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Coconut Grove Sailing Club

SKIPPER OF THE MONTH

ARIEL ZIRULNICK



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This youth sailor is sailing for the Olympic Gold, you can be sure of it. Ariel is the oldest daughter of Kathy and Jeffrey Zirulnick, our Club Treasurer. She shares this love of sailing with her sister Brittany.

Ariel was one of eight CGSC - Opti racers who competed in the 2001 Opti National Championship Regatta in Barrington, Rhode Island. She qualified there for the opportunity to compete in the 2002 Trials. So, she was on with the CGSC Team for Team Sailing Nationals in Clearwater, FL. in August with a 5th Overall. She has now sailed to qualify for 2003 Team Trials.

As she has developed her sailing skills, she competed in Opti Red and Blue Fleets at the club and around the country. Last summer she sailed in the Metedeconk River Yacht Club's - Junior Powder Puff Regatta in New Jersey, coming home with a Third Place in Blue Fleet and 4th Place Overall at the Finish. Today, she crews on a one-design Lightning in BBYRA races.

Most recently Ariel with Sarajane McMahan as crew, sailed in the 2002 Allison Jolly Regatta held on September 28th at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. These girls scored two bullets with a nice lead in both of their races.



Skipper Ariel Zirulnick relaxes with 420 teammate Sarajane McMahan between their two first-place finishes at the Allison Jolly Regatta



Allison Jolly congratulates 420 crew member Sarajane McMahan and Skipper, Ariel Zirulnick, on their two bullets and their First Place award.

Ariel proudly holds First Place for the 420 Fleet in 2002 and Second Place for Red Fleet in 2001. Do you think that Ariel is inspired to win an Olympic medal of her own? After she met Allison Jolly, the 1988 Olympic Gold Medalist for whom the event was named and having her T-shirt autographed, it seems that way.

This young lady regularly gives back to our sailing community by assisting with teaching the "Learn to Sail" classes for children. She also put her heart into being a Counselor in Training (CIT) at the Club's Summer Sailing Camp 2002.

Go, girl, Go!

COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am pleased to announce that we have started our "Introduction to the Bay" series, a free community sailing program for our neighbors in the Coconut Grove area. The program is geared for children aged nine to twelve who have recently learned how to swim at the City of Miami's Elizabeth Virrick Pool. It will serve as both a reward for passing their Red Cross Swimming Certification and a pre-requisite for Beginning Sailing. These children will start on our Pontoon Boat and move on to Kayaks and Cruising Boats to acclimate them to the water and Biscayne Bay, and then to Optimist Prams and/or Flying Scots.

The program involves heavy *volunteer* participation from our members, from the staff at Virrick Pool, as well as the Coconut Grove Women's Club. Thank you all in advance for your overwhelming support with this new program. Members who wish to volunteer are asked to contact me at (305) 662-7020 or e-mail me anstring@earthlink.net. Please let me hear your ideas and/or concerns. We are hosting an **Open House on November 8th at 7:00 P.M.** to discuss issues and every member is welcome to attend.

Our Youth Racing Development programs that are already in



place will continue with volunteer participation of parents and the talents of our Olympic Coach - Patrick Downey.

I personally feel that the new Beginning Sailing and Community Sailing Programs are an equally important part of our mission as a sailing organization in the city of Miami. This mission can only be carried out with your support. Consequently, we need your input. We are presently trying to define the parameters of a sailing education program.

On another note, we have recently interviewed candidates for a Sailing Director's position. It is my desire to build the sailing education programs at the Club with a focus on developing basic sailing skills and "fun" sailing programs.

I would like to welcome Gonzalo Bellini to the Board of Directors. Gonzalo has been active as Moorings Committee Chairman and replaces Lionel Baugh, whose work commitments in New York have made participation on the Board difficult. My thanks to Bill Mauk and Carlos de Zayas for agreeing to act as Co-Chairmen of the Future Development Committee. They are replacing Brian Bishop who has retired to focus on new job duties. Brian has done an outstanding job of setting our priorities in difficult times. In addition to his duties as Chairman of the Future Development Committee, Brian has been very active in community service and sailing education. He also has organized sailing trips for the Sierra Club and other similar community based organizations. Brian, on behalf of the CGSC, I salute you!

Andrea Stringos
Commodore

VIEW FROM THE PORTHOLE

As this is my first article, please allow me to thank the entire membership for the warm welcome you have extended to me since my arrival in early April. Everyone has been most helpful and cooperative which has made my job easier and most rewarding.

Needless to say, without the help and guidance of The Board of Directors and The Bridge, the club would not have been able to undergo some necessary updates and revamping that have taken place. Special thanks must be given to past Commodores Reggie Nicholson, Mike Weber, John Pistorino, and Charlie Branning for their input and insight.

Your Commodore, Andrea Stringos, is the spearhead that is leading the club towards being the most active and recognizable club on Biscayne Bay. With her positive attitude and sincere desire to better the club in every area she is creating an atmosphere that can only benefit you, The Membership.

Having the Property Committee operating again under the leadership of Vice-Commodore Bud Price, is a major plus for the club and will be an asset in keeping the Property in good shape.

With the input from the Rear-Commodore, Manny Pacin, the House Committee, and Entertainment Committee, as well as Cruising and Rendezvous Committee, are providing an active and varied



schedule for the membership.

Having the flag officers supported by active committee chairpeople, such as we have, makes the leadership strong and effective. But, without the active participation of the membership, all the hard work, time, and dedication put in by these concerned members goes to waste.

It is my sincere desire to make your club more than just a place to store your boat. I need your help and input as well as your participation to do that. Over the past few months a number of projects have been started, or restarted, and the hard working staff are striving to provide you with a great place to come and enjoy the finest sailing available.

Come and take advantage of your club. It's here for you and the entire staff wants to make sure you enjoy it!

Chuck Burns
Club Manager

If you or your Skipper wants new Life Vests take a look at this Website: www.stayaliveinc.com Here's a flotation device that goes beyond life saving. It carries equipment to help you alert rescuers, including a sound-signaling device, floating distress flag, waterproof flashlight, flares and more. (As featured under [water safety](#) in the November issue of Popular Science magazine). Do take a look! The Editor

ANNUAL CRUISING REGATTA

On October 5th we ran our **Annual Cruising Regatta** and had 37 boats competing. A long and short windward/leeward course (#5) was set up at 1.0nm and .75nm, but the first warning was delayed waiting for the breeze to fill in. The breeze started out of the Northeast (015) at 5 knots on the way out to the course and then faded away. The wind swung around to the Southeast (120) and long enough to get the part of the first race started before dying completely. The first 3 fleets had to be called back and the race abandoned. After half an hour of drifting around the starting line the breeze filled in again from the North (010) and held long enough to get all the fleets started.

As the PHRF 1 boats made it back down from the top mark, what little wind there was went right (070). We set a new top mark at .62nm and signaled the change of course. The wind held this direction long enough to finish the first race, but continued the right swing to Southeast (105) for the second race. The ARF fleet went around the "V" mark and back finishing their first race just behind the PHRF 4 boats. The second race was a short .62nm course up and down twice. The wind vacillated constantly but came back to the original heading and the races were finished by 4:30pm.

Back at the club, we waited the mandatory hour to see if any of the protests discussed on the water would come to fruition. None did. Unfortunately, an operator error caused some chaos for the awards presentation and the game of "Musical Chairs" with the prizes ensued. Thankfully, Cindy Saunders came to the rescue and straighten things out. The results are posted on the BBYRA website as corrected.

I would like to thank the RC *Volunteers* for their outstanding efforts in setting up and running a series of races where the breeze was just not cooperating. Rob Quinlivan, Linda Will, Ron & Dottie Rostorfer, Marvin Schenker, Vicki Rosenbloom, Jeanne Bunten, Andrea Stringos, Chip Burr, and JoAnn Pszeny made up an impressive team. Thanks again. The sailors have all expressed their thanks for a great day on the water.

UPCOMING RACES

Coming up **November 9th and 10th** we will be hosting the **SE PHRF Championships**.

Art Auwaerter will be running this one. The grand prize for this series is a six day Windjammer Cruise, so we're expecting a good turn out.

Next the **Orange Bowl Regatta** December 27th thru the 30th. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer. Art Auwaerter is Chairman of the Orange Bowl Regatta this year and will need all our support to make the event a success. Please contact him at

(305) 238-7176 if you will be in town and can *volunteer* even for just one day. Any one who would like to come out and watch or participate you may contact me at (954) 658-7916 or email me at wb4qfc@bellsouth.net

Will Bourne
Race Committee



Augie Diaz wins the Snipe Western Hemispheres for a 2nd time!

Augie won the Snipe Western Hemispheres competition in 1972 with his father Gonzalo crewing. He won the Snipe U.S. Nationals in 1974 and has since been named Snipe National Champion five different years in his sailing career.

We are proud that Augie learned to race in Coconut Grove Sailing Club optimist prams. We are even more proud to report that he took time off from racing Snipes between 1980 and 2001 to raise a family and Coach sailing, baseball and soccer. It's nice to see that giving back to the Community didn't affect his winning spirit. He came back sailing seriously in 1998 and won the Nationals in 2001 with Brian Janney and in 2002 with Pam Kelly as crew.

Congratulations!



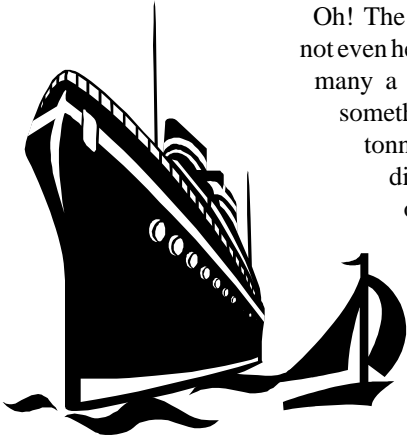
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THE TONNAGE RULE



Oh! The Tonnage Rule. Many sailors have not even heard of it. It's the rule that could keep many a sail boater alive. The rule goes something like this. "Them's with the most tonnage has the right of way." No, I didn't say that sailboats have the right of way. That means that the bigger the ship, the more right of way, or clearance she should be given.

Somewhere, in most sailing classes the impression is given that boats under sail have less control and therefore should be given the right of way. You'll never hear a good instructor say it, or even imply it! There is, however this feeling of power when you're sailing a wind driven craft.

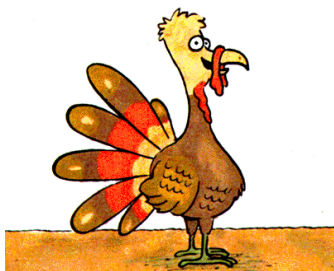
Unless you have tried to control a heavy vessel it is hard to realize how difficult it is to change course or come to a stop. Contrary to what you might have heard, I believe that even the Coast Guard indicates that "sailboats have the right of way." So imagine this, you finally wake up and notice that this large vessel is bearing down on you in a narrow channel, which she cannot leave. The collision could give your boat a few scratches or even a hole. No one is hurt, so you can consider yourself lucky.

Now envision this "this larger vessel which does not have the right of way hits your boat amidships and cuts your boat in half. How long will you stay afloat? Most boats, when divided evenly will not stay afloat for very long. Let us not forget Skipper that your job is that none of the crew gets hurt.

Imagine that you are in the middle of the Gulf Stream, catching a few winks 'cause it's dark out, and this freighter cuts you in half. You were saving the batteries and were too small for him to see. I've heard several stories of freighters with sailboat rigs hung on their anchor.

Let us all give a sharp look-out and live long and healthy lives.

*Smooth sailing,
John A. Brennan, Past Commodore*



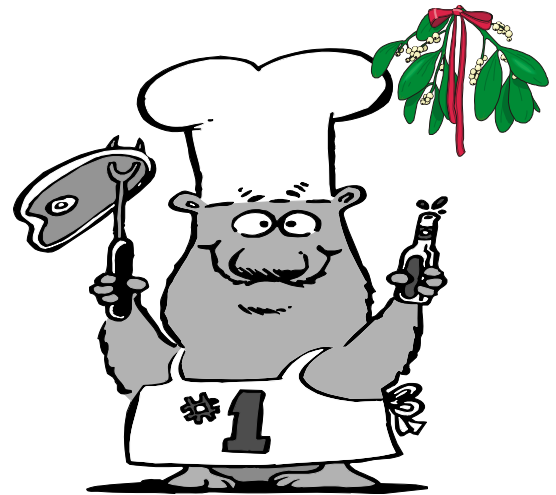
Hello there!

Yes, I'm the funky chicken with the funny feathers, reminding you to "come on down" to the Cruising & Rendezvous Committee's:

Thanksgiving Dinner at Elliott Key Park
___Thursday, November 28, 2002

Call JoAnn Pszeny at (305) 666-1325
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Here I am again!



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YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE CGSC [West]
CHRISTMAS PARTY



Many may have heard the old' story about how some thirty years ago a club member came into the bar [Grove's Nest] talking about how he bought a water front lot on Pine Island and it started a rush the next weekend of people coming over to buy their Lot.

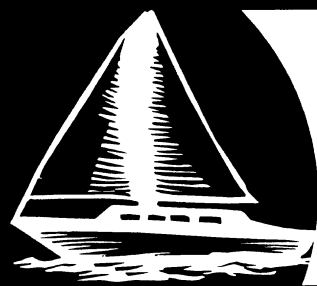
Well, every year all of the old and young non-resident members have a Christmas Party on the island exclusively for CGSC members. We have about 40 to 50 people, and over 5 or 6 past Commodores in attendance. This year Reid and I are hosting it in our new home in St. James City at the South end of Pine Island. We would like to extend an invitation to all the members to join us.

It will be held on **Saturday, December 7th at 1900 hours**. If you need details on how to get here, where to stay, etc. Some dock space is available if you dare to sail here. Please contact us at (239) 283-3344 or by e-mail at pcash@ushome.com

Mr. & Mrs. Reid Hutchinson

November 2002 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Tuesday Nights</i> Social Night <i>Friday/Saturday/Sunday</i> Grill Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>					1	2 CRYC Annual Cruising BBYRA #11
3 CRYC Annual One Design BBYRA #11	4 Office & Bar Closed	5 Social Night	6	7 Friends of Peacock Park Meeting 7 pm	8	9 CGSC SE PHRF Championships Bar-B-Que at 4:30
10 CGSC SE PHRF Championships and Awards Ceremony	11 Office & Bar Closed	12 Social Night	13 PHRF Hearings	14	15	16 Farr 40/ Mumm 30 Nationals BB Star Fleet Championships
17 Farr 40/ Mumm 30 Nationals BB Star Fleet Championships	18 Office & Bar Closed	19 Social Night	20	21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23 MYC One Design BBYRA #12
24	25 Office & Bar Closed	26 Social Night	27	28 Thanksgiving Rendezvous Elliot Key	29	30



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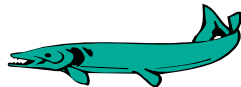
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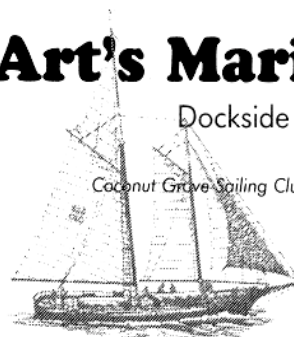
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Youth Sailing

CGSC Hosts Opti Fest 2002

Our club was bustling with excited youth sailors on September 21 and 22 when the annual Opti Fest regatta hosted 89 sailors in 420, Laser Radial and Optimist classes. Sailors from the following groups joined CGSC sailors for two days of fun and competitive sailing: Clearwater Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Edison Sailing Center, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Miami Yacht Club, Ransom Everglades and the U.S. Sailing Center.

The two race committees, one for Green Fleet and one for the combination of 420, Laser Radial and Optimist class boats, worked hard to make sure the sailors had good courses and races to compete in. The 24 Green Fleet sailors had eight races during the two-day regatta, while the other sailors competed in seven races. Race Committee co-chairs Ken Voss and Jose Hernandez were fortunate to have a great group of CGSC youth sailing program parents and club members to assist them with making the races run smoothly through their participation on the race committee and/or as on-the-water volunteers. Kay Kilpatrick and Fay Regan made sure that the Green Fleet sailors understood their course, flags, and sailing rules, but were also ready to have fun at the regatta.

The CGSC staff deserves special praise for all their help with the BBQ, regatta set-up, and overall support of the event. All our Opti Fest volunteers deserve kudos for helping to make it such a great regatta for so many youth sailors. Special thanks to the following companies and groups for contributing to the success of the event and the CGSC youth sailing program in general: Aquata USA, Awards Trophy World, Banks Sails, Blue World Corporation, Bremen Sails, CocoWalk, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Feldman Gale & Weber, Gill, Harken, Dominic and Karon Marsden, McLaughlin Boat Works, The Mutiny, Nance & Underwood Rigging and Sails, National Beverage Corporation, Officer Snook/Miami-Dade DERM, Sailing Specialties, Tackle Shack, Toyota USA, Vanguard, West Marine and The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove.

This year's Opti Fest lived up to the event's reputation for having a great T-shirt, a nice goody bag, fantastic raffle items and a great silent auction.

Congratulations to the following CGSC top finishers:

Green Fleet:	Place	Blue:	
Chris Kuyper	6 th	Philip Alley	3 rd
Kelsey Pazul	7 th	Nick Voss	4 th
Paul Lloyd-James	8 th	David Harrison	5 th
Graham Murza	10 th		
Red:		White:	
Niklas Anderson	1 st	Katie Abell	2 nd
David Hernandez	3 rd	Laura Hernandez	3 rd
		Brittany Zirulnick	5 th
RWB Fleet Overall:			
Philip Alley.	3 rd	Nick Voss,	4 th
		Niklas Anderson	5 th



"Chefs" Robert Clarington and Chuck Burns took care of the 89 hungry sailors and parents at the Saturday post-races BBQ.

Green Fleet sailors gathered each morning for a skippers' meeting and sailing discussion with Fay Regan and Kay Kilpatrick.



Coast Guard Foundation Dinner

Thursday, November 21st, 2002
Tickets \$300.00

Reception 6:30PM - Dinner and Program 7:30PM
Hotel Intercontinental - Miami
RSVP: Robert Holtzman (305) 461-2525

The Coast Guard Foundation, founded in 1969, is a public non-profit organization that supports programs to benefit U.S. Coast Guard personnel and their families. Including scholarships for dependents, educational grants for active duty enlisted personnel, and recreational facilities and equipment.

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

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", 15 HP Yanmar diesel engine, roller furling, VHF, depth/speed meter, auto-pilot, custom Bimini top, sleeps 5, newly covered interior boat cushions. The boat has been well maintained and is ready to sail!!! Great Deal at \$18,500. Call Bob Moore at 305-8858-2057.

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Month 2

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