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David is from a family of Biscayne Bay sailors, going back to his grandparents. He started sailing himself in the late 1950's renting boats at Castle Harbor Sailboat Rentals with his father.

He bought his first sailboat, a **Capri 25** in 1975, not knowing how to race. With a personal commitment to succeed in the sport of sailboat racing, he learned from friends he met on the bay. With much determination he took the Capri to Abaco Race Week every summer and did not miss an opportunity to "go racing" or sailing in South Florida. In 1978 he purchased **GOOMBAY II (J-27)** which he currently owns. And to add more sport and improve his racing skills he bought a Lightning in 1999.



David has become well know as a winner with Goombay II. He has won his Fleet's top honors twice in the Ocean Series and consistently is awarded 2nd Overall in the Columbus Day Regatta. He tells everyone that "racing is in his blood, and he hopes it stays there for ever."

David served the Coconut Grove Sailing Club as Fleet Captain, was a member of the Board of Directors, and stepped in to serve as Rear Commodore during a difficult time in our Club's history. He represents our Club in Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) and is 2002 Chairman of BBYRA's Executive Committee. He is also a member of Key West Race Week Consortium of handicappers. In 1997 he was elected to PHRF's Board of Handicappers and is their current President. He has a large dose of **VOLUNTEER SPIRIT** that we all need. Be sure to give him a "high five" when you see him on the dock or in the Grove's Nest Bar at the Club.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Property Committee has been revived and is hard at work. Charlie Branning has just completed a comprehensive study of our boats and motors. This includes researching the age and condition of each motor. He then talked to experts in the field and researched expected engine life and how it applies to our type of use. Based on this research I am recommending the replacement of two of the motors on the training skiffs this year. This replacement was in the budget. We will use his study to develop next year's budget and improve dependability as well as minimize maintenance costs by replacing the motors at intelligent intervals.

Bill Beavers, with the assistance of Gonzolo Bellini, has developed written moorings maintenance procedures. We have assigned an employee to incorporate these procedures and we are training him to assure that the procedures are followed. Bill is taking another look at screw down moorings in conjunction with high tech tethers. He has also provided written procedures for the hurricane hoist.

Gary Marston has developed written procedures for the main-



tenance of the grounds, including all of the plants and trees.

Charlie Abel is working on getting the docks stacked in our parking lot installed. He says that John Pistorino has volunteered to provide us with the necessary plans, and they should be available shortly.

Steve Hawkins has developed a list of building conditions and is working on a list of action items. The overall plan is to develop documentation concerning each of the club's assets that detail immediate needs and will be the platform for the next year's budget and long term planning. With these people's expert help I think we are off to a good start. Please join me in thanking them for a job well done!

The outboard engine for the back-up launch has failed and it will need to be replaced. It was not in the budget so we will be asking for a special vote to replace it.

Andrea is off cruising so there will be no Commodore's report this month.

In general, things are going along pretty smoothly.

Bud Price, Vice Commodore

VIEW FROM THE PORTHOLE

The holiday season is upon us and this is the best time to come and enjoy all the things that make your club the best on Biscayne Bay.

There are a host of activities planned beginning with PRIME RIB NIGHT on December 7, 2002, our usual Social Nights every Tuesday (except Christmas Eve), The Orange Bowl Regatta from December 27th through the 31st, and of course our NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION.

It's great to see more and more new and familiar faces around the Club and with the great job Membership Chairman Dick Crisler is doing there are new members that are enjoying all the club has to offer.

Many of the boats that spent the summer elsewhere are returning to the moorings and all the new boats are making the moorings an active place.

Please join me in welcoming our new Chef, Alexandria Caesar, otherwise known as Alex. She joins us from Johnson & Wales University where she is completing her degree in Culinary Arts. She brings a new dimension to our kitchen and will provide new and innovative menu that will be introduced over the next few weeks with full implementation to be completed by December 13th.

Watch out for Sunday Breakfasts that are planned to start after the New Year!

A huge thanks to all the members that donated time and money for the renovation of the Grove's Nest. It is a work in progress that



Holiday Party

Saturday, December 7th
7:00 PM

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will provide an attractive and comfortable place for members to relax and enjoy themselves.

Remember, participation is what makes your Club work. To have such a beautiful facility, great access to the best sailing in the world and a staff that wants you to enjoy your leisure time, not taking advantage of it seems such a waste.

Chuck Burns, Club Manager

MYC Hosts Annual Fall Harvest Regatta

Twelve Opti sailors participated in the annual Fall Harvest Regatta hosted by the Miami Yacht Club and traditionally held the last weekend in October. The six RWB Fleet sailors were led by Coach Pat Downey, while Maryellen Blanco and our new coach Brit Price coached six Green Fleet sailors. The Green Fleeters participated in eight races, with the RWB Fleet sailors completing seven races. Congratulations to the following top finishers:

Green Fleet: 8th Place - Chris Kuyper, 9th Place Kelsey Pazul

RWB Overall: 1st Place - David Hernandez, 2nd Place Nick Voss

Red Fleet: 1st Place - David Hernandez

Blue Fleet: 1st Place - Nick Voss



Our Opti sailors are showing off their new Hawaiian team shirts and matching visors at the Fall Harvest regatta. Sailors and parents from other clubs loved our team spirit! Pictured here with coaches Pat Downey, Maryellen Blanco and Brit Price are the following sailors: Kelsey Pazul, Tatiana Mejia, Laura Hernandez, Natalie Bellini, Carla Aronsohn, Nick Voss, Chris Kuyper, Paul Lloyd-James, Simon Lloyd-James and David Hernandez.

River Romp 2002

The weather was beautiful for the nine CGSC Opti sailors who competed in the October 2002 River Romp Regatta sponsored by the Edison Sailing Center in Ft. Myers, FL. The CGSC sailors, under the leadership of Coach Pat Downey, enjoyed seven races in the two days of fun and competitive sailing on the Caloosahatchee River. The regatta had a good Opti showing with 46 competitors in the Red, White and Blue Fleet and 70 in Green Fleet. Congratulations to the following top finishers:

RWB Overall: 1st Place - Nick Voss; 3rd Place - David Harrison, 5th Place - Philip Alley

Red Fleet: 1st Place - David Hernandez, 3rd Place - Niklas Anderson

Blue Fleet: 1st Place - Nick Voss, 3rd Place - David Harrison, 5th Place - Philip Alley

White Fleet: 4th Place - Katie Abell, 5th Place - Laura Hernandez

2002 Allison Jolly Regatta

The Salty Sisters from the St. Petersburg Yacht Club hosted their third annual "all girls" Allison Jolly Regatta on September 28th, honoring former St. Pete sailor Allison for winning a gold medal in the 1988 Olympics. More girls participated than in the previous year, but unlike last year the wind decided to be a no-show. The Opti sailors only completed one race with the second race being abandoned midway through. Luckily, the 420 sailors squeezed in two races before the wind totally disappeared. The 420 team of Ariel Zirulnick (CGSC) and Sarajane McMahon (CRYC) sailed two bullets with a nice lead in both of their races. The highlight of the regatta was the sailors getting to meet Allison Jolly and have her autograph their regatta T-shirts and/or the bottom of their awards.

Congratulations to the following top finishers:

420 Fleet: 1st Place Ariel Zirulnick (skipper-CGSC) and Sarajane McMahon (crew-CRYC)

Red, White and Blue Opti Fleet: Carla Aronsohn - 2nd Place Blue, 4th Place Overall; Katie Abell - 2nd Place White, Brittany Zirulnick - 5th Place White



1988 Olympic gold medalist Allison Jolly (back, center) with sailors (back, l to r) Tatiana Mejia, Arielle Delisser, Brittany Zirulnick, Natalie Mejia, (front, l to r) Carla Aronsohn, Laura Hernandez, Katie Abell, Ariel Zirulnick and Sarajane McMahon.



Our Opti sailors were proud to display their medals for their top finishes at the River Romp Regatta in Ft. Myers. (back, l-r) Philip Alley, David Harrison, Nick Voss, Niklas Anderson, Coach Pat Downey, and David Hernandez. (front, l-r) Kara Voss, Laura Hernandez, Katie Abell, Brittany Zirulnick and Virginia McMahon.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing Committee remains busy. The Committee doesn't rest, but we give our fleet a "rest" in the month of December.

On the heels of a successful Adult Intermediate Course taught by US Sailing Instructor/Trainer Bud Price, with assistance from his daughter, Instructor Britt, and help from the Flying Scot Fleet, we held a Learn-to-Sail Course and one [ever-popular] Adult Sailing Clinic, led Rob Quinliven, our Certified Instructor in November.

In just this past quarter, we were pleased to have introduced four (4) new club members through these adult sail training activities. Further more, we have lots of new sailors who are really interested in becoming more involved with sailboat racing. So, RACERS, if you are looking for "new" crewmembers, please give me a call. We have both men and women anxious to participate and learn more about our sport.

We have another US Sailing - Certified Instructor in our ranks. Let me introduce you to Antonio Bejarano, who was recently certified and kindly assisted with the October Learn-to-Sail class.

Please be reminded there are **gift certificates** available for the CGSC Adult sailing classes. These unique holiday gifts can be used for any of our [monthly] Learn-to-Sail classes for up to one year.

Contact me at 305-342-4775 or crisler@minspring.com.

Start the year enjoying your club even more. Get hooked on the **volunteer spirit** that abounds at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Help with our adult learn to sail classes. We guarantee you'll meet new friends and get to see the smiles on the faces of our "new" sailors, while you become a working part of this great organization.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler

GROVE'S NEST BAR

"New Menu"

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
11am to 8 pm with Entrees available after
5pm

Appetizers

Pot Sink Soup * Shrimp Martini * Humus

Salads

Caesar Salad * Grilled Chicken Caesar
Seared Tuna Salad * Thai Chicken Salad

Sandwiches

Turkey Wrap * Ham & Cheese Wrap * Grilled Cheese
Grilled Chicken * Portobello Burger * Cheese Burger
Hamburger * Hot Dog * Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Pastas

Selection of Spaghetti, Linguini or Fettuccine served
with your choice of: Bolognese, Marinara, Alfredo or our
Seafood Medley in either Marinara or Alfredo Sauces

Entrees

Southwestern Chicken with Confetti Rice
Black and White Seared Tuna with Sesame
Shrimp and Grits

New Chef: Alex Caesar has just joined the staff at the Club as our new Chef, after completing her culinary degree at Johnson & Wales University. She is from North Carolina and has been working in kitchens for the past 8 years. She is very talented, hard working, and describes herself as a "total foodie." Please give her a good CGSC welcome!



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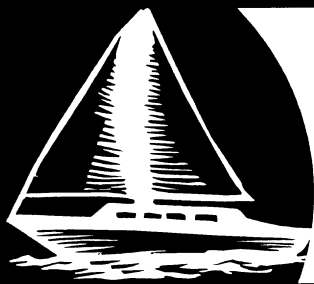
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December 2002 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Social Night	4	5	6	7 CLUB PARTY PRIMERIB NIGHT
8 BBYC BBYRA Cruising #12	9 Office & Bar Closed	10 Social Night	11 Central Grove H.O.A. Meeting	12	13	14 BBYRA Make Up
15	16 Office & Bar Closed NAMI Meeting	17 Social Night	18	19 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21
22	23 Office & Bar Closed	24 Social Night	25 Christmas Day 	26	27 Orange Bowl Regatta Thursday - Sunday	28 CGSC Race Committee - Orange Bowl Regatta Party
29 King Mango Strut Parade Main Highway to Commodore Plaza and McFarlane Road closed 1 - 3:30 p.m.	30 Office & Bar Closed	31 New Years Eve Party 				

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Social Night
Friday/Saturday/Sunday
Grill Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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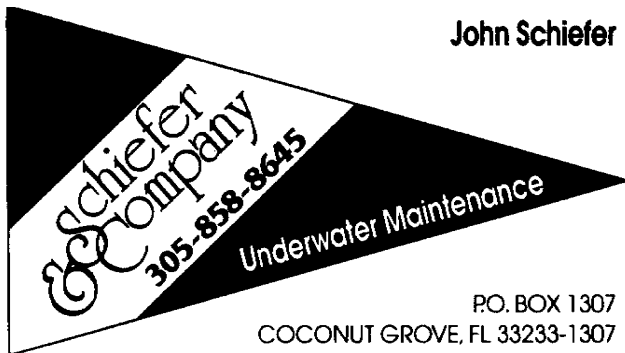
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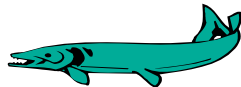
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Introduction to the Bay

What a big hit this program is! I want to thank the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for putting together the "Introduction to the Bay" program for youngsters who live in the Grove. I suppose being the first group out, we were somewhat of a test group. But, honestly I don't think the Club could have done a better job, and the proof is the kids, they loved it!

I guess you can interpret an introduction to the Bay in a variety of ways. I thought we would be tooling around spouting historical facts. The truth is that would have bored these kids to death. While they were romping on the sandbar, they heard about Charles Deering and the Punch Bowl. While they were splashing off Key Biscayne, they heard about the Cape Florida Lighthouse and Stiltsville. I don't know how much history they retained, but one thing is for sure - they got a great introduction to the Bay - seeing the City of Miami from the water, and off shore of Coconut Grove. Mercy Hospital was a big hit since a number of them had been there.

We were treated to a great lunch, courtesy of the Coconut Grove



Sailing Foundation, which we ate on the boat docked at Key Biscayne. I'd never been in that harbour and would like to go back.

When we got back, they got to see a boat from the Strip being lifted into the water. They got

to see people in Kyacks and kids in Prams.

I think the success of the day was in large part due to the people involved. Jean Ann Davis was a real sport. Our Captain, Dave Holland, was terrific with the kids - very calm even when they

found the radio - and even let them take turns at the helm for a minute at a time. Jack & Claire Hamm (chase boat) were a big hit with the kids. Claire would physically walk our boats close to the sandbars



(the kids thought that was great) and Jack really played with them.

A representative from the Barnyard, Ivonne MacDonald joined us. She loved it so much, she would like to be on the next boat. Miok Johnson, from Elizabeth Virrick Pool, also had a wonderful time.

Thanks to everyone.

Lynn Lieberman

The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove



New Year's Eve at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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McFarlane Road will be closed from 1 pm to 3:30 pm on Sunday, December 29th for the King Mango strut Parad. In addition, Main Highway will be closed from Commodore Plaza to McFarlane Road at the same times.

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

SNIPES FOR SALE OR RENT: The Snipe is the best choice for two person racing dinghy in Biscayne Bay. Since 1978 they have been built sandwich core with Klegecell; they will never delaminate, consequently they last forever a solid hull and are available at bargain prices. Please, call Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., Miami Snipe Fleet Captain. Home (305) 667-0492. Work (305) 642-5144, or Email gcdiaz@accesspro.net.

Universal Atomic 4 [gasoline engine] FOR SALE. Well maintained and in good condition. Best Offer. Call Ramon Alfonso at 305-461-2595 or 786-525-1033.

Month 2

HUNTER 170 DAYBOAT (2001) for sale. Hull: White, 17ft, Advanced Composite Plastic, low maintenance. Rigging: Harken. Mainsail. Rollerfurl Jib with UV protection. Centreboard: Adjustable/kick-up. Draft up: 6". Draft down: 4' 6". Rudder: Detachable, kick-up. **Engine:** Honda 2HP Outboard, 4-stroke - lightweight, low noise. Cover: Removable full-boat storage cover. **Trailer:** Magic Trail road trailer. With mast supports. Tag: U75VYY. Equipment: Lifting straps. Lifejackets 3 adult, 1 child. Dry storage box, flares etc. Warranties: Boat to Oct 07, engine to Oct 05. Insurance: To Oct 03. **See it:** CGSC Strip C12, named 'Isolation' - FL0624LT. **Reason for sale:** Reluctant: owner being transferred from Miami. **Asking price:** \$7,500. **Call:** Jim & Mary Romanos 305-648-1055

HUNTER 33' (1980) "Bay Dancer" for sale. Draft 4' 3", 15HP Yanmar diesel engine, roller furling, VHF, depth/speed meter, auto-pilot, custom Bimini top, sleeps 5, newly covered interior boat cushions. The boat has

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Month 3

Boat Storage: A limited number of moorings are available at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for keelboats up to 40 feet and for selected multi-hull vessels. Please contact the Club Manager for more information.

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The final deadline for all submissions to the CHANNEL is the 10th of the month. Address all items to the Editor. They may be dropped off in the basket in the bar on a disk.



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