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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club. What does that mean to us as members, for the Miami community, for competitive sailors, youth and adult, both local and on a national level, and recreational sailors who make being on the water part of their life? My answer would be that the club is an important element that enriches all of our lives.

A couple of activities going on right now illustrate that very well. On the community level we just finished the 60th annual Coconut Grove Arts Festival which literally surrounds the club and has 100,000 attendees strolling past our slice of paradise. The Club has a booth just outside the entrance to the festival to show off what we are and provide information to the public. I bring this up because on Sunday we had torrential rain, few visitors, but hardy volunteers came out to support the club and get soaked. The club matters and members respond in support. While the weather kept the art festival attendance very low, the club was bustling with activity in the

restaurant and for youth sailing.

At the same time, the CGSC Race Committee is out on the bay, running races for the Olympic team trials. It is the Club's commitment to the sport of sailing that puts us on the national and international stage. The breadth of activities, events, and social opportunities we provide to our members and the community at large, puts the CGSC as an outstanding contributor to the quality of life that Miami represents.



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Top of the Mornin'



*Happy Saint
Patrick's Day*

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

February has blown in giving us some very windy and beautifully cool days. With a little bit of luck, this be true when the club hosts its annual youth regatta Miami Sailing Week. We are once again looking to have a full fleet of 4 classes ranging from OPTI Green, OPTI RWB, ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 and C420. This is one of two major regattas that CGSC hosts to support youth sailing and this one is expected to have close to 280+ registered sailors. The regatta will be hosted in Regatta Park, which should minimize the impact to normal club operations. We are always looking for club volunteers to assist us on land, in the water or helping to secure corporate sponsorships for the event. Please reach out to the Youth Committee if you are able to volunteer.

Switching now to the property, the flag officers of the club are continuing to review our operations with management to identify areas that we can hone in on to improve our efficiencies and deliver a better experience and services to our members. Whether it be sanitation or grounds maintenance or class scheduling, we are working to identify areas across the board that we can use to improve how we do what we do. One thing that we all can do is make sure that we as members follow the rules of the club. This is our club and our facility and we encourage everyone to help us maintain the property in good condition. If you see something that is damaged, or something wrong, please promptly bring it to management's attention. As a club, we have always prided ourselves on the fact that it is our members who help make this club

the place that we all know and love and that we can collectively ensure that the CGSC endures as a tightly knit community of sailors and water enthusiasts.

Finally, I would encourage all of our members to please regularly check our website www.cgsc.org and [The Channel](#) for updates on what is going on at the club. Here are [some helpful links](#).

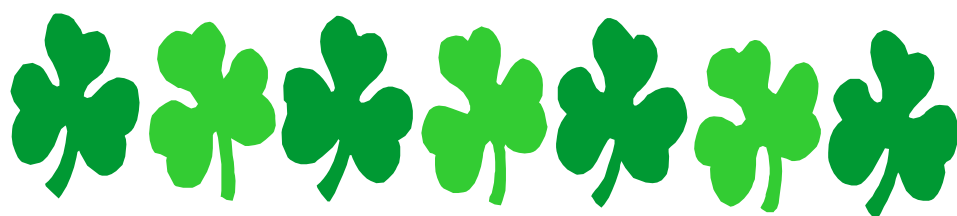
[You can find out what events are happening at the club as well as view the club's calendar at <https://www.cgsc.org/events/>.](#)

[If you are interested in knowing what regattas are scheduled and on our calendar, you can view this information at <https://www.cgsc.org/regatta-calendar/>.](#)

[These links are helpful tools that our members can use to find activities and events that interest them as well as to identify days where the club may have higher than normal usage so that you can plan ahead. In the future, we hope to add more ways for you to get information and for us to be able to reach out to our members. In the meantime, I hope to see you all at the club.](#)

[Kind regards,](#)

Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore
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Flying Scots

February 9 and 10 was a great weekend for sailing. Saturdays racing clinic had 5 boats that got in 4 races, with some good video to share. Sundays racing was close and exciting. Ten boats raced with several tie breakers and the usual rule 18 excitement. The end results are as follows. 10th position was Hellcat who did not start the first race and was OCS on the last race.

9th was Dream Weaver

8th Air America

7th Lucky Dog

6th I Gone who lost a tie breaker with Mad Dog

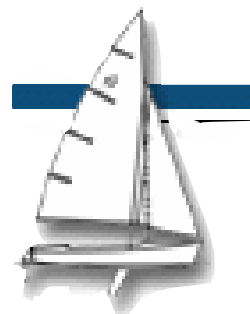
5th Mad Dog as a result of a protest

4th Beja Flor who lost a tie breaker with Dida

3rd Dida

2nd Zoom

1st Bionic



New Zealand Rendezvous

“Hey there! So, while on vacation, we met up with Javier and Claudia Prado in Auckland. You may remember them as past club members and they owned Seas the Moment. We went sailing with Javier and lunch with them and the kids. It’s a classic CGSC moment to have old friends in far corners of the world. From a little sailing club in Miami to Auckland 12 years later.” Jeffrey Flanagan, PC



I-420 North Americans

By Steve Herman

Twenty-seven I-420's came to CGSC on January 13th to 15th for the North American Championship. PRO Rick Myers led the CGSC race committee in delivering a solid and enjoyable event.

On Friday the fleet raced under clouds and a threat of rain (that never came). Winds were southeast and steady at 8 to 12 knots, although it felt like more. Boats were racing on a trapezoid course for the full weekend, and on Saturday we used the inner trapezoid (upwind leg, downwind to a gate in front of the signal boat, upwind leg, reach down to an outside mark, and then downwind to a waiting finish boat). We got in 4 of our planned 9 races on Friday.

Saturday brought more clouds, but still no rain. Northeast winds were 12 to 15 knots, the heaviest of the weekend, so per class rules the sailors were allowed to "ooch" (i.e. use body movements to propel the boat faster). An outside trapezoid was sailed on day 2 (upwing leg, reach down to an outside mark, downwind to a gate far to the left of the signal boat, upwind leg, and downwind to the waiting finish boat). Three races were run. Two left for Sunday.

And Sunday was a gorgeous sunny day. Winds were moderate from 120 to 135 degrees and we raced our last two races without problem.



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The following winners were announced at the Awards Ceremony:

1st place (National Champs) -- Richard Sykes & Violet Martin

2nd place (and Top Females) -- Helena Borchering & Genevieve Schmidt

3rd place – Caleb Everett & Nico Anders

The signal boat was Lorenza Quijano's Solar Wind. Crewing on the CGSC Race Committee boats were Allen Cox, Bill Becker, Carol Cottrell, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Gail Miller, Helen Phillips, Kathy Gunst, Lorenzo Mesa, Louise McKee, Martha Ledesma, Saralee Lamb, Sonia Diaz, Stacy Morris, Steve Herman, Susan Walcutt, and Tom O'Brien.

Thank you to all involved for another very successful regatta.



Photos by Dick Pober

Comodoro Manuel Rasco Snipe Regatta

By Steve Herman

Two dozen Snipes came to CGSC on February 3rd and 4th to race in the 55th Annual Comodoro Manuel Rasco Snipe Regatta, and what they found was a “Tale of Two Weather Patterns”. PRO Shannon Bush, who had to make some hard decisions, was studying the forecasts all weekend.

On Saturday, looking at no morning wind, we delayed on shore for two hours. Once we arrived at the starting area at 1pm, the sailors were faced with light winds that varied from 130 to 190 degrees, and a current that wanted to push them over the starting line. It took seven (7!) attempted starts and 80 minutes before race 1 started. Finally, the still-light winds built somewhat and settled in between 135 and 140 degrees. The Snipes got in three races in pleasant weather, and the Fleet returned to land for dinner at CGSC followed by dancing at the Mayfair.

But oh, what a difference a day makes. Sunday’s forecast was for a major storm front to pass through at noon, with high winds, lightning, and tornado warnings. There would not be enough time to race after the storm passed through, so an announcement that we were abandoning for the day was made at the 9:30am competitor’s meeting. The three other racing fleets on the Bay had all cancelled before us. The fleet proceeded to do awards.

Per Rasco tradition, we all sang “La Bomba” while the eight winners (one at a time) chugged from the victory bowl and sang back to us. In deference to the early hour, Sprite was substituted for alcohol. Our PRO said “That was the most fun awards ceremony I’ve been to in a very long time!”

The following winners were announced at the Awards:

1st place -- Ernesto Rodriguez & Alexandra Damley-Strnad

2nd place -- Enrique Quintero & Charlie Bess

3rd place – Doug Hart & Taylor Scheuermann

Aicardi (newcomer) award: Luke Ingalls & Jaqueline Morrison

The signal boat was Jay Flynn’s Elizabeth Belle. Crewing on the CGSC Race Committee boats were Allen Cox, Carol Cottrell, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Esther DiLeo, Gail Miller, Kathy Gunst, Lorenzo Mesa, Scott Kaufman, Shannon Bush, Sonia Diaz, Stacy Morris, Steve Herman, Susan Mohorcic, Susan Walcutt, and Tom O’Brien.

Thank you to all involved for a very successful regatta.



Bacardi Invitational #2

By Steve Herman

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club ran all of the racing for the Bacardi Winter Invitational #2 on January 26 – 28, 2024. “Chamber of Commerce” conditions, in a variety of winds, were enjoyed by the 35 J/70’s and 21 Melges 24s who were racing. Bacardi was the main (but far from only) sponsor, so the racers also enjoyed an open bar every night of the regatta at Shake-a-Leg Miami, which was Regatta Headquarters. Principal Race Officer Mark Foster led the CGSC Race Committee, who garnered many compliments for our professionalism and for the quality of the races.

DAY 1: The first day saw light ESE winds between 8 and 10 knots, varying from 105 to 110 degrees. We got in the scheduled 3 races. In the J/70 fleet, Catapult jumped out to an early lead by winning the first two races. Melgina was leading the Melges 24’s at the end of day 1 with a total of 9 points.

DAY 2: It all changed on day 2. Winds were the heaviest of the regatta, blowing between 12 and 17 knots and 140 to 165 degrees. Boats that did well in light air on Day 1 tended to do less well on Day 2. In the J/70 fleet, Brutus III carried the day, with two 1st place and one 2nd place finish. Everybody earned a throwout because we had done 6 races, and after their worst score was discarded, Brutus III was leading Catapult by a single point. In the other fleet, Kingspoke took over 1st place thanks to a very consistent performance: they were in the top 5 for

each of the first 6 races.

DAY 3: Winds were intermediate at 9 to 12 knots, but it felt windier. For the first two races, winds were between 230 and 235 degrees, and because current was lined up with the wind, boats had a fast upwind time and a relatively slow downwind time. As the final race of the regatta was about to start, the wind swung right by 45 degrees, going to 280 degrees. There was not enough time to reset the course and start both fleets before the 2pm drop dead time, so the regatta ended after 8 races.

In the Melges 24 Fleet, Kingspoke had another two consistent races, and finished in first place, 13 points ahead of 2nd place. In the J/70 fleet, Brutus III outperformed Catapult and was leading by a few points. But it was not over yet. Going downwind on leg 2 of



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the final race, Brutus III and Catapult were overlapped on the same tack and had a small collision. Brutus III filed a protest against Catapult, and Catapult filed a protest against Brutus III. Whichever boat was at fault would be disqualified for the race and finish in 2nd place, with the other boat winning the Regatta. The Jury heard evidence, deliberated, and decided that Catapult had right of way and Brutus III was disqualified. Winners announced at the Awards ceremony include the following:

J/70

- 1st place – Catapult -- Joel Ronning – 29 points
- 2nd place – Brutus III -- Charles Thompson – 39 pts
- 3rd place – Very Odd. David Jannetti – 45 points
- Corinthian (no professionals on board)
 - USA 1154 -- Zachary Segal – 116 pts

Melges 24

- 1st place – Kingspoke -- Bora Gulari – 10 points
- 2nd place – Sentinel -- Alec Anderson – 23 pts
- 3rd place – Monsoon -- Bruce Ayres – 25 pts
- Corinthian (no professionals on board)
 - Surprise -- Dan Berensen – 92 pts

The signal boats was Jay Flynn’s Elizabeth Belle. Crewing on the CGSC Race Committee boats were Allen Cox, Cat Munro, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Helen Phillips, Jean Messier, Kathy Gunst, Lisa Richardson, Lorenzo Mesa, Maria Volakis, Mark Pincus, Melinda Smith, Rick Klein, Rick Williams, Scott Giering, Steve Herman, Susan Walcutt, and Trish Smotherman. Thank you to all involved for another very successful



Photos by Dick Pober

Melges 20 & VX1 Series #2



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Washington's Birthday Regatta

The Washington's Birthday Regatta originated at Munroe's boathouse in 1887. In this race you would follow in the footsteps of Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe, yacht designer, Coconut Grove pioneer, and founder of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

This fun race was open to all vessels of traditional design and rig regardless of construction: Mud Hens, Sea Pearls, Bullseyes, Sharpies, Bahama Dinghies, Cat Boats, Sloops, Gaff-Rigs etc. Fiberglass boats are permitted. In the spirit of the Commodore's "shoal-draft" designs, only boats with a draft of 4 feet or less were allowed enter.

The regatta took place February 24th, 2024 on Biscayne Bay just off shore of The Barnacle in Coconut Grove and was organized by The Barnacle Society, Inc. and The Barnacle Historic State Park. The trophy ceremony, and the traditional chowder party, took place in the evening following the race. CGSC provided the race committee for the event.



Class	Place	name of vessel	vessel type	owners name
Egret (B)	1	Effortless	Chey Lee Offshore 31	Charles Pruett
Egret (B)	2	Stardust	Morgan Sloop	James Grupenhoff
Egret (B)	3	Longsdory	Cape Dory 25D	John Long
Sandpiper (P)	1	Echo	Pearson Ensign	Doug Hanks
Sandpiper (P)	2	Dove	Cape Dory Typhoon	Justin Long
Sandpiper (P)	3	Zena	Cat boat	Skip Richeimer
Plover (G)	1	Henrietta	Marsh Hen	William Coleman
Plover (G)	2	Roam	Catboat	Brent Putnam
Plover (G)	3	Poule Mouillée	Beach Hen	Danny Garcia

Photos by Steve Herman



2023-2024 Officers

BRIDGE:

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

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Bob Aiken ('24)	Bud Price, PC (25)
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Youth Sailing	Elizabeth Del Rio Henrich
Property	Keith Heinrich
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Public Relations	Carla Pugh
Entertainment	General Manager
Cruising and Rendezvous	William Sancho
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Strip	Dave Martin
Channel	Cherie Branning
Protocol	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.
Webmaster	Bob Aiken
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Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Jennifer Cheney
Seamanship	Dr. Jennifer Cheney
Fundraising	Priska Urban
Member Use / Cruising	Glenn Cunningham
Lease Renewal / Expansion	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.

NOTICE



Upcoming CGSC Regattas



Melges 20 & VX1 Fla Championship
March 1-3, 2024

Bacardi VX1 & Viper #3
March 7-9, 2024

Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #4
March 9, 2024

Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #4
March 10, 2024

Miami Sailing Week Youth Regatta
March 16-17, 2024

Lightning Midwinters
March 21-23, 2024

RS Fest
March 30-April 1, 2024

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