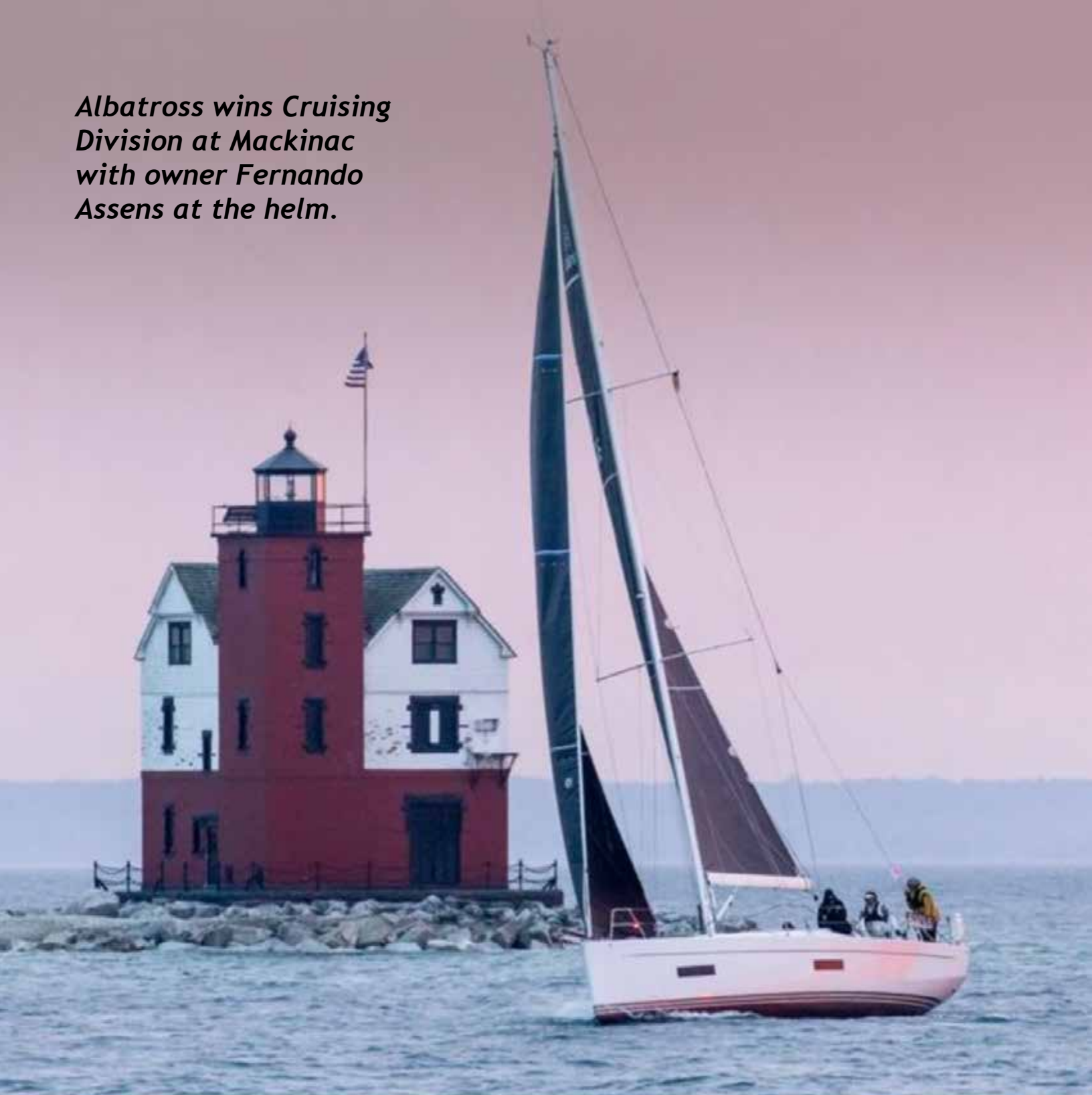


*Albatross wins Cruising
Division at Mackinac
with owner Fernando
Assens at the helm.*



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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Welcome to September. School is open, Miami is in season, traffic is back (of course it never left!), and sailing is getting better. Yes, at some point the temperature will feel reasonable out on the water. The reliable wind will blow pleasantly out on the bay, even in the morning, and Biscayne Bay life is good.

Our responsibility is to contribute to maintaining life on the water as positive as possible. This means turning out for the Clarrington Island cleanup if you are available. Helping the youth program through their events. That is the upcoming Flip Flop Fete. Work Weekend is a great chance to meet and socialize with fellow members while contributing to the maintenance of our club assets. And if you are so inclined and not racing yourself,

volunteering for the Race Committee. You get great day on the water while learning about sailing as a competitive sport.



On the Social aspect Labor Day is our Grand Opening for Marker 18, the new back bar serving beer, wine, and quick serve food on demand. This is a major contribution to enjoying the club scene even on busy days.

I look forward to seeing you at CGSC during September. Enjoy!

Richard Etkin, Commodore

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WELCOME New Members



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

This month we have quite a few things going on and my article will be more of an update on where we are, what has been going on with the property and some recurring issues that I have been asked to address.

Cranes: As some of you may have heard, our crane by the north dock was temporarily disabled. The crane is expected to be repaired shortly and we are moving forward with the necessary preparations for its eventual replacement.

Work Weekend: We will be setting a date for work weekend in the near future as we navigate the club's busy schedule of regattas and other activities. There are quite a few projects that we would like to tackle this year and I hope to see many of you there.

Animal Policy: The question of pets at the club and in particular, on the second floor of the club house has been a recurring issue. I think it is worthwhile to reiterate the club's standing policy regarding animals on the second floor. It is the club's policy that no animals are permitted on the second floor of the club house unless they are service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Service Animals are any breed of dog trained to perform a task directly relating to a disability. Emotional Support Dogs or other emotional support animals are not Service Animals (under the ADA) and are not permitted on the second floor.

This policy is not new but we have received reports of a small number of people who are violating it nevertheless. If a member's animal is not a Service Animal and it is on the second floor, the member may be asked to remove the animal. Under no circumstances should any animal be sitting at the bar or on any furniture on the second floor or eating off of any club plates. This is not permissible regardless of whether the dog is a Service Animal or not and is in fact not permitted under the ADA.

Child Supervision: CGSC is a fantastic place to spend time with your friends and family and as many of you know, we welcome our younger members. Please remember that children must be supervised when on club grounds. Our policy that children on the lawn and by the docks be supervised is for the safety of our members and our club assets. Small children should have an adult monitoring their activities when on the lawn area and near the docks (this means with them) and care should be taken to make sure

children are not climbing or standing on any equipment or engaging in any activity that could damage person or property. Staff may ask the child to cease behavior that in management's reasonable discretion is disruptive or dangerous. If the instruction is not complied with, staff may seek the parent or guardian out and let them know about the problem.

As a parent of two sailors, one of the things that I love the most about CGSC is how it allows us to meet so many different people from so many different walks of life and how we all come together around our love of sailing and being on the water. We are a community of sailors with a common goal of making our club one of the best destinations to sail and spend time with our friends and family. I have met many wonderful people in my years at this club that have inspired me to serve here and to do what I can to make this a better place for everyone. Most importantly though, is our culture of mutual respect for each other. I ask everyone to please do their part to make sure we are mindful of our rules and our fellow club members. Whether it is a person double parking in the loading lane, a child jumping on a trailer or someone who may be violating our pet policies, these policies are in place for the safety and enjoyment of the club by all of our members and failure to comply with the reasonable instructions of management with respect to these policies can result in referral of the member under our bylaws for disciplinary action.

Thank you for reading this and I promise that next month's article will be more "light hearted". I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Kind regards,

Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

A hoy!!!

Dear Member Family,

Thank you for being a valuable member of our beloved club. As the summer comes to an end and our little and not so little sailors made their way back to school I am happy to report that that our summer camp ended successfully after 9 weeks 537 registrant, a 5% increase from last year. Our Youth racer had a very busy summer attending ILCA 4 Worlds in Greece, ILCA 4 and Opti Nationals. I am delighted to report that CGSC had one sailor in silver fleet at ILCA 4 Worlds, three sailors finishing 1,2 and 5 at ILCA 4 Nationals and a whopping 5 sailors qualifying for US Opti Team Trails to fight for a spot on the US National Team to represent TEAM USA at international regattas, during Opti National in Virginia. Please share the pride with me of those young sailors proudly representing CGSC at all of those events. If we keep teaching sailing as we do, CGSC should be in the Olympics one day soon. Talking about Olympics, one of our young Sailor Charlotte Leigh who learned sailing at our Club, has been selected by Team GBR and is campaigning for Paris 2024. All this would not be achievable without our Coaches such as Koki, who was Charlottes Opti Coach. But also our Green Fleet Coach Orlando and David, Laser Coach Toni and our Youth Sailing Director Alberto Olivo. On that note I am happy to inform you we welcomed three new coaches. Laser Performance Coach Pedra Mascarenhas, Raul Ramos Trujillo Green Fleet, and Orlando Gonzales. Join me on welcoming them to our Club. WELCOME Coaches!! We are happy to have you here. New season to start on September 6 with already a 100 sailors enrolled in all our youth sailing program offerings.

Mark your Calendar for our annual youth sailing fund raiser the FlipFlopFete. This years them: One night in Paris. I'll see you there for a great time of fun, music, dance, French inspired food, silent auction and good vibes.



For the Adults of our membership there are endless opportunities to get on the water to either learn to sail or race. Our Wednesday Flying Scotts organized by past Commodore Bud Price is always a great opportunity to race or get into racing. If you are a member and want to try out, they always welcome walk ups. The once a month Friday Moonlight race I reported about last month is also a wonderful opportunity to race or start getting into racing. An initiative created by past commodore Dave Martin.

If you are more the cruising type or would like to learn to sail you are at the right spot. We have a wonderful adult cruising member usage program and is looking for more members to join the program. It's a great program that only cost \$195 per month which allows the usage of our 26 ft Beneteau and 30ft Catalina three times per month. There are prerequisites to join the program and please contact the adult sailing coordinator, Phil at adultsailing@cgsc.org for more questions.

CGSC, THE CLUB WHERE SAILORS BELONG!! Small and big

Priska Ureban, Rear Commodore
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**Sailing World Magazine printed a very good article about the Snipe fleet,
its history and about the Don Q.
It is good reading and recommended to all.
Thanks Susan for bringing this to our attention.**

**The Endurance of the Snipe
(Excerpt from Sailing World)**

“The International Snipe Class continues to reinvent and reimagine itself through initiatives that continue to make it one of sailing’s most iconic one-design classes.”

By Dave Powlison August 22, 2023

“It’s early April on Miami’s Biscayne Bay, with an 18-knot easterly, gnarly chop and ribbons of sargassum seaweed—tough fare for racing any boat. We’re at the 2023 Don Q Snipe [Regatta](#), heading uphill and racing against competitors with decades of experience in the class, as well as a slew of young hotshots and some first-timers—40 teams in all. It’s baptism by fire, my first real experience racing a Snipe. And like many who jump into the boat for the first time, I’m being served heaps of humble pie. About the only time my crew, Danielle Wiletsky, and I see the top of the fleet is when we cross paths on opposite legs of the

course....”

“The Don Q was started by class icon Gonzalo Diaz in 1966 and named after its rum sponsor. It’s been held every year since, even during the pandemic. As boats set up at the host Coconut Grove Sailing Club, with the overflow at the US Sailing Center to the north, it’s impossible not to notice the number of 30-somethings—not only as crew, but also skippers....”



CGSC Stock photos from previous regattas.

Another Year from Chicago to Mackinac

"...we made CTGSC proud"

Excerpt from Scuttlebutt Published July 25, 2023

The 114th edition of the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac delivered a mix of squalls and calms for the 289 nm northerly course up Lake Michigan. The 2023 race got underway July 21 for the Cruising Division with the bulk of the 240 teams starting a day later.

In the Cruising Division winner Albatross, a Solaris One 42 owned by Fernando Assens (Miami, FL), edged out Eagle One by three minutes on corrected time to earn his name on the inaugural Whitehawk Trophy, donated by Marjorie and Peter Thornton. The Thorntons own the trophy's namesake, and have added the overall trophy to Chicago Yacht Club's prestigious collection in recognition for the burgeoning Cruising Division. "I wanted to let you know that last weekend we made the CGSC proud. My boat, Albatross, won the Whitehawk Trophy at the Chicago-Mackinac Race. Two other CGSC

members, Kevin Macdonald and Joaquin Bur, were also crew members," says Assens.

CGSC is proud of sailors who travel far and wide and represent the club with outstanding racing and seamanship. They bring good will wherever they go. Thanks Fernando for your representation.





RACE COARSE



Albatross

Type: Solaris One 42 (USA 60836)
Skipper: Fernando Assens
Position at: 23/07/23 19:35 CDT
Position: 45° 50.98 N, 084° 36.88 W
Speed/Direction: 0.8 kn @ 341 degrees

Finished in 2d 3h 47m 35s

1st	in Cruising Div
1st	in Cruising 1
1st	in 1st to Finish
4th	in Line Honours


Congratulations

CGSC Annual Single & Double Handed Regattas Saturday & Sunday August 5 & 6, 2023



For both days, racing was not scheduled to start until 12:30 with the hope of more wind than this summer's mornings out on the Bay. For the Single Handed on Saturday we had four classes registered: ARC Racing, Finns, Flying Scots and Sunfish. Between the time the Signal Boat had anchored and support boats had dropped all marks for a BBYRA Course W2D, winds had shifted 45° due to weather building on shore. Signal boat hoisted the AP flag, postponing the first start. Lightning was moving east toward the Bay and Ian McLelland abandoned the day's racing at 13:27 and sent all boats back to shore.

Sunday's Double Handed race had four fleets registered: ARC Spinnaker, ARC Non-Spinnaker, Flying Scots and Snipes. Races started as scheduled with the two ARC fleets racing together, the Flying Scots second and the Snipes with the third start. All fleets sailed the BBYRA W2D course with short and long weather marks. Winds were fairly steady between 170° and 180° but with only 7-8 knots of wind and the heat, the ARC and Snipe fleets opted to head to shore after two races. The Flying Scots remained and raced a third race.

Congratulations to:

ARC Racing

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| First | Jonah Pruitt |
| Second | Eduardo Luaces |
| Third | Randy Clee |

ARC Non-Spinnaker

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| First | Sam Ephraim |
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Flying Scots

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| First | Dave Martin |
| Second | Gary Schrodt |
| Third | Obie Smith |

Snipes

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| First | Roberto Guaragna |
| Second | Charles Green |
| Third | Gaston Vedani |

The Sailing Club had free beer with the Sunday awards which was appreciated by all. Thanks to the CGSC Race Committee volunteers headed by Ian McLellan, PRO, Carol Cottrell, Charity Johnson, Sonia Diaz, George Flanders, Rick Klein, Allen Cox, Bill Quesenberry, Susan Walcutt, Dave Dodgen, Rene Cordoba, Esther Delio, Peter Wisniewski and Susan Mojroric.

Susan Walcutt
Race Committee Chair



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

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CGSC Annual Single & Double Handed Regattas



Flying Scots

Hi everyone; We had excellent conditions and flawless race committee execution for a really great day on the bay.

It was the birthday Week for Ryan Alexander, Bill Denyer and Bruno Felix. Bill and Ryan ordered pizzas and beer for the fleet. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU!

Back to the racing.

We had 9 boats on the line and some very tight and close racing.

FINISHES

- 9th position with Amy finally on board again with Eileen and Toni
- 8th Was Jeorg Reinhold and Esther
- 7th Was Dida with Louise and Brian
- 6th Obie
- 5th Was Andy, Brian and crew
- 4th Zoom with Sarah, Philippe and finally returning Jason
- 3rd Ryan Alexander and James Leibel
- 2nd Bud, Gary and guest crew Bruno Felix
- 1st Dave and Andy

Andi announced the series standings as well 12 boats have competed



STANDINGS

- 12th place Culpable
Ollie and sons
- 11th place Jeorg
Reinhold and Esther
- 10th place Bruno Felix
and crew
- 9th place Eileen, Toni
and Amy
- 8th place Lorrie Messer and crew
- 7th place Philippe, Jason and Sara
- 6th place Jim Andy and Brian
- 5th place Louise and Brian
- 4th place Obie and crew
- 3rd place Bud, Bill and Gary
- 2nd place Ryan and James
- 1st place Dave and Andi

With one race left and considering the throw outs many of these positions can change based on the last race.

Bud



Sign Up for your next
sailing course!



BASIC CRUISING COURSE AND CERTIFICATION

This course covers all concepts of sailing as well as basic boat systems, maneuvering under power, weather awareness, safety aspects and preparation, chart reading, navigation, and more. Most of the course will be on the boat with the third day reserved for practical skills and written test.

Prerequisite: US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification

BAREBOAT CRUISING CERTIFICATION

The course reviews basic cruising and considers planning an extended cruise, provisioning, power under difficult and emergency situations, anchoring for the night, advanced sail handling and trim, dinghy handling, and more.

Prerequisite: US Sailing Basic Cruising Certification.

[PLEASE CHECK OUR CALENDAR TO SCHEDULE
YOUR NEXT COURSE](#)

<https://www.cgsc.org/events/>

[More questions: Contact Phil at adultsailing@cgsc.org](mailto:adultsailing@cgsc.org)



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

BBYRA OD #1 & Dinghy Fall #1
September 9, 2023

Flying Scot Fall #1
September 10, 2023

Race Committee Work Day
September 9, 2023

Dinghy Fall #2
September 23, 2023

Flying Scot Fall #2
September 24, 2023

CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta &
BBYRA PHRF #2
September 30, 2023

FOR BBYRA 2023-2024 NOTICE OF RACE &
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VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

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Any member who would like to place pictures or write an article for the Channel should send them to Cherie Branning, Channel Editor.

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Parents of Youth Sailors, please send photos of practices and especially any regattas that the sailors attend. These should be of all sailors that are competing but certainly your sailor.

All photos should be accompanied by a brief synopsis of the photo content; the who, where, what and when - basic journalism stuff.

Thanks, Cherie