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COMMODORE'S REPORT

As you can tell from the other articles (or by stopping by the club), it has been a busy few months of sailing. From the Melges and Bacardi series, Miami Sail Week, and our very own CGSC Junior Commodore Cup to Miami Key Largo, there has been a regatta for everyone. I hope that you took this opportunity to get out on the water and participate in the sport of sailing. If not, there are opportunities on the horizon for land side support or crew opportunities. Check the bulletin board at the club and the regatta calendar on the club's website. For me, it is spring maintenance time for my boat Grey Wind. This year, the project includes a haul out, buffing, new bottom paint and other preventative maintenance checks. After waiting nearly two months for a spot at Hurricane Cove Marina, we set sail up the Miami River. It is truly amazing how the waterfront and Miami skyline change seemingly over night. Upon our arrival, I noticed a few other club boats at the marina also in for maintenance and a bunch of friendly faces. Despite the hard work and money spent, the boat yard is not all that bad. In fact, it can be somewhat fun and rewarding. At the time of writing this article, I am still on the hard -maybe that opinion will change by the time of publication. Finally, I would like to share that our burgee, the

most recognized and coveted in Miami, now flies proudly in both the Eugene Yacht Club in Eugene Oregon and the Gustavia Yacht Club in St. Barts. Burgees were exchanged between Michelle Wood of the Eugene Yacht Club and I on our grounds and between member Richard Power and the Commodore of the Gustavia Yacht Club in St. Barts.



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Members

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as your
attendance is
requested



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Friday, June 3rd

7:00pm



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

When we focus on the sailing activities so often we just talk about the tremendously active regatta season, with both local club events and out of town fleets. For example on April 10th we completed the 56th Don Q Snipe regatta whose winner earns a berth to the next hemispheric championship regatta. As far as anyone can remember all 56 events have been hosted by the CGSC.

Sometimes we branch off and talk about the cruising activities such as the Annual Rendezvous coming up on May 13/14/15. Or we remind everyone of the many ways to get on the water with classes, Race Committee, or even splashing around in a kayak in the mooring field.

Well I think we are forgetting an essential aspect of the club's sailing program. One that includes liquid, but not always water. Yes, I mean the hospitality services of the bar and restaurant! If we stop to think about it, sailing and talking about sailing go hand in

hand. The Flying Scot fleet, with its super active racing opportunities always ends up on the deck to dissect the day's racing. Sailing classes shoreside classroom work takes place upstairs and concludes frequently with a beverage and a burger. The deck of the club becomes an extension to being on the water and an integral part of the mariner experience. Salud!



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Lightning Class Midwinters at CGSC!

The venerable Lightning Class, now approaching some 90 years old, made a return to Coconut Grove Sailing Club after several years. The occasion was our hosting their Midwinter Championship on March 24-25. The Class has a two-event winter series in Florida. First is St. Pete, then Miami. They required a change of venue for Miami, and Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman was able to accommodate. 26 Lightnings registered for the regatta. There was a very high talent level in the fleet.

The Racing. Our March winds, present since the month's first event, continued. It was to be a six-race series. Windward-leeward twice around courses were set with a leeward gate. The fleet completed the first race, but then the attrition began. Breakdowns resulted in retirements starting after the first race, and continuing through Races 2 and 3. By the time the third race was underway, about 20% of the fleet had withdrawn for the day. CGSC's multiple world champion Augie Diaz was tied for the lead with a 2-8-2 series at that point. Champion Chilean sailor Tito Gonzales was one point back.

Sunday's racing was sailed in great conditions on the Bay. Three more races were completed, so all scheduled races were sailed. This gave each competitor the ability to drop their worst score. That made the difference. David and Tom Stark, with Jenna Probst from Buffalo Canoe Club had a stellar day with a 2-1-2. They were able to drop their gear failure DNC from Race 3, and won

the regatta by five points over Tito Gonzales. Champion sailor and sailmaker Ched Proctor from Cedar Point YC in Connecticut was another 5 points back in 3rd, with Augie Diaz placing 4th. The Stark team had also won the St. Pete regatta, so quite a winter series for them.

Shoreside. The fleet sailed from Regatta Park, but all social events were at CGSC. They had requested a steak dinner on the evening of Day 1, and happily paid an entry fee to support it. The fleet had a great time for their first Midwinters at CGSC. They want to return next year, hopefully for a three-day event.

Race Committee. Our Race Committee once again provided excellent racing on the Bay. We happily welcomed back National Race Officer Jeff Zarwell from San Francisco as our Principal Race Officer for the event. Special thanks go to Jay Flynn for providing his Elizabeth Belle as our Signal Boat. Otherwise, on board Signal were Deputy Race Officer Andi Hoffman, Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Flag Signalers Kathy Gunst and Charity Johnson and Recorders Saralee Lamb, Maria Volakis and JoAnn Mathieu.

Up to weather with RC Chair Susan Walcutt on her Contender 27 were Bill Becker, Don Libbey, Stacy Morris and Denise Schneider. On the Pin Boat with RO Ron Rostorfer PC were Allen Cox and Martha Ledesma. The Gate Boat RO was Nancy Rogachenko with Don Derez and Gail Miller.



2022
Annual Rendezvous
May 13-15
\$40.00 per person
Boca Chita

**It's been while but we are heading back to Boca Chita for
our Annual Rendezvous!**

Members meet us for our
Miami Vice Rendezvous

**unfortunately the club cannot provide shuttles to Boca Chita*

199 Boats in CGSC's MSW - Youth Regatta!

How big can it get? A huge turnout of 199 youth sailors contested the 2022 CGSC Miami Sailing Week Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27. The fleet was spread across six classes, 34 Lasers divided into two classes, 55 Opti Green sailors, 96 in the Opti Red, White & Blue fleet, six Nacra 15 catamarans and eight Club 420s. Racing was conducted on three separate race circles – one for Opti RWB, one for Opti Green, and one for the Lasers, Nacras & Club 420s. Six to eight races were sailed across these fleets. Conditions varied from windy to a bit of not so much by Sunday's final racing. Special kudos to Event Chair Elizabeth Del Rio who heads up the Youth Sailing program at CGSC.

The Racing. Race courses varied across these fleets. The Opti RWB and the Lasers, etc. sailed trapezoid courses while the Opti Greens sailed a triangular course with the start in the middle of the windward leg. Enough races were sailed in all fleets such that each competitor could drop his/her worst score. Results varied from very close standings at the top to some comfortable margins of victory.

In the Lasers "4's" CGSC's Alessandro Gregori posted an 11 point margin over 2nd place. That was big! In the "6's" it was a narrow one point win for Matheo Capasso of Lauderdale YC. The Opti Greens saw a dominating 15 point victory for Pedro Irurita of KBYC – a very strong performance in a 55-boat fleet. The huge and competitive Opti RWB fleet saw Emilio Bocanegra from LYC with a one point lead for the win. The Nacra 15s were won by Cody Roe of LYC with a 4-point victory, and the Club 420s saw a one point margin in favor of Ryan Garraty of CRYC.

Shoreside. Again, competitors sailed from Regatta Park except those who could sail from their own clubs to the race areas. Social events were at CGSC and were very well attended by the fleets. Many thanks to the CGSC kitchen staff for all their work.

Race Committee. As anyone could imagine, providing sufficient race committee personnel for three circles, two of which were trap courses, was a daunting task handled by Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman and Event Chair Elizabeth Del Rio. Thanks also to the RC Members who put their boats in service as well.

The Laser/Nacra/C420 circle RC was led by PRO Nancy Rogachenko, a Regional Race Officer, who was aboard PC James Grupenhoff's Stardust. Also aboard were Timer Thomas Druck, Recorders Charity Johnson, Anne Klein and Giovanni Gregori. Skipper James also handled the flags. Up to weather it was RC Chair Susan Walcutt with PC Ryan Alexander. The Pin Boat was James Liebl with Bailey Knight, Edgar Ferrer and Andy Loretta. The Finish Boat RO was Jeff Zarwell with Sebastian Lopez and Antonio Mier.

The Green Fleet Signal Boat was RC Chair Susan Walcutt's Contender 27 with Ian McClelland as PRO. Gail Miller was Timer, Recorders were Maria Volakis and Caroline Horel, and Andre Theurillat handled flags. To windward were Jorg Reinhold as RO with Don Deresz. The Pin Boat was Dante Lang as RO with Jose Guntin, Don Libbey and Jeremy Fenton.

Finally, RC for the huge Opti RWB fleet thankfully included Tom Walker's power boat as Signal with Charlie MacNider as PRO. In the Signal crew were Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Recorders Helena Atancio and Jesse Witherspoon, and Flag Signaler Kathy Gunst. The Mark Boat was Mike and Kim Brill's incredible Intrepid 26 with PC Ron Rostorfer as Ro, and "Nick" from St. Pete YC. The Pin Boat had Steve Herman as RO with Allen Cox and Marea Casciola. The Finish Boat was headed by Helen Phillips as RO, with Keith Heinrich and Joey O'Loughlin.

Flying Scots

The last three races have been a challenge because of either too much wind--20 to 26 knots or too little 3 to 7. But we got them in. Wednesday night racing has started again. We try to leave the dock by 5:00 so be there at 4:45 to match up with a boat and skipper. There is a racing sponsorship available for a club Scot. There are also several spots available for non-racing sponsorships. If you are interested email Bud Price at bud5220@gmail.com. Check the club calendar for the Saturday racing clinics that happen twice per month. Learn the basics of racing in a low pressure fun environment complete with videos.

Bud



NOTICE Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Flying Scot Spring Series #4
May 1, 2022

CGSC Jr & Sr Commodore's Cup
May 7, 2022

Dinghy Spring Series #5
May 21, 2022

Goombay Regatta
May 28-29, 2022

For BBYRA 2020-2021
Notice Of Race & Sailing Instructions
Visit Their Website @ www.bbyra.net



Tough Winds for the 2022 Don Q Snipe Regatta

A very good fleet of some 38 Snipes gathered at CGSC for the 56th Don Q Snipe Regatta, Friday thru Sunday, April 8-10. They hailed from as far away as San Diego and Boston, with seven from Annapolis. They weren't greeted with the Bay's best wind conditions. Our NW winds are generally very shifty, which prevailed for the first two days. The wind moved right to NE for the final day, but the shifty nature of the breeze continued.

The Racing. At the Skippers' Meeting on Thursday evening, the fleet voted for two changes to the Sailing Instructions that would conform to Snipe Class rules. First, the leeward gate had to be honored when boats were sailing the final leg to a downwind finish, and second, all scores had to be counted. That meant boats could not drop their worst score if sufficient races were completed. These two provisions, and the shifty winds, told the tale of the regatta, with unusually high scores being good enough for podium finishes.

Right off the bat in Race 1, two boats failed to honor the gate on the final downwind leg to the finish and were disqualified. With no drops allowed, those scores had to be counted. One of the two was skippered by veteran Sniper Ernesto Rodriguez, one of the World's best, effectively ending his chances of winning the regatta. Our excellent PRO, Shannon Bush, sent the fleet home after two races due to the conditions. A 5th place average finish led the fleet. Saturday, three races were sailed. Bruno Bethlem led the day with a 2-2-2 posting, but he was OCS in Race 2 on Friday, putting him in the same position as Ernesto, who had a 1-1-6 for the day.

Two more races were sailed on Sunday, bringing



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the total to seven races sailed. Winning the regatta was Enrique Quintero, with Charlie Bess crewing. Their series was 2-12-7-6-5-4-1 for 37 points. So, a 5th place average, as was the case after Friday's two races, would have been good enough to win. That's quite high. But, even higher some 20 points back, was Ernesto, with Kathleen Tocke crewing, easily winning a tie-break with Evan Hoffman and Shira Golub. Bruno Bethlem was 4th while past Snipe World Champion Augie Diaz was 5th. So, an 8th place average would have been good enough for second place in the regatta.

Shoreside. The 2022 Don Q shoreside events easily lived up to our Don Q traditions. The fleet gathered at the Club for hot appetizers and frozen Margaritas on Thursday and Friday evenings. This was followed by a Cuban dinner on Saturday evening. A beer keg was present for the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon. All this helped with attitude adjustment after the difficult on-water conditions. Many thanks to our Club Staff for bringing this about.

Race Committee. First, many thanks to our Signal Boat owners, Glenn & Gale Patron for providing their Island Princess as the Don Q Signal Boat. Also, many

thanks to our National Race Officer PRO, Shannon Bush, who once again travelled from her home in Texas to run the regatta. Also aboard Signal were Deputy Race Officer and CGSC Regatta Chair Andi Hoffman, who also handled the timing and scoring. Saralee Lamb and RC Rookie of the Year Maria Volakis did the recording. Louise McKee was the Sounder. Kathy Gunst and Charity Johnson handled the flags.

Up to weather was Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt with Anne Klein and Denise Schneider aboard. The Gate Boat was skippered by Rick Klein with Don Libbey, Don Deresz and Gail Miller crewing. The Pin Boat skipper was Steve Herman, with Allen Cox and Martha Ledesma aboard.





2022 DonQ Snipe Race Participants

**THE
WINNERS**



BY-LAW CHANGES

The Board of Directors of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club hereby adopts the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That the below amendments to the Bylaws be presented for the approval of the membership at the Annual Meeting Scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The Amendments propose additional language, shown in **BOLD**, be added to the existing provision(s) of the Bylaws.

RATIONALE

The CGSC has had the good fortune to see a substantial increase in the number of members in the recent past. The membership has in fact surpassed the typical size of the membership in years past when the below provisions in the Bylaws were written. In fact, the membership has become so large, that the ability to assure sufficient numbers of members attend to achieve a quorum at Annual Meetings is/has been in jeopardy. The failure to achieve a quorum at Annual Meetings under Bylaws as currently written jeopardizes the ability of the CGSC to conduct its required business. Accordingly, the below amendments, which are identical, are intended to assure a reasonable, but attainable, number of members attend Annual Meetings to achieve a quorum.

Two items of which members should be aware regarding the current Bylaws which are not affected by these amendments: first, under ARTICLE XIV - MEMBERSHIP "Life and Regular memberships shall be the only classes entitled to vote and to hold Flag Offices."; second, these amendments do not affect the 25% quorum requirement of ARTICLE XXXIII – REMOVAL OF OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, These Bylaw provisions remain unchanged.

The Directors recommend a vote FOR these amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 9. The Board of Directors shall approve the budget for the year at the May Board meeting. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for posting that approved budget as set forth in Article IX, Section 3. The General Membership shall then have the right to veto any specific item upon two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting, providing at least **one hundred (100) voting members or ten (10%)** of the voting membership, **whichever is less**, is present at the time of the vote.

Section 10. The Board of Directors shall have the right to make changes to the budget at any time. If such changes are made, they shall be posted on the bulletin board within five (5) days, and at least ten (10) days prior to the General Meeting. Such changes shall be subject to the right of the membership to veto any specific item upon two-thirds vote of the members present, providing at least **one hundred (100) voting members or ten percent (10%)** of the voting membership, **whichever is less**, is present at the time of the vote, at the General meeting following their being posted.

ARTICLE XXVIII – BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors or by petition signed by fifteen percent of the membership. Amendments presented by petition shall be presented to the Bylaws Committee a minimum of ninety days prior to the special or annual meeting at which they are to be considered by the membership. The Bylaws Committee shall thereafter have thirty days in which to present to the Board of Directors a recommendation as to the propriety of such petition. If the Bylaws Committee does not present the petition to the Board of Directors within thirty days of its receipt of such petition, the petition shall be placed on the agenda of the Board of Directors' next scheduled meeting. The Board of Directors shall then adopt a resolution to be delivered to the membership at the special or annual meeting recommending the petition, objecting to the petition or recommending an alternative to the petition. Amendments must be carried by two-thirds vote of all members present at any annual or special meeting, providing at least **one hundred (100) voting members or ten percent (10%)** of the voting membership, **whichever is less**, is present. It is expressly prohibited to change any Article to these bylaws by a vote that applies to more than one bylaw, with the exception of scrivener's errors that do not change the substantive meaning of the articles or bylaws. Amendments to these bylaws that are to be presented to the membership at a special or annual meeting shall be published in the Channel immediately preceding such special or annual meeting.



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