

the COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
serving the community since 1945

# channel



JULY 2015

## View from the Signal Boat

**C**ongratulations to the winners of our Annual Goombay Regatta. The PHRF Pursuit race on Saturday, May 23, had Senara (Jim Bill & Eamonn deLisser) finish first and capturing first place for the BBYRA PHRF boats. Sun Quest (Wilfredo Paredes) was first in the Cruising/Racer class and Sacrosanct (Al Otero) was first in the Cruising/Non-Spinnaker class. Sunday's One Design Regatta had Lady

*1227 Thin Ice, Stuart Hebb*

Hope (Henry Bernstein) finish first in the Flying Scot fleet and Killer Fish (Freddie Sambolin) finish first in the Laser fleet. Additional results can be found on the CGSC website



Our next event, the Commodore's Cup July 18th, is open only to CGSC members. We need to see all boats off their moorings and competing for the Club Championships in their fleets and bragging rights for next year. Get your name on the Perpetual Trophy and your picture in the Trophy Case! More details on the website and through the Club's weekly emails.

*Susan Walcutt*  
Race Committee Chair

*1<sup>st</sup> Place FS  
Lady Hope  
Henry Bernstein  
& Crew*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Place FS  
Margaritaville  
Larry Whipple & crew  
Dorian Sambolin*



*OD Debrief Flying Scot sailors debriefing after the day's racing.*

*0322 Main Squeeze  
Brian Fink*

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A**nother year begins at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. I am honored and looking forward to serving the club this year as Commodore and to continuing the great work that others have started.

Please be sure to bring the family and join us for the annual July 4th festivities at the club and again on July 11 for the annual installation dinner.

If you were at the Annual Meeting, you know we are working to continue to improve the club. But all the planning and final execution doesn't happen in a vacuum so please please join one of the club's many committees and get involved. It's a great way to help meet others and make new friends, give back, and to be in the know. We are finalizing this year's committee chairs and the list of committees and chair people will reappear in the Channel next month.

If you are a mooring renter, you know this summer will be a little hectic with the start of the construction of the new mooring field. If you have questions, please contact Duane Smallwood or Lauren Simpson or myself. That project will also have some upland impacts. We expect a couple of construction dumpsters to be placed on the strip and some larger trucks coming in and out of the club intermittently. However we don't expect any impediment to accessing the sea wall or the


hoist. Simultaneous with the mooring field, the construction of the new south dock will commence. Past Commodore Van Puffelen has written about that project extensively in past issues and it's nice to know that we will soon have a proper and safe fixed portion of the south dock.



Between the parking circle construction, the new mooring field construction, the new south dock construction and all the kids in summer camp, there is never a dull moment around our club! And speaking of kids in summer camp, we have record numbers of them in summer camp this year. If you are thinking of signing up, I suggest you do so quickly to ensure you get a spot. And if you are a member parent of a youth sailor, and you don't sail, join us on Wednesday nights for some fun racing in the early evening. No experience necessary and it's an easy way to get on a boat and learn a little about sailing. Then go talk to Richard Crisler to inquire about some adult sailing classes (which also sell out a month in advance most times).

Hope to see you on the 4th!! Happy Independence Day.

*Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore*  
 Commodore@cgsc.org  
 Golden Greek, Catalina 27'



**2015-2016  
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# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**I**am enthusiastic about serving the CGSC as Rear Commodore. During my 3 years as Membership Director I was able to interact with a number of parents with offspring entering or already participating in our youth sailing programs. In addition, I met a number of parents with plans to enter our adult sailing programs. Our youth and adult sailing programs are the life blood of our club. Both the youth and adult programs are instrumental in fulfilling our mission statement. I look forward to assisting with this endeavor. Hopefully, we can continue to improve and expand our sailing programs.

Thank you,  
*Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore*  
 Flying Scot Beijaflor

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

**H**i All,

CGSC Hurricane Chant: June - too soon, July - stand by, August - a must, September - most ever, October - not over, November - remember.

We consider the CGSC Hurricane Prep. Seminar instructions helpful for securing boats when implemented. So feel free to request this info. at any time whether or not you attended. Some essential things are:

### **HAVE YOUR OWN HURRICANE PLAN FRESH IN MIND:**

1) Keep adequate CLEAN fuel, filters clean and run engine 1/2 hour weekly: make sure the boat works! Have THREE (3) LARGE STORM anchors. Danforths are good here; so are Fortress/Guardians. Nat Herreshoff : "Plows belong in the cornfield." I think that's true here unless they're very large for the boat. Delta's aren't tops, and small anchors (12# - steel) are useless for big boats in storms. DO NOT USE WIMPY ANCHORS AS YOUR BOAT AND OTHERS WILL BE DAMAGED, AND YOU WILL BE UNPOPULAR! Have at least 100 ft. of line with chain for each anchor, and chafing gear.

2) Keep boat bottom and propeller clean. Explore the safe-sites BEFOREHAND.

3) Know how to perform all the steps and get early agreement with AT LEAST ONE FRIEND TO HELP YOU; this may involve favors of some kind: whining, bribes, refreshments, stimulus's, whatever, but get it done!

4) Before or ASAP after a Hurricane Watch or Warning is announced by NOAA take the three (3) equipped anchors aboard (lashed on deck is O.K.). Examples: 40# Danforth, 30# folding grapnel; 13# Guardian. Go to one of the following locations, and anchor far away from other boats - at least five (5) boat lengths. Place largest anchor to where strongest wind is expected, probably SE, and the other two 120 degrees on the BOW each side with 10:1 scope maximum; too much line allows boats to "sail at anchor", jerk madly, get loose and damage yours and other boats, plus may monopolize the anchorage (hooking). A dinghy and with extra hands is really helpful, but a swimmer with a float for the last anchor can do it. Secure chafing gear in place.

### **Sites are:**

1 - West of Star Island and east of Palm and Hibiscus: 3 bridges N of CGSC: Rickenbacker, Dodge Island, McArthur, then right past the Miami Yacht Club to the Flagler Memorial and right.

2 - Marine Stadium: Thru Rickenbacker and right past Rusty Pelican to stbd. to far end and out from the Rowing Club; get WELL INSIDE the stadium, but away from other boats.

3 - No Name Harbor - Key Biscayne - Bill Baggs State Park

4 - Coral Gables Waterway mangroves: south past Four Way Channel and into the Waterway: take 1st left to the end. This is a preferred spot for many; four rules apply: 1- Do not anchor nor attach lines across canals. 2- Do not tie up to private property. 3- Do not attach to mangrove trunks, but walking anchors well into the mangrove roots is O.K. 4- Everyone is responsible for damages they cause. Method: nose the boat near the mangroves but afloat, walk an anchor(s) into the mangroves, then angle stern anchors to position the boat and hold it out from the mangroves in case of surge. Note: These canals are scoured by tidal current and offer POOR HOLDING. A heavy kellel, say 30+ #, on the stern lines is essential.

5) Minimize windage: Remove biminis, sails and dorades; lower boom. Lash tiller/wheel 45 degrees off center and boom 45 degrees on the other side to minimize sailing.

6) It's a motor trip, so check packing flange for drip afterward and adjust if necessary. Pump bilge, check head and thru-valves, turn power off but leave auto-bilge pump on if you have one, lock boat and set alarm. TAPE OR OTHERWISE SECURE A ZIPLOC BAG IN THE COCKPIT with contact info: Name(s), celfone and other tel #'s, email, etc. The USCG has asked for this.

7) Check boats often in following days and notify others ASAP if boats are NOT O.K.

Cooperation helps keep boats safe, minimizes problems and makes work easier. It helps to share a motorized dinghy or ride, and get someone with a van or truck for pick-up near the Miami Yacht Club, Watson Island boat ramp (parking fee \$8/day), Rowing Club, No Name Harbor or Gables Waterway: Cocoplum Blvd. Also, read the CGSC Manager's e-mails for launch service to sights. "All for one, and one for all!", and all will be O.K. It gets easier once we get into it. This is not an exclusive thing; anybody can be a part, CGSC member or not. Get in touch with others going to the same place; hand-held VHF's and celfone's help.

**PLEASE BE AWARE**, per Board ruling, boats on CGSC moorings:

Should boat owners fail to take proper safety precautions, CGSC staff at the direction of the GM and Waterfront Coordinator, and per Florida law, may but are not required to take steps to better secure vessels. Boat owners will be charged for these services. This unavoidable step was a long time coming: loose furling jibs and biminis/dodgers are the main problems.

Feel free to email Geoff Surcliffe at [geoff@cs.miami.edu](mailto:geoff@cs.miami.edu) for further information. Good Luck to us all! Enjoy "Our Place on the Bay". See you there.

Bill Beavers - PC

## WWII Veterans Honor Ceremony

**O**ur own CGSC life member Roy Hellman was among 40 veterans who were honored at the Meet-n-Greet WWII Veterans Honor Ceremony sponsored by the Military Affairs Committee, South-Dade Chamber. The event took place at the Homestead Air Reserve Base on Friday, June 13, 2015. Roy was in the Merchant Marines and Coast Guard during the war. His discharge lists the following theaters of war: The Atlantic, Pacific, Mediterranean & Middle East and The Liberation of the Philippine Islands with Stars.

Jo-An Pzenny and I were Roy's guests. We shared our table with another WWII veteran, Frederick Kalmey, who served with the US Army Air Corp in the Pacific arena including Guadalcanal. After socializing and dining at the



Meet-n-Greet, each veteran was individually honored and presented with a certificate and medal. Presentations were made by an Air Force general stationed at the base.

As the words in the program read "A Veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'the United States of America' for an amount up to and including their life."

Jo-An and I were proud to be Roy's honored guests to witness this honor to Roy. He certainly deserved it.

Stan. Flanders



**CELEBRATE FREEDOM**

Saturday July 4th at 6:30 PM

**BBQ\*FIREWORKS**

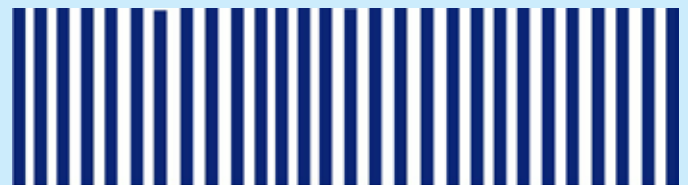
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**20 Per Person 10 Children under 12**

**RSVP REQUIRED. Space is LIMITED.**

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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB PRESENTS

*Annual Installation Ceremony*



SATURDAY, JULY 11th

at 1800 HRS

Cocktails on the lawn during  
bridge ceremony followed by

**DINNER & DANCING**

info: [adriana@cgsc.org](mailto:adriana@cgsc.org)

\$34 + tax/gratuity

RSVP REQUIRED: [www.cgsc.org/installation](http://www.cgsc.org/installation)

