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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I was at the club recently and was reminded of one aspect of being a member we don't celebrate enough. This is the intangible Spirit of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Maybe it is too obscure to describe or even be aware of, but it is real and binds us as a community. Maryann and I arrived late afternoon in miserable, rainy, gusty weather, sufficient to have caused the cancelation of racing for the day. At dusk the deck wasn't quite empty and the bar half full. But the Spirit was at full strength. Maryann, as always, was commenting on how the club makes her happy, just to be there. The various groups in the bar were infected with the club Spirit to generate enough noise to feel like a busy Friday night. One group of

four were playing cards. Another group simply being boistrous, because that was the correct thing to be. Some were members and some their guests, but all displaying the Spirit the CGSC. It could not have been a better outing.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

This month I wanted to take a moment to extend my warm wishes to everyone at the club during this holiday season. This is a time to spend time with friends and family and be thankful for everything that we have and the people that we share it with.

CGSC continues to build upon its reputation for being a premier destination for great sailing and world class race events further solidifying our place in the local and greater sailing community at large. I would like to thank the organizers of the Sunfish World's and our fantastic race committee for a phenomenal event. On that same token, I am able to say that the Halloween Howler earned our youth program a little over \$22,000 in funds to help support their operations. Again, my thanks to the Youth and Race Committees who made this happen.

As our membership continues to grow, we have implemented new cleaning regimens to help us keep up with the increased use of our facilities and will be implementing uniformed security during peak hours shortly. We hope these measures continue to enhance our members' experience and enjoyment of the Club. As a note to members, please remember to check

the Club's calendar and regatta schedules that are published on our website. Club events are available at <https://www.cgsc.org/events/>. For those who are interested in what regattas are happening at the club, please check online at <https://www.cgsc.org/regatta-calendar/>.

If you have any interest in volunteering in any capacity for any of these events or have any questions on availability of club facilities on a particular date, please feel free to reach out and let us know.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe break. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year. Look forward to seeing you all next year!

Kind Regards,

Keith

Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore

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FLYING SCOTS

We see different names in the top three spaces than last time which is a tribute to how competitive the fleet has become. Thanks to those who participated and to the race committee who made it possible.

If you want to join a group of very friendly but competitive sailors check us out. We have Wednesday night racing when we are on daylight savings time that permits anyone to get on a boat and experience racing and our fleet. We also have 2 Saturday racing clinics each month where you will learn the basic of

racing first hand.

There are also great learn to sail lessons in the Flying Scot, taught in 3 hour increments to provide flexibility and your own personal rate of learning.

Come and join us!

If interested or have questions contact Bud Price

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Bud



2023 Flying Scot Fall Series Results											
Preliminary		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Total	Throw	Best 5	Place
		10-Sep	24-Sep	15-Oct	21-22-Oct	12-Nov	10-Dec		Out		
Boat	Sail	No wind									
Bionic	6220	3		1	7	6	2	19		19	1
LadyHope	5321	2		5	10	4	1	22		22	2
i gone	6109	6		6	9	3	3	27		27	3
Beija Flor	6075	12		3	5	5	5	30		30	4
Zoom	5622	4		4	12	1	10	31		31	5
Go Ugly Early	2052	12		2	3	12	10	39		39	6
Carolina	4595	8		8	13	7	4	40		40	7
Culpable	5246	5		12	18	2	9	46		46	8
Hellcat	4112	12		12	4	12	8	48		48	9
Mad dog	5675	11		9	11	11	7	49		49	10
Air America	5220	9		10	15	8	10	52		52	11
Grey Wolf	6196	1		12	18	12	10	53		53	12
Lucky Dog	4538	12		11	16	9	6	54		54	13
Phoenix	4832	12		7	17	10	10	56		56	14
n/a	4654	10		12	14	12	10	58		58	15
Dida	532	7		12	18	12	10	59		59	16
Two Docs	5	12		12	18	12	10	64		64	17

District 20 Championship Star Regatta



Photos by Dick Pober

Three-Time World Champion, Jean Paul de Trazegnies of Peru Wins the 2023 ISCA World Championship

Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coconut Grove, FL – December 3-10, 2023

By Vicki Palmer

Starting this 52nd ISCA World Championship was the traditional Opening Ceremony. With 100 competitors representing 15 different countries marching to the music of their country's anthem playing with moonlit Biscayne Bay on one side and a large audience on the other side not wanting to miss a second of this inspirational and heart-warming procession. The pride on each participant's face is always a special part of every World Championship. A wonderful tradition that carries so much meaning – a cultural blend of camaraderie, sailing with long-time friends and testing one's sailing skills with the best of the best.

What an exciting World Championship that was filled with suspense, light air, heavy air, washing-machine chop, no day off for sightseeing due to no wind on Day One to be made up on the scheduled lay day, surprise finishes, long sails from shore to the start line, multiple top-place finish changes in all 12 races, seven different countries representing the top ten finishers, muggy heat some days, winter jacket weather other days, some unfortunate boat

breakdowns that were fixed as quickly as possible and, oh, even a very special romantic surprise at the Award Ceremony! What? Wasn't this a sailing championship? Hold on. The romantic moment fits perfectly with what happened at the Award Ceremony. Patience ...

Race 11 will go down in Sunfish history. The more consistent top three finishers – Jean Paul de Trazegnies (PER), Jonathan Martinetti (ECU) and Conner Blouin (USA)– caused a shake-up in Race 11. Jean Paul (JP) finished 23rd and Conner got the dreaded Black flag which gave him 101 points for Race 11. But Jonathan was still hanging in there with a solid 11th for that race. So who finished where in Race 12 kept everyone in suspense. Who would win the 2023 ISCA World Championship?

There were many champions capable of upsetting who would finish 1, 2, and 3 based on their positions prior to Race 12– Marco Teixidor and Juan Sebastian Martinez (PUR), David Hernandez, Diego Silvestre and Juan Carlos Canizalez (GUA), Simon Gomez (COL), Peter Stanton (ISV), John



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Birkett (ECU), Sebastian Medina (PUR) and Eugene Schmitt and Amanda Callahan (USA). Champions, champions everywhere!

No one knew the final standings after Race 12 while still on the water making the long sail back to shore. Even Jean Paul didn't know who was the top #1 winner. Not until his coach told him before Jean Paul reached shore.

According to an interview posted on Facebook that Jean Paul had with Lee Montes after the event, Jean Paul said he decided just to enjoy the sailing and not worry about what would happen in Race 12. What would be, would be.

Well, what would be is that Jean Paul de Trazegnies won the 2023 ISCA World Championship! With only 10 points separating the top three winners – Jean Paul/1st, Jonathan Martinetti/2nd and Conner Blouin/3rd – this was a hard-fought competition with many skilled champions vying for that top spot.

But there was only one competitor vying for a top spot in another category that had nothing to do with competitive sailing on Biscayne Bay. When Jean Paul received the perpetual trophy at the Award Ceremony, his next action, after lifting the trophy for a photo op, was to get down on one knee and propose marriage to his beautiful fiancée, Maria. No mystery in her answer – yes, yes, yes --accompanied by a HUGE smile not only from Jean Paul and his future bride but also Jean Paul's family who accompanied him on this trip. I wondered why his whole family was seated at a table with Alex and Rosita Zimmerman who were as excited about the proposal as Jean Paul's family! You've heard us refer to the Sunfish Class as a Sunfish "family." Jean Paul saved this special moment for a very large extended "family," a special moment we all felt privileged to be a part of. The whole audience erupted with joy and congratulations for this happy couple to enjoy a beautiful future together.





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Photos below by Kathleen Tocke Sailing & Media

Top 10 Overall Winners at the 2023 ISCA World Championship:

1. Jean Paul De Trazegnies Valdez (PER) - 42 pts
2. Jonathan Martinetti (ECU) - 47 pts
3. Conner Blouin (USA) - 52 pts
4. Marco Teixidor (PUR) - 67 pts
5. David Misael Hernandez (GUA) - 71 pts
6. Diego Silvestre (GUA) - 74 pts
7. Simon Gomez Ortiz (COL) - 76 pts
8. Juan Carlos Canizalez (GUA) - 78 pts
9. Peter Stanton (ISV) - 127 pts
10. John Birkett (ECU) - 131 pts



VX1 Winter Series #2



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J70/Melges 24 Winter Series #1



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Junior Snipe Worlds
January 02-07, 2024**

**I-420 North American Championship
January 13-15, 2024**

**Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #1
January 20, 2024**

**Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #1
January 21, 2024**

**Finn Winter Series #1
January 20-21, 2024**

**J70 & Melges 24 #2
January 26-28, 2024**

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