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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**E**very once in a while I find it good to sit back and think about what is so special about CGSC. Yes we are a sailing club- a major contributor to our sport, to the wellbeing of the Bay, and to other local groups , but what really makes the club special are the MEMBERS. The sense of community and the level of volunteering by members are unsurpassed. For me this is what sets our club apart.

As I write this the work weekend has just wrapped up, organized and managed by Vice Commodore Carlson (Rob). A significant amount of work was done by a large group of members. Essential maintenance on boats and property was performed, and considerable cleanup was done. A job very well done. Thanks, Rob and all who took part.

The annual youth regatta, 'The Halloween Howler,' was run with over 195 boats from several clubs taking part. It was a great success despite the constraints placed on activities by the Covid pandemic. Everyone who helped organize and run this event did a superb job. It was quite amazing how you all managed to run such a large event and maintain relevant Covid protocols. The use of online capabilities for meetings and prize giving, etc., meant that, even

with teams at remote locations, participants were able to enjoy the full scope of the event. Again, job extremely well done and, by the way, whoever was talking to the weather 'gods' did brilliantly. It made a change from the 'Howling' winds we had come to expect, great racing in varied conditions made for some challenging sailing. Congrats to all.

Club activity has been at a high level, despite the rigors of the pandemic. Let's hope that we are able to continue to operate as we have, and that the nationwide rise in cases does not result in any kind of restrictions for the club. Being able to get out on the bay is definitely therapeutic, as is the opportunity to sit on the balcony and enjoy the view. So stay safe, please follow mask and distancing protocols, and let's try to keep each other safe from infection.

Time to sail....

*Jim Green, Commodore*  
*commodore@cgsc.org*  
*Bali Ha'i*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**T**hank you to everyone who participated in work weekend! I am pleased to report that despite COVID, the turnout was far better than expected and we completed all of the projects we set out to complete. The anchor on McFarlane Circle is freshly painted and bears the CGSC logo. The dock carts are greased, lubed, and painted. The seawall is crisp and bright and we have painted the raised portions of the concrete to draw attention to the area. Feeling like a nice rowboat ride, grab one of the freshly varnished oars and head out to the cleaned up and CGSC branded rowboats. You will feel them glide through the water with ease thanks to the new bottom paint. Rather take a kayak? They are easy to find now thanks to the new numbering system they bear. Would you prefer to take out a sunfish? Don't let the center board or tiller slip out of your hands

thanks to the smooth varnish. These are just a few of the projects that were completed due to the hard work of our members and incredible staff.

Now that the hard work is done, I hope that everyone takes this opportunity to come out and enjoy your club. We are open for business (socially distant of course). Come out for a sail during one of Rear Commodore Martin's exciting sailing events, rent one our sail boats, or take out your own. There are no excuses.

*Robert Carlson, Vice Commodore*  
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## After the Storm



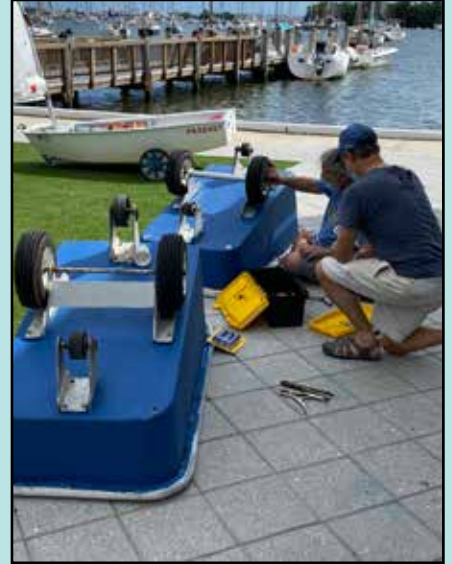
# Work Weekend



The iconic anchor before and after the great work of club members.



Yard work, general clean-up and maintenance on tyhe carts was all accomplished by great club members.



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

A lot happened in the month of October and there is a lot happening in November so let's get right into it!

On the racing scene in the Flying Scot class we saw continued growth in numbers turning out. Upwards of 12 boats each Wednesday night was the norm with even more turning out for the beginning of the Fall Series. New boats were purchased, new fleet members were added, and the class is really turning out and participating. I could not be more pleased with the results and am hopeful for its continued success.

The brand new Laser program now has 8 sponsors with competition among them for racing days so we are really excited about that! The Sunfish and Finns are competing in their own Fall Series and we are really seeing participation blossom at our sailing club. This participation and inclusiveness is remarkable and the envy of the other clubs on the bay. Let's keep it up!

The first "MidWeek Moonlight Race" had to be cancelled due to inclement weather but we still intend to hold these races every 2 weeks on Wednesday evenings. The races are designed to be fun with a short course so that we can be back to the dock before the bar and restaurant close. If you wish to attend or want more information please send an email to [davem@manageinc.com](mailto:davem@manageinc.com) to register. There is no fee and no excuse!

The 2020 Halloween Howler was held last month with the largest group the event has ever had with roughly 195 sailors competing. Congratulations to the event organizers and many thanks to the Race Committee for pulling off such a successful event. Without the volunteers chipping in substantial amounts of their time events like this would not happen.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank the Flying Scot fleet for rallying to the call of clearing the Strip because of Tropical Storm Eta. The decision was made to clear the strip based on the potential

storm surge and lots of folks clambered to help de-rig and remove the entire Scot fleet from the strip in record time. Kudos to Missy and her Dock Staff for doing their part by clearing all the coach boats, ribs, and securing the entire facility for the storm. While Eta decided to head south and really didn't produce much wind, it surely could have intensified and become a real problem for the club. Thanks to the hard work of many we avoided any damage and we were back operational without incident.

Upcoming in November is the next installment of the Get Off The Ball Rally which will be held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th. Once again the entry fee is \$50 and proceeds will go to the repair of the cranes on the strip. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar so you won't miss a chance at a free month's moorage and free pictures of your boat! Look for details coming soon in future email blasts from the Club. Please sign up in advance by sending an email to [andi.hoffman85@gmail.com](mailto:andi.hoffman85@gmail.com) and let her know you wish to attend!

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# View from the Finish Boat

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Howler  
October 31-November 1, 2020  
Red/White/Blue Opti Circle**



The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Howler Regatta was a Covid-cautious, Howling success this year. We had 196 local youth sailors register from Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Key Biscayne Yacht Club, Lauderdale and Miami Yacht Club. This year's Howler did not live up to its name as both racing days were picture perfect for racing on the Bay.



We had three race circles on the Bay, 41 Laser Radials and Laser 4.7s, 88 Red/White/Blue Optis and 67 Opti Green Fleet. Thanks to all of the Parents and Race Committee volunteers on the water and on shore for making this event run safely and smoothly under current conditions. All racers sailed out of their own Club, with their Coaches handling the sign-out and sign-in safety procedures. New online procedures were put into place to reduce contact when possible. The Skippers' Meeting, Protests, Scoring Inquiries and the Trophy Presentation were all done online.



Congratulations to the top finishers on the RWB Opti Circle:

**10th Annual Howler Regatta  
October 31-November 1, 2020  
Red/White/Blue Opti Circle**

	<b>Overall 88 Racers</b>	<b>Red 35 Racers</b>	<b>White 13 Racers</b>	<b>Blue 40 Racers</b>
<b>First</b>	Cody Roe LYC	Cody Roe LYC	Daniel Riabkyh CRYC	David Coates LYC
<b>Second</b>	Fynn Olsen MYC	Fynn Olsen MYC	Felix Mones KBYC	James Pine KBYC
<b>Third</b>	Pierce Olsen MYC	Pierce Olsen MYC	Charles Julien CRYC	Alfonso Lanseros CRYC

Susan Walcutt  
CGSC Race Committee Chair



# Howler continued



## Tough Conditions For The Meanie Greenies At The 10<sup>th</sup> Howler Regatta

This October we welcomed the windy season with 2 hard fought days of racing on the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Howler Regatta (can you believe it's been 10?). I had the privilege of being Chief Race Officer for the Green Fleet Optimist circle and we ran 8 good races over two days. Conditions hovered around 7 knots throughout the weekend, with some serious current for green fleeters, often times pushing them clear across the starting line if they weren't paying attention. Hard shifts and swings

dominated the start of both Saturday and Sunday but the kids got off the line and got across the course with some impressive moments. Congratulations to our own Ricardo Arregui for clinching a 10<sup>th</sup> place in Green Fleet and to all the sailors who participated. I'd like to also thank Susan Walcutt, Sandrine Queene, Elizabeth Del Rio and Doreen Fischer for spearheading this great event and making it happen for the kids. Thanks ladies!  
Jim Green



Green fleet was a long way from the photographer so we did the best we could.

## Lasers on the Bay

The Lasers were even further but we managed a long shot.



There was a fleet of 41 Lasers and Laser 4.7's that had a glorious two days on Biscayne Bay. The weather was great and the courses true. Congratulations to Conor Kellett on his First Place finish. All results are available online at [regattanetwork.com](http://regattanetwork.com)



## Flying Scots



When we heard the tropical storm warning had suddenly turned into a hurricane warning we knew we would have to act quickly. There was very little time and the weather was deteriorating. I put out the call and braced for a long hard day.

When I got there at 8:30 people were already assembling. By 1:30 we had every Scot including the 7 club boats off the property and safe. This Flying Scot group never stops amazing me. They can be counted on to show up and help whenever needed. This is the strongest sense of community I have felt

in many years.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped out.

A special thanks to Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman who took in 6 boats to store, completely blocking their driveway, and stacked all around the house as well as Ryan Alexander and Luis Martinez who both took in two boats.

These people have once again shown why the Flying Scot fleet is the biggest and most successful on the bay.

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## Youth

Hello Members and Friends of CGSC,

With so much that is topsy-turvy in the world right now, the constant here has been sailing. We have been allowed to sail since June, and so we have been sailing almost every day. As of this publishing we are more than halfway through the Fall season and have many things going on. The Siebel Program continues to grow during Fridays with over 20 sailors participating in this unique offering from CGSC and US Sailing. Alongside that, our Laser Team and Opti Team continue to participate in the local racing series with good results – most notable of which is Davide Bazzoni who is sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the Biscayne Bay Optimist Series. To my knowledge this is the first time there is an official local racing series for the Optimist class in recent memory. A minimum of 100 boats show up anytime the clubs get together, which in any other part of the country would be a big regatta!

I'd like to officially welcome our new Head Optimist Coach Eliot Caple onboard. She has been with us now regularly for a few months and has already brought a new outlook to the team! With a strong

background in opti and collegiate sailing, she is helping to bridge the gap for our sailors after they leave the optimist class. A fan of watersports since she was an opti sailor herself, she is very happy to be onboard and is looking forward to seeing what these kids can do! Please say hello if you see her around the club.

Lastly, we are gearing up for the Laser District 13 Championships in St. Pete where our Laser/ILCA team is heading as I write this. Please wish them luck and we hope to report back good results!

Thanks for supporting the Youth Sailing Program, see you on the next one

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto  
Youth Program Director

## Adult Sailing - Basic Keelboat





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### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing**  
**Tuesdays**  
**On Hold**

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #2**  
**December 04-06, 2020**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #4 Reschedule**  
**December 6, 2020**

**49er/49erFX/29er**  
**North Americans**  
**December 10-13, 2020**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #6**  
**December 13, 2020**

**Finn North Americans**  
**December 17-20, 2020**

**Open Orange Bowl Regatta**  
**December 27-30, 2020**

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