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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Members:

We are thrilled to be inviting you to our annual rendezvous on April 11 – 13th

We are headed back to Boca Chita Key this year with an action-packed agenda for a fun weekend.

We are keeping the cost at \$45 this year, and that includes food over the weekend, a rendezvous shirt and a burgee (plus memories for a lifetime). Your CGSC account will be billed \$45 once you RSVP.

The cost for attending on Saturday Only for those coming on the boat shuttle from Dinner Key (see details below) is \$25, and that includes lunch and your choice of a rendezvous shirt or

burgee. Your CGSC account will be billed \$25 once you RSVP.

Since we need to place shirt and burgee orders immediately, so please RSVP as soon as possible by clicking here: <https://partiful.com/e/we5pZj0YbOjhlIpRCOtq>.



*William Sancho
Rear Commodore*

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CGSC Annual Rendezvous - Return to Boca Chitaville

Fri, Apr 11 · 3:00pm —
Sun, Apr 13 · 10:00am

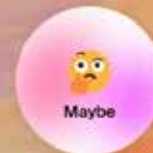


Hosted by William Sancho

Boca Chita Key
Miami, FL

Upon reserving, a \$45 fee will be added to your CGSC April bill. The fee covers food over the weekend, a rendezvous shirt and a burgee.

A separate email will go out to all members regarding boat shuttle transportation to Boca Chita being offered by the Biscayne Bay National Park Institute, departing from Dinner Key on Saturday, April 12th.



🌴 Don't have a boat but still want to participate in this year's rendezvous? 🌴

🚢 Ahoy Mateys! 🚢

CGSC Annual Rendezvous – Return to BocaChitaville



🚢 Return to BocaChitaville on a Guided Boat Cruise – April 12, 2025 – offered by the *Biscayne Bay National Park Institute* and our friend **Captain Harold Ochstein**.

📍 **Departure:** Dinner Key Marina, Coconut Grove

🕒 **Duration:** 7 Hours (1:15 PM – 8:15 PM)

👥 **All Ages Welcome!**

🗺️ **What's Included?**

🚢 **Guided Cruise** – Explore Boca Chita Key with expert naturalists.

🌴 **Island Adventure** – Enjoy a 4.5-hour stop featuring:

1. 🦶 Island trails & beaches
2. 🌊 Crystal-clear waters
3. 🍔 **"Cheeseburger in Paradise" feast**
4. 🏊 Coconut boat races, scavenger hunts, & kayaking
5. 🌅 **Sunset Return** – Cruise past historic **Stiltsville houses** & **Soldier Key** while watching the sun dip below the horizon.

💰 **Pricing: Exclusive CGSC Member Discount:**

6. 💰 \$83 per adult (plus fees, paid directly to Biscayne National Park Institute)
7. 👶 Children 12 & under: FREE (must be registered with an adult ticket)
8. 👥 Minors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

🚢 **Reserve Your Spot Now! Click Below** 🚢

🔗 <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/evergladesassociation/items/60255/availability/1712993049/book/?full-items=yes>

Don't miss out on this unforgettable **BocaChitaville** adventure! 🌴🍹🚢

Call me if you have any questions: William Sancho, 305-496-7240.



The Barnacle Society Celebrates 138 Years of Racing on Biscayne Bay

By Steve Herman

Aquatic sports on Biscayne Bay started in 1887, when Ralph Middleton Munroe (“The Commodore”) organized an open regatta to celebrate Washington’s Birthday. After the party, Charles Peacock hosted a chowder party. 110 years later, in 1997, the Barnacle Society resurrected the tradition by running the Washington’s Birthday Regatta with an open regatta featuring vessels of traditional design and rig: Mud Hens, Sea Pearls, Bullseyes, Sharpies, Bahama Dinghies, Cat Boats, Sloops, Gaff-Rigs etc. The Barnacle Society has run the regatta annually since then, and Coconut Grove Sailing Club was pleased to once again serve as the Race Committee in 2025 for this quintessentially Coconut Grove event.

And what a glorious event it was! February 22 (Washington’s actual birthday) favored us with ample winds and plenty of sunshine. The Race Committee set out on Shake-a-leg’s Pilar, piloted by Joe Kolisch. Pilar is an elegant diesel engine wooden boat built in 1933, the sister boat to Ernest Hemingway’s famous fishing boat, and it set the tone for the whole regatta. Deputy Race Officer Stacy Morris ran the regatta from Pilar, under the watchful eye of Principal Race Officer Steve Herman.

18 traditional boats were divided into three fleets: Egret, Sandpiper and Plover. The Egrets had the best ability to sail downwind, so they were given a windward-leeward course that was a total of 1.8 miles. The other two fleets were more comfortable reaching, and were given a 1.8 mile triangular course. Winds were heavy to start, gusting to 15

knots, so a number of boats reefed. It worked, as there were no capsizes all day! Winds lightened and all the reefs were shaken out by end of day. Each fleet had three quality races.

In addition, 5 more modern boats raced in the first ever Washington’s Birthday Regatta “Mail Run”. This event was named after Commodore Munroe’s once-a-week mail run to Fowey Rocks, where a steamer dropped off Coconut Grove’s mail. In this race, boats sailed an 8.5 mile course around the bay, going from Pilar to Dinner Key Channel Entrance to Key Biscayne to the Rickenbacker Bridge and then back to Dinner Key Channel and the Pilar.

After racing, sailors gathered on the lawn of Coconut Grove Sailing Club for a Chowderfest. The very enjoyable program included anecdotes from the day, a slide show highlighting the work underway to rebuild the Barnacle Egret, a posthumous award of the Rennie Young Service Award to its first recipient (Rennie Young), a costume contest, and awards for the day. A good time was had by all.

Winners of the Event were:

Plover Division – Mud Hen “Largo”

(Jennifer Wirth and Joe Logan)

Sandpiper Division – Ensign Sloop “Butterfly”

(Richard Crisler)

Egret Division -- Cheoy Lee Offshore 31

“Effortless” (Alyn Pruet)

Mail Run – J9 “Flying Fish” (Peter McClennen)

Honorable Mention to Sabre 362 “Elizabeth

Belle” (Jay Flynn), who was the top mail run boat without a spinnaker



The Race Committee was outfitted in a costume of black pants, white shirt, suspenders, ribbon ties and old-timey hats, courtesy of Barnacle State Park. In addition to names already mentioned, the Race Committee included Allen Cox, Bob Deresz, Brad Smith, Don Deresz, Graham Coords, John Kandara, Kathy Gunst, Lisa Richardson, Maria Volakis, Susan Mohorcic, and Susan Walcutt. The event, which went very smoothly, would not have been possible without the Barnacle Regatta Committee headed by John Palenchar and the support of many others including Barnacle President Amy Exum, and PRO ex-officio Nancy Rogachenko.



Bacardi Cup Invitational #3

By Steve Herman

The Bacardi Cup Invitational was held on March 6-8 2025. It is held in conjunction with the Bacardi Cup Regatta, now celebrating its 98th running as one of the oldest continuously run annual regattas in the U.S. All told, there are over 600 sailors in more than 200 boats, representing 24 countries on 4 different racing circles. CGSC, under the leadership of IRO Shannon Bush, ran a circle with 37 VX Ones and 16 Viper 640s.



The winds were light early on Thursday and Friday, which led to on-shore postponements and a resulting late start. They picked up by midday, and we were able to run three races on Thursday but only two on Friday. Winds were good on Saturday (the last day), allowing us to make up for Friday by running three races. So we got in our targeted 8 races, making this a very successful regatta. Also helping to make it a successful regatta was nightly hospitality (including free drinks and live music), courtesy of Bacardi.

Winners on our line were:

VX One (37 boats)

1st	Counterproductive	(Chris Alexander)	20 pts
2nd	Sideshow	(Doug Clark)	26 pts
3rd	CAN 262	(Josh Yale)	27 pts

Viper 640 (16 boats)

1st	Rolling Thunder	(Vir Menon)	18 pts
2nd	Vapor Trails	(Mark Wheeler)	24 pts
3rd	Prestige Worldwide	(Mike Deyett)	26 pts



Bacardi continued

Much of the credit for the great event goes to the Organizing Authority Twelve USA, Inc and to Event Director Sara Zanobini and Regatta Chairman Mark Pincus. On the CGSC side, many thanks to William Sancho who lent us Brown Eyed Girl as Signal Boat. And of course, credit also to our outstanding Race Committee volunteers Allen Cox, Cait Munro, Cathy Doherty, Charity Johnson, Denise Schneider, Don Deresz, Don Libbey, Gail Miller, Helen Phillips, Jean Messier, Kathy Gunst, Louise McKee, Maria Volakis, Saralee Lamb, Sonia Diaz, Steve Herman, Susan Mohorcic, and Susan Walcutt.



FLYING SCOTS



The Flying Scot series ended this month. What follows are the results:

- 1st place Flying Irishman with David Burrows and his kids
- 2nd Zoom with Philippe, Jason and Sarah
- 3rd Mad dog with Andy, Brian, Eric and Rick (as a result of a tie breaker)
- 4th Igone with Obie and various crew(losing the tie breaker)
- 5th Bionic with Bill, Gary and Bud
- 6th Air America with Eileen, Amy, Achene and various crew
- 7th Dida with Louise and various crew
- 8th Beija Flor With Ryan and various crew
- 9th Culpable with Ollie and sons
- 10th Richard S with Luis and various crew
- 11th Lady Hope with April, Tom and Duncan
- 12th Phoenix Bruno Felix and crew
- 13th Beam Me Up with Richard Shellow and John Roush
- 14th Dream Weaver Esther, Jeorg and Richard
- 15th Kurt Wettlaufer and various crew
- 16th Two Docs Jonathan and various crew
- 17th Scar Face Scott and crew

The races continue to get tighter and tighter with very busy mark rounding's and lots of lead changes.

Wednesday night racing started this month. The first night had 11 boats on the line in perfect conditions.

Saturday clinics have been struggling with high winds on days they were Scheduled, But we finally got one off with 5 boats and good conditions.

Wednesday nights will continue for the rest of the summer. Stop by any night fto join in. Be there by 4:00 no charges!

The next Saturday clinics are April 12 and 19, May 3 and 17.

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**2024-2025
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Don Q Snipe Regatta
April 4-6, 2025**

**Flying Scots Spring Series #2
April 6, 2025**

**Dinghy Spring Series #2
April 12, 2025**

**Flying Scot Spring Series #3
April 13, 2025**

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