



**VX1's Rounding the
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ahoy, members! This past month saw the final regattas of our racing season with the DonQ Snipe regatta being held the weekend of April 1st. The club's schedule will lighten significantly for our esteemed Race Committee as the main dock and other resources free up the club to our own local events. Plans are in progress for the Annual Rendezvous as well as some Get Off the Ball rallies so I hope you've dusted the cobwebs off your cruising boat and have her ready for some fun in the sun!

Last weekend I was out on the water on the most beautiful of days. It was 82 degrees, the breeze was between 10 and 12 knots, and the bay was wide open just waiting for our local sailors to take advantage of the best sailing in perhaps the world. What surprised me the most, however, was how few boats were actually out sailing. It was a Sunday afternoon and all I could think of was why is this mooring field not completely empty?

I know, life gets in the way. Spring break is upon us, March Madness with the University of Miami getting into the Final Four, yadda

yadda! But seriously, folks, if not now, when? Is 82 degrees and 12 knots not good enough? haha. If one of your reasons for not going out is because you do not have crew, then please, by all means, contact me and we can rustle up club members who are not fortunate enough to have a boat on our mooring field and we can match eager crewmembers with shorthanded boat owners. This is a great way to integrate all the club members and meet new people! Happy sailing!

Dave

Dave Martin, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we turn the corner to the last three months of the Sailing year there are a couple of things to note.

We have new parking stickers. Don't forget to switch yours over. It goes in the lower left cover of the windshield. If you need it to move from one car to another, please mound on a card so the sticker may be left on the dash.

One of the most important events at the end of the year is the change to a new slate of officers and new board members. Also, we create the budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Please mark your calendars and come out on Friday June 3, 2023 to vote. We need a quorum to conduct business and that is 10% of the membership or a minimum of 100 members.

Richard Elkin, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello fellow members. I have several things to report this month. First, I would like to announce that the event affectionately known as the "Oyster Fest" was very well attended and raised a lot of money for our instructional center. Thanks to members Antony and Cora Barran and their company Oysterville Sea Farms for generously providing the seafood and hosting the event.

As our winter racing season draws to an end, we have had another great season and helped quite a few of our youth move forward with their sailing skills. We recently held the youth Miami Sailing Week regatta on March 18-19 which was well attended and hosted five separate fleets, Opti Green, Opti Championship, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 and C420. The event had in the vicinity of 250+ sailors attend. I would like to thank all of the club staff, Youth Committee volunteers and our world class Race Committee for helping us put together another great experience.

Finally, thanks to the effort and dedication of our coaches, the Opti Championship team qualified 11 sailors for Team Trials.

I would also like to remind all of you that April 29th will be our annual rendezvous which will be held at Elliott Key. The theme for this year's event shall be announced shortly. CGSC has been, and continues to be, a great place to sail, meet new friends and spend time with old ones and we are constantly looking for ways to improve and get better. I hope to see you at the club. Until next time....

Kind regards,
Keith

Keith Heinrich, Rear Commodore
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In Memory... Gonzalo Eduardo Diaz Obituary 1930-2023

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends said goodbye to their beloved Gonzalo Eduardo Diaz of Miami, Florida, who passed away at the age of 92, on March 3, 2023. Gonzalo, also affectionately known as "the Old Man" was one of the most outstanding sailors on Biscayne Bay. He not only was a competitive sailor, but maybe even more important, he was a mentor to many young sailors. He would lend his boats out to anyone who wanted to learn how to sail. He would take young, inexperienced sailors out with him and show them "the ropes." He and Carmen opened their home to Snipe sailors whenever they were in town, and usually it ended with a wonderful meal shared by all thanks to Carmen. He was so proud of his children and, of course, Augie with his accomplishments in the sailing world. He will be sorely missed by sailors of every fleet.

He is survived by his wife Carmen; his children, Gonzo, Augie and Ani; his grandchildren, Daniela, Veronica, Lucas, Gonzalo, Adrian, Anneli, Arturo and Augie; and his great grandchildren, Lucy, Henry, Alexa, Monica, Gonzalo, Gabriel, George and Hawkins.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 7th 2023 at 1:30 PM at the St Augustine Catholic Church.



Melges 20 Tested by the Weather



Ten Melges 20s returned to the CGSC on February 10 to 12 for the 3rd of their four-part Winter Series. Mother Nature granted them good racing, with an assist from National Race Officer Shannon Bush and the CGSC Race Committee. The Signal Boat was John and Jan Sauvigne's luxurious "Adventure".

Day 1 featured medium SE breeze, with winds consistently between 150 and 160 degrees magnetic. Courses were Windward-Leeward with each leg slightly under a mile. After the day's three races, Peter Mclennen's Gamecock from the USA had a 5-point total, 2 points ahead of Vladimir Prosikhin's Nika from Monaco.

Day 2 again featured medium breeze, but this time the winds were shifty, varying from 160 to 185 magnetic, and the course was reset several times during the day. Nika had what would be its best day of the regatta, with two firsts and a 2nd place finish. After 6 races and one throw-out, Nika had the lead with 8 points, 1 point ahead of Gamecock and 4 points ahead of Daniel Thielman, a recent CGSC member. And then came Day 3. Westerly winds were very heavy and shifty, at one point moving quickly from 255 to 300 degrees. All 10 boats finished the first race of the day in winds just under 20 knots. The wind piped up, however, while the race committee was resetting the course for the last race of the day and the regatta. The race started and one boat retired immediately, as winds were 22 knots and gusting higher. Nine boats made it to the windward mark, but one capsized and retired shortly thereafter. There was reportedly a gust that went up to 32 knots. Eight boats went through the leeward gate, but there was

another gust and another capsized and then there were 7 boats, all of whom finished the race. For the day, Nika and Daniel Thielman's Kuai had two good races, but Gamecock had only one good race and fell to 3rd place overall.

Final Standings:

First	Nika	Vladimir Prosikhin	12 points
Second	Kuai	Daniel Thielman	16 points
Third	Gamecock	Peter McClennen	17 points

Members of race committee volunteers who were on the water:

- Signal Saralee Lamb, Maria Volakis, Kathy Gunst, Charity Johnson and Andi Hoffman.
- Weather Susan Walcutt, Susan Mohorcic, Susan Wayne, Steve Herman, Melinda Smith and Claudia Ochatt
- Gate Bill Quesenberry, Stacy Morris, Don Libbey, Allen Cox and John Ochatt.
- Pin Nancy Rogachenko, Don Deresz, Charity Johnson and Louise McKee.

The 4th and final installment of the Melges 20 Winter Series will be March 3 to 5.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

2023 INDUCTEE INTO THE ENSIGN HALL OF FAME

Nomination as submitted by Doug Hanks of Fleet 8

Submitted by Zeke Durica, ECA Hall of Fame

Richard Crisler - The most documented instructor of sailing students on the Ensign

Richard, a 37-year member of Miami's Fleet 8 has the spectacular recognition of teaching more students on Ensigns than any other instructor of whom we are aware. He began teaching in the 1990s and was still teaching in 2022. The number of adult students he taught is close to 5,000. He has also helped arrange for the sale of several Ensigns to new sailors. We wish Richard continued teaching success for many years to come.

In Miami, thousands of men and women have learned to sail at the tiller of a Pearson Ensign. And that's largely thanks to one Ensign owner, Richard Crisler.

In the 1990s and early 2000s, Richard was the lead instructor for Miami's Castle Harbor Sailing School. Owned by Cai Svendsen, the school maintained a fleet of Ensigns for Keelboat classes and was the source of almost all Ensign sailing on Biscayne Bay for years.

In 2004, the school switched to a different fleet and put its Ensigns up for sale. Richard arranged for an Ensign named Pat to find its way to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. From that lone vessel, he launched the CGSC's U.S. Sailing Basic Keelboat instructional program, which is still going strong in 2022. The Sailing Club's longtime Adult Sailing chairman, Richard estimates 5,000 people have learned to sail on Ensigns under his direction.

Along with four CGSC Ensigns, Fleet 8 owes Richard for mentoring private Ensign owners at the Club, too. He helped arrange several Castle Harbor Ensigns to be sold to local

sailors and has provided coaching and free advice as other CGSC members entered the world of Ensign ownership. For sure, Richard is the dean of Biscayne Bay's Fleet 8.

At 82, in a mask, he continued teaching Basic Keelboat through the COVID-19 pandemic, a main force for the CGSC classes not missing



too many beats. The year 2021 also marked a milestone for Richard: he retired as lead instructor and as the CGSC's Adult Sailing chairman. Which isn't to say he's done teaching. But this will finally give Richard some time sailing his own Ensign, Butterfly (Hull No. 1613), and the leeway for some cruising with the Ensign fleet he practically created on Biscayne Bay.

Submitted by Dave Martin - Reprinted from the Ensign magazin.



Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta VX One & Melges 15 March 9-11, 2023



This event was the first time CGSC welcomed a new fleet, the Melges 15, to our list of classes we have worked with on Biscayne Bay and only the second time we have run VX One races.

Many thanks to our Race Committee volunteers:
Signal Shannon Bush PRO, Andi Hoffman, Saralee Lamb, Maria Volakis , Charity Johnson, Kathy Gunst, Captain Everett Hoffman, JoAnn Mathieu
Weather Susan Walcutt, Steve Herman, Bill Becker, Helen Phillips, Dick Pober, Jurgen Teintze
Gate Rick Klein, Don Libbey, Carol Cottrell
Pin Nancy Rogachenko, Don Deresz, Jurgen Teintze, Gail Miller, Louise McKee

After three days of racing:
M15 Final Standings (6 boats registered):
Abaco Rage Rob Britts 11 Points
Rosebud Pamela Rose 13 Points
Serenity Now Rich Horton 24 Points

VX One Final Standings:
Counterproductive Chris Alexander 17 Points
Far Side John Porter 35 Points
Chingon Victor Bloede 40 Points

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair





Photos by Dick Pober

The Barnacle Society celebrates 136 years of racing on Biscayne Bay

By Steve Herman

An excerpt from “The Commodore’s Story” by Ralph Middleton Munroe.

“This spring of 1887 it was apparent the Bay could provide all the boats necessary for a yacht race, and it was decided to celebrate Washington’s Birthday with an open regatta. There were fifteen responses to the notices issued, and every boat showed up and made a start, the fleet being divided into three classes. It was a success in every way, the winners being Ada, Captain Brickell, Maggie, Captain Carney, and Edna, Captain Addison, while Alfred Munroe and Charles Peacock were timekeepers and Judges. After the race all hands, about fifty in number, participated in a good dinner at Peacock’s, given by the promoters. Thus, began organized aquatic sports on the Bay, the Washington’s Birthday regatta afterward being a fixture of the Biscayne Yacht Club, until the displacement of sails by gasoline in general interest caused it to degenerate into a “chowder-party.”

This year 2023 was the 27th time since 1997 that the Barnacle Society has celebrated the beginning of Biscayne Bay racing with a regatta featuring vessels of traditional design and rig: Mud Hens, Sea Pearls, Bullseyes, Sharpies, Bahama Dinghies, Cat Boats, Sloops, Gaff-Rigs etc. Coconut Grove Sailing Club was pleased to once again serve as the Race Committee for this great event.

There were sixteen responses to the notices issued, and every boat showed up and made a start, the fleet being divided into four classes (named Ibis, Egret, Sandpiper and Plover). It was a success in every way, the winners being Reprieve, Captain Carlos Salabaria, Ace of Hearts, Captain Oscar Kramer, Zena, Captain Skip Richheimer and Henrietta, Captain William Coleman, while Steve Herman and Stacy Morris were Principal and Deputy Race Officers. After the race all hands, about fifty in number, participated in an excellent chowder and awards party at Barnacle State Park, which also featured a costume contest, the traditional reading of the above excerpt, and many remembrances of boat designer, builder and sailor David Westphal who passed away in the previous year.

With the wind coming from the Southeast, the signal boat

(Tom September’s “Belle Noire”) was able to anchor close to the end of John A. Brennan Channel and Munroe Channel, not far from Middle Ground, for the 12:30PM start. Winds were initially light and the Race Committee set up a short Windward Leeward course for the faster Ibis and Egret fleets, and a short triangle course for the Sandpiper and Plover fleets. The 8 boats doing the triangle course included 3 Hens, 2 Catboats, a Cape Dory Typhoon and the beloved Egret (a Munroe Sharpie). Winds clocked about 45 degrees to the South and the boats took 25 to 45 minutes to get around the short courses in 2 to 4 knots of wind. At about 1:30 pm the windows strengthened to about 8 knots for the second race and then backed to SouthEast for the third race, so all fleets had at least two good races and were finished by 2:45pm. It was a beautiful sight when all the boats were on the course. A good time seemed to have been had by all. The Race Committee was outfitted in a costume of black pants, white shirt, suspenders, ribbon ties and old-timey hats, courtesy of Barnacle State Park. In addition to names already mentioned, the Race Committee included Jo Ann Mathieu and Louise McKee on Signal, Allen Cox, Bill Becker, Jurgen Tientze and photographer Susan Mohorcic on Mark Boat, and Bob Deresz and Fred Grote on a support boat. The event, which went very smoothly, would not have been possible without the Barnacle Regatta Committee headed by Barnacle Society President John Palenchar, 1st Vice-President Amy Exum, Ranger Jessica Cabral, PRO ex-officio Nancy Rogachenko, and the support of many others.



Flying Scots

With Wednesday night racing back in full swing and the two Saturday racing clinics per month there are many opportunities to find out what racing a Flying Scot is like. In both cases you simply need to show up and we will put you with someone who can show you the ropes. For Wednesday night racing be there in time to leave the dock by 5:00. No experience necessary. The sessions are low key with the emphasis on introducing people to the sport and the boat. But you still get the feel of competitive racing. The next clinics are April 15 and 29.

If racing is not your thing, the club owns 7 Scots that are available to members by involvement in a sponsorship program with a very low monthly fee.

If any of this interests you, and you have questions feel free to contact me at bud5220@gmail.com

Bud



Sailors sat down to debrief with Bud after one of the Saturday Clinics.



NEW MEMBERS



Class taught by Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Jennifer Cheney regarding First Aid resource.



Melges 20 Annual Miami Winter Series

Melges 20 Event #4

March 3-5, 2023

VX One Florida State Championship

March 4-5, 2023



The Melges 20 Fleet, racing in Event #4 of their Annual Miami Winter Series, were joined by a new fleet to the CGSC Race Committee. The VX One class was racing for their Florida State Championship. Both fleets were racing windward/leeward courses with separate starts.

Many thanks to our race committee volunteers:

Signal Shannon Bush PRO, Andi Hoffman, Saralee Lamb, JoAnn Mathieu, Claudia Ochatt, Charity Johnson, Maria Volakis, Captain Stephen Wolter

Weather Susan Walcutt, Steve Herman, Bill Becker, Dick Pober, Javier Prida, Gail Miller

Gate Rick Klein, Don Libbey, Allen Cox, Jurgen Tientze

Pin Nancy Rogachenko, Don Deresz, Melinda Smith, Louise McKee

After three days and nine races:

M20 #4 Final Standings:

Kuai	Daniel Thielman	9 points
	(including 7 first place wins!)	
Gamecock	Peter McClennen	17 points
Ghostrider	Jennifer Canestra	30 points

After two days and six races:

VX One Final Standings:

Tudo Bem	Michelle Warner	11 Points
Far Side	John Porter	12 points
Another Bad Idea	Gracie Howie	17 Points

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair







2022-2023
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Don Q Snipe Regatta
March 31-April 2, 2023

Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #6
April 15, 2023

Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #6
April 16, 2023

Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #7
April 29, 2023

Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #7
April 30, 2023

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