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**SKIPPER OF THE MONTH:
C. J. Abell**

C J Abell started sailing at the CGSC when he was 9 years old. It was a family thing. His dad, Charlie would take C J and his younger brother Michael to sail in an older brothers boat, which had been sitting around the yard for quite some time. After a couple of weekends of sailing they signed up for beginning lessons at the Miami Yacht Club. About a month later, the CGSC got its program going again and C J began sailing in the CGSC racing and summer programs. C J says that after the first week he knew that he loved sailing.



Charlie got a small group together to begin a racing team.

They would go out every weekend on both Saturday and Sunday with one of the parents on watch in a power boat. Jason Timmons, a past Opti Champion, became their coach. C J credits Jason for the inspiration to push himself to make and achieve goals and for giving so much to the team, that he will always be remembered. Pat Downy, also became the CGSC racing coach and was instrumental in fine-tuning their skills.

In 2001, C J qualified for a championship to get onto the worlds and European team. He didn't make either team but his determination to keep reaching for higher goals became even stronger. The next year he went to the same regatta in Tampa and qualified for the North American team. That summer he was off to Kingston, Canada to sail in the North American regatta with the team of 30 Americans competing against the five best sailors from Argentina, Canada, Bolivia, Brazil, Japan, Bermuda, Ecuador, Mexico, and Venezuela. C J said, "After a long regatta I ended up in sixth overall, there was no trophy but it was a great fulfillment. I had met all kinds of people that influenced me in some way."

CJ aged out of the Optis and moved into the double-handed "420", a completely different boat that needed slightly different skills than an Optimist. One thing that was different with sailing in a double-handed boat was that skipper and crew both had to have the same goals and to work as one. CJ had started sailing with Nichole Nasher. Together they both had achieved many of their goals, one of them being getting top ten in the Orange Bowl Regatta.

In addition to racing, C J has made three trips to the Bahamas with his family in their Pearson 34, "Katie", spending a couple weeks each time in the Berry Islands. He taught sailing at Castle Harbor this past summer, but is now taking some time off for school work. Younger sister Katie is following up in the Optimist now.

CJ says, "This is why I am where I am today. Having all this experience has taught me that winning isn't everything and will not always happen, but friends are everything and you can never make too many."



COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am sure the main thing on everybody's mind is what's going on with the lease? Unfortunately, I must tell you —Nothing! Although Commissioner Winton stated publicly that there would be a committee formed and meetings would be held to begin to resolve our situation he has not moved forward. When I contacted his office two days ago they had no answers as to what his plans might be.

What seemed to be good communication and a willingness to keep us involved has disappeared. We can assume that he is a busy man and that he has little time to deal with this somewhat annoying problem. Or we can guess that he is busily working on a plan that will incorporate the club in a molding of the waterfront that meets the city's vision of the future. What ever his thoughts are he is keeping them to himself.

We have been told that our future lies in his hands. We have sent emissary after emissary over to meet with him. We have worked with lobbyists and people who are cited as experts about the workings of city hall. All this has been to no avail. We have spent hours preparing so that the planned meetings would be productive. We have offered alternative plans, offered to increase our contribution and taken the initiative to greatly improve our already exemplary level of community involvement and public service. In short I really don't think there is much more that we can do other than wait for the man who has our fate in his hands to fit us in to his busy schedule. I understand that this is a difficult task for us all.

It is my intention to send a copy of this report to Mr. Winton's office with the following note.

Mr. Winton I have listened to you speak and watched you work. You seem to be a very straight forward and sincere individual with deep knowledge of the political scene. I understand that you must make a decision that is fair to the community and works for the long term. I have great respect for that. What I don't understand is your lack of understanding of the impact this has on the members and individuals in the community who deeply care for the club. To us the club is far more than a place to keep your boat. It is what small towns used to be. It is a place where you can leave your kids unattended. It is a place where you know the other people care about you, where you have common interests and where they are genuinely glad to see you. In this modern world where neighbors don't necessarily know each other and where that old sense of community is hard to experience we have found it. We are faced with the possibility that we will lose that and have to keep wondering if that will happen. You could greatly relieve our anguish by simply keeping the lines of communication open, making us understand the obstacles that are in front of us and allowing us to help overcome them. It is time to begin the meetings you have promised. Let us have the opportunity to help in the decision process and find a way to preserve something worth saving.



Bud Price, Commodore

From the Director of Sailing:

CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY:

Want to get your Level 1 Small boat Instructor Certificate? We need at least 6-10 people to sign up to have a course. If you are interested please call Britt Price at 305-444-4571 ext. 11. We are trying to have it scheduled for January or February.

ATTENTION SAILORS:

We are now holding Learn to Sail classes for kids. They consist of three consecutive Saturdays either from 9:00 AM - noon, or 1:00 - 4:00 PM. We will also be starting an intermediate class as soon as we have enough people interested. So bring your kids, your neighbors, or even a complete stranger who is interested in their child sailing. Help support the club you love. You can register online or call Britt Price 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.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing Committee has been busy since our last report. We had Adult Learn-to-Sail classes in August and September that were well attended and blessed with great sailing weather. In addition, we had another of our popular and successful Adult Sailing Clinics on the fourth Sunday of August. Thanks to Rob Quinlivan (Mr. Sailing Clinic) for his dedication and leadership with our clinics. A great time was had by all.

Clinic attendees must have completed the initial Learn-to-Sail course, and many attend several clinics, both to improve their skills and have a lot of fun. Members with dinghies are always invited to attend our clinics and mix with the new sailors. Lunch at a nearby sandbar is one of the experiences our clinic sailors always enjoy.

We couldn't conduct these classes and clinics without the help of our dedicated members who give unselfishly of their time to assist the instructors and provide an important safety factor. Thanks to recent coaches, Bob Van Eck, Charles Branning, Cathy Peak, Marc Buller, Mark Mueller and others for "pitching in" to help. Interest and attendance in our Adult program is on the rise and more help is needed. Meet new people and help your club. Contact Richard Crisler at 305-342-4775 or crisler@mindspring.com to get involved.

Fair winds and Safe sailing
Dick Crisler



"Boats are launched & ready and so are our September Adult Class."

Lunch at the sandbar for the Adult Sailing Clinic students.



This is the August Adult Learn to Sail Class.

In Memoriam

Jeff Ingle Black passed away on September 4, 2003 in Sarasota, Florida. Always very active in the CGSC and the C-Gulls, Jeff and her first husband, PC Jack Ingle, were charter members. After Jack's death, she was married to PC Charlie Black. Jeff was one of 11 children and leaves a daughter Pam who lives in Kentucky and a son Jerry who lives in Pine Island, Florida.

W S V N visits C G S C

CGSC got some good publicity in the form of a visit from WSVN-TV on August 15. Popular TV personality, Jackie Johnson, arrived with her producer and camera crew to shoot a brief sailing lesson and actual sailing for her popular "Living-it-Up" series that appears weekly on the Channel 7 10PM NEWS. Approximately two hours were spent on land and on the water which resulted in a couple of minutes of actual program, which aired on September 2nd. In addition to the program, WSVN carried information about CGSC on it's website for a few more days. This was Jackie's first sailing experience and she did quite well. The program resulted in additional inquiries to our website about our adult sailing program. Thanks to members of our staff who assisted, including operation of the camera boat. Rumor has it that our able bartender, Hector, was the "instigator" who contacted WSVN and recommended they include CGSC and sailing in the "Living-it-Up" series. If you didn't get to see it, there are a few videotape copies floating around.

Adult Sailing Committee



"Jackie gets a quick lesson at the SunFish simulator"



"With camera boat and coach close by, Jackie takes her first sail."



Youth Racing and Development

Kay Voss

I could probably fill the whole channel this month with news on the youth racing and development front. While I spent much of the summer traveling the country from Maine to Hawaii as an Optimom taking my children to regattas and missed several channel deadlines the racing teams here at CGSC were in full swing. We had a very successful 6 week summer racing camp for both Opti's and Lasers, and members of team CGSC traveled to several national and regional regatta's. We fondly said good-bye to our long time Coach Pat Downey who has taken a position at Ransom Everglades High school as their waterfront director, and give a warm hello to our new coach Cary Siegler. The fall racing teams have already begun a busy practice schedule on weekends and our future looks bright with all the activities and classes the Sailing Director Britt Price is organizing. Jose Hernandez is also doing an awesome job at growing the inter-club teenage laser program so the kids can continue sailing when they out grow their prams. This morning when I dropped off my younger children for Opti practice at 9am there was a whole picnic table of teenagers sitting with their books open studying. Being rather amazed at this Saturday morning sight, I ask what was going on! Turns out that the parents don't want to drive to the club twice in a morning, once at 9am and then again at noon for the teenagers, those with siblings in the Opti's were told to get out of bed anyway and on their own decided to make the most of their time by sneaking in a little homework. Makes a mothers heart warm, sailing and studying go team!

By the way, if anyone has an old laser in decent conditions please consider donating it to the foundation. Jose now has more kids than boats and has resorted to a round-robin practice where the kids have to take turns rotating out during the drill and races so everyone who wants to sail gets equal time.

Opti Nationals

To top off the summer, five members of team CGSC, Nick Voss, Phillip Alley, David Harrison, Carla Arohson, and Kara Voss along with Coach Pat Downey traveled to the Chicago YC the first week in August to represent us at the National Championship. Like CGSC the Chicago Yacht Club sits on a tiny parcel of land in the middle of the central city park. The logistics of launching the unloading gear for 300+ kids and their families for the week was



Fall '03 Green Fleet: (back to front, l to r) Stephen Gerdt, Gregory De Paula, Olga Shestopalov, Anthony Cantillo, Sebastian Bellini, Ben Torrens, Patrick Arrington and Claudia Baker (not pictured: Trevor From and Jesse Seitz)

quite amazing and organizers had it down to a fine science. The kids launched from a public boat ramp about 1.5 miles by water from the club and were escorted up to the main venue in the center of the city. Meanwhile the parents had to find their way to the hotel thru city traffic and park the cars and trailers for the week. We were a little rattled when sitting in the slow traffic a squall came thru complete with torrential rain and lightning knowing our kids were out on the water. The organizers were ready for everything, they gathered up all the kids and held them back at the ramp for several hours before finally allowing them to safely sail north to the venue. The entire event was a terrific experience for the kids, although the winds were generally very light with long delays each day until the wind filled. Even little Kara Voss was seen sitting in the bottom of her boat to keep from heeling to windward in the lumpy seas and light air, the



Fall '03 RWB Opti Racing Team (back to front, l to r) Nick Voss, Andrew Hoffman, Simon Lloyd-James, Tatiana Mejia, Kara Voss, Katie Abell, Brittany Zirulnick and Laura Hernandez (not pictured: Philip Alley, Natalie Bellini, Graham Murza and Kelsey Pazul)

older/bigger kids had to really concentrate to keep their boats moving forward. What the venue lacked in wind it made up for in fun, the Chicago waterfront must be one of the best secrets in the country. The entire waterfront is a huge city park with promenades, first class museums, and a wonderful array of architecture. Being in the center of the downtown meant we had to walk everywhere and the kids were able to enjoy the public art and gardens as they walked between the hotel and YC each day. The favorite had to be the huge wild flower garden with lots and lots of rabbits darting around. It was hard to believe we were in the middle of this huge city while watching the smiles on the kids as they tried to out run the rabbits. Thursday night was free museum night and many of the kids went and checked out "SUE" the biggest most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex on exhibit in the world at the Chicago museum of natural history. The word "Cool" now has a whole new meaning. The only sad moment of the trip was that we knew this regatta would be our last with Coach Pat. We wish him the best in his new position.

Balboa National Pram championship

Nick Voss had the honor of being recognized as 1 of the top 20 youth sailors in the US and was invited to compete in the Balboa National Pram championship in Hawaii last June. The event brings together the top youth sailors from several different classes from all

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CGSC sailors enjoy inter-club races on Biscayne Bay with sailors from local yacht clubs.



4 corners of the country. This year the event was held at Konahoe Yacht Club on the island of Oahu, Hawaii in the El Toro pram. Nick had a very strong showing at the event. He was 2nd going into the final day and within a striking distance of first but couldn't hold on when the famous Hawaii trades really kicked in, blowing 25+ all day long. Being unfamiliar with the El Toro pram it took him 6 races to figure out how to "de-power" the rig by steering given that there were no sail shape adjustments. He finally figured it out and managed a bullet in the last race of the day. He ended up with a 4th place for the event and was thrilled just to be there. The club burgee now hangs in Hawaii and Nick would like to again thank all the club members who helped him with the plane ticket by buying brownies at the last annual meeting.

Laser Racers Love Bay Racing

A beautiful day of competitive racing in Biscayne Bay was enjoyed by Laser sailors from CGSC, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club and Ransom Everglades.



Welcome Aboard the New Head of Racing -Coach Cary Siegler

Please give a warm welcome to Cary Siegler who will be our new lead racing coach. Cary is a recent graduate of Roger Williams College in Rhode Island with a major in graphics design and a minor in psychology. In the past Cary has been the head sailing coach at Centerboard Yacht Club NY, Cold spring Harbor Yacht club NY, and was team captain at Roger Williams. He has an excellent small boat sailing and coaching resume and holds a US sailing certification level 1,2, and 3, as well as the requisite first-aid and CPR. Level-3 certification represents a serious commitment to sailing instruction. Level-3 coaches must have performed 300+ hours of apprenticeships under specially designated instructors, take college level courses in sports medicine, complete special advance coaching modules, attend annual national coaching symposiums, and be reviewed annually by a special board. Needless to say we were thrilled to have him join us. Please welcome him aboard.



Rendezvous News

Any Plans for Thanksgiving Dinner?

Join us at Elliott Key Harbor on Thursday, November 27th at 4:00 PM.

Bring a Favorite Dish to Share
The Club Will Provide the Turkeys and
Launch Service

Hosted by Jo-An Pszeny and
the Rendezvous Committee

It's Not to Early to Make Your Plans
Further Details to Follow

October 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>			<p>1 St. Stephens 3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>2 12:00 - 2:00 PM Rotary Luncheon</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Clearwater Champ. Learn to Sail 9-12 Learn to Sail 1-4 Lasers 12-5 CGSC Adult Learn to Sail CGSC ANNUAL REGATTA BBYRA OD10</p>
<p>5 9:00AM - 4:00PM Adult Learn to Sail Green 12-5 B&A CGSC ANNUAL REGATTA BBYRA OD10</p>	<p>6 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>7 Social Night</p>	<p>8 St. Stephens 3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>9 12:00 - 2:00 PM Rotary Lunch</p>	<p>10 8:00-10:00 PM Full Drum Circle</p>	<p>11 Learn to Sail 9-12 Learn to Sail 1-4 Lasers 12-5 CGSC 49th Annual Columbus Day Regatta</p>
<p>12 Green 12-5 C&A 49th Annual Columbus Day Regatta</p>	<p>13 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>14 Social Night</p>	<p>15 St. Stephens 3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>16 12:00 - 2:00 PM Rotary Lunch 7:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>17 Commodore Rehearsal Dinner</p>	<p>18 Learn to Sail 9-12 Learn to Sail 1-4 Green 9-4 C&A Laser/RWB River Romp, Ft. Myers 7-9PM Private Party Columbus Day Award Ceremony</p>
<p>19 Green 12-5 C&A Laser/RWB River Romp - Ft. Myers CGSC ANNUAL REGATTA PHRF #10</p>	<p>20 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>21 Social Night</p>	<p>22 St. Stephens 3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>23 12:00 - 2:00 PM Rotary Lunch</p>	<p>24 7:30 pm General Meeting</p>	<p>25 Green/Laser/RWB Fall Harvest-MYC 7-11PM Lobster Fest Dinner - Live Music</p>
<p>26 9:00AM - 4:00PM Adult Sailing Clinic Fall Harvest - MYC Green/Laser/RWB</p>	<p>27 Office & Bar Closed</p>	<p>28 Social Night</p>	<p>29 St. Stephens 3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>30 12:00 - 2:00 PM Rotary Lunch Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show</p>	<p>31 Halloween Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show</p>	



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2003 (XLVI ANNUAL) FLORIDA STATE SNIPE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.
September 6 and 7. Hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Miami Snipe Fleet # 7

Niklas Anderson won the 2003 FLORIDA STATE SNIPE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP sailed in Biscayne Bay on September 6 and 7. Races had to be canceled Saturday September 6 due to bad weather. The Race Committee was able to run 3 races on Sunday with winds coming from all different directions. They did a great job!

Niklas Anderson, Nick Voss/David Hernandez (co-skippers), Brian Kamilar and Alex Ravelo managed to be among the first four boats in each race showing that luck was not a factor in this regatta in spite of the shifting winds. Robert Ramirez, USA Junior National Champion had troubles getting to the U. S. Sailing Center and could not make the first race on time.

The Florida State Snipe Junior Championship started in 1957. Ken Lippincot Jr. won the Regatta that year and in 1958. Dan Brown from Miami in 1961. Tommy Bremen won it in 1966. Eric Stibitz in 1971, 72 and 73. The only year we did not have a Regatta was 1992 because of Hurricane Andrew.

This Regatta format continues to work good for us. We had 3 "all Junior" boats: Nick Voss/David Hernandez that co-skipped, Morgan/Sheehan Commette and Robert Ramirez/Eric Aronsohn. On the other seven boats the owners of the boats crewed for the junior skippers. It works real well and allows us tremendous flexibility and safety in case of bad weather. This year, we have to admit, the participants were very experienced.

Thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the Race Committee led by Will Bourne Jr. and to Club members and friends that helped: Bruce Schneider, John Degan, Bill Braddon, Ann and Bjorn Anderson, Jeanne Bunten and Tricia Reeder



REGATTA RESULTS:

Place	sail #	Skipper	Race Finishes	Final Points
1	29992	Niklas Anderson	1-2-1	3.5
2	26900	Nick Voss/David Hernandez	2-1-2	4.75
3	28812	Brian Kamilar	4-3-3	10
4	28814	Alex Ravelo Jr.	3-4-4	11
5	28791	Philip Alley	6-6-5	17
6	29400	Andy Rahn	8-5-6	19
7	28466	Brandon Cairnes	7-7-8	22
8	29114	Morgan and Sheehan Commette	5-8-9	22
9	29312	Enrique Quintero	9-9-7	25
10	29963	Roberto Ramirez/Eric Aronsohn	10-DNF-DNS	31

RACE COMMITTEE - Wil Bourne

We will need help for our upcoming annual regatta on the 4th & 5th of October for the One Design weekend, and on Sunday the 19th for the Cruising Boats. The Notice of Race is in the mail and we are expecting a good turnout. Art Auwaerter has volunteered to assist with Soldana as the signal boat so we can stay dry if it storms on us.

In November we will be hosting the 2nd annual SE FL PHRF championship on the 15th & 16th. It's one of the biggest cruising boat regattas of the year and should have a big fleet.

The Orange Bowl regatta will be coming up before you know it. We will be running the circle for the Lightnings as we did last year. This year CRYC has asked to run the Laser circle for them because of the large turnout of Opti's they're expecting. That means we will need to put 2 race committees on the water at the same time. We were able to

do something similar last year when the Olympic Classes Regatta had an overlap with the Commodore Rasco Snipe Regatta. CRYC/USSC will help us with equipment and more importantly support the club financially. We only have 2 events each year that bring the bulk of the income for the RC and we need to take advantage of every opportunity.

Thanks to all for the tremendous amount of support we have received so far this year. Please contact me at bournew@bellsouth.net if you can help out on any of these dates. Come check out the action and join the fun!

Have Fun and Sail Fast!
 Wil

LABOR DAY RENDEZVOUS

The second annual Labor Day Rendezvous went to Pumpkin Key in near Key Largo. Pumpkin is a small, private island, well protected from easterly weather by Key Largo. Most of the boats went down on Saturday, August 30, with excellent easterly winds near 20 knots. Our boat, 'Unwinder', made the trip in 4 short hours. We had about 6 boats rafted together with a few more that chose to dinghy over to the group, a quite respectable turnout. Gallant Jim Phillips came to the rescue of a helpless boater on a large catamaran, that pulled its anchor on several occasions Saturday afternoon. With gallons of rum punch and fantastic hors d'oeuvres, a memorable cocktail party took place in the early evening. Most of the boats broke the raftup for individual dinners at sunset. The promised bad weather for the weekend never quite materialized. We had a few short showers overnight, and a wonderful return sail on Sunday. All in all, it was a very good rendezvous with dear friends from the sailing club.

Bruce Schneider

Yes, it was a spectacular Labor Day weekend rendezvous. I can't remember when we had such good weather for sailing at the end of the summer. True to their punctual form, Bruce and Denise arrived at the rendezvous location well ahead of everyone and had the Club burgee flying high. Thank you both for organizing this rendezvous. Pumpkin Key was a great choice for this event. Most of our Club boats brought dinghies. It was a great sight to see all of these capable cruisers with dinghies in tow or on deck. Although Pumpkin Key is off limits, there are still opportunities for exploring with a dinghy in that area, such as the mangrove creeks off of Angel Fish Creek.

Speaking of exploring, on Sunday, three boats headed further down the Bay to Alabama Jack's for some conch fritters and entertainment. After going under the Card Sound Bridge, we stayed in the channel until the end and then turn to starboard. There was about 5 to 6 feet of water as we motored toward the mangrove islands that border Alabama Jack's to the south and dropped anchor about 50 yards off of the islands. It was just a quick dinghy ride to the waterside restaurant where you can tie up your dinghy at their dock, or the ramp to the left

of the restaurant. After a wonderful "late lunch" we headed back to the boats and returned to Pumpkin Key to spend the night. A squall did materialize on Sunday night around 10:30 and this time it was our boat that was dragging! Unfortunately, we weren't on board at the time. It is not a good feeling to be using a flashlight to watch your boat scoot across the Bay in the rain and wind, while you are standing on another boat. Thanks to Dudley Clark for quickly and safely getting us back to



our boat where we soon secured it for the night with no harm done. Monday brought us another fabulous day for sailing home.

Thank you to everyone who came to the rendezvous and made this a truly wonderful weekend. This event once again reminded me of how lucky we are to have such a wonderful water playground as Biscayne Bay and the Florida Keys and a wonderful sailing "family" to share the experience. If you didn't make it this time, be sure to come to the Thanksgiving Day rendezvous at Elliott. You will be hearing more about his from Jo-An Pzenny who is organizing it.

Elaine Long

Cruising and Rendezvous Co-Chair

MOORINGS

The recent spate of moorings work was precipitated by the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) Report to the city espousing Department of Environmental Regulations (DERM) standards for moorings. This report is lengthy but parts of it are well done and interesting. The CGSC office will e-mail it to anybody upon request. Many points of it are valid but easily misrepresented by anyone wanting to promote specific objectives, often totally unrelated. The present officers and board are being as proactive as possible to position the CGSC moorings for the future. This includes demonstrating good faith toward meeting approved standards.

We have finished the first phase by getting seventy-five chains (36%) off the bottom. We targeted all moorings with floating balls or kelleys and completed them with significant special effort. The ball was placed at the top of the vertical chain in many cases. Unfortunately the balls must be submerged at high tide to prevent the chain dragging at low tide. This method is not particularly desirable, but expedient and economical, and is expected to be changed later. A better and perhaps ultimate method is to replace the vertical part or all of the chain with large polypropylene line which floats. If the ball is retained the connection from it to the boat may be large nylon. The working load limit of all line used exceeds the lifting/dragging weight of our deadweight anchors: more than one metric ton (2240#) submerged. We all know that chain assists anchors, but it's a moot

point as we can't do that anymore and must move on; no new chain will be placed.

Moorings are inspected biannually and the next stage probably includes replacing worn chain with polypro. This is very similar to what was done at Key West and Boot Key whereby they use one-inch nylon with length 1.5 times MHT, a float four foot up and a ball at the top. Ten more feet of nylon connects the ball to the boat. This 2.5 scope exceeds ours (2) but we have greater density of boats and probably better wind protection. A lease with the city will surely entail installing screw type moorings which we hope to be prepared for.

A record is kept of each CGSC mooring. One line of data on the Moorings Detail sheets facilitates matching boats to moorings safely and to schedule maintenance. Please request the page with your "line of data" if you care to see it. Considerable effort goes into it, but this ongoing chore is necessary to protect the boats and enhance our greatest source of revenue. It is no gravy train, contrary to what some may say, but is pretty essential for the CGSC as it has existed all these years.

Ask questions about the moorings if you care to and feel free to inspect yours; it's your boat and club. Questions and researched suggestions are very welcome. See you there.

Bill Beavers/Gonzalo Bellini - Moorings

Eastern Yacht Sales



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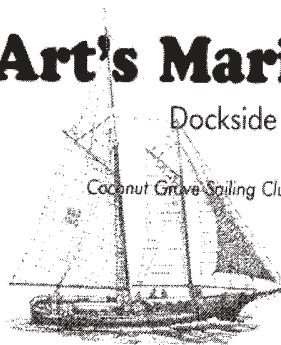
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Learn to Sail Classes at CGSC

Below, Instructor Britt Price asks Alex Valdes-Pages, William Kirsner, Danielle Valdes-Pages and Liam Kinney, "What am I holding and what does it do to your sail?" Liam Kinney enthusiastically answered, "Mainsheet!"



Left, Instructor Britt Price shows Alex Valdes-Pages how to attach his sprit and rig his pram for an afternoon of sailing while Danielle Valdes-Pages and William Kirsner listen to her instructions.

Right, Youth Learn to Sail Class members Alex Valdes-Pages, Liam Kinney, and William Kirsner are eager participants in the first fall '03 three-week Youth Learn to Sail class taught by Sailing Director Britt Price.



THURSDAY EVENING RACING

Our New Thursday Evening Racing series is a HIT!! On September 12, we raced in the Prams and on September 19, our SunFish fleet was put to the test. Rear Commodore Vladimir Stohleny, who masterminded this idea and also is a very competitive participant, set some tight courses within our moorings. By staying within the moorings, spectators gathered on the verandah and cheered on the sailors. A great time was had by all. Past Commodore Larry Whipple won both heats in the Prams, and Joe Logan showed his light air sailing skills, capturing the SunFish race. It was a great team event as all sailors helped rig, launch, retrieve, de-rig, clean and store the boats, followed by some team "spirit" afterwards around the bar. Assistance was provided by club manager, Scott, and Britt Price. As with all successful club functions, volunteers were an important part of these events. Thanks to Rob Quinlivan and Marvin Schenker for serving as race committee. Others helped with getting the boats in and out, including your Adult Sailing Committee. Thursday racing will hopefully continue until the time change in October. Come join in the fun!

Adult Sailing Committee



"The light air and the SunFish course requirements called for patience and lots of maneuvers"



"The first "mark" proved to be the toughest for both pram races."

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First and last place prizes

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Show your support for CGSC

Fun races with obstacles around the moorings

Each week will be different boat chosen from

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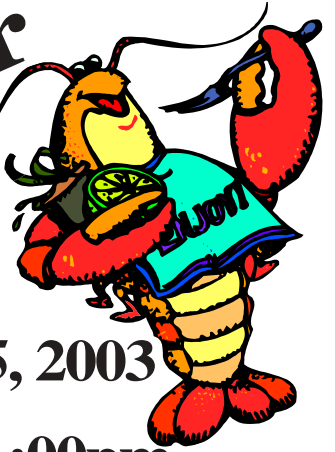
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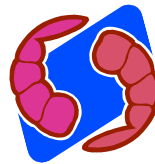
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Fest**



October 25, 2003

7:00pm - 11:00pm

**Maine Lobster
Stone Crabs
Steamed Clams
Mussels**



**Peel & Eat
Shrimp**



Corn on the Cob



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