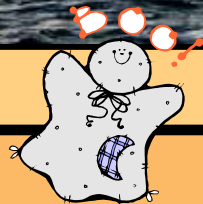




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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Things are busy at CGSC as Miami comes alive "in Season." While competing in a Flying Scot on a Sunday race recently, I was amazed to see all the activity going on at the club. Youth Sailors, Cruising Members, Racers, all making the best of our limited footprint. While there may have been a few grumbles due to all the diverse activities, it was a image of success for the club fulfilling its mission.

I am also thinking about last night's Flip-Flop-Fete held to support the youth program. It was a fun event with good food, good music, great ambiance, and a chance for members to get together. Another example of club mission.

And while talking about activity, the back bar, appropriately called "Marker 18" is open and refining its operation. The pizzas are freshly made to order and the menu is expanding quickly. Beer and wine are available. Early indication is

the satellite food station will help improve service during the rush periods.

I hope to see you at the club, given so much choice. Racing, learning, cruising, rendezvous, hospitality, or just hanging out to enjoy the view.

Richard Etkin, Commodore
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Policy Notice Regarding Animals

Due 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.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

This month I will keep this report short. Please be advised that the club has a very full calendar of events including a full regatta schedule. On October 29-29, the club will be hosting the Halloween Howler regatta. As many of you know, this is a youth event and over the past few years has grown to a 300+ boat regatta across multiple boat classes, ranging from Optimist Green and Championship Fleets, to ILCA 4 and 6 and C420. We are proud of our race committee, youth committee, coaching staff and the many other individual volunteers who join us in making this event one of the largest of its kind in South Florida other than Orange Bowl. This year, due to early voting issues, the City had to pull our permit to use regatta park. The good news is that we will be able to mitigate the effect of this by having the local fleets launch directly from their home clubs (i.e. CRYC, KBYC etc.). We are still expected to have an impact on space at the club that weekend though. We ask everyone to be patient due to this unforeseen change.

I would also like to take a moment to note that due to the Club's full schedule of events, the annual club work day will be on Sunday November 5, 2023. This is a one day only event due to the constraints on club operations, but is also an essential time for

us members to get together and do some much needed work to help upkeep our grounds.



I am pleased to announce that mangroves that have been encroaching on the overhead space on the south dock have been trimmed back. The masts and sails of our youth are now safe from their evil grasp.

Finally, I would like to announce that in order to ensure that we are better protecting our grounds and to better help us provide a safe and respectful environment for our members, we will be in the next couple of weeks adding a uniformed security officer who will patrol the grounds during certain peak hours and usage days.

Hope to see you all at the club.

Kind regards,

Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Member Family,
This past weekend we had the annual Youth Sailing Fundraiser, the Flip Flop Fete. This year's theme was One night in Paris and it was a memorable night. Champagne welcome drinks, French decoration, Cancan dancers and a French playlist. It was a pleasure to see some of our members attending dressed according to the theme. I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who attended as well your kind donations for the silent auction which will contribute, to also making it a financial success and enable young sailors to learn to sail or attend our sailing program to race through our scholarship program. Further I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to our Club Manager Lauren for making this happen as well as Alex our Bar Manager for making sure all the guests were well taken care of. Last but certainly not least I

would like to thank all the employees that showed up for set up, worked during the event and after, thanks to them, this was a successful event.



What a wonderful club we are part of where we all come together for the good cause. Be on the lookout for the next Flip Flop Fete, as I personally promise you, you will have a great time.

Priska Ureban, Rear Commodore
rearcommodore@cgsc.org



YOUTH NEWS

Hello Members and Sailors!

It has been a while since I have written to you all so I thought it would be good to share with you what's been going on in Youth Sailing land. I am happy to report that the season has already started off and shows great promise - after a hot and busy summer we are ready for the fall to bring cooler air and more breeze.

We have regained a double handed option for the kids with the acquisition of the Club 420 fleet which you may have seen downstairs, and is already proving popular with the kids. Right now they are not racing but they are having fun and developing skills and we will see how far this group goes into 2024. They are led by Coach Orlando Gonzalez who is new to the club, and has been a great coaching addition to the program. He is working with the teen group on Sundays as well as the other learn to sail fleets to lend a little more gravitas to the staff of junior coaches.

In other news our ILCA team is bigger than ever and is poised to sweep the podium this season as we have attracted many talented sailors that have moved on from the Opti class. We are very stoked to see what these young athletes do in the next couple of months.

On another note, we are preparing for the Howler 14 which is coming on October 28,29 and ask any and all available members and friends to consider volunteering their time at the regatta, either on shoreside or on race committee, as this regatta is not possible without your help.

Volunteering at a regatta is an enriching experience as it can show you a different side to sailing and provide an avenue to help the sailing community. This year we are expecting over 270 sailors across 5 countries and 20 clubs so we need all the help we can get.

Lastly, I'd like to publicly thank Coach Orlando for his 6 years of service to the program as he has moved on to bigger and better things - he was an important part of this program and made it better in many ways. We hope you visit!

Thank you all for your continued support, I am sure these kids will continue to make CGSC proud.





Flying Scots

The Flying Scot fleet is going strong, getting 9 or 10 boats out for Wednesday night racing and 15 boats out for last Sundays fleet races. You can go from learn to sail to full race with programs for

every level. There are bi monthly racing clinics and even annual clinics with national champion David Ames. The club owns 7 boats that are available to sponsor and race for members. Contact Bud Price to get involved and join in on the fun.

Bud

every level

We have learn to sail classes on an ongoing



Photos by Susan Mohorcic

Welcome New Members



ATTENTION MEMBERS

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

go2cherie2@comcast.net

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 in jpeg format and accompanied by a brief synopsis of the photo content; the who, where, what and when - basic journalism stuff.

Thanks, Cherie



NOTICE Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Dinghy Fall #3
October 14, 2023

Flying Scot Fall #3
October 15, 2023

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta &
& Dinghy #4 & Flying Scot #4
BBYRA PHRF #2**
September 30, 2023

Halloween Howler Youth Regatta
October 28-29, 2023

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



Haunted Mooring Field Saturday, October 28th

7:00pm

WANTED SPOOKY BOATS

Spookify your boat and delight trick or treaters during our Annual Haunted Mooring Field Event.

Volunteers are needed to help load and unload the children, please contact Lauren at manager@cgsc.org if you'd like to help!

Boat owners please register with Eric at Dockmaster@cgsc.org if you are decorating your boat and passing out candy on the mooring field

**DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE EVENT ONLY MEMBERS AND
REGATTA PARTICIPANTS MAY ATTEND**

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)



SKIP THE
CLASSROOM

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



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Annual Work Weekend

Sunday, November 5th

8am-5pm

We Need YOU



CGSC Needs YOU!

- *There will be no activities at the club
- *Launch service will be suspended
8:30am —5:00pm
- *Lunch & drinks will be provided for
volunteers at 12:00pm
- *Keg tapped at 3pm
- *Bar & Restaurant will be closed

Check out
What's Cookin'
at the club for lunch
and dinner.

Tuesday - Sunday

11 AM -

9 PM

