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Southeast Florida PHRF Championship



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With the Dodge Island railroad bridge down for repairs, departing from MYC meant waiting for an escort to go through Government Cut this past weekend. In spite of the travel delays, all 24 competitors were on the course before the first warning for the start of the 2nd Annual SE Florida PHRF Championship Regatta.

The first start ended up being postponed



after all, for a 20 degree wind shift only minutes before the signal horn. After adjusting the starting line, the sequence began rolling again after a 5 minute delay. The start of the combined PHRF 1 & 2 fleets went off with a hair raising last



minute bail out, as 3 boats tried to start at the committee boat with room enough for only one. The PHRF 3 & 4 fleets started in a very tight fleet as well with 12 boats on the line, but no one over early.

A steady 15kt breeze oscillated from 80 to 125 early and settled in around 100-105 degrees as the day heated up for the second upwind leg. The top mark was set approx 2 nm upwind, but was shortened as the wind direction changed to avoid shallow water off the Key Biscayne sand bars.

The second race was set for the same course with a 1.0nm upwind leg. The breeze slacked off a bit but held direction. The down wind mark roundings were extremely tight with boats waiting to the last possible second to drop their chutes. The finishes were extremely tight as

well, with less than a second separating a group of three boats on more than one occasion. After almost four hours of racing, the crews seemed ready for more as they crossed the finish line for the second time. Such a shame to leave such perfect conditions and to have to go back to the club for the party, sponsored in part by Gosling's Rum. Ah, but such is the burden of living in a sailor's paradise.

The club was packed with members and visitors alike from an art exhibition and sale to benefit youth sailing being held upstairs. Live music, great food, and free rum made for a festive evening under the stars.

Sunday was to have seen the wind back off, but never happened. If anything it picked up a few knots, with puffs crowding 19kts. The wind direction oscillated from 95 to 125 and the courses were set at 105 degrees with a length of 1.0nm per leg. The big boats went for 3 laps and the PHRF 3 & 4 boats went for 2. A drag race ensued for the next hour and a half and came down to the wire again.

Congratulations to Valeri Saufiullin (PHRF 1), Art Perez (PHRF 2), Rick Jarchow (PHRF 3), and John Degen (PHRF 4) for your 1st place finishes, and to Rick and Art for their overall victories. Check out all the results at www.BBYRA.net

Many thanks to the RC volunteers that made it all possible. Ron & Dottie Rostorfer, Bruce Schneider, Charlie Branning, Vicky Rosenbloom, Marvin Schenker, Jeanne Bunten, Tricia & Meghan Reeder. A special thanks to Britt Price and Scott Salzberg for coordinating the art show, live entertainment, food and beverage service and misc regatta needs on top of the

sailing classes and regular weekend activity. It was a demanding weekend that went very smoothly.

Don't forget the Orange Bowl Regatta coming up in-between Christmas and New Year, December 27-30(Sat-Tues). We're expecting a big turnout and can use all the help we can get. Please email me if you might be available. Thanks again for all your support.

Have Fun and Sail Fast!

Wil



COMMODORE'S REPORT



Well another month has gone by. I'm sure you are wondering what the latest is with the city. I spoke with Frank Balzebre, from Johnny Winton's office yesterday. He told me that the funds have been found and allocated for the master plan project that will help determine our future. The job of finding and hiring the firm that will be in charge of this project has been assigned to the planning department. We will now have to wait until someone is hired, then we can start to work with that firm to see how we can fit into the overall picture. Waiting is difficult but it is what we must do right now. Meanwhile the board and your flag officers are busy preparing for what will come when the planning process really starts. We know that we must continue to prove that we are worthy of occupying this space we now hold, but more importantly we need to make sure the community and the city know about what we are doing that makes us worthy. With that in mind we have decided to interview some PR firms to see how that might best be accomplished. Although our budget is small it is felt that we need some help in this area. We have some reserve funds available for this type of thing and I think this situation warrants the use of those funds. We will decide at the next board meeting how to proceed. We are also investigating the feasibility of allowing social memberships in the club. The basic premise is that they would be allowed to use the bar, kitchen and the grounds but would not be allowed to use our parking or boat storage facilities. This membership would be available at a significant discount and would be discounted even further for city of Miami residents. It is felt that this would broaden our base and put us in a position to serve more members of the community. This action will also be discussed at the next board meeting. We are continuing to seek ways to make changes that make us a more worthy of being here but at the same time are generally good for the club. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Bud Price, Commodore

Augie Diaz Honored as World Champion



The Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce recognized World Snipe Class Champion, Augie Diaz at a recent Chamber meeting held at the club. Pictured with Augie are Silvia Caviglia from Miami Dade County, Karen del Valle, the secretary for the Chamber of Commerce, and our Commodore, Bud Price.

(Photo by Gonzalo Diaz)

Learn to Sail Classes for Youth (Ages 9-13)

These classes are designed teach kids the skills and confidence for the future. Classes are scheduled for three Saturdays. Either 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00. Classes are filling, don't miss out on this great opportunity. There is a cost involved. Call Britt at 305/444-4571 ext. 11.

"FREE" SAILING OFFERED BY THE COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

We are introducing a new program called *Introduction to Sailing* to the community. A sign will be posted on the Coconut Grove Sailing Club visible from McFarland Road and South Bayshore Drive that offers *free sailing* trips for adults and sailing classes for youngsters.

First we will be promoting a *Sail with a Member Day*. We are hereby asking members to sign-up to take out one to two people for a casual sail on Biscayne Bay to introduce the community to the sport of sailing. There will be a sign-up list for members volunteering to participate in this program, and another list for people from the community who call the Club in response to our sign, expressing their interest in the Introduction to Sailing program.

We are also offering *Free Sailing Classes* to low income

families. Proof of income will be required based on federal income guidelines. To introduce this program we will reserve two spaces in every *Adult Learn to Sail Class* that will be free of charge to qualified adults. This offer will also be inclusive of our *Youth Summer Sailing Camp* and the year around *Youth Sailing Program* for youngsters nine through fourteen years of age. Specifically, the last session of the CGSC Summer Sailing Camp will be free and one space will be free during our Youth Sailing Classes offered at the Club year around.

The Club needs your support and help to make these "new" programs successful. Our Youth Sailing Director Britt Price will be the contact person. You may call Britt for additional information and to *volunteer* to help by calling the Club at (305) 444-4571 — Ext. #11.

Youth Sailing

We have had a very active month for youth sailing! We had a bunch of new sailors in our Learn To Sail Classes. This class was held for three Saturdays from 1:00-4:00. Since it has been so windy, you probably saw us sailing off the dock. A nice reaching course in the anchorage offers a lot of challenge, but at end of the day the kids wanted to practice more capsizing drills, just for fun. The beginner class was kids, ages 8 to 13. By the end of the class, they were excited, yet exhausted from fun.

The intermediate class was great, I played follow the leader and had kids sailing almost all the way around the island. Because of the wind, it was a little difficult to circle the whole Island with them but they are determined to try again next time out.



On Saturday night we had the David Schor art show and the club was packed. There were some beautiful paintings on display and David donated a portion of his sales to our Youth Sailing Program. With this and the South East Florida PHRF Championships we had a great turnout. For the BBQ we donated \$2 from each meal to also help out youth sailing. All of our sailors and parents were excited to see such a great turnout.

Our racing team had an excellent time at the Miami Yacht Club Fall Harvest Regatta. This was our Green Fleet or our beginning racing teams first regatta. There were over



50 kids sailing all types of boats. Our club had winners in each class. This was on one of the windiest weekends we have had here in a while. So this was definitely one of the most challenging regattas yet. Now our CGSC Youth team is preparing for the Orange Bowl Regatta.

Happy sailing and see you around the club.

Britt Price

Sailing Director



Artist David Schor Lends a Helping Hand

Local artist, David Schor held a "One Man Show" at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Saturday, Nov. 15. Part of the proceeds from sales was donated to the Youth Sailing Program. A BBQ was also held for the program.



The artist talks about his work with one of the sailors who visited the exhibit.



Mrs. Schor, above, shows some of the artwork to members who came to the exhibit.



At left are some of the many pictures they brought for our members to view.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

On the weekend of November 8 - 9, we held our final Adult Learn-to-Sail class for 2003. We had a good turnout of new sailors, three of which were City of Miami residents who participated in our free introduction-to-sailing program. It was a little breezier than usual, but within safe limits, so the new students had some fast rides, and some learned why the swim / capsize test is our first on-water drill.

Thanks goes to Bob Van Eck, who volunteered his services as the Member / Coach for both days of this class. Bob's experience as a Ranger at Biscayne National Park and the



"New Sailors are all smiles before their first group sail."

safety emphasis along with his true stories of some of his experiences with boaters adds lots of interest to our classes.

At this writing, our final Adult SunFish Clinic will be held on November 21, and will once again be conducted by Rob Quinlivan. Thanks to all of the members who have unselfishly given of their time to assist with this program and thanks to our officers and board members along with the rest of our club members who have supported our efforts. The Adult Learn-to-Sail classes will restart in January. If you have interest in assisting in any way, please contact us at 305-342-4775 or crisler@mindspring.com.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,

Richard Crisler

GOOD-BYE SANTIAGO !

On Saturday, November 9, a surprise farewell breakfast was hosted by members for our security guard, Santiago, at the end of his final shift at CGSC. Santiago is moving to the Big Apple to join a new company that is being formed to provide personal protection for business executives in Manhattan. He is originally from Manhattan and will also enjoy being closer to his family there.

Santiago provided night security for the club for approximately three (3) years. Rumor has it he never missed a day of work. He cared and provided security for our boats and our belongings as though they were his own. He knew the boats and the owners by name and under that tough exterior was a polite and friendly gentleman.

At the finish of his final shift at 7 AM, early-rising members greeted him with food, presents and a breakfast was cooked and served to all present. Thanks to Cathy and Mark for putting the idea together and to Jaime Ramon for cooking for this fun event. (No wonder Chiquita keeps Jaime around). It was very obvious



Some of the members who gathered to wish "Santi"

that Santiago was deeply appreciative for the thoughts and actions of the members present. He left with the promise to keep in touch with us. He will be missed.

(Article and photo by Richard Crisler.)



CGSC Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14th

10 AM to 2 PM

Kids of All Ages

Come early for
Arts and Crafts
While waiting
for Santa and his
bag of presents.



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305-444-4571 ext. #18

December 2003 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Tuesday Nights</i> Social Night <i>Friday/Saturday/</i> <i>Sunday</i> Grill Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>2 Social Night</p>	<p>3 3:30-5:30 OM St.Stevens Afterschool</p>	<p>4 Rotary Luncheon Biscayne Bay Sailing Club</p>	<p>5 Stober Rehearsal Dinner 47th Worth Monroe Palm Beach Race</p>	<p>6 7-11PM Church Imanual Party 9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class Green, R,W & B - Martin Co. JO</p>
<p>7 12 Noon -3 PM Jackson Mem. Foundation Toy Drive Green, R,W & B - Martin Co. JO</p>	<p>8 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>9 Social Night</p>	<p>10 12 Noon - 2 PM U.M. Luncheon CGCO Meeting 3:30-5:30 OM St.Stevens Afterschool</p>	<p>11 Rotary Lunch The Weekend Experience Christmas Party</p>	<p>12 Rotary Dinner</p>	<p>13 6 - 9 PM Dental Leaders Christmas Party 9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class Green fleet - CGSC BBYRA PHRF #12 BBYC</p>
<p>14 10AM - 2PM Santa Arrives 4 - 8 PM Parrot Head Club Party BBYRA Make- up day for Fall Series</p>	<p>15 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>16 Social Night</p>	<p>17 3:30-5:30 OM St.Stevens Afterschool Venture Club</p>	<p>18 7:30-10:30 PM Capt. Ron's Movie Night Rotary Lunch 7:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm General Meeting</p>	<p>20  Chanukkah S.S.Christmas Party *9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class Green fleet - CGSC</p>
<p>21 Capt. Mike's Wedding Reception</p>	<p>22 Office & Bar Closed LTS Mini camp</p>	<p>23 7 - 10 PM Club Christmas Party Social Night LTS Mini camp</p>	<p>24 6:00 PM Venture Club Meeting</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas</i> </p>	<p>26 10AM-5PM RWB Practice (Tenta- tive)</p>	<p>27 Orange Bowl Regatta - CGSC RBW & Green fleet Orange Bowl Regatta</p>
<p>28 Orange Bowl Regatta -CGSC RBW & Green fleet Orange Bowl Regatta</p>	<p>29 Office & Bar Closed Orange Bowl Regatta - CGSC RBW & Green fleet Orange Bowl Regatta</p>	<p>30 Social Night Orange Bowl Regatta - CGSC</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve Party 8:00 PM-?</p>	<p>1 January 2004 <i>Happy New Year!</i></p>		



Happy Holidays



Sailing with a Neighbor

For the last true cruising regatta I asked our sailing director to put some people on our boats who had been put on the list of people interested in our sail with a member program. A couple of boats that normally race had to pull out at the last minute so I ended up with 4 people with me. Shawn Porter of 4024 S.W. 10th st. in Miami came and brought his father, Jim Porter from Tupelo Mississippi and a friend of his father John Kapenekas also from Mississippi. Gabriel Requena of 3159 Virginia St. here in Coconut Grove also joined us. It was a very windy day and the only person who had been on a sailboat before was Shawn, and he admitted that there was no wind the day he went out. The entire group truly enjoyed the day. Shawn's father John actually liked being the furthest person forward so he took the spray when we crashed through the waves. We were beaten soundly by *Pretty Women*, A Nonsuch 33 skippered by Neal Jones and crewed by his wife and family along with the help of a friends. Even with the loss, there was the pleasure of seeing the looks on the faces of the guys enjoying sailing and Biscayne Bay for the first time. This was a no lose situation for me. I truly enjoyed introducing these great guys to my sport and to the bay, and while enjoying a drink with them on the veranda after the race, I realized that I had the most used and often quoted excuse



for losing a race. It was "all of that inexperienced crew" of course! I recommend the experience to everybody. Please contact Britt and get involved I am sure you will find it a fun and rewarding experience.

Bud Price

Carla Schiefer



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YOUTH SAILING NEWS

Learn To Sail Classes

We are holding free learn to sail classes for kids 9-13. The course is a one day class on Sunday's from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This class is a basic sailing and parts of the boat. If you are interested please contact Britt Price @ 305-444-4571 ext. 11 or you can e-mail me @ britt@cgsc.org. Sign up early, classes are filling quickly.

Christmas Break Mini Camp

The youth sailing department will be giving a Mini Learn to Sail camp for kids 8-13. Classes will be held December 22-23 from 9:00-4:00. The cost is \$50.00 for both days. This class will consist of parts of the boat, capsizing drills, and basic sailing skills. This should be a great time for kids to learn the art of sailing in a fun filled atmosphere. For more information please contact Britt Price @ 305-444-4571 ext. 11 or you can e-mail me @ britt@cgsc.org

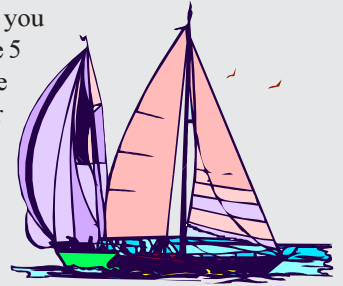
Computer Help Needed

The youth sailing office needs a new computer. If you or someone you know has an old computer they would like to donate it would be appreciated. Contact Scott @ 305-444-4571 ext. 18.

Want to get your Level 1 Small Boat Instructor Certificate? We still need at least 6-10 people to sign up to have a course. If you are interested please call Britt Price @ 305-444-4571 ext. 11 or you can e-mail her @ britt@cgsc.org

Crusing & Rendezvous

The Crusing & Rendezvous Committee invites you to a weekend get-away at Gilbert's Resort in Key Largo. Martin Luther King Weekend, Saturday, January 17 to Monday, January 19. Elaine Long and Jim Phillips will be your hosts. We will be arranging a group dinner for Saturday night. Sail or drive on down. Details on price of dinner to follow. Sign up in the Club office so we can have an accurate count for the dinner. Also tell us if you want to get a room, if we have 5 or more room reservations we can get a discount (regular price double occupancy \$120 to \$130 per night). Make your own reservation at their marina. They offer a discount to Boat US members.



ATTENTION MOTORCYCLE RIDERS



If you are interested in representing CGSC in a Toys-For-Tots motorcycle ride and fundraiser, contact Cathy Peak, 305/444-3517, or e-mail: cathypeak@bellsouth.net.



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Month 1

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Margaritaville is for sale! 1981 San Juan 28, racer/cruiser, 189 PHRF, sleeps 5, 4'6" draft, 28'8" LOA, 6'4" headroom, marine head and alcohol stove, 2004 9.9 hp OB. Call Larry Whipple at 305 860 9156.

Porta Pottie: Like new, complete with instruction book and original price sticker. Half price, \$64. Consider it for a surprise Christmas gift. Contact Scott at 305 444 4571 x18.

Flying Scot 5092, North racing sails and cruising sails with reef points, motor mount, boat cover \$8500. Call Karen, 305-476-3695 or kaggiedue@yahoo.com

"**Catalina 30 Sailboat**, 1988, loaded. Tall rig, 3'10" draft, Harken RF, diesel, wheel, new sails, no blisters, super clean, excellent condition. Call Rich at 305-418-4540."

1976 Columbia T-26 "Farside." Shoal keel, standing headroom below, 2000 Nissan 9.8 Outboard, swim platform and ladder; enclosed head; onboard water to sink and exterior shower; Bimini top; Lazy Jack System; fully battened Main; Jib winches and a split/adjustable backstay. \$4,800. OBO. Contact Don Bizzaro (305) 251-3078 or e-mail @dondona@bellsouth.net.

Month 2

J-27 Joe Cool for sale! Very attractive racing and cruising boat with excellent sail inventory. Great condition. New Bottom job. New shrouds.

Many go-fasts including spectra halyards, tac-tic digital compass, carbon fiber pole. Race ready as she is. Priced to sell ! Please call Lionel at 917-821-3308/305-969-8107 or e-mail at Baughlionel@hotmail.com.

Snipe: McLaughlin #23391, trailer, two sets of sails: North & Sobstad. \$1,000 954-581-6625, Jeff Myers

Month 3

1995 Catalina - Capri 14.2'. Classic family/racer one design. Center-board. This is a fun and fast boat. Like new!!! Includes anodized trailer in working condition. Sails and running rigging in perfect condition. Not many of these around. Proce: \$3,200. Must sell. Call Tony 305-253-8748. Cell 305-588-0084.

MAIN SAIL with T-slides (I-40', J-13', P-34', E-12.25') Great condition. \$300.00; Roller furling jib (A120%) \$270.00. Call Buzz Burrows. 305/651-0118

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