

Orange Bowl Open '23



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Coconut Grove Sailing Club - so much more than a marina

This past month, as we have been preparing diligently for the upcoming Finn Gold Cup, I've had many encounters with local members that have caused me to reflect on the Club's mission.

At issue are two competing philosophies: one position is that local members pay for the use of the club and its assets and therefore the local programs should take precedent over anything else going on at the club. The other position is that sailing, in general, is a worldwide sport and that inviting outsiders to our club for events is a worthwhile endeavor and benefits the club financially as well as increases our status in the sailing community.

It may surprise some people to learn that I embrace both of these positions and fully understand the need to support local events, sailors, and programs while at the same time I support outside events. The key is moderation and perspective. So what does that mean?

To me it means that our Club is much more than a marina full of a variety of programs that we can choose to be part of or not. At a marina, one leases a space for your boat whether on the hard or on a mooring. You are able to park your car usually, you take your boat out when you want, and your rented space is essentially your own. There might be a restaurant at the marina and you may go to get a bite to eat after sailing, but basically you use the facility for what you want, when you want, and without any concern for anything else that might be happening at the marina. The marina doesn't host parties, create gatherings, or do anything other than provide you access to the water for your recreational activities.

But here at CGSC we are different. We are members of a private club that seeks to promote the sport of sailing by getting as many butts on boats on the bay. We organize activities to get people sailing like the Get Off the Ball rallies, we have our annual Rendezvous for the Cruisers, we have 4 of July parties, New Year's parties, and we have regattas that invite outside sailors from all over the world to come play with us on our beautiful bay. Ours is a community of sailors for sailing, about sailing, and in support of all sailors and our combined interests whether they be youth sailing, adult sailing, competitive racing, cruising, or gunkholing.

The remainder of this article will focus on the racing programs because that is the source of much of the consternation. The common complaint is that the outside world is taking over our place and displacing our local racing. I've heard things like we aren't providing enough racing for locals and the outside

events are pushing the local racing out of the way. So, let's test that hypothesis using last year's numbers and see specifically what is offered by the club, how many sailors are affected, and how the club benefits the specific groups involved.

The numbers below represent our best estimates for the 2023 season based on actual numbers from the 2022 season for all racing that we host. The top part of the spreadsheet shows the local racing events, and the bottom half shows the racing that we do for outside groups.



Local Sailing offered by CGSC		# Events	Average # Boats	Average Crew	Average Sailor days	# of individuals
Weekends	Flying Scot	24	11	2	528	25
Weekends	Finn	24	5	1	120	5
Weekends	Sunfish	24	3	1	72	3
Weekends	Laser	24	1	1	24	1
BBYRA	Keel Boats	2	7	6	84	6
BBYRA	One Design	2	20	3	120	20
Wednesday nights	Flying Scots and other dinghies	30	10	3	900	10*
Saturday Clinic	Flying Scot	24	10	4	960	10*
Goombay	All club boats	1	15	3	45	30
Commodore's Cup	All club boats	1	15	3	45	30
Single/Double handed regatta		1	10	3	30	30
Miami Sail Week		1	16	1	16	16
Barnacle Regatta		1	5	5	25	25
					2969	211
Outside events run by CGSC						
Finn Gold Cup	Finn	1	60	1	60	60
Halloween Howler	Youth regatta	1	268	1	268	200
Open Orange Bowl	All types	1	75	2	150	150
Melges 20	Melges 20	4	6	4	96	96
420	420	1	25	2	50	50
J70	J70	1	25	3	75	60
Snipe	Snipe	1	30	2	60	120
Bacardi Cup	All types	1	50	3	150	150
					909	886

What these numbers clearly show, is an abundance of local racing. In fact, more than 3 times as many "sailor days" are available to our members compared to the sailor days offered to outsiders. And don't forget that the "outside" regattas are open to the CGSC members, and invariably many participate in these regattas as well. Another interesting thing worth noting is that these outside regattas cater to a very large number of individual sailors, which is in compliance with our mission of supporting the general welfare of the sailing state. To be honest, the local regattas cater to a relatively small number of members and the spreadsheet is quite generous in estimating 211 sailors when I think the actual number is quite a bit less. The reason for that is many of the local sailors sail on different boats so the actual number of members regularly sailing is probably half of that number.

What is also not mentioned very often is the number of members who choose to participate in the Race Committee as their form of giving back to the Club, the Sport, and the sailors. Our Race Committee

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

When we think of the facilities the club has to manage, there is a tendency to focus on what programs we support and what member value we offer at the current time. We are in the process of also envisioning the CGSC facilities as it could be in the next few years, in the medium term, and also in the very long term. We are in partnership with the City of Miami, and because of this we must understand the relationship between the club and the city. The city provides our location that allows us to have a sailing club and support our mission to members, the community, and the sport of sailing. The CGSC at the same time contributes to the city through our lease payments, but that is only a fraction of the value our activities to Miami. The critical value to the community by the club is giving the public access to the bay and the sport of sailing through membership. We are stewards of our part of Biscayn Bay, offering a mooring field to the public, not just our members. Sailing education is a key element to the the club, offering the public access to sailing for youth and adults alike.

To continue to partner with the city we need to take the actions we are now doing to plan for the future and understand the investment we are required to make for the city to also consider the CGSC a valuable asset to Miami for many years to come. We are in a position to be a community asset on the bay, adding the the quality of life in the City of

volunteers find their fun in helping run many of these regattas and they have a stake in all of this too. By offering up these higher profile regattas we provide a platform that simultaneously supports sailors, brings money into the club to keep the prices down for the local sailors, gives our race officials a mechanism to progress in a sport they love, and keeps things interesting.

My entire point of this article is that we do have balance. We do have a great thing going here at CGSC. We are listening to the locals who want lots of racing. And we are simultaneously providing a great service to the sport of sailing itself.

Thanks,

Dave Martin, Commodore
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Miami. With this approach we will ensure longevity of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club on our slice of paradise we call Biscayne Bay.

Richard Elkin,
 Vice Commodore
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Annual Open Orange Bowl Rergatta 2023



The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's 60th Annual Open Orange Bowl Regatta was held between the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Our event started as a place for parents that had children racing in the CRYC's Orange Bowl Regatta to bring their Lasers and race after their kids headed out to race and return before they finished CRYC's races. We have now expanded to have more than five youth classes, I-420s (29), 29ers (15), Nacra 15s (9), Lasers and Waspzs racing with us. We also invited the Club's Series racers {Dinghys, Finns (9), Lasers and Sunfish) and Flying Scots (8)} to each race two days.

Monday was scheduled for Competitor check-ins and registration of coach and spectator boats. All of the youth sailors were stationed at Regatta Park with a morning briefing on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with our PRO, Matt Bounds. In addition to four days of racing, the competitors were invited to a BBQ Dinner at the Club on Tuesday evening and a Floridian Feast on Thursday. Trophy presentation was held after racing on Friday.

Tuesday was the coldest day on the Bay we have had in several winters with both the racers and Race Committee bundled up and looking like we were expecting snow. Tuesday racing Classes included I-420s and Flying Scots. Our PRO kept Race Committee on their toes tracking wind shifts. The day ended with three races in the bag. Wednesday's racing classes included the I-420s, Flying Scots, 29ers and Nacra 15s. The sun was out and warmer and everyone enjoyed another good day of three races. Thursday was much the same weather wise, sunny and with more stable winds. Classes included I-420s, Finns, Lasers, Sunfish and Waspzs with three more races for all classes.



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Friday the Bay was glass. Two of the RC support boats went out early looking for wind. The Signal Boat, Soft Landing, with her Skipper Ev Hoffman and the RC crew, came out to the end of Brennan Channel with the competitors circling around hoping for enough wind to race. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be and racing for the day was cancelled at 12:30.

Congratulations to each Class's winners:

I-420

First	Freddie Parkin	Riverside YC
Second	Richard Sykes	Riverside YC
Third	Robert Ulmer	Belle Haven
Fourth	Callie Hammond	Larchmont YC
Fifth	Annabelle Brameid	HPC

29er

First	Miles Julien	2Niner
Second	Tylar Lamm	2Niner
Third	Laura Hamilton	Lauderdale YC
Fourth	Pierce Olsen	Full Time Sailing
Fifth	Guilherme Menzes	ICSC

Nacra 15

First	Cody Roe	Lauderdale YC
Second	Dylan Tomko	HYC
Third	Cole Fanchi	Lauderdale YC

Flying Scot

First	Obie Smith	CGSC
Second	Brian Schultz	CGSC
Third	PJ Buhler	CGSC

Finn

First	Jack Jennings	CGSC
Second	John Dane III	Pass CYC
Third	Dave Martin	CGSC





Flying Scots



January is a quiet month for the fleet with no Wednesday night racing due to early darkness, only one clinic and one fleet race because of all of the competing events.

The January race has not happened yet as of the writing of this article. So nothing to report there. There is a little momentum building for Wednesday afternoon racing. We leave the dock at 1:00. So if you are retired or have a flexible work schedule consider joining us. There are two racing sponsorships open for the club Scots. Contact me with any questions you might have. Scots did have boats out for the Open Orange Bowl Regatts. Bud



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The deadline for each month is the 15th of the previous month. (March information will be due February 15th)



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NOTICE



Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatt
February 04-05, 2023**

**Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #3
February 4, 2023**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #3
February 5, 2023**

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #3
February 10-12, 2023**

**Barnacle Regatta
February 25, 2023**

**Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #4
February 25, 2023**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #4
February 26, 2023**

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