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Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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From early childhood Deborah [Ambler] Mitchell spent most weekends on the water as her father raced Lightnings on Lake Candlewood in Connecticut. And, before she could drive a car, she was delivering powerboats with her father and was well known on the Key West waterfront.

As a teen growing up in the Florida Keys, she raced A/B Utility Class Skiffs and Hydroplanes. Debbie as she was called in her teens, was a founding member of the *Sugar Loaf Boat Club* in 1956. In that club's first race called the "Shear Pinn Regatta" she entered a male dominated fleet of 11 boats to start and 8 crossed the finish line with Debbie [the only female racer] finishing 5th Place. She competed in three long distance races, winning one and placing 2nd in the other two that began at Key West and finished at the Marathon Yacht Club. A considerable number of red faces were observed among the male racers when she ran off with honors in the "A" Hydro Class in Key West's Garrison Bight, too!

In her mid-thirties she became competitive in sailboat racing. Joining the *Coconut Grove Sailing Club* and the newly organized Women's Yacht Racing Association (WYRA) in 1980. After getting involved with other CGSC women crewing and then putting together her own crew in the PHRF Fleet, she raced John Brennan's - Pearson 30' and John Martin's - Dufour 34' for several seasons.

Deborah has cruised in the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, and made several trips to Ft. Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas west of Key West. Her first trip to Fort Jefferson was as a guest on a Navy Torpedo Retriever that was used as a recreation vessel. She recalls that the vessel was turned around for her hat that blew over-the-side, something akin to a man-overboard drill for the sailors. She's plowed through the mud of the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway, and with off shore sea time to her credit, holds a U.S. Merchant Marine Officer - Masters License to 100 Gross tons. Her daughters Cindy and Denise grew up at the Sailing Club, and grandson Cody McNeal looks forward to Opti-Pram racing.

Many know her as Editor of the *Channel* during the last two years. She came to that volunteer job with experience as editor from 1988 through 1991. If you look back at old



issues, you'll see her maintaining prams and participating in more than 20 Work Weekends. As an *Adult Pram Sailing Program* Instructor, she taught summer classes for more than ten years. She cooked hamburgers and hot dogs in the Club kitchen during Orange Bowl Regatta, and made gallons of coffee for revelers who came to the New Year's Day breakfasts cooked by John Brennan and his Crew. That CGSC *volunteer spirit* is in her blood!



COMMODORE'S REPORT

As I write this, my first article as Commodore, the fate of the Sailing Club hangs in the balance. By the time you read this article it may have been decided or we may still be in the battle.

Let me start by thanking Andrea Stringos, the other Flag Officers and the Board of Directors for a year that brought our Club back together. Andrea, with her diplomatic and cooperative nature, helped to move the Club back to a comfortable place to be. Our Flag Officers and Board members made the tough decisions that improved the financial and functional health of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

We are now facing new and larger challenges. The city of Miami, while looking for ways to increase their income has targeted the Sailing Club. Christina Abrams is leading the charge on the City's behalf. She is a formidable adversary; sure that she is doing the right thing. Thanks to about **70 volunteers**, who gave up their nights and weekends, we provided a report that set Christina and her Staff back and opened serious debate concerning the plan issues. Our report has found us new allies. One non-member and author of the TAT Report was moved to write the FIND Commission and ask them to reconsider the City's grant application. Our allies grow daily!

Interestingly enough, the final determining factor will probably be the impression that the City Manager and Commissioners have concerning our community service record. While our commitment to that endeavor has ebbed and flowed throughout the years, we have always provided reasonable and sometimes excellent performance by our many volunteers. We have not been very good at all at making sure people know about us. Assuming we have won this battle by the time you read this article, we will have a new challenge and that is continuing to prove that we deserve to occupy this increasingly valuable land. We must improve our involvement in the Community and we must document as well as publicize our efforts, to be sure there will never again be any question of our worthiness on the waterfront.

Our new "**Introduction to Sailing**" program [introduced in this issue] is an example of how we will get our good name spread into the Community. It is an organized and aggressive effort to get more non-members and new sailors coming to sample sailing and see how great our Club works while meeting our members. It offers **free sailing** to the underprivileged in a more aggressive way than ever before. It provides an organized approach to get non-sailors into our club and onto our boats. This is something that is good and necessary for the survival of both the sport of sailing and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

We must and we will develop a new and aggressive plan to get our name before the public often, and in very positive ways, by putting much more emphasis on Love Levy, our Chairman of Public Relations. What has made this Club great from its inception is the willingness of its members to donate their time and expertise to nurture its existence. There is now a greater, though different need, and I am confident we will meet the challenge. Our future depends on members stepping up to fill that need!



Bud Price, Commodore

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Annual Meeting:

Election of New Officers and Bylaw Changes

On June 6, 2003 the Annual Meeting of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club was held for the election of new officers. The Nominating Committee had proposed a slate of Officers and Board members as required by the bylaws. Our bylaws provide for the nomination of other candidates by the membership. This year, however, the membership did not nominate any other candidates. Effective July 1, our new Officers and Board Members are:

Commodore	Bud Price
Vice Commodore	Jack Hamm
Rear Commodore	Vladimir Stroleny
Secretary	Anne Platt
Treasurer	Jeffrey Zirulnick
Board of Directors	Will Pulsford and Charles Rahn

Additionally several changes to our bylaws were approved. The first changed **Article VII Section 9** by deleting the words "or three consecutive meetings of the General Membership." The next two changes relate to Community Service. **Article IX Section 2** adds "Community Service Committee" to the list of standing committees. **Article IX Section 3** adds "The Community Service Committee is responsible for coordinating and planning the community and out reach programs of the Club."

It has been my privilege to serve the Club as secretary in the past year. Best wishes and support to Anne Platt as she assumes her responsibilities as Secretary. This report was modeled on the one submitted by our late dear friend Janet O'Brien Price in July 1999, a role model of leadership in difficult times.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Anne Davis*

"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.

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SAVE THE COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

REMINDER: Wear your yellow t-shirt

Wow! What a Group!

As of this writing, we still do not know the outcome of the City's decision about working with us to renew our lease. Whatever the outcome, I want to say that I have never seen a more dedicated and talented team. The professionally prepared and immensely well-presented proposal was outstanding! We can all be extremely proud of the devoted leadership and committed CGSC volunteers who made it happen.

Able led by our [new] Commodore, Bud Price, approximately seventy CGSC members spent nights and weekends slaving over plans A-E. Early Tuesday morning about 1:30 A.M., just meeting the brutal time frame set by the City, our computer "Guru", Jonathan Milley, and mechanics put the final touches on Plan "F". Club Manager Scott Salzberg emailed it to the printer, and later that same morning we received professionally bound portfolios to go with the power point computer package for the City of Miami representatives and Commissioner Winton's Chief of Staff, Frank Balzebre. Did anyone sleep that night?! Balzebre limited the CGSC representatives to the Flag Officers, and Jonathan Milley. We slipped in Past Commodore and Engineering expert John Pistorino. Commodore Andrea Stringos and I listened as Vice Commodore Bud Price made an awesome presentation. Treasurer Jeff Zirulnick and Rear Commodore Manny Pacin backed up Bud with necessary numbers and financials, and John Pistorino added needed engineering and environmental facts. Their timing was extraordinary and the details impeccable.

Over her years of leadership in the CGSC, I have watched Commodore Andrea Stringos as she has laid strong groundwork with community outreach, and used her communication and networking skills to bring more people in the Grove and Greater Miami into the CGSC circle. Now I am proud and humbled to watch this dedicated group working to keep Coconut Grove Sailing Club in our home of fifty-eight years.

Let's give them all a big hand for a job well done!

Anne Platt, [new] Secretary

Proposed Managed Moorings & Anchorage in the Dinner Key Area

Most of our members have heard rumblings about the proposal that was presented to your Flag Officers by City staff on May 29, 2003. It calls for the implementation of the "Proposed Managed Moorings & Anchorage in the Dinner Key Area in the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) Report. This report can be reviewed on the City's website at www.ci.miami.fl.us.

The Staff told CGSC that they intended to secure a finance grant for screw-down moorings to be installed in the Dinner Key area [including the CGSC Mooring] and that they intended to manage these moorings for revenue income on behalf of the City. The two mooring fields will be similar to what is available in Vero Beach and Stuart, Florida. Further, it was stated in the TAT Report, that these moorings will need upland support services the boaters using the moorings. The upland amenities will include dinghy storage, laundry facilities, toilets and showers that will be located on the first floor of the CGSC Clubhouse.

After familiarizing yourself with the proposal, please write a letter to the Mayor and City Commissioner and send it to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. He

- Identify the issues.
 - Number the issues.
 - If you have a solution, list it.
 - Give your opinion.
 - Ask the staff for clarification.
 - Ask the staff for help.
- These are the things you should do. It is best to stay calm and give the best information possible. Letters should be sent to:

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Mr. Angel Gonzalez
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Late Breaking News!

Commissioner Winton has come out on our side on this issue. He has asked that we not send any more letters or e-mails at this time. We will keep you posted.

Thank you all for your support!

Happy Writing and Smooth Sailing!
Anne F. Platt, Club Secretary

"58th Annual Officer's Installation Dinner"

Gala Event attracted 96 Members and Guest on June 14, 2003 at the CGSC Clubhouse



Top left: Andrea Stringos and daughter Morgan Callahan.

Top middle: Commodore Bud Price hoists the flag making it OFFICIAL

Top right: Hat passing ceremony is complete!

Bottom left: Outgoing Commodore Stringos awards Bud Price for his Outstanding Service Award.

Bottom middle: First course at dinner being enjoyed by Pamela Torres, Nelson Hinton & Anita Hansen

Bottom right: Members enjoy the Prime Rib & Macadamia Nut Crusted Mahi as main dish by Chef Alex



YOUTH SAILING

Summer Camp Staff Training

In preparing staff for Summer Camp 2003, an American Red Cross instructor certified Ariel Zirulnick and re-certified Sailing Director Britt Price. The four-hour Saturday session included mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, CPR and Basic First Aid training. Through the use of videos, workbooks, and dummies, the two participants learned rudimentary rescuing skills as well as some more advanced skills. Upon passing their tests, the participants were given a compact American Red Cross kit, which contained resuscitation masks, latex gloves, antiseptic wipes and other useful supplies. Should any emergencies arise during our CGSC summer sailing camp, the staff is prepared to render necessary care and treatment.



Britt Price (left) and Ariel Zirulnick practice mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with guidance from their American Red Cross instructor.

Good luck to our Opti Racing Team members who will be competing in the USODA Nationals in Chicago in early August. CGSC Opti sailors rule!!!!

July 2003 - 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 Social Night	2 Guardian Ad Litem 9-4 pm	3 28th Year RTIA Regatta Time in Abaco July 3-11	4 5:00 - 11:00 pm Independence Day Clam Bake 9:30 - 11:00 pm Fireworks Peacock Park	5 6:00 - 8:00 pm Mulligan/ Martinez Cocktail Party
		6	7 Office & Bar Closed	8 Social Night	9	10 Rotary Lunch
13	14 Office & Bar Closed	15 Social Night	16 CGHOA	17 7:00 - 10:00 PM Board Meeting Rotary Lunch	18	19 6:00 - 10:00 pm Scholfield Party Dinner Party BBYRA PHRF #8 MYC Annual
20 BBYRA OD #8 MYC Annual	21 Office & Bar Closed NAMI meeting	22 Social Night	23	24 7:00 - 10:00 pm BBSC Meeting Rotary Lunch	25 General Meeting	26
27	28 Office & Bar Closed	29 Social Night	30 6:30 - 10:00 pm Venture Sailing (Buffet Dinner)	31 Rotary Lunch		



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SUMMER SAILING CAMP

Summer Sailing Camp at CGSC has gotten off to a great start under the direction of Sailing Director Britt Price. The first session started on Monday, June 16th with almost 25 enthusiastic future sailors between the Beginner and Intermediate groups for the two weeks of the first session. So far, Summer Camp has 27 campers registered for Beginner classes and 12 registered for Intermediate.

During the two-week course the campers in the Beginners group will learn basic sailing skills, knots, nomenclature, and water safety. By the end of the two weeks the Beginner campers will know the names of all parts of the boat, know how to handle a capsized boat, and be able to single-handedly sail an Opti-Pram. They learn a lot in two weeks! Campers in the Intermediate group will develop more advanced sailing techniques, will learn racing rules and will venture further into Biscayne Bay, all while having lots of fun.

Sailing Director Britt Price is working as Head Coach for the Beginners group alongside her Assistants, MaryEllen Blanco and Robert Ramirez, and Ariel Zirulnick, Counselor in Training (CIT). Ben Bolz is Head Coach for the Intermediate group working closely with Assistant Eric Aronsohn.

Know someone who might like to join this fun sailing camp at CGSC??? There's still a few openings in the two-week Session 3 (July 14-25), the one-week Session 4 (July 28-August 1) and the one-week Session 5 (August 4-8). Just call Britt at 305-444-4571 or log onto: www.cgsc.org (on the left menu bar click on Summer Camp).

Kathy Zirulnick
Opti-Mom



During a simulated sailing exercise the campers in the Beginners group learned to tack, with an emphasis on turning their bodies the right way while keeping low so as not to get "boomed!"



Campers in the Intermediate group rig a sail to prepare for a day of sailing fun in Biscayne Bay.



Campers in the Beginners class learn about the importance of bailers and are taught how to make one out of their gallon plastic juice cartons, milk containers and laundry detergent bottles. Once they get out sailing and they capsize they'll learn just how valuable the bailer is!



Sailing Director Britt Price (back, left) with Assistant MaryEllen Blanco and CIT Ariel Zirulnick (back, far right) with campers in the first session Beginners class.

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

1981 JJ Marine 25" with 3'6" draft; Evinrude 6hp engine; Roller furling jib; and Bimini Top. She needs a new battery and some cosmetic work. \$3,875 o/bo. Call Carlos Valdez at (305) 376-3038 or email at cvaldes@herald.com

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Month 2

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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.



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