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This Month's Feature **THE ADULT SAILING** A Very Successful Program at CGSC

Great News!! We are pleased to have Capt. Bruce Penrod back in teaching form as he heads up two needed US Sailing

Certification courses. The first, BASIC CRUISING (requires BASIC KEELBOAT Certification prerequisite) is the long weekend of October 16-17-18. Following on the next weekend, is the BASIC BAREBOAT Course (requires BASIC CRUISING Certification prerequisite) for an even longer weekend of October 23-thru-26. Both courses include certification and will be taught on Capt. Bruce's new Marlow-Hunter 40' sloop. Contact Bruce directly at bapenrod29@msn.com or 814-341-0094. Don't wait...space is limited.



To continue the good news, our Ensign fleet is now on the new moorings and back in use for classes and member-use sailing. The new

location is the same area as the previous location, but with a larger "buffer" zone and mooring practice area. The approach to these new moorings is slightly modified from the previous moorings. Member-Users, be sure you are up to date on this slight change. If you have not received a notice from me, feel free to contact me in this regard. We are

also pleased to announce that we are adding a fourth boat to our Basic Keelboat fleet for use with classes and advanced member-users. More to follow on this welcome development.

Special Thanks to member Mike Lloyd, who has

COMMODORE'S REPORT

As the Fall season approaches the activity heats up even more at the Club. Be sure to come to the Club if you haven't been recently. The City finished the parking circle improvements and I think it's a wonderful new look at our front door. The downstairs floor is finished; the new grass for the main lawn is taking hold nicely; new artificial turf is installed near the south dock; the south dock is finished; and the Club is being maintained better than ever. We continue to have record numbers for youth sailing and adult classes. There have been several raft ups and a great rendezvous over Labor Day weekend.

You only get out of the Club what you put into it. Thank you to everyone that has been helping out so far! If you haven't been able to be here, come join us for our upcoming events this season and get involved. We have so many committees that there is one to match your interest. The committees are listed in the Channel and online - and each committee Chair's e-mail is online so you can easily reach out to them to get involved.

October is busy with Columbus Day Regatta and some UM football games. Join us at the Grove's

Nest for a UM-FSU Watch Party on the 10th (if you don't race in the regatta). The Halloween Howler and the Haunted Mooring Field are on the 24th (if you're not at the UM-Clemson game). Bring the kids for an evening of tricks and treats throughout our mooring field.


There will be more raft ups and the rendezvous committee is working on some more overnight adventures.

Just as you get this edition of the Channel we should be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mooring field and a dedication for Clarrington Island. Please watch for the e-mails and I hope you can join us for some or all of our great upcoming events.

See you at The Grove's Nest!

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Often at the Crow's nest the subject of racing versus cruising is the conversation. There are many valid points on both sides. Both help to reduce our carbon foot print and increase our fresh air intake. Cruisers often say that the destination is unimportant but the journey is what matters. Racers may think that the mastery of sail trim and boat handling skills are at the forefront. On a recent return to the dock after our usual Wednesday night racing series, a crew member commented on the sound of our hull passing through the water and the remaining silence. This same crew member also noted the pod of three dolphins to the southwest of the of the channel and the beautiful sunset we were present to see. I think that moments like this, both groups, cruisers and racers will agree, are wonderful, and that it is the sailing which gets us on the water to experience these events that is most important. Lets all get out on the water to get our life enhanced.

Thank you

Ryan Alexander, Raar Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As vice commodore, I'm responsible for our house this year. Over the last month, I've been listening to members and staff suggestions for improvements to the club and keeping busy with many housekeeping tasks.

I've taken a closer look at many overlooked areas in the CGSC house and made a few changes. New lawn, new floor downstairs, new furniture upstairs, new turf for the youth sailors prep area, new cigarette receptacles. (Smokers please use them.) I spent an evening working with the chef and kitchen staff and watched them prepare and serve great meals in minutes despite an outdated and inefficient kitchen. Our dock staff secured the house in preparation for Ericka (who thankfully just gave us a scare) and checked each bridle in the mooring field. The day the storm came through, they kept a watchful eye and made adjustments where necessary.

Our backyard, Clarrington Island got a well deserved cleanup and a new sign in honor of Robert Clarrington, a longtime staff member who made the bridles for most of our tenured and life-member's boats. Thanks go to Mike Lovelady who produced the sign and the city of

Miami who helped us install it. With 1200 members, the club gets a lot of use and my to-do list gets longer everyday.

I look forward to November and work weekend when it's all hands on deck. We can take care of several projects in one weekend if everyone pitches in. Many hands make light work. If you see something that needs fixing or needs attention, I'll be happy to take suggestions for solutions in advance of work weekend. I'll provide materials and additional volunteers to help you get the job done. I already have several members who have volunteered to take the lead on a project but still need more project managers.

Plan to join us for work weekend november 14-15.

I look forward to seeing you at the club or on the bay. Come check out our new look. Thanks for your support.

*Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
SV Effortless*



BENETEAU FLEET REPRESENTATIVE

Hello everyone. Recently I had the privilege of being appointed fleet representative for our pair of Beneteau cruising boats, "Franela"(26ft) and "Together"(32ft). It was not until some time after joining CGSC that I became aware that these vessels were readily available, for a very modest fee, for use by club members. If you're certified to US Sailing Basic Cruising standard you may take them out for day sailing, and certification at Bareboat Cruising level allows overnight use. The only other requirement is a short endorsement class, specific to the two Beneteaus. You might already be aware that Cruising and Bareboat courses are available this month. Speak with our chairman of adult sailing, Richard Crisler, or instructor Bruce Penrod for more details.

My goals, as fleet representative, are straightforward: to maximize member use of these boats, including participation in the regularly organized rendezvous' and raft-ups, and to try to ensure that they are well looked after, so that all who sail them can enjoy them at their best. I'll be the first to admit that each boat needs some TLC, particularly "Together". Having said that, they are seaworthy and solid craft. Along with our excellent dock crew, who look after the more technical

and mechanical matters, it's our users responsibility to care for them. In the weeks and months to come I'll be working to try to resolve some of the more pressing issues concerning the boats. I'd also like to get our group of Beneteau endorsed members together for a social meet and perhaps spend some hours keeping "our" boats in good shape. If you can spare some time or have ideas that you'd like to discuss, please contact me via the general office.

The Beneteaus are a terrific asset for club members. If, like me, you've not yet purchased the sailboat of your dreams, they are a perfect way to enhance your sailing skills on a larger vessel, or just take family or friends for a day on the water, for minimal cost. We have one of the world's best year-round sailing destinations right on the doorstep of CGSC. We're moving towards more settled and pleasant boating weather, so let's get out there!

Mike Lloyd



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stepped up to assume the Fleet Captain position for the Beneteau Cruising boats. Note Mike's article in this CHANNEL. Thanks to Alex Wolfe, who previously held that position for us. Our cruising boats require the same type of attention, care and maintenance as we would give our own boats. Qualified members who sail these boats enjoy a substantially reduced rate over commercial rates. This is a member-privilege for those who qualify through certification as well as club membership. Users of the cruising boats are expected to provide care after each use as well as give extra time and effort to assure the continuation of this program at our club. Mike is a great choice to organize and support a program in the best interest of the users and our club.

Most of our Sunfish fleet is back in action, thanks to the hard work of our primary Sunfish instructor, Phil Adams. The Sunfish fleet was originally developed, with all volunteer work, as an Adult Learn-to-Sail program in the mid 1990's. Instructors were fully certified by US Sailing, but volunteered their teaching time. Today, the Sunfish are in much greater use in the Youth Program. These are the most popular one-person sailboats in America, yet they are also a bit fragile in certain use, and the extra strain from added use of summer camp and new youth programs has increased the need for quick and efficient repair and maintenance of these boats. Thanks to Phil for his continued efforts from the Adult side, and we appreciate the attention needed for the Sunfish from our youth program.

One of the high spots in Adult sailing at CGSC has been the Wednesday evening sailing, primarily with the Flying Scot fleet. Some of our keelboat students have also enjoyed this event as they build on their total sailing skills. Thanks to Bud Price and all who contributed to and participated in this popular event of the longer days of summer.

Sail Often... Sail Safely... Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay...

Richard Crisler

Chairman – Adult Training

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ADULT SAILING FACTS:

*22 Scheduled weekend classes per year which are reserved to capacity in advance: 12 Adult Learn to Sail, 52 Weekly Sunfish Clinics, 24 Sunday Races (Wednesday starting in fall for Flying Scots with 10 or more participating), 22 Basic Keelboat Weekend Classes, 26 Certification Classes, 100+private 2 hour sessions, 2 corporate events, 3 Basic Cruising classes, and 2 Bareboat Classes

*There are 12 sunfish, 4 ensigns, 2 Beneteau (27' & 33'), 5 Flying Scots all of which are used for teaching and by 110 Approved Member usage of the Ensigns, 30 approved for the Beneteau, and 60 approved for Sunfish usage

* Number of new members joining the club after taking a class-unknown, but it is a high percentage. Some are even on the CGSC Board

Our instructors do a marvelous job and we should be sure to thank them every chance we get.



Another Great Day on the Bay

Editor's note: Dr. Phil Kellett retired to Coconut Grove from medical practices in the UK and the USA with his wife, Nell. They became members of the CGSC very quickly, and Phil served as Rear Commodore before buying a blue water cruiser and heading to sea. Here's a note from them to PC Ron Rostorfer, who says he's pretty sure they are the most far-flung CGSC Member world cruisers in the long history of our Club. That said, former Social Member Peter Benziger and his wife completed a circumnavigation just this year. Congratulations to both couples!

Moving On

Tomorrow we leave French Polynesia after a wonderful 5 month visit. It is 8-10 days to Tonga and then another 8-10 days to New Zealand. I guess it is a tribute to Nell's cruising skills that she regards the trip as a mere 2,700nm...hardly more than a 'day sail'. In New Zealand, the boat goes into the yard on the 16th Nov. After 8 years and 35,000+nm of our cruising, she is in need of significant work. My 'skills' have kept her going but she now needs some professional work. After New Zealand, we think we will head for Seattle (we have 2 grandchildren there) via Japan and Alaska. We are not sure if we will get to Seattle in 2016 or 2017. The timing of the various cyclone and typhoon seasons is not easy. The English "Pacific Crossing Guide" recommends cruising the west coast of Japan so that the Typhoons have to cross Japan to hit you! After Seattle, Nell wants to sail to Hawaii and French Polynesia for a significant birthday in 2019 or 2020.

Phil

WORK WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 14-15

PLAN NOW TO HELP

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Grant Received

Coconut Grove Sailing Club received a \$1500 grant from West Marine Blue Future Fund. A big thanks goes to Sigrid Beckmann who submitted the grant application for us while in Wales. Even though she's far away her heart remains at CGSC.
Janice Pruett
Vice Commodore

NOTICE
Upcoming CGSC Regattas

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
& BBYRA #2
October 3-4, 2015

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta
& BBYRA #2
October 17, 2015

CGSC Halloween Howler Youth Regatta
October 24-25, 2015

International 420 Clinic
November 24-28, 2015

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

CGSC ADDS OCEAN REGATTAS FOR 2015-16 SEASON

Coconut Grove Sailing Club has added three ocean events to the 2015-16 regatta schedule.

December 5-6, the Laser District 13 Championship is planned to be sailed off the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park with racing in the ocean east of Bear Cut.

In addition, two keelboat events racing three days each have also been scheduled: February 19-21 and March 11-13. As in the past, these events are shore-based at Miami Beach Marina with racing in the ocean as with the Lasers. Invited classes are sportboats: C&C 30 One Designs, J-88's, J-80's and Melges 24's. For these classes, our events will be combined with January's Key West Race Week for a three-event Florida Winter Series.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with these events, including providing a spectator or RC boat, please contact regattachair@cgsc.org.

FLYING SCOT RACING

BBYRA had their Annual Awards presentation at the Coral Reef Yacht Club on 9/11/15. The following trophies were presented for Flying Scots.

Place	Owner	Boat Name
1st Place	Jim Signor	LA
2nd Place	Bud Price	Air America
3rd Place	Larry Whipple	Margaritaville
4th Place	Lorie Messer	Being There
5th Place	Ryan Alexander	Beija Flor



The first race of the 2015-2016 season is Sunday, September 20, 2015. See you on the bay.

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**WANTED
SPOOKY BOATS
REWARDS TO
SPOOKIEST
BOATS
OCT. 24 HAUNTED MOORING FIELD**



Wanted: CGSC's Scariest Boats!

October 24-25 is our 5th annual [Halloween Howler Regatta](#) which is jam packed with racing, and events, including the Haunted Mooring Field. On Saturday, October 24th, children are invited to go trick-or-treating in our mooring field, then to a moonlit party on our haunted dock!

We are asking for YOU, the boat owners, to spookify your boats and pass out candy. Prizes will be given to the scariest and most creative boats. This event is a lot of fun as members do their best to spook the trick-or-treaters.

Interested? Email us to participate: HalloweenHowlerRegatta@Gmail.com
Spookily Yours,
The Boo Crew

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them on when you see them
around the club.

GO CANES!

