Work Day
September 19, 2021**

**Dinghy Fall Series #2
September 25, 2021**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #2
September 26, 2021**

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