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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
serving the community since 1945 [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**T**he Sailing Club remains as active as ever, especially as we head into November and December, where sailing takes the spotlight.

Our Halloween Howler youth regatta is now drawing in more than 250 competitors, and it's complemented by the Haunted Mooring Field. For the kids, it is a unique experience, trick-or-treating among the creatively decorated sailboats. As we move into December, the Open Orange Bowl regatta takes center stage, placing CGSC at the heart of the Miami sailing community.

Speaking of community involvement, take a look at our calendar for the regattas we host. If you're interested, consider reaching out to the Race Committee for volunteer opportunities that involve helping manage races out on the bay. No prior experience is necessary.

Switching gears to club management, we'd like to remind everyone about our second-floor no-dogs policy. (subject to legal exemptions) We understand that enforcement has been

inconsistent and has, on occasion, generated negative feedback from our members. However, it's important to note that our club's second floor is primarily a bar and restaurant, and a no-pet policy aligns with the industry standard, if not a universal practice.

In the coming weeks, the club will be taking several steps to reinforce this rule with the goal of consistent enforcement.

*Richard Etkin, Commodore*

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## Welcome New Members



**OVERNIGHT CRUISING**  
**Sat., November 11, 2023**  
**Pumpkin Key Rendezvous**

For more details on any activity, contact:  
William Sancho, 305-496-7240,  
[wsancho@whitecase.com](mailto:wsancho@whitecase.com)

## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Dinghy Fall #5**  
**November 4, 2023**

**Flying Scot Fall #5**  
**November 12, 2023**

**Star District 20 Championship**  
**November 11-12, 2023**

**Melges 20 MWS #1 & VX1**  
**November 17-19, 2023**

FOR BBYRA 2023-2024 NOTICE OF RACE &  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ [WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As another month rolls in, it is time for another update. Our programs and our facilities remain in high demand. Currently our regatta calendar remains full and our staff at the Grove's Nest continue to provide fresh offerings for our members to try on a weekly basis.

As demand for our facilities has increased, CGSC has responded with additional program offerings. We have now implemented a C420 lean to sail program in addition to hosting a local high school sailing team. We look forward to continuing to raise the visibility of our club in the local and greater sailing community and thank you, our members and the volunteers who give their time for making the club what it is. Please note that the annual Work Weekend is

November 5th this year. This will be a one day only event on Sunday. Please be sure to come down to the club, roll your sleeves up and help us do what we need to do to help beautify the club. I hope to see you all there.

Kind regards,

Keith

*Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore*  
vicecommodore@cgsc.org



## Annual Work Weekend

Sunday, November 5th

8am-5pm

# We Need YOU



## CGSC Needs YOU!

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## CGSC MEMBER & GUEST GROUND RULES

*Due to an increase of membership and activities we must remind everyone of the following rules:*

- Group of 6 or more must have prior permission from management to set up
- No glass containers (*includes cups from Grove's Nest*)
- There is no food service downstairs
- No outside alcohol
- Children are not to be left unattended (*includes having dinner upstairs while children are downstairs*)
- No children on docks or boats without life vests under the age of 13
- No running
- No climbing on equipment (*boats, racks, dollies, etc.*)
- No walking on seawall
- No skateboarding
- No balls (*includes, soccer, baseballs, footballs*)
- No playing in or on dock carts
- No fishing/netting
- Parking is only for members with valid parking stickers and you must be using the club's facilities (*cannot leave property to walk into the Village or Peacock Park*)
- Do not double park or park in no parking zones
- Parking violators will be towed
- In case you need a reminder, CBD products should not be used on club grounds.

**ALTHOUGH, WE LOVE YOUR FURRY FRIENDS, ONLY SERVICE ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED UPSTAIRS ON THE TERRACE.**

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A** hoy!!!

Dear Member Family,  
The Fall 2023 Season of our Youth Sailing program started with new sailors, coaches and program offerings. Immediately the inclusion of C420s was well received by the kids and the wider sailing community with much positive feedback and interest. In the ILCA teams, we began to see immediate successes with winning the ILCA 4 division at the 2024 Southeast Dinghy Championship held at KBYC, and qualifying several sailors for the High School Singlehanded National Championship also known as the Cressy Trophy.

“Is there a single greater thing you can teach an 8, 9, or 10-year old than to sail? Name me another activity that teaches geometry, mechanics, and physics while showing a small child that the mind always matters more than brute strength, and that size and gender are irrelevant to success. A sport where the playing field of wind and water mutates with every race to remind them that nature is ever-dynamic – yet enforces rules of right-of-way, sportsmanship, and marine safety. Lessons that train them to assemble complex sails and rigging, wash their own clothes, and not panic when capsizing. A lifestyle that begins with a love for

the ocean, and ends with a wizard-like ability to read its secret language of waves, clouds, and currents. Add to that the Buddhist-like element of focused attention and the environmental lesson of renewable energy, and it's much more than a sport: Sailing is a way of seeing the world

--without a digital screen. “ - Wesley Hsu



On the adult sailing side, we have are starting a very busy regatta season and are looking for volunteers to help on and off the water. Please consider signing up by emailing Lauren our Club Manager. If you are looking to get on the water to sail we have a great adopt a boat program that lets you sail on our beloved Biscayne Bay. Information available with Lauren.

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

*Priska Urban, Rear Commodore*  
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*In addition to the thoughts shared on youth sailing in my article, the photo shows a scene from the 40th annual Edison Sailing River Romp! We went and supported the regatta with only our Green Fleet, but didn't want to miss the return of this regatta after the sever impact of the Hurricane and we left our mark! The kids sailed very well, into 2 top 5 positions*

### Policy Notice Regarding Animals at the Club

**D**ue to concerns and complaints received by the Club from its members, the Flag Officers (Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore) and the Board of Directors deem it necessary to remind members of the Club's long-standing rule prohibiting pets from the second level of the club. Although signs to this effect are conspicuously posted on the stairs and elsewhere, some members nevertheless fail to follow the rule. Service Animals are the only animals permitted in the upstairs area, and no animal, whether a service animal or not, is permitted on any club furniture (i.e. bar stools, tables, chairs, etc.).

Emotional support animals are not “Service Animals” and are not permitted on the second floor ever. A person who falsely claims that their animal is a Service Animal is not only disrespectful to persons with actual disabilities, but also commits a misdemeanor in violation of Florida law. The Club has instructed staff to enforce this rule and persons who have been found to have violated such rule after being notified by the staff of such violation will be issued a written notice that will be provided to the Bridge and the Board. Please be respectful of the rule, and of staff or fellow members or who ask you to abide by the rule. We love your pets, but please keep them downstairs. Thank you.

# YOUTH NEWS

**F**rom the last month's Channel to now, we have gotten off to a running start! Our ILCA team is dominating in the ILCA 4 division and won the 51<sup>st</sup> Southeast Dinghy Championship hosted at Key Biscayne YC – congratulations to Davide Bazzoni, our very own Italian transplant for taking the top spot. Several of our sailors went to the Cressy Qualifier, also known as the High School Singlehanded National Championship, and qualified to compete in the Cressy Nationals – a very big deal!

In Opti land, we qualified 2 sailors for the national team, at this years Spring Teams Qualifier, taking 5th and 10th overall which has never been done by CGSC sailors before. The team is now focusing on team racing in preparation for the Lauderdale Team Race Invitational. Our meanie Greenies continue to surprise us with

their development, as we just came back from the 40<sup>th</sup> annual River Romp where we took two of the top 5 spots! Special mention to Gabriela Orlando who surprised everybody with her best-to-date finish of 2 first places!

By the time you read this the Howler 14 will have concluded with over 260 sailors from 5 different countries – how that little regatta has grown from 2010! Check back with us next month for more adventures from CGSC Youth Sailing

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto Olivo  
Youth Director  
Coconut Grove Sailing Club



## Flying Scots

Eleven boats were on the line for a very challenging day of racing. The west winds were all over the place. The race committee did a commendable job of doing their best to keep up with the constant shifts. The rest, as is should be, was up to the competitors.

There were a couple of protests and in the end, here is how it stacked up.

Bud

### RESULTS:

11th was Lucky Dog (slipping a place because of not rounding the mark correctly in the last race)

10th was Air America

9th was Mad dog

8th Carolina

7th Phoenix

6th I Gone (lost the tie breaker to Lady Hope)

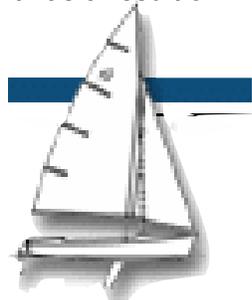
5th Lady Hope (slipping from 4th as a result of retiring from race 2)

4th Zoom

3rd Beija Flor

2nd Go Ugly Early

1st Bionic



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

## A Little Pre-Club History



There were many freshwater springs in this part of South Florida. One of the most unusual was the spring near Coconut Grove that actually bubbled up in the bay through the salt water. It was described as early as 1838 when Dr. Jacob Rhett Motte, on duty with the troops in the Second Seminole War, reported: "We were fortunate in hitting upon this spot, for there we found a remarkable spring of fresh water, of the coolest and most delicious flavour I ever drank." It was still there in 1871 when J. B. Holder, writing on the Florida Reef, found that a hogshead (barrel) had been sunk in the soft mud over the bubbling outlet in which the freshwater flowed "in perfect purity and abundance." Sometime later an enterprising mariner sank a pump into the spring and built a platform around it. All the springs disappeared in the early twentieth century when the draining of the Everglades lowered the water table.



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



**S**aturday morning, Virginia Key weather station had wind at 85 degrees and 4.2 knots gusting to 5.8. Wind was forecast to build so CGSC's Race Committee headed out to the Bay at 10am. We started taking wind shots and setting up the course. It turned out to be a challenging day on the Bay for both the racers and the Race Committee. Wind moved from our original degrees to 110 degrees in the 30 minutes after the start. It reversed 'course' by 12:30 back to 50 degrees. It never quite settled down until after 1400. It was disappointing that only one CGSC Racing/Cruising boat registered for this annual event (Eduardo Luaces with *Tiburón*). Fortunately, it was also a BBYRA PHRF race with all six PHRF boats racing a windward/leeward course.

Congratulations to the following Skippers:  
PHRF Racing Fleet results after 3 races

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|--------|----------------|
| First  | Delisser/Bill  |
| Second | Joe Kolisch    |
| Third  | Oscar Valdes   |
| Fourth | Eduardo Luaces |

Thanks to the Race Committee crew:

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| Signal Boat       | Charity Johnson, Maria Volakis, Lorenzo Masa, Susan Mohorcic, Susan Walcutt |
| Weather Mark Boat | Don Deresz, Jurgen Teintez, Stacy Morris                                    |
| Shoreside         | Drew Mouacdie, Richard Etkin  |

Susan  
Susan Walcutt  
CGSC Race Committee Chair



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

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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# SAILING LESSONS AT CGSC

Learn by doing--get out on the water with an instructor for private sailing lessons for 1 or 2 adults (years 14+)! 3-hour lessons on a club Flying Scot are customizable to the student's learning goals.



Email for availability: [flyingscot@cgsc.org](mailto:flyingscot@cgsc.org)



## 2023-2024 Officers

### BRIDGE:

Commodore	Richard Etkin
Vice-Commodore	Keith Heinrich
Rear Commodore	Priska Urban
Secretary	Doreen Fischer
Treasurer	Olivier de Lavalette

### BOARD:

Bob Aiken ('24)	Bud Price, PC (25)
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William Sancho ('24)	Tom Santoro ('26)
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### STANDING COMMITTEES

Race Committee	Andi Hoffman /Susan Walcott
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Youth Sailing	Elizabeth Del Rio Henrich
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Nominating	Dave Martin PC
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Mooring	Paul Van Puffelen, P.C.
Strip	Dave Martin
Channel	Cherie Branning
Protocol	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.
Webmaster	Bob Aiken
Community Service	James Grupenhoff P.C.
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Jennifer Cheney
Seamanship	Dr. Jennifer Cheney
Fundraising	Priska Urban
Member Use / Cruising	Glenn Cunningham
Lease Renewal / Expansion	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.

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**Check out  
What's Cookin'  
at the club for lunch  
and dinner.  
Tuesday - Sunday  
11AM - 9PM**

