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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

What do we mean when we use the word seamanship? The dictionary says it's the art and skill of handling a boat or vessel at sea. But sometimes the best example of seamanship is to understand your limits and stay ashore.

I think we should always be trying to improve our seamanship skills at every opportunity and that starts with judgement at the dock.

To be a good skipper and to exhibit good seamanship skills, one must be honest with themselves and honest in their evaluation of the many factors that are involved when leaving the dock. These include, but are not limited to, the weather, the fitness of your crew, the sturdiness of your vessel and the extent of your voyage. When a good skipper honestly evaluates these factors, and more, sometimes the conclusion should be to stay shoreside and forgo the day's adventure.

As you all know, the skipper is responsible for their vessel and their crew. Not the race committee, not the dock staff, not the rendezvous organizers, not SeaTow, not the Coast Guard or anyone else who is willing and able to lend a hand. The skipper is in charge and the skipper needs to be able to be in control of his or her vessel and understand the risks that are inherent in sailing every time they leave the dock.

Seamanship is the art of weighing all of the

potential hazards to be faced against your skills, the crew's skills, your boat's capabilities in the current weather scenario and make sound decisions and deal with everything that mother nature may throw at you.

If the skipper makes the correct seamanship-like decisions he or she will ultimately come through it all with grace and style; managing your way through difficult circumstances so that you limit the danger to yourself, others, and your craft. Seamanship is a very important part of sailing- perhaps the most important.

Please keep these things in mind the next time the weather looks threatening or you have inexperienced crew, or your boat may not be in tip top shape, take the seamanship way out and stay home. There is no shame in this and your crew and boat will thank you!



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Happy  
Easter

## Washington's Birthday Regatta at The Barnacle Historic State Park February 26, 2022

The Historic Coconut Grove Home of Ralph Middleton Monroe hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Washington's Birthday Regatta. (WBR)

A little history: the Barnacle Historic State Park was named for Commodore Munroe's home which he called the Barnacle. The first regatta was in 1887 and revived in 1996.

The Barnacle Regatta is truly about the Hens, Egrets, Sharpies, X Dinghys, Sea Pearls, Core Sound Dinghys, Bahama Dinghys, and classic wood boats of the past. This is the beauty of this meeting of sailboats, celebrating Washington's Birthday, on Biscayne Bay, fondly called The Barnacle.

This years Regatta 20 boats registered for the event, 4 Classes sailed 3 races.

The Egret and Ibis classes, sailed a windward leeward course, and the Sandpiper and

Plover classes sailed a triangle course.

Our signal boat was CGSC and CRYC member, Tom Septembre's 52' "Belle Noir".

The breeze was a consistent north easterly 8-11 knots, making it safe and fun for all boats. Along with the Mud Hens and Beach Hens, we welcomed a Marsh Hen Sharpie from Ft. Myers. Jennifer Wirth, who sailed Mud Hen, Largo, was challenged by the Marsh Hen Sharpie, Henrietta, sailed by William Coleman. Only seconds separated them in 2 of the 3 races! Fun to watch the competition.

The Sandpiper class welcomed a Sharpie Arch Davis, built by his own hand with final sanding done the day before the regatta. Peter Sawyer, who built the

same boat a few years ago, was fast. Oscar Kremer and his son, in their Sharpie Arch Davis, won the Sandpiper class!



PHOTOS: Saralee Lamb

Results:

Egret Class: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Reprieve, skipper Carlos Salabarría, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nomad, skipper Brian McGuinness, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sabrosura, skipper Pascal Gademer.

Sandpiper Class: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Ace of Hearts, skipper Oscar Kremer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Zena, skipper Skip Reicheimer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Betty Jane, skipper Thomas Champney.

Plover Class: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Largo, skipper Jennifer Wirth, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Henrietta, skipper William Coleman, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Poulee Mouille, Danny Garcia.

Ibis Class: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Elizabeth Belle, skipper Jay Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Butterfly, skipper Richard Crisler, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Echo, skipper Doug Hanks. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats are both CGSC Ensigns!)

Awards: The Race Committee received a new award, the Charles Peacock Award, for our race management efforts and timing! Joan Mueller (CRYC) was acknowledged at the chowder fest, as the first winner of this historic regatta,



as well as one of the remaining WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, women serving in the branch of the Navel Reserve in WWII.)

Race Committee: Thank you to our signal boat captain, Tom Septembre, his wife Joyce, and Joan Mueller and our small but very efficient mark boat. Bill Becker, Carol Cottrell, Don Deresz and Susan Mohoric who has many of the photo credits. Signal boat staff: PRO Nancy Rogachenko, timer, Steve Herman, flags, Kathy Gunst, recorder, Saralee Lamb, check in, Joanne Mathieu.

A Special thank you to The entire Barnacle staff who worked tirelessly, including Jessica Cabral, Katrina Boler Park Manager, John Palanchar and Danny Garcia, organizers of the event. It has been a pleasure to work with you for the past 10 years. Many thanks to all!

Nancy Rogachenko, PRO

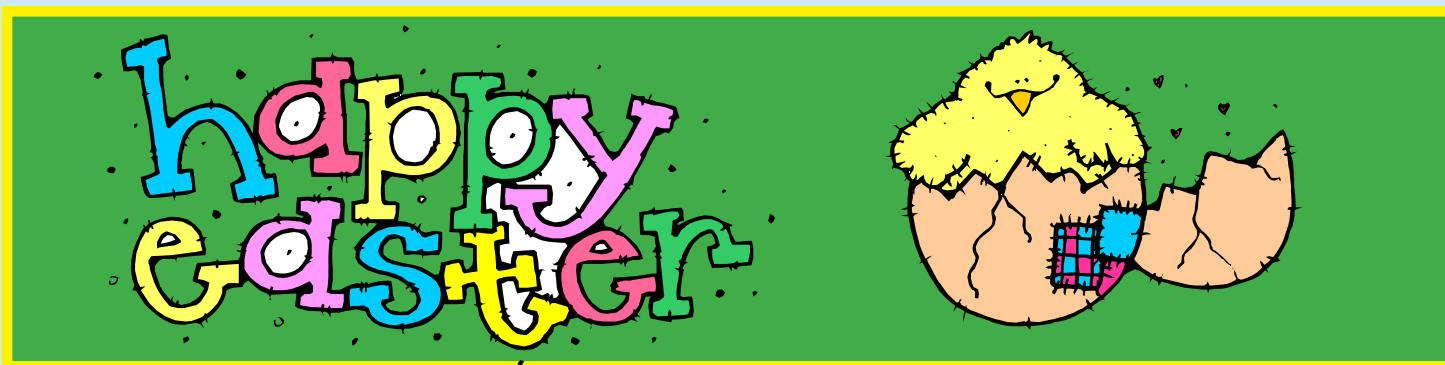
### March 14 Flying Scots Race

The Scots finished a series this month. The standings are as follows.

First place was Philippe and Jason, Second place, Obie Smith, Third place, Bud, Gary and Bill, 4<sup>th</sup> place, Mat Sanford, 5<sup>th</sup> place, Alex and Doug, 6<sup>th</sup> place, Daniel, 7<sup>th</sup> place, Ryan and Karla, 8<sup>th</sup> place, Oliver & sons, 9<sup>th</sup> Bruno, 10<sup>th</sup> Victor Sopena, 11<sup>th</sup> Jim, Andy and Evan, 12<sup>th</sup> Joerg, 13<sup>th</sup> Eileen, Amy and Toni, 14<sup>th</sup> Luis, 15<sup>th</sup> Rynne family, 16 Chuck Lamphere, 17, Dave Martin, 18, Susan Wayne.

Attendance as usual made for the top scores. And yes at one point 18 different boats have competed. Saturday morning clinics are going strong. On the 26<sup>th</sup> 5 Scots and 5 Sunfish competed. See the club calendar for upcoming clinics. Wednesday night racing will begin again with the time change in March. As of now there are 4 standard sponsorships and one racing sponsorship available on the club Scots.

See Bud Price for how to get involved.



MELGES 20 SEASON FINALE  
**IN LIKE A LION, PART 1**

Miami's great month of March at Coconut Grove Sailing Club began on the 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> with the final Melges 20 event of their Miami Winter Series (officially, Event #3). It was our fourth Melges 20 event of the season. This included the 2021 World Championship back in December, which wasn't part of MWS.

**The Racing.** Up to eight races were scheduled. Eleven boats were entered for the March event, but two failed to appear. Friday's racing was conducted under ideal conditions on Biscayne Bay, with a low-teens SE breeze and sunshine. The normal three races were sailed. At day's end, Vladimir Prosihkin sailing *Nika* posted a 2-2-1 record to lead by a single point over World Champ Dan Thielman's *Kuai* with a 1-3-2. All racing was sailed on windward-leeward, twice around courses with a Leeward Gate.

Saturday saw the fabled March Lion appear. Due to strong winds, racing was postponed for two hours that morning. This in the hopes that the wind would abate enough to permit racing. However, such was not the

case. PRO Shannon Bush made the call around 1230 to abandon racing for the day.

This left only Sunday to complete the regatta. With a 1400 cutoff time for the final start of the day, three races were all that could be sailed. Again, conditions were great on the Bay, and the three hoped for races were completed. This brought the event to six races sailed, which allowed each boat to drop its worst score. *Nika* swept the day with three bullets to win the regatta by a comfortable seven points. *Kuai* held second, and Peter McClellenn's *Gamecock* was just one point back in third.

**Shoreside.** Once again, Chef Jose and the CGSC Kitchen put our great appetizers for the event. They were in three different locations. Thursday evening in the Main Room following the Competitors' Meeting,





Friday after racing on the Club lawn, and Sunday for the awards at SALM where the fleet hauls and stores. For the MWS, the winner was Dan Thielman, a CGSC Member hailing from San Francisco.

**Race Committee.** CGSC's Race Committee turned in another fine job of race management for the event. Thanks to William Sancho's very proper Island Packet sloop, *Brown Eyed Girl* for serving as our Signal Boat. National Race Officer Shannon Bush travelled out from her home in Texas once again to be PRO for the event. RC Administrator Steve Herman was Deputy Race Officer, while Dottie Rostorfer was Timer. Flag Signalers were Kathy Gunst, Denise Schneider and Sonia Diaz. Recorders were Charity Johnson and JoAnn Mathieu. Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman did the scoring.

Up to weather was RC Chair Susan Walcutt aboard her Contender 27, with Andi Hoffman, Bill Becker and Dick Pober aboard. The Pin Boat was crewed by Ron Rostorfer, PC, with Allen Cox and Martha Ledesma crewing. The Gate Boat was skippered by Regional Race Officer Nancy Rogachenko with Don Deresz and Don Libbey crewing.



Photos by Dick Pober

## BACARDI CUP IN LIKE A LION, PART 2

**T**hursday thru Saturday, March 10-13, saw CGSC managing a race circle in the Bacardi Cup event for the first time. We played host to 26 Melges 24s and 39 J 70s. International Race Officer Mark Foster returned to CGSC to serve as our PRO. There were two other race circles, including one for the Star Class, the original and longtime Bacardi Cup fleet. Up to nine races were scheduled for our fleets.

**The Racing.** Once again, great sailing conditions prevailed, but also once again, there was only racing on two of the three scheduled days. The race courses were all windward-leeward, twice around with a leeward gate. However, for the first time at CGSC, MarkBots were used for the Gate and Finish Pin marks. The faster Melges 24 fleet started first, with the Race Committee generally rolling into the J 70 sequence, so they started five minutes later. Thursday saw a steady SE breeze that allowed all three planned races to be sailed.

For the Melges 24's the great sailing Porter family led with three second places. Brian was skipper, with RJ, Bri and Matt Woodworth aboard. In second with 12 points was former Melges 20 World Champion Drew Freides. His crew was Charlie Smythe, Olympic Silver Medalist Morgan Reeser, Federico Michetti and Lara Poljsak. Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Finalist, young Harry Melges IV was one point back in fourth.

For the J 70s, the British team of Paul Ward, Charlie Cumbley, Elliot Willis and Matt Howard won the day with a 1-3-2. Ignacio Perez and his Mexican team were a bit of a distant second with a 5-1-9. Bobby Julien's US team was third with 11-7-1.

Friday saw a return of great sailing conditions on the Bay, and three more races were completed for

each class. In the Melges 24s, the highly successful Olympian Bora Gulari won the day with a 1-1-4. On board were Kyle Navin, Norman Berge, Ian Liberty and Michael Menninger. Given that six races had been completed, each team could drop its worst score. That was huge for Bora's team, as they dropped a 27 point U-Flag penalty in Race 3 on Thursday to move into a first place tie with the Porters. The tie-break saw Bora in first, as they had three first places vs. none for the Porters. Drew Freides and Harry IV were tied for third, with the tie-break favoring Drew. In the J 70s, Charles Thompson's British team won the day with a 3-5-1, one point better than the US team of Daniel Goldberg. With the drop after six races, Paul Ward's British team was back on top with ten points after shedding a 17<sup>th</sup> in Race 4. That was seven points better than Daniel Goldberg's team in second, with Charles Thompson's British team four points back in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sunday's forecast had been problematic for days in advance, with a frontal passage and strong winds,



although the strength of the winds varied a bit from day to day. This made it seem like racing might be possible – maybe. Such was not the case, so for the second March weekend in a row, racing was limited to just two days. The decision was made early on Saturday morning. Race Committee show-up time was 0900. It was about that time that Flags AP over Alpha were displayed from the CGSC flagpole accompanied by two horns, indicating no racing for the day. So, the regatta ended with Friday’s scores becoming final.

**Shoreside.** All official shoreside events were scheduled for all fleets at SALM. However, several of the teams from both classes remained at CGSC enjoying our great hospitality, great views, along with our equally great food and bar service.





**Race Committee.** Once again, CGSC's Race Committee performed excellently, along with the three MarkBots. The Signal Boat was a 37 foot power boat provided by Bacardi and Skipped by Steve Fuccillo. A distinctive looking boat, shall we say! On board with PRO Mark Foster were CGSC Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman as Deputy RO, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Charity Johnson and Louise McKee and Recorder Saralee Lamb with assistance from Charity. Up to weather was Susan Walcutt and her Contender 27 with Don Libby, Bill Becker and Allen Cox crewing. The Pin Boat was skippered by Ron Rostorfer, PC,

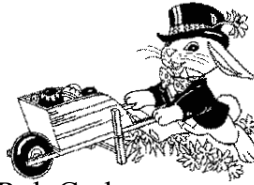
with line caller Nancy Rogachenko, Recorder Martha Ledesma and "Anchor Officer" Don Deresz. With the MarkBots in play, our Angler 24 served as a spectator boat, with Steve Herman as the operator. Dick Pober, Denise Schneider and Kathy Gunst were aboard all or part-time.



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**Upcoming CGSC Regattas**

**Dinghy Spring Series #2**  
**April 2, 2022**

**Flying Scot Spring Series #2**  
**April 3, 2022**

**Don Q Snipe Regatta**  
**April 8-10, 2022**

**CGSC Jr Commodore's Cup**  
**April 9, 2022**

**Dinghy Spring Series #3**  
**April 23, 2022**

**Flying Scot Spring Series #3**  
**April 24, 2022**

**Dinghy Spring Series #4**  
**April 30, 2022**

**Flying Scot Spring Series #4**  
**May 1, 2022**

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