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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to sincerely thank all of you that participated or help run the Columbus Day Regatta. While it was a slow start(s) and had a questionable finish, it was so much fun. As Commodore I was very proud to see so many members involved. As a self-proclaims "cruiser," I am starting to catch the racing bug. As a precursor to the event, I raced in the Wednesday Night Flying Scot race. If you have not done it, I strongly encourage you to attend (while the sun still permits). It was a great warmup for the big regatta. Although my racing sails are not as fine-tuned as I would like, I had the pleasure of having an all-star and star-studded crew comprised of Vice Commodore Dave Martin, Andi Hoffman, and Rear Commodore Richard Etkin. I could not have asked for a better crew. We handily defeated the crew comprised of the Past Commodores. Luckily for them they were so far behind the balance of the fleet that they entirely missed the storm that cancelled the end of the race.

On a more serious note, as Commodore one of my responsibilities is to ensure the well being and safety of the Club. To that end, we are asking our members who bring their children to the Club to not leave them unsupervised. And no, sitting at

the bar while your children are downstairs does not constitute "supervised." The current level of unsupervised children playing with dock carts, kicking balls into the boats (and cars) and hanging from boats and the cranes is not acceptable and will no longer be tolerated.

Additionally, fishing on the dock is prohibited and any children on the dock must be supervised and wearing a life jacket. It is staff responsibility to enforce these rules. Members who do not comply will face disciplinary action including suspension or termination of membership privileges.

With that out of the way, thank you to all of our members that continue to support the club and our mission of promoting sailing. I hope to see everyone at the annual work weekend and out on the water.

Robert Carlson, Commodore

SV -Grey Wind

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Happy Thanksgiving



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Have you noticed a break in the weather? The subtle 2 degree relief and the small drop in humidity? It really makes being outside that much more pleasant! Fall has finally arrived.

And as such we all need to put the dates of November 20th and 21st on our calendar because that is the annual Work Weekend.

For those unfamiliar with the annual work weekend, this is your time to volunteer as many hours on one or both days, so that you can perform some manual labor in an effort to defray maintenance costs and perform some random club beautification.

The club launch, member use boats, and the docks will be unavailable. In other words, don't plan on having a fun filled weekend on the water while your fellow members maintain the club gear! Food and drinks will be provided to the hard workers throughout the day.

Items on this year's list include but are not limited to: Cleaning and inspecting the club row boats, the

adult club Lasers, the Flying Scots, walking the property to pick up trash, remove broken or unused gear, and general club beautification. There will be a group assigned to rework the wood bumpers on the seawall under the cranes as many of the vertical members have finally given way to rot. We have yet to finalize

the design but this project may take more than 2 days to complete.

We hope that you all can make the dates and I look forward to sweating it out in the hot sun with my fellow members!

Dave Martin

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Club on-water activities are an important part of what we do as a sailing community. It is not always about racing and regattas, but it seems that way sometimes. This report is not going to be an exception, but we will get to other efforts to get everyone who wants to, to be on the bay next time.

This last Saturday the Columbus Day Regatta was run on Biscayne Bay, with a sail down to marker C and back, a 16 NM course. There were 9 classes with over 60 boats registered. What made this even stand out was the informal Commodore Challenge that developed between Commodore Rob Carlson's Grey Wind, with a crew of the current bridge, and Past Commodore Jeff Flanagan's Shenanigans with a crew of, yup you guessed it, past commodores.

Trash talk followed for week before the event. The interesting part was the completely messed up weather experienced on race day. After a painfully slow start and limited wind for the first two hours, the sea breeze picked up to get everyone to the mark. As we all returned, the wind increased to moderate and respectable speed North was the result. Everyone was treated to a show of lightning and thunder about 30 minutes south of the finish and the race came to a confusing end.

Confusing because an ambiguous call by the RC to abandon the race was made and the finish line was consequently short one signal boat. Some interpreted the instructions to go to the finish and mark their time, others to mark their place at the call to abandon and go home due to the weather.

For the CGSC Commodores Challenge, which is in this writer's humble opinion, the most important aspect of this story, The Commodores were well ahead of the Past Commodores when the race

was called. Alternately, the Past Commodores completed the course, and claim victory, as they finished the racecourse, and the Commodores did not. For what it is worth, better not to resolve the difference and enjoy the debate at the bar. In other news CGSC was one of the most represented clubs at the recent Finns North Americans in Pas Christian, MS, September 30 to October 3, 2021. Vice Commodore Dave Martin came in 8th out of 22 Finns that competed. Well done at the North American level! From the Race Committee perspective, more new events keep showing up due to this committee's ability to organize great regattas. The events are, Sunfish Regional Championships, with the winner going to the worlds, Nacra 15, Olympic trainer event, a four race Finn series, and the Lightning Mid-Winter Championship March 24-25.

Richard Etkin, Rear Commodore



Above, The crew of Past Commodores when Shenanigans finally arrived at the club.



Right, Looking over the stern of Grey Wind, the Commodore's boat under excessively calm conditions at the start.

CONGRATULATIONS AUGIE DIAZ!

Augie Diaz, with crew Barbie Brotons, won the 2021 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship in Boston Sept. 20-25.

Then, on October 16th, he was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, RI as part of the 11-Member Class of 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE HUGHES!

Dave Hughes, a two-time U.S. sailing Olympian, has been elected Vice Chair of World Sailing Athlete's Commission. Over 200 Olympic Sailing athletes voted to elect 5 winning candidates among 19 who ran. Dave is a 5-time World Cup Gold Medalist, 4-time National Champion and 6-time North American Champion.



Saturday was a blustery day with gusts in the high teens and a squall that blew through the Grove when Scots were preparing to launch. This Regatta was the first in the Annual FL State Flying Scot Championships with a total of 24 registered Scots, local and from out of town. The Scots were racing for two perpetual trophies, the Sally Russell Trophy for the first place finisher and the Charlie Fowler Trophy for the highest CGSC finisher. The Lasers and Sunfish made a wise decision and stayed on shore Saturday. Of the BBYRA OD fleets, the J/24s had advised they would all only be racing on Saturday. The Etchells were represented by only two boats with no J/70s or Lasers (on Saturday). We ran three races for all of the fleets.

Sunday was a beautiful day on the Bay with steady winds from 100° and 10-12 knots. We ran two races for the Etchells, Flying Scots and Lasers and had the fleets





in by 1300. Trophies were presented on the lawn at 1500 along with free beer for the racers.

Many thanks to our Race Committee volunteers:

Saturday – Rick Klein, Caroll Cottrel, Jose Guntin, Don Deresz, Allen Cox, Ivor Subotic, Bill Quesenberry, Denise Schneider, Charity Johnson and two Sunfish sailors that were at the Club and volunteered, Gregorio Imperatori and Luis Reyes.

Sunday – Ron Rostorfer, Caroll Cottrel, Jose Guntin, Don Deresz, Allen Cox, Cameron Crowson, Charity Johnson, Susan Mohorcic, Martha Ledesma and Dottie Rostorfer.

Many thanks as well to Captain Chris Carlton of the Signal Boat, Corragio, Richard Etkin, as Chief Judge, Sandwich Lady Denise Schneider and Steve Herman for keeping me on track.

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair



Congratulations to

| | | |
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| Etchells | First | Chris Lanza |
| | Second | Jonah Pruit |
| J/24s | First | Oliver Waite |
| | Second | Stephen Carr |
| Lasers | First | Roberto Laub |
| Flying Scots | First | David Ames & the Sally Russell Trophy |
| | Second | Rynne Family & the Charlie Fowler Trophy |
| | Third | Tyler Andrews |
| | Fourth | Chip Merlin |
| | Fifth | Jim Signor |



Flying Scots

The club's annual regatta was an exciting one. 24 boats signed up for the race. The first day the wind blew 18 with gusts to 23. Only 19 boats decided to race in the challenging conditions with 3 capsizes on the first day. The wind came down some the second day.

David Ames, the current national champion won the day.

The Rynne family was second

Tyler Andrews, and Joe Posten and son came in third. Tyler, from Flying Scot, delivered Joe's new boat to the club the day before the regatta.

Fourth place was Chip Martin from Davis Island Yacht Club.

5th was Jim and Cheryl Signor, club members from Key Largo

6th was Ryan Alexander sailing with Tommy Bremen and crew Karla

7th was Bionic with Bud Price, Bill Denyer and Gary Schrodt

8th was Juan Gaitin from LESC

9th was Mat Sanford and Rick Rosen from Biscayne Bay yacht club

10th Obie Smith, Lorrie Messer and guest crew

11th Doug Sherman and Achene Iddir

12th John McNally and Robert from Palm Beach Yacht Club

13th Kevin Briggs and Ariel from Lake Eustis sailing club

14th Andy Buys, Evan Duffy and Jim Nubiola

15th Joerg Reinhold with Esther and Toni

16th Eileen with different guest crew

17th Oliver Buckwell and son

18th Philippe Dusser with Jason Ferreira and guest crew



Photos by Dick Pober

Adult Sailing July Class

Though some close calls, weather has been better to us lately for group Sunfish and Keelboat Classes along with numerous private sessions for teaching, coaching and testing. In addition to our always sold out weekend keelboat courses and weekend Sunfish courses, you will likely find one or more instructors working with students almost every day of the week at the Club. Congratulations to members, Giancarlo Avila, Adrian Cardenas and Carlos Hussey for achieving Basis Keelboat Certification this past month.

A very big and important event is coming up for us in November. It is our Annual WORK WEEKEND. It is the one biggest opportunity we have each year to refurbish our adult instructional boats. It is always volunteer driven, and in the case of the keelboats, may spread over four (4) days from Friday to Monday. I have attended over 30 events and the first, as a new member, was my chance to meet other members and become a giving member for the good of our club. You will see more info about this fun and productive event. Join our team

working on the instructional boats. Know you will have a mission when you arrive. To sign up for our Work Crew, contact Philip Adams, Adult Sailing Coordinator at adultsailing@cgsc.org. Lunch is provided and cool beverage(s) at the end of the day.

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

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Road Warrior Miami Finns High-tail It to Mississippi

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club-based Miami Finn Fleet towed their boats 800 miles to Pass Christian, Mississippi the first weekend of October to sail in the Finn North American Championships.

Vice-Commodore Dave Martin towed his boat and a second boat for Bo Teglers Nielsen, a Dane living now in Guatemala, who flies to Miami to sail with the fleet. Club member Fabiano Vivacqua, Jr., towed his and the boat of Caio Gerrassi, another member of the Miami Finn Fleet. And club member Charles Heimler towed his and fellow member, Clay Van Nortwick's boat—having just bought “driftwood” this summer, it was Clay's first national regatta, ever! That was three double trailers and three vehicles transporting six boats round trip 1600 miles!

Most of us rode in the vehicles, but two “rock stars” flew into Gulfport or New Orleans.

The drive took about 12-14 hours, depending on your relationship with speed limits, and trailed through Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi. Arriving at Pass Christian Yacht club, the Miami contingent made up the largest fleet representation among 22 entries, who came from California, New England, Chicago, Oregon, Alabama, and Georgia. Sailors ranged from 27 years old to 72.

The races were held five minutes from the harbor on the Mississippi Sound, which is fed by two rivers emptying into Bay St. Louis. Lots of club members watched the racing from the top deck of the club. The wind was a moderate 8-14 knots through the event. Temperature was in the high 80's. Nice waves delighted the Finnsters with downwind surfing.

And numerous wind shifts and a strong Gulf current made for lots of passing lanes on both the upwind and

downwind legs.

With the size of the fleet, managing mark roundings was also at a premium.

CGSC's Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman helped on the Race Committee. She and Vice Commodore Dave promoted this winter's Miami Finn winter Series, which comprises four regattas in December through March—three at CGSC and one at Upper Keys Sailing Club at Key Largo.

PCYC put on the best of Mississippi-style Southern Hospitality with good cheer at the club, a shrimp boil featuring shrimp netted that day, breakfast, lunch and dinner all the days of the regatta, as well as full bar with good pours and free beer. The nearby Cat Island Cafe/Books was a nice spot for breakfast and caffeine. There was a live rock n roll band at the shrimp boil.

In the past three years, the Miami Finn Fleet has found a home at CGSC, and has grown from three to 12 sailors. Fleet members have participated in last year's North American's at CGSC, Miami Sailing Week, club regattas, the dinghy racing series, and volunteered for Race Committee.

We're looking forward to up to twenty boats participating in the upcoming Winter Series. We have a club boat available for our try-then-buy program—if interested, contact Vice Commodore Dave Martin. Good, second hand starter boats are available—contact Charles Heimler.

Report by Charles Heimle





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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Series #1
November 5-7, 2021**

**Sunfish FL Regional Regatta
November 13-14, 2021**

**Dinghy Fall Series #5
November 27, 2021**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #5
November 28, 2021**

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