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Halloween  
Howler



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The year seems to be moving more like a speedboat than a sailboat as we head into December at full speed. We already passed the Halloween Howler, a regionally important youth regatta, and work weekend, which was actually work Sunday. Thank you to all who came out to clean, repair, improve, and help maintain the club.

Now we look forward to more sailing, racing, and festivities at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. We have our usual complement of regattas, Melges, VX Ones, and the Open Orange Bowl. Yes, this makes CGSC a busy place, and noisy too, but this is what makes us a Miami asset for the community and the city.

The key holiday social event, and always fun,

is the Holiday Boat Parade. Get your boat in the parade on December 17th, or jump aboard as a guest. The sight of a line of sailboats, all with holiday lights and singing sailors, all out of tune, is quite something.

We cannot forget celebrating New Year's Eve, giving 2023 a proper sendoff and welcoming 2024

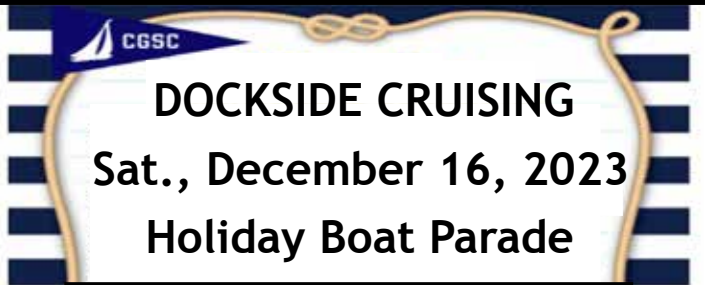
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## Welcome New Members



Many thanks to Hillary Oswald for her support of the Halloween Howler



Hillary Oswald Photography

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**T**his month's report shall be short. First, I would like to thank the Youth Sailing Committee, our Race Committee, and our Youth Program and all the volunteers who helped make this year's Halloween Howler event a success. A special than you to Andy Hoffman and Elizabeth Del Rio-Henrich, who tirelessly headed the organization of this event. With over 300 boats across multiple classes, the Halloween Howler has transformed from a small, sleepy regatta, to a major competitive event. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event what it is!

Work weekend was recently completed on November 5. We had huge turnout and I was so happy to see our sailing community working together. We were

able to get a lot of work done, while also identifying some areas on our property that need some further attention. I can personally say, that although there was a lot of hard work done, I had a great time working with our members to help make our club a better place. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and hope to see you all at the club.

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



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**hoy!!!  
Dear Member Family,  
What a fantastic November! I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with their family and friends. It is great to be part of this family and I cherish our friendships. This will be our most active regatta season. The race committee is always looking for volunteers to support our continued success. Please reach out to Susan Walcutt at [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net) if interested. No experience needed!

We had an amazing 14<sup>th</sup> annual Howler. The largest registration we have had included the Laser, 420, and Opti classes. Congratulations to all the sailors, especially our own, for having the conviction to compete in grueling conditions. We are very proud of you! It was windy and tough; the full moon was out in full force! I want to thank all our employees and volunteers for making this the most successful Howler to date.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the Haunted Mooring Field. The winner of the spookiest decorated boat was *Kailani* followed

by *Brown Eyed Girl*.

I would like to announce our first winter break youth sailing camp. Registration will open at the beginning of December, please be on the lookout for the link in our weekly emails. Have you ever heard the expression "the two happiest days in a sailor's life are the day they buy a boat and the day they sell it"? Well, members of the club have no fear, we have ADOPT-A-BOAT! Adopt-a-boat is a unique member benefit where members can join either the Sunfish, Laser, Flying Scott, or cruising boat fleet for a low monthly fee. For more information contact [adultsailing@cgsc.org](mailto:adultsailing@cgsc.org).

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and see you at the New Years Eve Party!

*Priska Ureban, Rear Commodore*  
rearcommodore@cgsc.org



Receiving his 2nd place award in ILCA 4 is David Mateo Coates with Priska Uren and James Liebl.

*Priska Ureban and James Liebl with Sebastian Van Der Kreeke, ILCA div. 6 winner.*



Shown with Priska Ureban are C420 winners Keith Grupenhoff and Carlos Beckmann

## FLYING SCOTS

**I**t was a very challenging weekend with light and very shifty conditions. The starting line and the weather mark were greatly skewed which made starting extremely difficult with this size of a fleet.

There two times when the wind actually shifted 180 degrees during a race.

The race committee did their best to keep up with the constant changes but the rest was up to the competitors

In the end, as usual the top competitors found ways to make it work to their favor. Mark Taylor and Robert Macelwaine took the top two positions, with local Richard Shellow taking third.

The top scoring club boat was a sponsored boat Hell Cat with David Ames helping Amit to the club trophy, second among the club fleet was Ryan I Bieja Flor, Third in the club boats was Bionic.

Ollie in Culpable was out for one race on Sunday but not shown here.

All in all, it was a challenging but very fun weekend.

Bud



View from the Signal Boat



**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta  
BBYRA OD #2  
October 21-22, 2023**

**T**he CGSC Annual One Design Regatta was a challenging event for both the racers and Race Committee. Wind was light both days, delaying the start on Saturday until there was enough pressure to get the races off. By the middle of race #3, the wind had shifted around 180°, with boats flying their spinnakers up to the weather mark.

Sunday again started with very light winds for Race #4. It was abandoned by Race Committee as the racers could not finish within the BBYRA time limit of 75 minutes. Race #5 started with light but building wind and then changed almost 180° again before racers finished.

Thanks to Bud Price, Flying Scot Class Rep, for reporting on the Flying Scot portion of the weekend's racing. This event is the first in the Annual Florida State Flying Scot Championship, with two days of racing.

The J24s were the only fleet racing from BBYRA and only raced on Saturday. Their trophies were presented Saturday afternoon along with some welcome pitchers of beer. Other fleets that registered and raced both days included Finns and Sunfish.

Thanks to the CGSC Race Committee volunteers: Gail Miller, Lisa Richardson, Sonia Diaz, Jan Dillow, Carl Updyke, Anne Klein Lorenzo Mesa, Richard Etkin, Don Deresz, Jurgen Teintze, Dick Pober and myself.

Susan

*Susan Walcutt*

CGSC Race Committee Chair

Congratulations to:

Flying Scots	1st	Mark Taylor/Sally Russell Perpetual Trophy
	2nd	Robert Mcelwain
	3rd	Richard Shellow
	4th	Amit Das (CGSC) Charlie Fowler Perpetual Trophy
Finns	1st	Dave Martin
	2nd	Fabio Prada
	3rd	Fabiano Vivacqua
Sunfish	1st	Freddy Sambolin
	2nd	Sam Ephraim
	3rd	Joey Kolisch
J24s	1st	Patricio Sly
	2nd	Eamonn Delisser
	3rd	Andres Martinez



# 2023 HALLOWEEN HOWLER

**W**ow Oh Wow Did Biscayne Bay deliver the goods at the end of October – The Howler Regatta was another smashing success for our (not-so-little) club hosting 290 competitors across 5 countries and 2 continents! Conditions were “fresh fresh fresh” with winds in the high teens and early twenties – leading to spills and thrills like the Howler is known for. The marquee “after hours” event of the Haunted Mooring field was also a huge success with many young sailors dressing up and going after some candy. I’d like to thank all the wonderful members who dressed their boats up for this unique event and helped the kids have a good time.

After 2 days of tough and windy racing, we saw the cream rise to the top and congratulations to these young sailors for battling it out and sending it home with some hardware. I am proud to say that we swept the leg in the ILCA 4 division once again and took home 4 of the top 5 spots in a super competitive fleet. Our leading ladies continue to shine in the Opti RWB division with Paloma and Elena showing the boys how it’s done once again, taking 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place respectively in the always

fierce RWB Opti fleet, and of course our Green Fleeters continue to improve and show a lot of promise.

Thank you to the Planning committee, Race Committee, and all the volunteers who made this event possible, with a special shout-out to Pat Morris who always runs an excellent breakfast table that continues to be talked about every year – Pat, you rock! Check out some photos from the official event photographer Hillary Oswald (who is also a CGSC member!) and if you’d like to see more, visit her website:

<https://hillaryoswald.zenfolio.com/howler23>

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





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**Thanks to everyone who made this year's Howler a huge success!**

# Haunted Halloween Moorings





THE BIGGEST, THE LAST, THE BEST PARTY EVER.  
A UNIQUE NIGHT YOU WON'T FORGET.

# 2024



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! SUNDAY DEC. 31

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GENERAL ADMISION \$50 PLUS TAX & GRATUITY INCLUDES DINNER & LIVE MUSIC

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MARGARITAVILLE | OF CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT



Please drink responsibly | Party begins at 7PM  
For reservations please email: [manager@cgsc.org](mailto:manager@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)

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



**ISCA (Sunfish) 52nd Worlds  
December 4-9, 2023**

**Dinghy Fall #6  
December 9, 2023, 2023**

**Flying Scot Fall #6  
December 10, 2023**

**J70 & Melges 24 #1 & VX1 #2  
December 16-17, 2023**

**Open Orange Bowl  
December 27-30, 2023**

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

*Merry  
Christmas*