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LEASE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello fellow CGSC Members. We are the Club's Long-Term Lease Committee and we have been working over the past several years to create various scenarios related to the Club seeking a lease renewal. The current lease term ends on June 30, 2026.

As a brief background, the Club leases the property (the upland and the bay bottom) from the City of Miami and for over 10 years (2000 to 2011) the Club was a month-to-month tenant of the City of Miami. This was until July 1, 2011 when the Club secured a written lease under then-Commodore Alyn Pruett. That lease was for an initial 5-year term (ending June 30, 2016) with two 5-year options (first one ending June 30, 2021 and second one ending June 30, 2026). Our goal is to obtain a significantly longer lease term that will allow the Club to secure its future as a community sailing center and doing all the great things that we do.

As part of our process, and with the help of professional consultants, we analyzed improvements that are, and may be, required so that we will be able to use the property in 20, 30, 50 or more years. These improvements include raising the seawall and working with the City to help prevent waterflow intrusion from Peacock Park and Meyers Park.

We also asked Club leadership to create teams of members to provide a vision of what the ideal CGSC

could look like in the future. Those visions include more and varied classes with additional instructors and boats; more dock space; dedicated classroom space; larger kitchen; proper management offices and even a new building. These ideas (and what we've listed are just a sampling) may be implemented over a long-range future. We are now looking at initial cost estimates for all the improvements so we can figure out how we can pay for them over time. We know this is an important aspect because when we obtained the lease in 2011, the Club was required to spend money to redo the mooring field (at a cost approaching \$800,000 at that time). When other clubs on the bay have recently sought lease renewals, the City has required them to also spend significant money on various improvements (such as Miami Outboard Club committing to spending up to \$6 Million on improvements on a 25-year renewal). Now that we know what we must do, and what we want to do, together with the cost estimates and our borrowing capacity, we are preparing a presentation for the City administration to continue towards a lease renewal. We'll be reporting back to you as we achieve significant milestones.

Fair winds,
Jeffrey Flanagan, PC
Mark Hatfield
James Liebl
Alyn Pruett, PC

Flying Scots

Hi everyone. February 24/25 was a great sailing weekend and we took full advantage of it. It started with our racing clinic on Saturday. We had 7 boats out and got in 4 short races. I got some good video. The link is shown above.

I wanted to thank all of the Scot Skippers who came out in force to get all of these people out and learning about our sport. The willingness of this group to introduce and grow people within the fleet has been the key to our success. Our next ones are March 9th and 23rd. If you can join us please do. I think you will find it both fun and rewarding.

Sunday was another great day with 11 boats racing. It was punctuated by the introduction of a new competitor to our group. David Burrows joined us. He is a former Olympic sailor in Finns and Stars. He races with his two kids and took the day. Welcome David. We all look forward to your further schooling us.

The results are as follows.

First place David Burrows and family on Flying Irishman
Second place Philippe and Jason on Zoom

Third Oliver Buckwell and son on Culpable
Fourth Gary Schrodt and Toni on Bionic
Fifth Brian Stearns and wife on Carolina
Sixth Louise McKee and Brian on Dida
Seventh Amit Das and crew on Hell Cat
Eighth Eileen with Ahcene and crew on Air America
Ninth Jim Brian and Andy on Mad Dog
Tenth Obie Smith and crew on I Gone
Eleventh Ryan Alexander and
Juan on Beija Flor

In March we have three opportunities to race. The 10th and 24th were preciously scheduled. We have been asked to join in Miami Yacht Clubs annual regatta on Saturday the 16th. For that one you have to sign up with Miami yacht club individually.

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CGSC And Miami Yacht Club 2024 ILCA Olympic Trials February 17 - 24, 2024



It was a great honor and acknowledgement of the expertise of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) Race Committee to be invited by US Sailing and Miami Yacht Club (the host site) to support the 2024 Olympic trials for the ILCA 6 and 7 classes. Over the course of 8 days, the sailors battled in a variety of weather conditions in the Atlantic Ocean just off shore Miami Beach, Virginia Beach and Crandon Beach. Three circles were pre-planned as options to accommodate the shifting winds, weather and current. Two trap course races were run each day. The event leadership team was comprised of US Sailing course management experts, former Olympic sailors and those who have a lifetime of commitment to the sport.

The CGSC RC supported setting the course from the Signal boat, at the windward and reach marks, gate and leeward mark and finish. Scores were transmitted in real time to keep the sailors, coaches and spectators informed of the event progress.

The winner of the ILCA 6 was Erika Reineke from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. As US Sailing mentioned, “she punched her ticket to the Paris 2024 Olympics” after 7 days of racing.

Ford McCann from Huston, Tx “achieved athlete selection and will represent Team USA pending country qualification in the ILCA 7”. As our youth sailors know, representing the USA at the Olympics is life long journey. Erika shared that it has been a 15 year journey that has taken her all over the world! She was just elated!

So, the next time you see a youth sailor or you see a young sailor who needs a bit of encouragement, just remember that they too, may one day represent the United States at the Olympics! And where did they get their start?... perhaps they will say “Coconut Grove Sailing Club”! And as sailing is a sport that embraces lifelong learning, CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who represented the CGSC Race Committee! On more than one occasion they were recognized as a “crack” team! Special shout out to the following individuals who made up CGSC RC Team: Andi Hoffman, Susan Walcutt, Steve Herman, Anne Klein, Beth Duggan, Bill Becker, Cat Munro, Carl Schellbach, Carl Updyke, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Gail Miller, Helen Phillips, Henry Brauer, Jean Messier, Kathy Gunst, Kevin Reeds, Lorenzo Mesa, Maria Volakis, Mike Van Dyke, Philippe Dusser, Rick Klein, Sarah Hays, Saralee Lamb, Shannon Bush, Stacy Morris, Steve Fuccillo, Thomas Druck, Tom Duggan.

A huge Thank You goes out to Susan Walcutt, Regatta Chair and Andi Hoffman, Race Committee Chair for CGSC. Your vision, leadership and support enabled the success of the Trials and a great spotlight for the team, Club and our City on the National and International stages!

We now look forward to rooting for our Olympians in Paris in July 2024!

Stay Morris





Many Thanks to All!

Outer Gate



Finish Line



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Signal



Weather Mark



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



VXOne FLA Championship Top Five:

- 1 - John Potter/Sara Ortiz Vey
- 2 - Iain Jaeger/Zah Champney
- 3 - Jim Ward/Ian Moran
- 4 - Barret Rhoads/Austin Powers
- 5 - John Porter/David Himmel

Melges 20 Top Five

- 1 – Peter McClennen
- 2 – Daniel Thielman
- 3 – Alex Michas
- 4 – Jason Michas
- 5 – Jan Majer



Melges 20 & VX1 Fla Championship



Photos by Dick Pober

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

On March 7 to 9, the CGSC Race Committee ran races for 32 VX Ones, 22 Viper 640s, and 18 Snipes. It was all part of the Bacardi Invitational, which occurs during the last three days of the 6-day Star Class Bacardi Cup. The other Bacardi Invitational circle, not run by CGSC, featured Melges 24 and J/70 fleets. Altogether, there were 205 boats and over 600 sailors from 25 countries on Biscayne Bay for the combined events. The CGSC races were managed by Course Race Officer Shannon Bush and the Signal Boat was Lorenza Quijano's beautiful Solar Wind. On day 1 (March 7) of the Invitational, fleets were postponed ashore due to high winds and rain. When racing got underway, teams contended with squalls, a mix of rain and sunshine, and the breeze bouncing from 5-15 knots. In the Snipe fleet, Ernesto Rodriguez had a great start with two wins and a 2nd place finish. In the Viper 640 fleet, Marek and Chris Zaleski claimed a 1,5,1 to sit just one point ahead of reigning Viper 640 North American Champion Jimmy Praley. And in the VX one fleet, John Porter finished 6, 1 and 1 in 3 races to tie with Doug Clark, both of whom were 1 point ahead of Bacardi Champion Christopher Alexander. We had fantastic race conditions on day 2 (March

8). The usual shifty breeze was around 8-10 knots with plenty of race track nuances. All fleets got in 3 more races and earned a throwout of their worst race. John Porter held firm in the VX One fleet, Yoan Carrillo scored a 2-1-7 to take a narrow lead in the Snipe fleet, and Jimmy Praley took the lead in Viper 640 fleet after he was able to discard his 13th place Race 5 finish. Meanwhile, in the Star fleet, the day ended with our own Augie Diaz tied for first place with two other boats. Everything depended on day 3. The Final day of racing (March 9) kicked off with a building 12 knots of breeze and waves.

Snipe Fleet: Going into the final race 8, Ernesto Rodriguez held a 3-point advantage over Yoan Carrillo and Enrique Quintero, who were on tiebreak with 16 points each. As with many of the other classes, it was open to any of them to switch podium positions. But it wasn't to be as Rodriguez/Uribe racked up their fourth race win and Yoan Carrillo was disqualified in the jury room.



Bacardi VX1 & Viper #3

Snipe Final Top 3

1. Ernesto Rodriguez/Issa Uribe (USA 31337)
2. Enrique Quintero / Nico Ocariz (USA 31640)
3. Yoan Carrillo /Rene Torrecilla Abreu (USA 29511)

Viper 640 Fleet: Marek Zaleski was leading the twenty-two boat fleet by 2 points going into the day, before a 5th in race 7 pushed him back to second, with Jimmy Praley now 1 point ahead. In an all or nothing final race, Zaleski finished 2nd to triumph overall. Mary Ewenson's 'Evil Hiss' team saved their best to last to take the win and escalate up to second, leaving the reigning North American Champion, Praley, to settle for third on tiebreaker.

Viper 640 Final Top 3

1. Marek Zaleski / Chris Zaleski / Jake Bradt 237)
2. Mary Ewenson / Jane Moore / Rob Gorman / Jahn Tihansky
3. Jimmy Praley / Austin Powers / Max Vinocur

VX One: Day 3 was a leaderboard shuffle for the top three teams. John Porter was the leader going into the day, but he relinquished the lead to Doug Clark after race 7. Defending Champion Christopher Alexander won the race and was poised to seal his

reputation and triumph again. Going into the final race 8, just 2 points separated the top three teams who were all guaranteed a spot on the podium. Another superb win from Alexander's team sealed their successful defense. 7 boats, including John Porter, dropped out of the final race, either because of or to avoid equipment damage in high winds.

VX One Final Top 3

1. Christopher Alexander / Grace Howie / Ricky Welch (USA 276)
2. John Porter / David Himmel (USA 343)
3. Doug Clark / Matt Haddon (USA 362)



Bacardi VX1 & Viper #3

Members of the CGSC race committee participating in the regatta were Allen Cox, Bill Scheuermann, Carol Cottrell, Denise Schneider, Dick Pober, Don Libbey, Don Deresz, Gail Miller, Jean Messier, Kathy Gunst, Lorenzo Mesa, Maria Volakis, Saralee Lamb, Sonia Diaz, Steve Herman, Susan Walcutt, and Tom O'Brien. Oh, and what about the three-way tie in the Star Class with one race left? Mateusz Kuznierewicz and Bruno Prada from Poland won the last race, and thus won their 5th straight Bacardi Cup. Augie Diaz, racing with Henry Boening, finished the Regatta in 2nd place overall. Congratulations, Augie! Steve Herman



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Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Don Q Snipe Regatta
April 5-7, 2024

Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #5
April 13, 2024

Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #5
April 14, 2024

Dinghy Winter/Spring Series #6
April 27, 2024

Flying Scot Winter/Spring Series #6
April 28, 2024

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