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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Martin Luther King weekend saw the i420 North American Championship Regatta sailing with the 29er Invitational Regatta. This article is not to report the event, but more to celebrate how important CGSC hosting this event contributes to the sport of sailing.

All regattas we host are not equal, and this support of olympic and college feeder classes and youth sailing in general, is of great importance for the club taking its mission seriously. Our support of sailing helps create the next generation of sailor-club members. Along side this is the community support the club gives to the City of Miami, a support which does get noticed.

The club has gone through, and continues to

go through a busy regatta schedule. This is something we are aware of and are striving to minimize the impact to members wishing to sail. We must be sure to leave room for the regatta events most important to our mission and the wider sport of sailing.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. I hope all of our members had a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to a great new year. A couple of updates for the upcoming year. The club has recently hosted several high profile regattas and a special congratulations goes out to our fantastic Race Committee and all of our staff and volunteers for the Sunfish and Snipe events. These types of events are in my opinion fantastic windows to the City and sailing community at large of what CGSC is all about. As many of you know, these events do not happen in a vacuum and the phrase that "it takes a village" applies. CGSC has always prided itself on the willingness of its members to step up and contribute so thank you to all of our members who have worked with us to host these events and on occasion, helping to accommodate large fleets on property. Your support and assistance is always needed and greatly appreciated. It is in this spirit that I am proud to be the Vice Commodore of this organization.

As pertains to our facilities, we have mentioned that the club is instituting new cleaning protocols, but during peak hours, such as Friday and Saturday nights, on youth sailing days or during regattas,

our facilities may become more heavily used. If you observe anything, out of place (i.e. waste baskets full or overflowing, spills, overflowing toilets etc.) please notify a staff member, and as always, members are reminded that this is our club and home away from home, so please always encourage other members and guests to keep it that way so that we can all enjoy the space.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any concerns, questions or ideas as I am always looking to hear from our members as to what is on their mind. I look forward to seeing you all at the club and wish you all a wonderful 2024.

Kind Regards,

Keith Henrich

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Open Orange Bowl Report

By Steve Herman

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the 61st Open Orange Bowl from December 27 – 30, 2023. The event featured 169 sailors in 97 boats: 20 I-420's racing for their National Championship, 16 29ers, 25 Snipes (half of whom were preparing for the Junior Snipe World Championship), 13 Waszps, 12 Finns and 11 Nacra 15s. So, a lot of one-design racing between Christmas and New Years. Principal Race Officer Matt Bounds ran I-420, 29er, Snipe and Finn racing on the Alpha Circle. On a separate Bravo circle, Nacra racing was run by John Casey of LYC and Waszp racing by Agustin Ferrario. We had unseasonably cool temperatures, NNE winds, and one very blowy day. A good time was had by all.

DAY 1: The I-420's had the course to themselves, as they were the only fleet scheduled to race all 4 days. They got in two races in moderate air, but there was not enough wind for the planned third race.

DAY 2: This was to be the first of three race days for the 29er's, but there was just too much wind. The Race Committee and the 29er's ventured out after a 2.5 hour weather delay, but there was just too much wind and not enough visibility for a safe race, so Race Committee herded the exuberant 29ers back to Regatta Park (where all boats except the Finns were staying). No racing on Day 2.

DAY 3: We were now several races behind schedule, so Race Committee and sailors went out an hour early. The wind was moderate and steady from between 330 and 340 degrees, so we were able to get in 5 races for the 29ers, 4 races for the I-420s and Nacras, and the scheduled 3 for Finns and Snipes. The foiling Waszps have a target race time of only 6 minutes, so they managed to get in 6 races.

DAY 4: Still trying to catch up on the schedule, the Race Committee and sailors once again went out an hour early. Even with the early cutoff time, the 29ers got in 4 races, the I-420's and Waszps had 3, the Finns and Snipes and Nacras had 2 races.

Winners announced at the Awards ceremony include the following:

I-420 National Championship

- 1st place -- Richard Sykes and Violet Martin
- 2nd place -- Amelia and Annabel Woodworth
- 3rd place -- Helena Borcharding and Genevieve Schmidt

29ers

- 1st place -- Pierce and Fynn Olsen
- 2nd place -- Logan Mraz and Finn Stienborn

Snipes

- 1st place -- Ernesto Rodriguez and Grace Howie
- 2nd place -- Augie Diaz and Lorena Fundora
- 3rd place -- Carlos Bermúdez de Castro and Cesar Herrero

Waszps

- 1st place -- Andi Kinnear
- 2nd place -- Ethan Thompson

Nacras

- 1st place -- Cody Roe and KJ Hill
- 2nd place -- Dylan Tomko and Casey Small

Finns

- 1st place -- Jack Jennings
- 2nd place -- Dave Martin

The signal boats were Oliver Buckwell's Carpe Diem for the first two days, and Tom Cobin's Condor for the last two days. Crewing on the CGSC Race Committee boats were Allen Cox, Andi Hoffman, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Gail Miller, Helen Phillips, Jeorg Reinhold, Kathy Gunst, Lorenzo Mesa, Louise McKee, Sonia Diaz. Steve Herman, Susan Mohorcic, and Susan Walcutt, aided by 29er parents Abbey Doolittle, Celine Arsenault, and Paul and Ruby Patrickson. Thank you to all involved for a very successful regatta.



Photos by Dick Pober

Open Orange Bowl Continued



Junior Snipe World Championship Report

By Steve Herman

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted the Junior Snipe World Championship from January 2 – 7, 2024. The event featured 46 boats and 92 sailors under age 21 from 19 countries and 5 continents. This was easily the largest Junior Snipe Worlds since the event started 50 years ago. A lot of this success is thanks to Augie Diaz and the Miami Snipe fleet, who provided low-cost charters and free housing for most of the sailors. The a wide range of winds mostly cooperated, and Principal Race Officer Matt Bounds was able to run all races on schedule. An international Jury led by Lori Lowe (from the Bahamas) , and including Rick Mallinson and our own Dave Martin, had their hands full, watching for violations on the water and dealing with protests and redress requests at the end of each day. But it all ended with a lot of smiles and good memories.

Here is the event, day by day:

January 2: Three days of measuring were concluded by noon, so all boats were able to participate in a practice race. After dark, the event formally started with a boisterous parade of flags carried by competitors in team uniforms marching to their national anthems. Speakers included Snipe International Commodore Zbigniew Rakocy (from Poland), Augie Diaz, and our newly elected District Commissioner Damian Pardo.

January 3: The Junior Snipes are scheduled for 2 long races a day (target time 60 to 75 minutes) for each of the first 4 days, and

a 9th race on the last day. The first day featured light air from 5 to 7 knots and SE from 140 to 175 degrees. The fleet was a little aggressive and a total of 8 boats were disqualified for being over early. After two races, the lead was held by Augustin Segovia of Chile with 8 points and Erik Scheidt from Lithuania with 11 points.

January 4: Races 3 and 4 were sailed in shifty NW winds of 10-12 knots, and moving from 260 to 355 degrees and back to 315 degrees. Boats were better at judging the start, with only 4 boats disqualified for being over the line early. Justin Callahan (USA) had two 2nd place finishes on Day 2, and held the lead with 19 points. Carlos Bermudez de Castro (Spain) moved into 2nd place with 36 points.

January 5: Races 5 and 6 were sailed in Easterly winds of 12-16 knots, and steady winds almost entirely between 100 and 110 degrees. Race 5 was a triangular course, because Snipes do a triangular course in winds above 15 knots, in order to avoid damaging their masts. Winds subsided and they started a windward-leeward race for race 6. But then winds picked up, and the course was changed mid-race to a triangular course, which is an unusual thing that the Snipe fleet does. There was some damage in the higher winds, and 6 boats did not finish one or both races. Justin Callahan (USA) extended his lead with two 1st place finishes for a total of 21 cumulative points. Carlos Bermudez de Castro (Spain) hung onto 2nd place with 36 points.

January 6: There was rain and high winds threatened for day 4, but it arrived later than forecast and races



Photos by Dick Pober

7 and 8 were sailed in Southerly winds of mostly 11 knots between 190 and 200 degrees. There was a collision that caused damage and 4 boats were over early. Because we had gotten in several races, each competitor could throw out their worst score, which really shook up the standings, because some of the better boats were over early one day one and therefore discarded a high score. With one race to go, Justin Callahan (USA) was guaranteed to win the event. Liam O'Keefe (USA) was in 2nd with 46 points and Carlos Bermudez de Castro (Spain) fell to 3rd with 52 points, only 4 points ahead of the 4th place boat.

January 7: The final race saw our heaviest winds yet, with 17 to 22 knots from a Southerly 150 to 200 degrees. The course was a triangle (of course), but there was no damage and nobody over early. The award ceremony was held shortly after returning to shore. There was a poster presented to the Club that was signed by all sailors and had drawings of all 19 country flags. First place winners Justin Callahan and Mitchell Callahan (USA) were awarded the very impressive Vieri Lasinio Di Castelvero Trophy, which they will hold onto until the next Junior Snipe World Championship in 2 years. Other Top Winners:

- 2nd Liam O'Keefe / Noah Zittler (USA)
- 3rd Peter Foley / Henry Tindall (USA)
- 4th Carlos Bermudez de Castro Castro / Cesar Herrero Baspino (Spain)
- 5th Juan Fernandez Maldonado / Martin Fresneda Gazquez (Spain)

After the awards presentation there was a lot of celebration, photography and intercountry fellowship.

The signal boats were Lorenza Quijano's Solar Wind for the first four days, and Jeffrey Flanagan's Shenanigans for the last two days. Crewing on the CGSC Race Committee and safety boats were Alejandra Harris, Allen Cox, Andi Hoffman, Anne Klein, Bill Becker, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Gail Miller, Helen Phillips, Kathy Gunst, Lorenzo Mesa, Louise McKee, Maria Volakis, Mark Mueller, Martha Ledesma, Matt Bounds, Paolo Prada, Rick Klein, Saralee Lamb, Soledad Coates, Sonia Diaz, Stacy Morris, Steve Fucilli, and Steve Herman. Thank you to all involved for a very successful regatta.



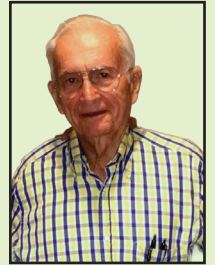


In Remembrance.....

Donald George Smith

November 26, 1928 – December 25, 2023

Don Smith passed away on December 25, 2023 at the age of 95. He was a charter member of CGSC. The original club By-laws stated that junior members should be encouraged to participate in the business and that is how Don, as a Junior Member, became the very first Rear Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. He jokingly explained that at one fateful meeting both the Commodore and Vice Commodore were absent and he had to run the meeting. The constitution and bylaws were changed pretty quickly. Don went on to be a dentist but never forgot his love for sailing and the CGSC.

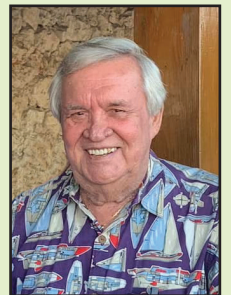


Renny Young

November 18, 1945- December 13, 2023

Charter member and historian of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Renny Young, passed away in December at his home in Coconut Grove. Renny was born at the Biltmore Hotel when it was an Army Hospital and attended Coral Gables High School. Renny gave many talks at CGSC, as well as at the Barnacle and the Pioneer Miami-Natives of Dade organization, about the early history of Dinner Key Marina, Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove.

Renny was the official historian for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and took great pleasure in being able to catalog and share, with enthusiasm, his historical knowledge of the area. He will be greatly missed





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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Comodoro Rasco Snipes
February 3-4, 2024**

**Melges 20/VX One Winter Series #2
February 9-11, 2024**

**Dinghy Winter Series/Spring Series #2
February 10, 2024**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #2
February 11, 2024**

Arts Festival - February 17 - 19, 2024

**US Sailing Olympic Laser Trials
February 17 - 24, 2024**

**Barnacle Regatta
February 24, 2024**

**Dingy Winter Series/Spring Series #3
February 24, 2024**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #3
February 25, 2024**

**Finn Winter Series #2
February 24- 25, 2024**