

58th Annual-
DON Q 2024



JUNE 2024



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Here we are rushing into June and almost to the end of the Club year. Please plan on the installation to welcome the new Commodore, Keith Heinrich, the Bridge and Board on June 22, 2024.

It is a perfect time to think about the new year. The RC Committee has a great set of events planned for new season. Anyone who has not yet had a chance to work an event, please consider volunteering. Spending the day on the water is always enjoyable, and with fellow club members even better. Remember, no experience is required. It is "on the water" training.

I have to note the Annual Rendezvous was a huge success, with the added feature of including a day trip to the site for those that did not sail down. With this positive momentum, plan on next year's event being outstanding. Another

event to commit to now is the work weekend which takes place in the fall. This is a sailing club, so this weekend is the perfect time to work on club boats and other assets, spiffy up the clubhouse, and get a little dirty and paint splattered.



Keep an eye out for the informative emails we all receive regularly to be in the know. And, while this is not a "special" event, music on Fridays is a relaxing way to head into the weekend.

Richard Etkin

Richard Etkin, Commodore

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New Members

April
&
May



Flying Scots

A total of fourteen boats raced in the series. The racing gets tighter every year. There were lots of races with very close finishes and plenty of lead changes. Because of this we are focusing on making sure everyone knows the rules. By having the protest hearings in front of the group we are hoping to enlighten everyone. Wednesday night racing is going strong with an average of 10 boats out each time. It is a great way to try racing to see if it is for you. The Saturday clinics will help you gain the skills needed to be competitive. Come and join us for either.

Bud



Series results

- 1 ZOOM Philippe, Jason and Sarah
- 2 BIONIC Bud, Gary and Bill
- 3 DIDA Louise, Mark and crew
- 4 BEIJA FLOR Ryan and crew
- 5 Mad Dog Andy, Jim and Brian
- 6 I GONE Obie and crew
- 7 FLYING IRISHMAN David and kids
- 8 CAROLINA Brian and Clare
- 9 LADY HOPE Lorie and crew
- 10 DREAM WEAVER Georg, Esther and Richard
- 11 AIR AMERICA Eileen, Amy and Achene
- 12 HELLCAT Amit, Austin and Laura
- 13 Lucky Dog Luis and crew
- 14 Culpable Oliver and kids

Race Committee Annual Dinner & Awards



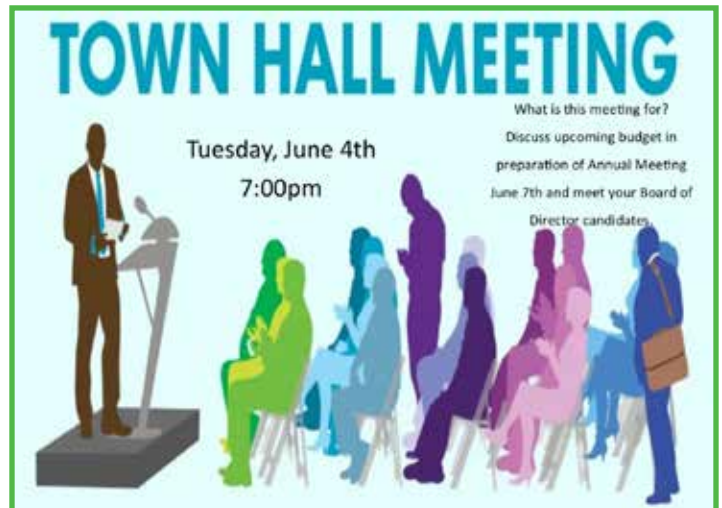
Steve Herman received the Chaplin Trophy for Race Committee Member of the Year



Rookie of the Year
Lorenzo Mesa



Ron Rostorfer
Good Shipmate
Award
Kathy Gunst



View from the Signal Boat

CGSC Senior Commodore's Cup

Sunday, May 5, 2024



Sunday morning turned out to be a carbon copy of the Junior Commodore's Cup on Saturday with steady winds from the east, between 8-12 knots. It was a perfect day to be out on the Bay racing. Course was set per the BBYRA Courses as W2D with two windward/leewards and the finish line at the starboard side of the Signal Boat. We had a good turnout from the Club's One Design Fleets with 7 Finns, 14 Flying Scots and 8 Sunfish registered.

Thanks to the Race Committee crew:
 Signal Boat- Lisa Richardson, Gail Miller, Melinda Smith, Michelle Giove, and Captain Nicolas Terzani of our Signal Boat *Hilo*
 Weather Mark Boat - Rick Klein, Lorenzo Mesa and Allen Cox
 Shoreside-Richard Etkin

Susan
Susan Walcutt

Congratulations to the following Skippers results after three races.:

Finns

- First Pedro Trouche
- Second Fabio Prada
- Third Dave Martin

Flying Scots

- First Philippe Dusser
- Second Obie Smith
- Third Gary Schrodt

Sunfish

- First Freddie Sambolin
- Second Sam Ephraim
- Third Larry Suter



Flying Scot winners and participants



Finns and Sunfish Participants

Commodore Cup cont.



Photos provided by Susan Mohorcic

58th Don Q Regatta

The 58th Don Q Regatta was sailed April 5 - 7 with thirty-six teams participating in a regatta which is a perennial favorite on the international Snipe Class calendar. Eight races were sailed over three days with the Miami team of Ernesto Rodriguez and Taylor Scheuermann earning the top position on the podium. Manu Hens of Belgium with crew Guillermo Garcia de la Concha of Norway finished in second place, and Randy Lake and Fenja Bahrenburg from San Diego rounded out the top three.

The Don Q is inextricably linked to Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz who passed a year ago, only a month shy of his ninety-third birthday. Old Man was the driving force behind the legendary regatta known for quality racing, high caliber international competition, daiquiris at the dock, and a feast of Cuban food on Saturday night.

Diaz loved Snipe sailing, the Snipe Class, and worked tirelessly to promote the Snipe in Miami and in the US. The Don Q was a showcase for the Class. Diaz fought for years to keep the entry fee low to limit barriers to entry. He loaned boats and sails to young people and sailors that were not in a position to afford a boat. This year's Don Q winner, Ernesto Rodriguez, was a recipient of the Old Man's generosity.

Rodriguez came to the US to participate in the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in 1996, the toughest event as it was an Olympic year. Despite finishing eighth in a stacked fleet of Laser sailors primed for the Games, Cuba was requiring Rodriguez to finish in the top five in order to represent the country in the Olympics. Rodriguez returned to the Miami airport after the regatta, but decided to forgo another attempt to qualify for the Olympics. He chose to start over again in Miami.





He had few resources. He waited tables and eventually came to the attention of the Diaz family who helped him get on the water in the Snipe. After Augie Diaz, Rodriguez is the most decorated American Snipe sailor winning the two Pan American Games medals, the Europeans, the Western Hemisphere Championship, top three finishes at the Worlds, and countless National and North American titles. He also returned to the Laser Class where he has won Master World Championships and other titles.



Today, Old Man's son Augie continues the tradition of generosity and promotion of the Snipe Fleet in Miami, with a special focus on getting young people into the Class. This year's Don Q was no exception. Numerous boats on the race course were loaner boats from Augie, allowing young people, Cubans immigrants, and friends from abroad to participate in the Old Man's regatta. The Belgian team in second and the San Diego team in third, were both supported by Augie's program. Like most top-level athletes, Augie knows you are only as good as the people you train with and race against. Therefore, he makes it possible for the best to attend the regatta and works to attract top level youth sailors from Miami to the Class to keep the fleet level high.



The racing at the Don Q continues to be high not only due to the sailors, but the quality of the Race Committee. Once again, PRO Shannon Bush and her team put on a top-quality regatta, which is another reason Snipe sailors return to CGSC year after year for the Don Q.



Kathleen Tocke

Photos provided by Dick Pober, Susan Mohorcic and Hannah Lee Noll





COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

May 27, 2024

Dear Regular and Life Members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club:

In keeping with a tradition that began in 1946 and in accordance with the bylaws that govern our organization, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club will convene its Annual Meeting on June 7th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

There must be a quorum to transact certain Club business. While a quorum is not necessary for the election, the vote for next year's Officers and three Director positions are held at this meeting.

For voting privileges your account must be paid in full by June 4th, 2024.

The Annual Meeting will only be in person.

The following business will be addressed:

1. Election of 2024/2025 Board Members
2. Election of 2024/2025 Bridge/Flag Officers
3. Review and voting of FY 2024/2025 Budget
4. Commodore's State of the Club Report

Sincerely,

Doreen Fischer

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Secretary, Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Absentee ballots may be obtained by written request to the Secretary (secretary@cgsc.org) if the member is unable to attend the election in person due to:

- 1) Unavoidable personal or business trip;
- 2) Illness; or
- 3) Special conditions approved by majority vote of the Executive Board.

All ballots must be returned by noon on Friday, June 7th



2023-2024 Officers

BRIDGE:

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

BOARD:

Bob Aiken ('24)	Bud Price, PC (25)
Jeff Flanagan, PC ('24)	Dr. Jennifer Cheney ('26)
William Sancho ('24)	Tom Santoro ('26)
Alyn Pruitt, PC (25)	Bruce Hutson ('26)
Stacy Morris (25)	Dave Martin, PC

Susan Walcott, ex officio
General Manager.....Lauren Simpson

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Youth Sailing	Elizabeth Del Rio Henrich
Property	Keith Heinrich
Membership	Stacy Morris
Nominating	Dave Martin PC
Librarian	
Public Relations	Carla Pugh
Entertainment	General Manager
Cruising and Rendezvous	William Sancho
Future Development	Alyn Pruett, P.C.
Finance Committee	Olivier de Lavalette
Bylaws	Tom Santoro
Marine Council	James Liebl
Chamber of Commerce	Carla Pugh
Mooring	Paul Van Puffelen, P.C.
Strip	Dave Martin
Channel	Cherie Branning
Protocol	Jeffrey Flanagan, P.C.
Webmaster	Bob Aiken
Community Service	James Grupenhoff P.C.
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

**BBYRA OD #10
June 2, 2024**

**Flying Scots Summer Series #1
June 9, 2024**

**Flying Scots Summer Series #2
June 23, 2024**

FOR BBYRA 2023-2024 NOTICE OF RACE &
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET