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John Lake was born in Miami and grew up in "sunny" South Florida. With his wife Joan, you can see this friendly couple most Sunday afternoons sailing on Biscayne Bay. Since he retired from the Hialeah Police Department several years ago, during the week, the Lakes come down to the Club almost daily to talk with the ol' salts and feed the club's kitty.

Their current vessel is a 1992 Catalina 34' named "*She's A Lady II*" moored on the south side of the main channel at the Club. They have had three boats in their sailing years. When they ordered the Catalina *new* from a dealer in Jacksonville, Florida, its intended use was *cruising*, so it was ordered with a Wing Keel and an engine upgrade. After delivery was taken in Jacksonville, John and Joan sailed the boat home to Miami. Once in homeport Miami, additional equipment was installed for cruising, some of the equipment consisted of refrigeration, upgraded battery charging system, and central marine air conditioning and heat.

In 1992 John and Joan sailed to the Bahamas and as far as the Exumas for four weeks. They attended the much-publicized Long Island Regatta when it was celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the landing of Christopher Columbus. Since that time, they have sailed to most islands in the Bahamas, but not all islands, since they claim to have more than 700 Out Islands in the chain. These days they concentrate on the Florida Keys.

John Lake joined the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in 1975, has served the Club as Treasurer. When you see him around the club, enjoying our beautiful Biscayne Bay's weather, remember it is indeed any sailor's paradise, year around.



NOTICE

Key Biscayne Yacht Club has informed us that their policies and rules related to reciprocal Clubs has changed. Members in good standing of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club are welcome at KBYC. Before service, you must present a valid CGSC Membership Card and payment for services provided are to be made in FULL at the time of service. You may pay with Cash, Master Card or Visa.

Please respect their "new policy" if you visit the Key Biscayne Yacht Club located at 180 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne. Reservations are always welcome by calling the Club at (305) 361-9171.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The year is fast coming to an end. Don't forget to be at the Annual Meeting on June 6th. We will have our Election of Officers (names will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office on May 17th), voting on amendments to the Bylaws and approval of the Budget.

At this point the Budget has not been finalized. The Board of Directors has approved an increase in the monthly minimum from \$15 to \$20 a month for all Regular and Life Members. They are also discussing changing the food and beverage minimum from an annual minimum, where the unused amount is billed at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, to a monthly minimum which must be used up each month. The idea here is to increase usage of our outstanding kitchen and bar facilities and minimize dues increases. Unless the food and beverage operation is utilized by our membership on a regular monthly basis, it will run at a loss and shortfalls will have to come from dues. Please remember that the minimum is applied to food and beverage charges only, and includes the monthly special event parties. Gift shop purchases are not included in the minimum. Please remember too that our liquor license prohibits the vending of unopened bottles, so we regret that we cannot sell "take-out" wine or alcohol.

There are three Bylaws Amendments that are printed elsewhere in the Channel for your preview. One is to eliminate an attendance requirement for members of the Board of Directors and Officers at the General Membership Meetings. Our Board members are very active in the community and at the Club, so they occasionally must be



absent from membership meetings. I hope you will understand and approve this change. The other two amendments deal with the establishment of a Community Service Committee as a new Standing Committee of the club. We have always had an active community service program, and the Board merely wishes to formalize the program.

I am proud to announce that Britt Price, our Sailing Director, has met with the Board at the City of Miami's Virrick Pool and has come to an agreement whereby the Club will provide free sailing lessons at the pool in conjunction with the *free* Summer Swimming Classes to be underwritten by the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove. The CGSC will bring an Optimist Pram to the pool each week and go over basic sailing skills and capsizing drills. We will then encourage the children to continue with free sailing lessons at the CGSC. We are also trying to develop a partnership with other organizations in the West Grove that work with children. If you have any suggestions talk with me, or join me on the Community Service Committee.

CGSC members have a long tradition of helping groups in or Community by taking guests sailing on their boats. Thank you Vladimir & Shelley Stroleny for recently coordinating a sailboat outing for some German exchange students. It was Bill Beavers, Dudley Clark and John Lake who shared their boats and expertise with these students (see German Exchange Group article) Those of you who have taken non-sailors out for a spin on the bay know that it is an immensely rewarding experience. I encourage all of you to participate in these types of community service.

On a final note, thank you Entertainment Committee [Cathy Peak, Marc Buller, Jaime & Chiquita Ramon] for organizing the Easter festivities for the children. It was a real joy to watch fifteen little three and four year olds whooping with delight as they discovered Easter eggs hidden in unexpected places. The eggs were in prams, under lines and under trees to be concealed from view. What fun they had!

See you down at the Club!
Andrea Stringos
Commodore



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ADAMS AND MALLORY QUARTERFINALS **MAY 31-JUNE 1**

FSA Quarterfinals for the Men and Women's Triplehanded US Sailing Championships (**Mallory and Adams Cup**) will be sailed right in our back yard the weekend after Memorial Day, in *Flying Scots*. This is a "bring your own boat" regatta to be hosted by **Coconut Grove Sailing Club**. New this year, a Club can send more than one entry, so lets see some CGSC teams out there. Your best contact to find a boat to sail would be Andrea Stringos or Charlie Fowler. Both are in your Club roster.

Gals will sail the Adams competition on Saturday, May 31, while guys will race on Sunday June 1. Entry fee is \$40, and all participants must be members of US Sailing, as well as a member of a Club with FSA affiliation. No problem for us, right? It's not necessary for all team members to belong to the same Club.

Notice of Race and Entry Form can be found on our website, www.cgsc.org or www.fsasailing.com Contact me Fay Regan at floridafay@aol.com.

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2003 Annual Rendezvous

This Annual Rendezvous was without a doubt successful! By the reservations, we planned to have [only] 68 members down at Elliott Key and we catered to as many as 160 members and guests.



Chuck Burns and his professional staff knew about the short comings of reservations and were able to keep everybody eating and drinking all weekend

long.

We were also entertained by our “Musical Director” a.k.a. Past Commodore Reggie Nicholson and our “backup singer” “El Gringo Latino”. The Children’s Program was an overwhelming task, but thanks to Gonzalo Bellini and his crew, our children ended it up wanting more of the same! We sold out on Rendezvous T-shirts due to our expert sales team the Abell Family.

There is no way to describe the number of compliments received on the quantity and quality of the culinary portion at the Rendezvous. “Mega Kudos” to Chef Alex who deserves an *Epicurean Award* and to Chuck Burns for the logistics and implementation of the whole weekend. A very special *Honorable Mention* goes also to Tom & Chuck for having kept thing flowing between the Club and Elliott Key. Would you believe too, that in their spare time they drove Launch Service for boats anchored out?

We also retired one U.S. Flag [Old Glory] with proper protocol. It was surely an experience, I think those who witnessed it will never forget it! Thanks to the young ladies from two local Girls Scout Troops who did our clean up for us on Saturday afternoon.

My warmest of thanks to all the *volunteers* that needed not to be asked and just got involved! I am told many were “new” members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Finally, I give my thanks to the silent force in this organization “you know who you are” who are always there when need and keep things going relentlessly to build a bigger and better Club.

God Bless You All!
Manny Pacin, Rear Commodore

Rendezvous in Bimini!

Join the CGSC & Rendezvous Committee

8 to 11 May

Bimini Blue Water Resort

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Leave Thursday night, - Return Sunday morning

Friday Dockside Potluck

Saturday night drinks at The Complete Angler

Skipper's Meeting at Social Night, 8 pm

Tuesday 29 April

Go - No-Go weather call 8 pm Wed 7 May



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Annual Meeting - June 6, 2003

There are *Three Proposed Amendments* to the Club bylaws to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 6th. Two amendments are to establish a *Community Service Committee* to our list of Standing Committees. The third amendment eliminates part of the attendance requirement for the Board of Directors.

Article VII Section 9:

Delete the words “or three consecutive meetings of the General Membership”

Article IX Section 2. Standing Committees:

Add - “Community Service Committee” to the list of Committees noted in the bylaws.

Article IX Section 3 – Membership and Duties of Committees:

Add - y) Community Service Committee: The Community Service Committee is responsible for coordinating and planning the community service and outreach programs of the Club.

CGSC Provides Community Service

Seventeen German high school students went on a sailing trip on beautiful Biscayne Bay on March 6th, 2003. Bill Beavers with his boat *Finnesse*, Dudley Clark with his boat *Altair*, and John Lake with his boat *This is a Lady* took us on a sailing trip. The weather was gorgeous and the sea was calm. We had the best conditions for our first sailing trip. It is true. There were only two among us who had been on a sailboat before. I don't know what would have happened if the sea had been rough.

After the crews had prepared the boats we were allowed to go on board. Leaving the harbor we saw the wonderful site where the sailing club is. And further out in the bay we looked at the skyline of Miami and we sometimes felt like in a dream or in a movie. We really envy you that you live in such a beautiful country. We come from the south of Germany and it takes eight hours by car to go to the seaside to go sailing. You can imagine that not many people do this.

The skippers and the crews were very friendly and helpful. They gave us elementary instructions about sailing, about the boats, and about the bay as an ideal place for sailing. Most of us were allowed to steer the boat. What a feeling!! But we also got to know that you need a lot of experience and knowledge to be a good skipper. We saw that it is most important to find the right moment for tacking and that you had to do certain things very quickly. When tacking, we were actually part of the crew when we had to move from one side of the boat to the other. For some of us it was not so easy and we looked for something to hold on to.

We enjoyed the bay! We enjoyed gliding across the water! We enjoyed the generosity of the boat owners and their crews.

On behalf of the German group I would like to thank you for such a wonderful day.

This was a day that we will always remember!

William Haefner, Teacher
German Exchange Group

Don-Q Snipe Regatta Results

Augie Diaz and Jon Rogers continue to dominate the US Snipe Class in the annual *Don-Q Regatta*, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. The weekend provided near perfect weather on two days and the last day was exciting with lots of heavy air.

On Friday the first race saw Jimmie Lowe and Gavin McKinney from Nassau first to the weather mark, while the rest of the fleet was spread out with spotty winds in different directions on every leg. By the final leg the wind shifted right

and built to 8 kts making for great snipe sailing and a very competitive finish with Hal Gilbreath and James Liebl in 1st Place. The second race saw Andrew Pimental and Kathleen Tocke first at the weather mark, but by the last windward leg it was John Smoke and Rick Jarkow leading the fleet. But when they hit a wave that slowed them down, it was Augie Diaz that crossed the mark first in a "photo" finish.

Saturday's first start was clean and the fleet immediately spread out to find clean air. It was John Smoke and Rick Jarkow who rounded the weather mark first, followed quickly by Gonzo Diaz, and then Augie Diaz. As the RC changed the course to the leeward mark, the race played out with Augie first and Gonzo second, with Andrew Pimental finishing third. In the second start two general recalls brought out the Z-flag and the RC used a gate with the windward leeward. So the third start under the Z-flag actually turned out clean. The first boat around the weather mark was Andrew and Kathleen, with Birger Jensen and Cecelia deFaire in second, John MacRay and Barbara Evans in third. Augie rounded about 15th with lots of good company. At the end Smoak took first, Pimental second, and in third place overlapping each other were Commette, MacRae, Augie Diaz, Ramirez and George Szabo.

Sunday's the weather forecast called for thunderstorms by mid afternoon. Only one race was scheduled at 11 o'clock to finish the Regatta. As the fleet left the Sailing Club the winds began to change. By the time the RC had the marks in place, the winds had increased to 18kts and the right side of the course was considered favored. The fleet bunched up at that end. The individual recall flag was raised by the RC, but "no" one went back! Augie and Jon left the fleet behind from the start and never looked back rounding the weather mark first, and the reaching began. As the winds stepped up there were a few capsizes near the back of the fleet, but everyone got back on their feet without assistance. By the time the fleet reached the second windward mark, Augie and Jon still maintained their significant lead to finish in 1st Place.

The US Snipe Class thanks the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for all of the time and effort they put in on this *fantastic regatta*. The Race Committee's management was expert and shore activities were the best. Biscayne Bay is one of the treasures of the world and we are indeed lucky to sail here. Coconut Grove is a terrific place to get into the party spirit; and Snipers fit in perfectly.

Many thanks are in order for the wonderful efforts of Art Auwaerter, Charlie Branning, Jeanne Buntin, Al Chapin, JoAnn Pszeny, Vicki Rosenbloom, Dottie & Ron Rostorfer, Marvin Schenker, Denise & Bruce Schneider, Susan Walcutt, and Larry Whipple. In addition, special thanks go to Art Kelly for volunteering for Gun duty, Rob Quinlivan for the donation of his yacht 'Slainte', and the assistance of Phil Richmond of Annapolis as Snipe Representative. Joining the Committee for this regatta were Antonio Bejarano and Jan Linbach, welcome to both. The Race Committee put in more than 230 volunteer hours during this event. They are truly a group of dedicated individuals.

Bruce Schneider
Principal Race Officer



May 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 Rotary Lunch	2	3 C-Gulls Race BBYRA One Design Sat-Sun BBYC
4 BBYRA One Design Sat-Sun BBYC	5 Office & Bar Closed	6 Social Night	7 Florida Bandmas- ters Association 4:30 pm	8 Rotary Lunch	9	10 Adult Sailing Class
11 Adult Sailing Class	12 Office & Bar Closed	13 Social Night	14 Biscayne Bay Discovery Series 7 pm	15 Rotary Lunch BOARD MEETING	16	17
18 BBYRA One Design KBYC	19 Office & Bar Closed	20 Social Night	21 Central Grove Homeowners Assoc 7 pm	22 Rotary Lunch	23 GENERAL MEETING	24 Goombay Regatta
25 Goombay Regatta	26 Office & Bar Closed	27 Social Night	28 Venture Sailing Club Meeting 7pm	29 Biscayne Bay Sailing Club Meeting 7pm	30	31 BBYRA Make-Up Date Adams/Mallory Cup (Sat-Sun) <i>Caribbean Grille</i> <i>Downstairs</i> <i>Very casual</i>



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FIVE DAYS AROUND THE HORN

“Hello, the yacht *Sarah*,” we called, as we were standing on the yacht dock in Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost [real city] in the world. The 53 foot steel sloop *Sarah W. Vorwerk* was tied alongside. Even so, it was hard to be heard above a 40-knot katabatic wind roaring down from the Andes just north of town. Shortly, a solid looking Dutchman, Henk



Sarah at anchor in the Wollastons.

Boersma, emerged from the companionway to greet us. Henk is the owner and skipper of the *Sarah*. Together with co-skipper Jacqueline Haas, they operate a scheduled itinerary of expeditions ranging from South Georgia to Antarctica and around the greater Cape Horn area. We introduced ourselves and made arrangements to move aboard.

Departure day dawned sunny with a light westerly breeze on the Beagle Channel and a forecast high of about 53 degrees F. Besides Skipper Henk and Jacqueline and us, there were six others arriving to round out the crew. By mid-morning we were gone, motorsailing east on the Beagle destined for Puerto Williams, Chile on Isla Navarino to clear into Chilean waters. Puerto Williams is home to one of the world’s storied yacht docks, the Club Naval de Yates Micalvi, a.k.a. the Puerto Williams YC. After clearing, *Sarah* was soon underway again, continuing east on the Beagle, past big colonies of Cormorants and Sea Lions. Our destination Cape Horn is on Horn Island, the southernmost of a wonderful cruising archipelago of about a dozen closely grouped islands called Islas Wollaston. They are separated from Isla Navarino by about 25 miles of relatively open water called Bahia Nassau (!). Fortunately, the Hardy Peninsula extends down on the western side of the Bahia so the waters are actually fairly protected. If you get good weather at these latitudes, you take it, so *Sarah* pressed on motorsailing for the northern end of the Wollastons, and dropped anchor at Surgo Romanche at 0400 for the night.

The next morning brought a 25-knot southwesterly. We took a late departure and made our way south, close reaching on starboard through the archipelago under a single reefed Main and mostly rolled out Genoa. At one point, we passed through an anchorage off Isla Hermite and out the back way, where a passage between the rocks was

only about 100 feet. Excitedly, we saw Horn Island come into view from behind Isla Hall on our lee bow, and our crew decided to go for the rounding. The wind freshened as we emerged from the lee of Isla Hermite, and *Sarah* had a bone in her teeth, now. We could see Southern Ocean waves crashing

onto the rocks off the west side of Horn Island. As we turned the corner and bore off to a broad reach, the two lights of the Horn became visible above the high cliffs. It was 3:45 pm, and we were at just about 56 degrees south latitude.

“Fin del mundo” as they say. Dottie was at the helm when the time came to jibe around the southeast corner of the island. Just around the southeast tip of the island is a small anchorage called Calita Leon. It wouldn’t do for overnight, but this is where a very long wooden stairway up the cliff gives access to the top. There was a bit of a surge running, but we anchored for a short visit and then clamored onto the rocky beach from the Zodiac. The Armada de Chile maintains a presence here, currently in the form of a young NCO and his wife are stationed on Horn Island for a year. Nearby the modest house is a Chapel, the easternmost light, and the Cape Horn monument. We toured around, got our passports stamped, and headed back to the stairs.

Sarah left Horn Island behind, and soon returned to the anchorage she had sailed through on the way down, called Puerto Maxwell. The next morning was beautiful. We took the Zodiac to shore and climbed around on the hillside. The foliage is dense, with tall grass and short, gnarly trees growing permanently to leeward. After lunch, *Sarah* headed northeast through the archipelago, passing through more island gaps. By late afternoon, we decided to put off Bahia Nassau until tomorrow, and went to anchor at Bahia Scourfield on Isla Wollaston.

The fourth day brought clouds with williwaws blowing through the anchorage from the windward side. The waters behind us were teeming with birds, including several Albatross, as we prepared to depart for the Bahia Nassau crossing. The stronger morning winds gave way and we made a stop at Puerto Toro on the east side of Navarino. The *Sarah* had borrowed some diesel fuel there on a previous trip and was back to replace it. We gave the villagers some fruit and vegetables, and they responded with a half dozen [huge] live Centollas (king crabs). *Sarah* proceeded on around into the Beagle to a quiet anchorage among some islets. We gathered on the after deck to prepare them for cooking. Soon, we settled into our evening crab feast.

The last day was an upwind motoring venture in the Beagle, stopping to clear out of Chile in Puerto Williams. By late afternoon we were back at the dock in Ushuaia, with a strong sense of satisfaction in having rounded the Horn. A sense of relief that we regained the safety of Ushuaia. For more information, please check out www.sarahvorwerk.com



Dottie and Henk in the cockpit.



Wooden stairs to the top of Horn Island.



The Cape Horn monument.

Dottie & Ron Rostorfer

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Month 1

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