

# The CHANNEL

## Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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*Angel*



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*Angel* is a 1993 Com-Pac 33 (LOA 35', Beam 12', Headroom 6'8"). She was purchased new by owner Richard Crisler. She replaced Purr-Fect, a Com-Pac 27, shortly after Hurricane Andrew. Though purchased for her soundness, cruising comfort and ease of single-handing (eleven control lines lead to the aft cockpit), this Charlie Morgan design features the patented Scheel keel and offers surprising performance and agility. Raced only two or three times a year in long distance races, she has proven to be very competitive and has a few trophies to prove it, the most recent trophy being the 2002 Miami / Key Largo Regatta. *Angel* is hull #10 of only 11 Com-Pac 33s built. In mid 1993, the builder, Hutchins Yachts of Clearwater, added a swim platform and the boat is now called a 35. Only four of these boats are produced each year, most sold in advance of production.

Richard is a US Sailing Certified small boat and keelboat Instructor. He has taken an active role in our Adult Learn-to-Sail program for most of the 17 years he has been a member of the Club. He has jointly chaired the Committee and been Lead Instructor much of that time. He regularly volunteers approximately sixty hours a month of his personal time to the Club. He has served twice on the Board of Directors and most recently as Club Secretary, and is our 2002-2003 Membership Chairman. Richard, who admits to having taught sailing to more than 1,000 students through group or private courses, also teaches part-time at Castle Harbor Sailing School in Coral Gables.

What a guy – tell him you appreciate his dedication to this organization! He lives the purpose of our Club by encouraging the sport of sailing and promoting the science of seamanship and navigation, and he clearly demonstrates a spirit of cooperation and fellowship at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

*Want to be famous? Submit a 5x7 photo (either digital or regular) of your boat and a short paragraph or two about the vessel and we'll attempt to showcase your boat on the front page of the Channel (provided Editor's discretion).*

# COMMODORE'S REPORT



The club's Entertainment Committee, House Committee, Rendezvous Committee and Race Committee have been particularly busy in planning events recently, as you may note from reading this issue of the Channel.

A photo-shoot for boats on the Moorings or on the Strip is planned for September 15<sup>th</sup> to replace or add to the photographs in the Bar. Thank you Jack Hamm, Dominic Marsden and Rob Quinlivan.

The Bar has been named the *Grove's Nest*; Marc Bueller has started a monthly Movie Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month; Chuck Burns and Ryan Keon have been hosting monthly dinners which usually bring in more than 80 people; Elaine Long hosted the 1st Rendezvous for the year, across the Bay off the former Nixon Compound; Bruce Schneider and Denise Baker will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rendezvous on the north end of Elliott Key - off University Dock. Then if that doesn't seem like enough, there will be a bus trip to the opening Dolphin's home game, too! Race Committee hosted a cookout after the August regatta for Cruising boats which was sold out; the Youth Sailing Summer Program was full and very successful; and the Adult Learn to Sailing classes are back in full swing, now that the rainy season has abated.

This Club works, because members are involved! If you have any ideas for a social event, please talk to Club Manager Chuck Burns or to the Chairman of the appropriate Committee. This is YOUR club, and we aim to provide events that you will enjoy.

Hope to see you down at the club!

*Andrea Stringos  
Commodore*



## CD SOCIAL NIGHT

Tuesday, September 17, 2002  
4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

**You donate one new CD of your favorite music to the CGSC Bar and receive two 20oz adult beverages.**

Your club - with your music - please join us!

## Club Sailboat/Dinghy Pictures

*Come join the CGSC photo-shoot!  
September 15<sup>th</sup> 11AM to 3 PM*



It's time to update the photographs in the "Grove's Nest" [bar] at the Sailing Club and for our Website. Club sailboat pictures will be taken on September 15<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 am and 3:00 PM. Just sail into the bay and follow the designated route. A professional photographer will take great pictures of your boat and a photo shoot party will follow, including chicken-wings and beer. Remind your crew to properly groom and to sport matching colors. The cost of the photo and a [new] framed photograph displayed in the bar will be \$50. If you already have a favorite picture (8-1/2" X 11"), then the cost of only a new frame is \$20. This cost is a "donation" to our Youth Sailing Program.

The walls of the Grove's Nest will be updated as follows:

- 1) The west wall will be designated as the "Strip and Rack" for club class sailboats and dinghies which are maintained on club property.
  - 2) The south wall will be designated as the "Moorings" for club sailboats in the club-mooring field.
  - 3) The north wall and other available areas will be designated for member sailboats not maintained on club property.
- See Chuck Burns, our Club Manager to sign-up and/or volunteer? We need your help!

*Jack Hamm  
Chairman - House Committee*

# COLUMBUS DAY

The **Columbus Day Regatta Committee** has requested that members of the CGSC be reminded to save this date **Saturday & Sunday, October 12 & 13, 2002** for the **48th Annual Columbus Day Cruising Regatta...** commemorating a small boat cruise made in 1492.



The Columbus Day Regatta this year is sponsored by Merrill-Stevens Sailing Center and it is Florida's **Oldest Sports Event Afloat**. You will enjoy great racing, fabulous trophies, and one of those 'you had to be there' parties on Saturday night down at Elliott Key and memories that will last a lifetime.

Please watch for registration forms in the mail and check out the website at [www.columbusdayregatta.net](http://www.columbusdayregatta.net) for more details.

Larry Whipple, Co-Chairman  
Columbus Day Regatta Committee

# YOUTH SAILING

Five members of our OPTI Racing Program competed in the three-day Team Race Nationals event in Clearwater in early August, directly following Nationals that was held in Sarasota, Florida this year.

Team members Philip Alley, Niklas Anderson, David Harrison, David Hernandez and Ariel Zirulnick competed in the Gold Fleet against 12 other teams, including a team from Japan.

The CGSC team sailed beautifully into the Semi-finals, where they lost their chance to advance to the Finals. Congratulations to our team for their 5<sup>th</sup> Place finish!

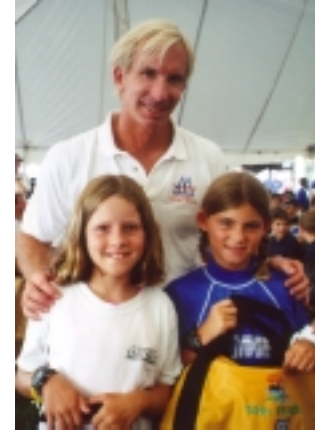


Coach Pat Downey (back, center) celebrated his birthday at Opti Nationals in Sarasota with the following racing team members: (standing, l to r) Brittany Zirulnick, Katie Abell, Laura Hernandez, Carla Aronsohn, and (seated, l to r) Philip Alley, David Hernandez, Niklas Anderson, David Harrison and Ariel Zirulnick.



**Kathy Zirulnick  
Opti-Mom**

"Top ten" finishers David Harrison (left) and Niklas Anderson were awarded specially embossed Gill gear bags.



Tom Coleman, Opti Nationals Green Fleet Coach, congratulates Green Fleet top finishers (left) Katie Abell and Laura Hernandez.

Opti White Fleet competitor Brittany Zirulnick (left), Laser competitor/CGSC Summer Camp Counselor Maryellen Blanco and Red Fleet competitor Ariel Zirulnick participated in the Palm Beach Sailing Club's July 4th Regatta. Brittany won 1st Place in White and Ariel won 2nd Place in Red fleet.



SUMMER CAMP was successful in teaching the basics of sailing to beginners and more advanced sailing skills to campers in the intermediate group. Camp Counselor Maryellen Blanco shows a camper in the beginner group how to rig his sail.



## **THE GROVE'S NEST**

**is the new name for the Bar at the  
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## **OPTIFEST YOUTH REGATTA is almost here!**

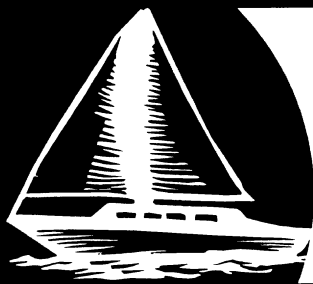
The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is hosting our sensational Youth Optifest Regatta the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for Optimist Red, White, Blue and Green fleters, Laser Radials and 420's. Be sure to join us for two days of competitive youth sailing, and a delicious and fun Saturday BBQ with the chance to make friends with fellow sailors from across Florida.

**For more information, check out: [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org) and click on Regattas & Clinics.**



# September 2002 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> LABOR DAY	<b>3</b> Social Night Puerto Rican dinner - by Chiquita Ramon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Fl State Jr. Snipe Championships  Nielsen/Virgin Cup - CRYC	
<b>8</b> Fl State Jr. Snipe Championships  GAME DAY  Adult Intermediate Sailing	<b>9</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>10</b> Social Night	<b>11</b> BBYRA Meeting- 1800	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Adult Intermediate Sailing	
<b>15</b>  PHOTO SHOOT	<b>16</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>17</b> <i>C/D Night Bring a new C/D of your choice and receive a 20oz. adult beverage free.</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> BBYRA Cruising/J-24 #9 MYC  Adult Learn-to- Sail	
<b>22</b> BBYRA One Design #9 CRYC  Adult Learn- to-Sail	<b>23</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>24</b> Social Night	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange	<b>27</b>  General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> North Sails University Tactics Seminar  Adult Intermediate Sailing	<b>30</b> Office & Bar Closed			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tuesday Nights</i> Social Night <i>Friday/Saturday/Sunday</i> Grill Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> </div>			



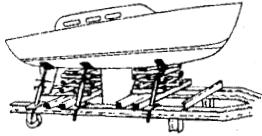
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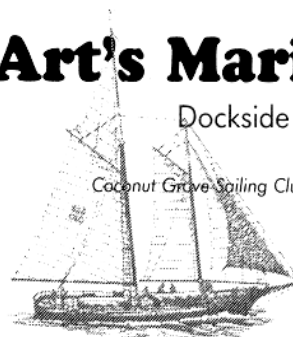
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# ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing Committee continues to host monthly two-day Learn-to-Sail courses on one weekend each month. In addition, where practical, we also schedule one [one-day] Adult Sailing Clinic each month. We are pleased to announce that our Learn-to-Sail class and our Sailing Clinic were both filled to capacity in August.

Our next Learn-to-Sail class is scheduled for the weekend of September 21 - 22. Our Adult Clinics are offered to students who have successfully completed the Learn-to-Sail course. A continued thanks to Rob Quinlivan who does a great job directing our monthly clinics. Students learn to chart their planned course, improve their new sailing skills, sail together to an agreed point for lunch on the Bay and return. The high number of repeat participants and the fact that the clinics are filled within three to four days of the announcement attests to the quality and fun that Rob has built into these Clinics. Thanks also to the many unselfish member-coaches who have assisted both Rob and myself in our Adult Program. Recent coaches include Marc Buller, Bob VanEck, Antonio Bejarano, Jaime Ramon and more.

Members, remember that your family members (and even friends) receive a discount for this Course, provided it can be billed to your account. And . . . don't forget our Gift Certificates. Recipients have one-full-year to use the Gift Certificate.

Remember, also, that volunteerism is what makes our club special. We couldn't do many of the good things we do without volunteers. If you are not volunteering, you're missing out on making

new friends, having fun and being a "part" of what makes our club "tick". If interested in helping out with our Adult Learn-to-Sail program, please contact Richard Crisler at 305-342-4775 or [crisler@mindspring.com](mailto:crisler@mindspring.com). No long term commitments are required, and you won't have to deal with pay cuts or lay-offs. Smiles guaranteed!!

*Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,  
Richard Crisler*



*Students learn to rig, launch, de-rig and store their assigned boat.*

## So, What Were You Doing on July 26<sup>th</sup>?

The Cruising and Rendezvous Committee held the first rendezvous of the new Club year on Saturday, July 26, 2002. The weather was spectacular with a steady eight to ten knot breeze and no sign of rain. Although the day had been hot on land, the temperature was very comfortable on the water and by early evening everyone was commenting on the great conditions.

Eight boats rafted up off Key Biscayne in the area of the old Nixon property. Pitcairn was the first to arrive and was anchored with the C&R burgee flying by 5 PM. We were soon joined by Itzaboat, Windfall, Pale Rider, Unwinder, Rainbow, RA, and Raven. Our Club members displayed awesome boat handling skills when joining the raft up. Everyone had adequate fenders and dock lines, and knew how to deploy them. The whole operation was quite impressive. Especially Raven's maneuver of deploying another anchor before joining the raft-up at the south end. Two other boats arrived also, Jay Jones and his friends on their 40ish foot sailing vessel from Ft. Lauderdale. Since Jay had a sizeable powerboat for a dinghy, he agreed to start a separate raft-up and then motor his group over for punch. We learned later that they changed their plans and instead headed off to Hurricane Harbor where they anchored for the night had their own party.

The eight boats in the main raft-up enjoyed rum punch and a variety of horsd'oeuvres that included vegetarian sushi rolls, cheeses and chips and salsa. Every boat crew made their own dinner, with some people using the barbecue grill on the stern of Pale Rider. Thank you Jerry and Liz. Around 10 PM, three boats left the raft-up to return to the Club. The dependable wind and a nearly full moon helped them on their way. Again, the cooperative skills of the skippers and crew were inspiring as the necessary adjustments were made to release boats from within the raft-up and retie the remaining boats. Five boats spent the night rafted-up. The steady breeze held throughout the night, and there was no problem with mosquitoes. Three boats left the raft-up early Sunday morning. Pitcairn and Pale Rider were still together, and Jerry and Liz offered to cook us omelets and sausage. What a deal!

I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all. The rendezvous was especially great for Jim and me because it not only gave us an incentive to go sailing, but it also gave us an opportunity to get to know a whole bunch of Club members a lot better. Thank you to everyone who came and made this event a wonderful time.

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### Month 3

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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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