

The CHANNEL

APRIL 2004

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Youth Program Receives Prestigious Award

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Coconut Grove Sailing Club Youth Program Gains USSailing Award

By Adam Shaffer

Although none of the homes in west Coconut Grove are on Biscayne Bay, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club found a way to bring the sport of sailing to the neighborhood's Virrick Park community. The program was the primary reason that the CGSC sailing director Britt Price recently was given the Community Sailing Council's Outstanding Outreach and Inclusion Award.

"The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove decided they wanted to put on a learn-to-swim program at the Virrick Pool," said Price. "Since these kids were already learning how to swim they thought it would be appropriate to introduce them to sailing at the same time."

Former CGSC commodore Andrea Stringos and Price offered to bring a pram, a one-man sailing craft, to the two-week program.

"Every Friday I would go with my friend Ariel Zirulnick, one of my counselors here during the summer," said Price. "We would take a pram, set it up, rig it in front of the kids, put it in the pool, show them how to flip it over, rite it and sail around the pool back and forth a little bit to give them a feel for what sailing is like."



Price said the seven-foot-by-four foot pram's durability makes it perfect for use in a youth program. "I used to throw it on top of my car and I would put the sail through the trunk hatchback," said Price. "We would hold onto the sail and drive up there: it was only a four-minute drive. Then a bunch of people would help us carry it up and actually put it in the pool."

Eventually Price found room for the pram in Virrick Park's storage facility and she had only to bring the sail and blades.

"It was a really good program," said Price. "By the end of every Friday, all the kids wanted to do was to continue to flip the boat. They went from a total fear of having their heads go under water to flipping this hull over and over again. We used to have contests to see how many people we could get in the pram before it almost went all the way under. The kids became very comfortable in the boat and very comfortable in the pool."

This was the first outreach program for the rookie sailing director, but Price had been teaching since she was sixteen years old in summer programs and conducted weekend classes at the sailing club.

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2004 (XXXVIII ANNUAL) DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA March 18-19, 2004

Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke won the 38th Annual Don Q Regatta edging Scott Nixon and Brian Janney for only 3.25 points. This is one of the best attended Don Q Regattas with 49 snipes registered and with the participation of several boats from Finland, Norway, Sweden and the Bahamas.

We had winds from the Northeast on Friday around 15 kts with 3 perfect races with Olympic courses being conducted by the race committee. At the return to the dock everybody was pleased with the day of racing, except a couple of old men complaining about too many races in one day! Do we have to live with these guys?

On Saturday winds picked up quite a bit from the East blowing 17 to 20 kts. It looked like it picked up more for the second race, however 32 boats out of the 49 completed the last race and the same two old men



dropped out of the second race. We have to give some credit to them: they sailed the first race! The race committee set up triangle courses (T Flag) for the two races and it looks like everybody stayed up! We had some fantastic reaches! With such heavy air championship, it was hard to understand

why everybody had smiles on their faces!

It was a great regatta and we have to give kudos to the Race Committee headed by Bruce Schneider with the help of the SCIRA Rep Phil Richmond and with CGSC members and friends: Scorers and Mark setters: Al Chapin, Reggie Nicholson, John Degan, and Bill Deruyter.

Mark Setters, Line Spotters, and Safety Vessel: Dottie and Ron Rostorfer, and Rob Quinlivan, Scribe: Jeanne Bunten, Flags: Vicky



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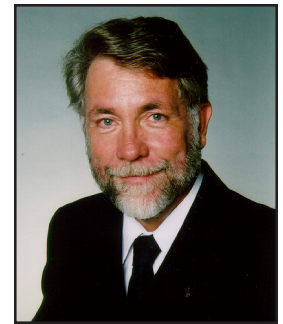
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COMMODORE'S REPORT



At the waterfront board meeting March 9th the city representative Robert Weinreb presented the draft copy of the request for qualifications for public comment. The request for qualifications is the document that will be used to hire the consultant that will develop and implement the master plan. The waterfront board asked for one month to review the document and offer comments. Once the comments are received Mr. Weinreb will make appropriate revisions and submit it to all of the departments in the city that need to provide input. Then it will go to purchasing and they will begin to look for the firm to hire.

As much as the city would like to get this thing moving quickly it appears as though it is not going to be resolved in the next 6 months. I still feel it is moving in the right direction and speed is far less important than outcome. So once again we must be patient.

This means that this will not be resolved during my term of office. I have agreed to become the future development chairman next year and in that capacity will continue to be the main contact and point negotiator for the city. I am asking the same group of people who have been involved in those negotiations to join me on that committee so that the city will see the same faces they have become comfortable with. As it has been this past year the members and board of directors will help formulate the negotiating points. I will simply present them and supply feedback.

At this month's board meeting the nominating committee for next year will be formed. Very soon the members of that committee will start to make calls asking for people to serve as board members and flag officers. It is critical that we maintain the same caliber of people in these offices as we have had this year to help us continue in the right direction. We will need a group of intelligent patient and calm people to finish the job that this year's group has started.

When you get that call to serve ask yourself if you can contribute and if you feel you can please say yes! The future of the club will truly be dependant on this group of people to make rational decisions and keep us on the right path.

Bud Price, Commodore

(CGSC Award)

"When they approached me with this I thought, hey why not?" said Price. "I thought it would be pretty cool to put a boat in a pool. As soon as we'd pull the boat out they would look up and say 'what is that?' Then I would pull out this big colorful sail and they would just crowd around. It was amazing to see their eyes light up."

Price credits much of the program's success to the children's parents who offered constant encouragement.

"It was amazing how supportive the parents were when it came to Friday's learn to sail program," she said. "A lot of parents sat on the sidelines and just cheered on their kids. It was really nice to see parents who



were so involved and I always gave out fliers for our free learn to sail programs and the summer camp. I had a lot of repeat kids who would

come on Friday just to hang out with me on the boat.

Graduates of the Virrick Park program had the opportunity to attend Price's one-week summer camp at the sailing club. She said that the move from the pool to the bay was difficult at first for some of her students and she was constantly fielding questions about the mysteries of the deep, such as what sort of creatures were lurking in the water below.

"I said to them of course there are fish in the bay," said Price. "But they are really small and you look like King Kong to them. They are not going to come along and nibble on your toes."

Once they overcame their fears, Price said the children took to the water as confidently as they had in Virrick pool.

"Their biggest accomplishment of all came when I towed them out to the end of the channel and I had them sail straight across the way down to the Viscaya sandbar," said Price. "The sandbar is usually only ankle-deep so it is fun for the kids."

VICE COMMODORES REPORT

After the City's RFQ process is complete, the selected consultants will perform a survey of the properties under consideration for incorporation into the master plan. This process will include an assessment of our sailing club, which is expected to occur towards the end of the year. The consultants will formulate an impression of our club based on site visits and community meetings. In order to prepare for the assessment, it is critical that we maintain a positive rapport with the community. The social membership is a key element in demonstrating our partnership with the community. Our public relations firm, Gordon Reyes & Co, will help guide us through this process.



Thus far, the social membership has been a great success. We now have over 130 new members who have a genuine interest in sailing and the environment. This membership growth has challenged the club in providing the same level of service as in the past. To address these concerns, we are adding a new computer terminal in the bar and increasing our staffing levels on the weekends. We have also reorganized the kitchen and added a new commercial dish washer. In the near future, we plan to extend the kitchen hours and the days of operation.

In regard to club improvements, the City has approved our plans to replace the dingy dock and the final DERM permit is expected to be issued in April. Therefore, we are tentatively planning a "Grand Work Weekend" for the month of April. During this weekend, the launch service will be discontinued to allow us to focus on the work at hand. This will include the assembly of 12 new dock sections, replacing the club rails, performing dock repairs and painting. There will be a call to arms for all handymen/women to report to duty.

Speaking of volunteerism, it is time that we recognize the hard work of the members who keep our club ship-shape. On this principle, one evening per month will be designated as "Volunteer Appreciation Night". During this evening, we will have a band and two-for-one drink specials provided to anyone who has served the club in a positive manner. We are planning April 18th for the trail run. Remember that volunteerism can be simple as picking-up trash or as time consuming as race committee or the board. We have a great network of volunteers and need to recognize everyone for their time and efforts (including our social members). The Volunteer Appreciation Nights should be great fun.

It is also my pleasure to report, that all of the club office furniture has been upgraded thanks to a generous donation by Board Member, Jonathan Milley. We have really gone professional – but lets never forget it's all about the bay and sailing.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Jack Hamm

In Memorium

Life Member Leigh Cully, 89, passed away March 7, 2004. Leigh was a well-known journalist who retired from Ryder Systems Inc. where he was Director of Advertising and Public Relations. Leigh loved the Club and sailing but had been very ill for some time. His wife Betty and son Chris Cully survive him.

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Rosenbloom, Tricia
Reeder, Ann Platt,
Timer: Marvin
Schenker, Guns:
Howard Bennett, Bill
Beavers. Special thanks
to SCIRA Rep and
advisor: Phil Richmond,
PRO: Bruce Schneider.
Special thanks to
Chiquita and Jaime
Ramon for use of their
boat 'Noontide' as
Signal boat.

After trophy awarding by the CGSC Vice-Commodore Jack Hamm, the DON Q RUM KEG PARTY and the CUBAN DINNER took place organized by Carmen Diaz and her girls. The party and the dinner fully enjoyed by the competitors and the Race Committee members. One more Don Q, the 38th and we are heading towards the 40th in a couple of years!

PLACE

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CREW</u>
1	A. Diaz & K. Tocke
2	S. Nixon & B. Janney
3	H. Golreath & J. Liebl
4	E. Rodriguez & L. Fitzpatrick
5	H. Filter & K. Courant
6	P. Commette & S. Commette
7	D. Tillson & J. Fretwell
8	B. Jansen & C. DeFaire
9	K. Pohl & M. Commette
10	J. Manderson & S. Colie
11	R. Dunkley & K. Chaplin
12	J. Lowe & S. Linley
13	C. Snow & A. Wurmer
14	G. Diaz & J. Kehoe
15	J. Richter & W. Duffy
16	L. Griffith & L. Griffith
17	B. Schoenberg & O. Retler
18	J. Thompson & R. Lindley
19	R. Ramirez & F. Moffat
20	P. Lorson & M. Berry
21	S. Lippincott & R. Lippincott
22	M. Leinkeit & P. Duffy
23	L. Spina & B. Arcia
24	C. Carpelan & F. Wegelius
25	G. Diaz, Sr. & N. Anderson
26	J. Grubbs & R. Shock
27	F. Svensson & E. Svensson
28	D. Heckberth & M. King
29	C. Bustamante & M. Bustamante
30	S. Irgens & C. Irgens
31	S. Suddath & D. Suddath
32	R. Lizano & N. Portelles
33	R. Burley & F. Clemens
34	H. Poulsson & E. Poulsson
35	T. Homos & D. Liberty
36	C. Vilate & K. Patterson
37	F. Abels & K. Spindler
38	M. Christiansen & C. Christiansen
39	J. Lopez & U. Martinez
40	E. Reinke & S. McMahon
41	M. Irgens & N. Irgens
42	M. Carr & R. Jarchow
43	W. Norwood & L. Crutcher
44	H. Balzer & H. Balzer
45	T. Townsend & T. Townsend
46	G. Saldana & Christal
47	E. Montarroyos & A. Montarroyos
48	G. Beck & P. Beck
49	N. Granucci & P. Fonovich

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Miami, FL
Annapolis, MD
Jacksonville, FL
Miami Lakes, FL
Stevensville, MD
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
San Diego, CA
Snaroya, Norway
Alama, CA
Keyport, NY
Nassau, Bahamas
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San Diego, CA
Miami, FL
Hickory Corners, MI
Yardley, PA
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Long Beach, CA
Miami, FL
Pt. Washington, NY
St. Petersburg, FL
Flowers Branch, CA
N. Miami Beach, FL
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St. Louis, MO
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Miami, FL
Gulf Breeze, FL
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Arlington, VA
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Stavanger, Norway
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Miami Beach, FL
Miami, FL
Duluth, GA
Greensboro, NC

FULL MOON MADNESS- THE MARCH RENDEZVOUS

On March 6, 2004, thirteen Coconut Grove Sailing Club boats rafted up near Nixon's at Key Biscayne (a possible Club raft-up record). After watching a Chamber-of-Commerce sunset, the moon rose first as a pale nectarine, then old ivory, and finally bright white. Below the full moon, the Club members and guests hopped from boat to boat in search of the best appetizer and, of course, the famed Club rum punch. While we unknowingly did not use the Club's recipe, there was plenty of indications that the punch was appreciated by the constant inquiries as to whether it was going to run out. Hint for future rendezvous organizers—always have extra rum, and you won't run out.

After 3 full bottles of rum, good things to eat, great company, the

howling at the moon began. As things became quiet around midnight, we were amazed by a ghostly 40' sloop silently circling our huge raft under the bright moon. Finally, someone broke the spell with the exchange of greetings.

As people settled down to a good sleep on the water, the silence was periodically punctured by howling, splashes of skinny dippers, and then there was the CD that played all night long. The rising sun brought not too many hangovers, breakfast, and a good feeling of being with fun people and meeting new sailors. All in all, a howling-good time. As they say, what happens on the water stays on the water.



US Coast Guard Auxilliary Offers Boating Skills and Seamanship

The USCG BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP PROGRAM will be offered at the So Miami/Coral Gables Elks Lodge and at Palmetto High School. The classes are 4 1/2 weeks in duration and a Certificate is given upon successful completion.

Classes at Palmetto HS are on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning April 13th, July 6th and September 28th. Contact Jane Bixby, Flotilla Vice Commander at 305 275 7985 for details.

Classes at the Elks Lodge, 6304 SW 78 Street, are on Monday and Thursday nights beginning May 17. Contact Dominic Romeo, Flotilla Staff Officer, Public Education, at 305 666 8469 for details.

From the Sailing Director

Boat Building Event for Families

The Coconut Grove sailing Club is hosting a family boat-building event. This will be held on a weekend in June or July. We are looking for families to participate and help organize this event. The idea is to have about 15 families from the Miami area build a small rowboat in two days. Then after the boats are built, we will have a race. For more information please contact Britt Price @ 305-444-4571 ext. 11 or britt@cgsc.org.



After School Programs

The St. Stevens kids are having a great time in their learn to sail class. Last month, we had almost all the kids sailing upwind and even sitting properly in their boats. With the two-day classes, they are advancing more than the last session. We have even had a couple of West Grove kids joining in thanks to Quinn Booth. He has allowed the kids to take part in his programs. Their session ends at the end of March, and we will begin another class in April. Besides learning to sail, they have been a big part of cleaning up the outer islands too. The class takes two motorboats and cleans up a different island each a month. Then we play different types of games. The kids have different names for each island, and feel they have made a difference for the environment. Also we have had several manatees visiting us during the week. The kids got to learn a little about these creatures and understand them better. Most of the kids had never see a manatee before, so it was a new experience to them.

Learn to Sail Class Schedule

Learn to Sail Level 1 (Beginner)

April 3, 10, & 17th
1:00pm-4:00pm
April 24, May 1 & 8
9:00am- 12:00pm
May 1, 8 & 15
1:00pm-4:00pm

Learn to Sail Level 2 (intermediate)

April 3, 10 & 17th
9:00am- 12:00pm
April 24, May 1 & 8
1:00pm- 4:00pm
May 1, 8 & 15
9:00am-12:00pm

SUMMER CAMP 2004 REGISTRATION IS HERE!

For all Kids Ages 9 - 13
Sign Up on the web @ www.cgsc.org
OR stop by
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
2990 S. Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL. 33133
305-444-4571 ext. 11

Britt Price, Sailing Director, refreshing the class on proper sail trim and seating.



Learn to Sail Intermediate/Beginning Class: (From left to right) are Ilan Wilson-Soler, Thais Wilson-Soler, Aelitta Gore, Instructor Ariel Zurlinck, Christine Mosea, Diege Alonso, Sailing Director Britt Price, Richard Newman.



Britt and Ariel give hands on teaching with knots.

CGSC Laser Racing Program

The phrase "Nothing is for Free" was thrown to the wind last year when the community laser program started at CGSC. The program is one of the biggest programs in the country with over 30 laser sailors participating. The free program offers some of the best coaching available and has some of the most talented sailors in the country.

Jose Hernandez, a CGSC club member, started the program last year when his son David sized out of the Optimist and wanted to sail Lasers. Since there were no Laser programs in the area, Jose decided to start a program for David. Jose recruited past Optimist sailors from the local clubs and set up a practice each weekend. The word quickly spread and each weekend more and more sailors joined the group.

Most weekends Jose runs practices consisting of training drills and practice races, although several weekends World Class Sailors such as Tom Lehan runs practices focusing on laser boat handling skills. Periodically, the group also pitches in to hire a coach for the day.

All teenage and Adults Sailors that are capable racers are welcome to join the group. Full Rig, Radial and 4.7 rigs are welcome to join in. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jose Hernandez at (305) 271-0148.



Baynanza - Clean Up Time

Greetings CGSC Supporters,

As I announced in last night's General Meeting, CGSC is signed up for Baynanza 2004 for clean up of Peacock Park on April 17th, 2004. The sign up is formally under Coconut Grove Sailing Club by title. This is the 13th year for this event.

This is a DERM and City sponsored event for cleaning up the Biscayne Bay shorelines. CGSC is the only boat club signed up so far. This is a good way to represent the club to the eyes of DERM and City of Miami for great neighborhood efforts.

What will happen?

CGSC Volunteers (20 or more) will receive free lunch and free t-shirt for cleaning up Peacock Park, the park next door to the club. We clean the park from 9am to noon. Our efforts will be witnessed by DERM and City representatives for a photo shoot for local papers (free positive publicity!)

What do we receive?

1. Recognition by the City and DERM that we are great neighbors to have in the Grove.
2. CGSC is a vital group in association with water front clean-up, and bay environment protection.
3. CGSC is proactive in protecting the waterfront.

- There is a contest to see who picks up the most unusual items.
- 19 tons of garbage are collected by all groups total
- 29 sites are being offered, CGSC received Peacock Park, our neighbors

Cathy Peak



CGSC ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS

APRIL 3 -4

Bring your family and friends for a great time at the CGSC Annual Rendezvous. A group of members will be getting everything ready for you to have an enjoyable weekend. Early birds that come Friday, the bean soup will be waiting for you. Saturday we will have shrimp, fish soup in the afternoon and dinner in the evening. A movie and a bonfire are activities after nightfall. Sunday we will have breakfast and a religious service. Then we will all be ready to head on back. Hope to see you there!



Tides for Elliott Key Harbor, Elliott Key, Biscayne Bay starting with April 2, 2004.

Day		High /Low	Tide Height Time	Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
F	2	Low	2:38 AM	0.1	6:10 AM	Set 4:34 AM	85
	2	High	8:09 AM	1.4	6:38 PM	Rise 4:06 PM	
	2	Low	3:04 PM	0.1			
	2	High	8:27 PM	1.5			
Sa	3	Low	3:25 AM	0.0	6:09 AM	Set 5:09 AM	92
	3	High	8:51 AM	1.5	6:38 PM	Rise 5:06 PM	
	3	Low	3:45 PM	-0.1			
	3	High	9:13 PM	1.6			
Su	4	Low	4:09 AM	-0.1	7:08 AM	Set 6:44 AM	97
	4	High	10:31 AM	1.6	7:39 PM	Rise 7:07 PM	
	4	Low	5:26 PM	-0.2			



Secretary's Report

Congratulations to our Sailing

Director extraordinaire, Britt Price and Past Commodore magnifique Andrea Stringos!

At the US Sailing Symposium in Oakland California Britt and Andrea received the national award given by US Sailing for the Club or Sailing Center

with the best Community Sailing Outreach Program that does the most to bring sailing to a group of kids that would not normally have access to the water. Many thanks go to Kathy Zirulnick for her professional photos and to our secretary who put the award together and submitted it. Come see the plaque in the Grove's Nest Bar. You can read more about Britt in the excerpt from Biscayne Bay Tribune.

Save the date Tuesday April 27. From 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. CGSC will have an expanded Social Night Celebration and partner with the Coconut Grove Chamber of Commerce and other Coconut Grove leaders to welcome our new "NET" (Neighborhood Enhancement Team) Police Commander, Commander Steve Caceres. Commander Caceres brings many years of excellent and diverse police experience to his new post as head of the Coconut Grove Police Net Office.

Several of us attended the Waterfront Advisory Board meeting Tues. March 9 when the Request for Qualifications for the planning study was presented. Commodore Price will give details in his column. It appears that the process will take close to a year or more to complete, much longer than we first believed. Government wheels turn slowly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our team of devoted Flag officers, Bud Price, Jack Hamm, Vladimir Stroleny, and Jeff Zirulnick

as well as our hard working Board Members and especially Past Commodore Andrea Stringos. Andrea laid the firm networking foundation that we are now building upon. The work of these dedicated volunteers combined with the continuing contributions of all of our Committee Chairs and employees create the magic that Coconut Grove Sailing Club brings to the Coconut Grove community. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Platt, Secretary

There will be a Ceremony to Scatter the Ashes of John A. Brennan, Commodore 1979-80, on Saturday April 24th at 10AM. At that time his boat "Vagabond" will leave the CGSC dock for the Ceremony in Biscayne Channel. All are welcome to participate - please mark your calendar.

Deborah A. Mitchell

Announcing A Special Promotion

Social Membership For

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Only \$50.00 Valid

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THE MOORINGS

Friends, Do not despair if you find that your boat has been moved to another moorings spot. Most of the instances involved only a few spaces, and the moves were necessary to:

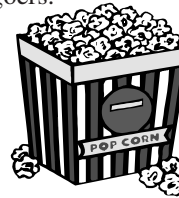
1) Alleviate a half-dozen cases of the net clearance to mother earth at mean-low-tide MLT being zero or nearly so. We know of no cases where boats touch ground and the owner is dissatisfied, but we think some were too close. CGSC Mooring Regs. specify that boats not touch ground. Spring is the season of neap tides: often very high and very low; however, careful perusal of the tide tables for our moorings reveal that generally our high and low increments are only 0.8 of those at Miami Harbor Entrance. So the safety factor is in our favor.

2) Over time we have attracted larger boats and particularly newer racing boats tend to have deeper draft, some six+ feet. We need to store members boats so it doesn't make good sense, economic or social, to deny members spots because a more shoal vessel occupies a deep spot which the new boat must have. We're sort-of all in this together and must place them all if possible. Our max. MHT moorings are eleven feet so we try to have moves planned to assign those to deep draft boats as needed.

Every effort is made to insure the newly assigned spots are no less secure nor accessible than the old ones. The Dock Office display board has been updated and generally the launchmen know where the boats are. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in these ongoing matters. Please feel free to direct any questions or comments you may have to Bill Beavers or Gonzalo Bellini - Moorings Committee Co-Chairmen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8th, Thursday, Movie Night in the Grove's Nest. Movie title "Captain Ron" or other selection made by attendees. Popcorn and hotdogs for movie goers.



April 14th, Wednesday, CGSC Girl's Night Out.

6-9 PM in the Grove's Nest. Bring appetizer to share. All women are welcome. Bring a non-member to introduce to the club. Contact Andrea 305-662-7020 for questions.



April 17th, Saturday, BAYNANZA

You are invited to the biggest shoreline clean up in Miami-Dade County! CGSC participates in Baynanza and cleans up Peacock Park (next door to club). Volunteers meet at club at 8:45am for free t-shirt, bags, and photo op for local news papers. Clean up starts at 9am at park. Get complimentary lunch at noon for your hard word and support of CGSC. All are welcome. Contact Cathy 305-444-3517 for questions.



Marc Buller and Cathy Peak

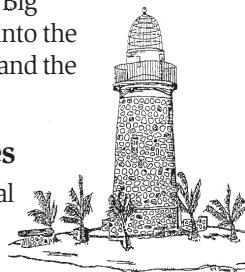
Biscayne National Park Discovery Series Lectures at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Biscayne National Park will once again be presenting monthly lectures on the park's diverse resources. The Discovery Series, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at 2990 South Bayshore Drive, takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month from January through April 2004. The series is free and open to the public. In its 4th year, the series will look at "The Big Picture," a look at how the park fits into the larger communities of South Florida and the Greater Caribbean.

April 21 Regional Resources

Presented by Matt Patterson, National Park Service

A discussion of the National Park Service's efforts throughout the Caribbean to monitor sea turtles, coral reefs, and other resources. Bring your kids.



One Stop Gift Shop

What better way to help support your club! New spring fashions for men and women are now available at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Select from Outer Banks embroidered piques, t-shirts and caps and visitors in a wide variety of colors. They make a great gift and help the club gain recognition in the community. Have your friends and neighbors ask "where can I get a shirt or hat like yours!" Shop early for the best assortment.

Mothers and Fathers Day are just around the corner!

Claire Hamm

BINOCULARS NEED: A set of binoculars is needed for the club bar. Those that were there have been moved to the Dock Office which needs them. Would someone like to donate another set of used binoculars for the bar?

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Another successful Adult Learn-to-Sail class was conducted the weekend of March 27-28. Our next scheduled weekend class is April 24-25. Also in April, CGSC will be hosting a Level 1 - Small Boat Instructor Course for US Sailing. If you've wanted to attain the first level of instructor certification, this class may still have vacancies at the time of this report. Contact US Sailing at www.ussailing.org and go to Education / Instructor Training for the schedule and other particulars.

At this year's Annual Rendezvous, the Adult Training Committee plans to have four SunFish for up to one hour sails by attendees of the Rendezvous. Names will be drawn for a mini-regatta for Saturday afternoon.

Please be advised that the SunFish boats at our club (those with numbered transoms) are not for the general use of our membership without special arrangement with the Adult Sailing Committee. These boats were prepared and are maintained by volunteers for the soul use of our Adult Learn-to-Sail program or special US Sailing activities. Thank you for our consideration in this matter.

Anyone wishing to join in the fun and assist with our monthly weekend training classes or clinics, please contact Richard Crisler at 305-342-4775 or crisler@mindspring.com.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler

SCOTT'S NEWS

Lobster Night
April 24th
\$32.95



New Kitchen Hours
beginning April 8 will be
Thurs 11:00-8:00
Friday 11:00-9:00
Sat and Sun 11:00-8:00



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Arms

All handymen/women be prepared to report to duty during the month of May for the
"GRAND WORK WEEKEND"

Wanted:

- Hammer swingers
- Bolt tighteners
- Carpenters
- Labors
- Jesters
- Painters
- Cooks

Projects include:

- Dingy Dock Replacement
- Club Railing Replacement
- Dock Repair
- Repair floor drains
- Painting

Final date is dependant on the DERM approval of dock replacement permit.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Please join the club in recognizing the volunteer effects of our membership on Sunday Evening April 18th during the first monthly "CGSC Volunteer Appreciation Night" Just identify yourself as a "volunteer" and receive 2 for 1 drink specials or a meal at half price (honor system - no questions asked).

Live music and appetizers will be provided

Remember, volunteerism can be as small as helping another member dock a boat or as large as race committee or the board.

Stop-by after the Key Largo Race and have some fun!

Sands Key Rendezvous

Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday,
May 29 to Monday May 30

Raft up for Happy Hour on Saturday and bring a snack to share. Spend a night or stay the weekend. Bring your dinghy to go exploring around Sands Key and Boca Chita. Don't forget life jackets and documents (registration). The park marine patrol can be very fussy about you having those things when you are in your dinghy. They have been known to give fines. Jonathan Milley is the organizer. Look for more details on posters around the Club and in the May issue of TheChannel.

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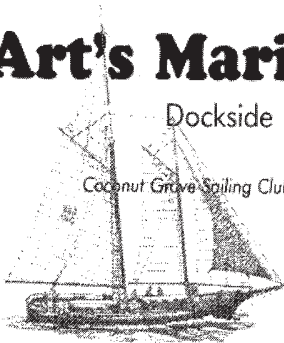
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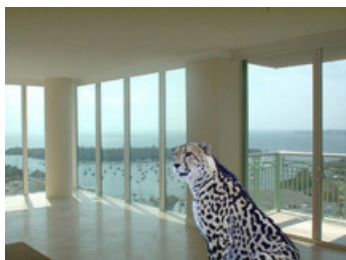
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FLASH BACK COLUMN

21 years ago: Annual Rendezvous, Bill Beavers was making chowder, titled "Chief Chowder Pirate". Rich Powers and Larry Whipple, were enjoying the Tuesday Nite Socials.

22 years ago: The present club house had a Grand Opening Soiree in March. Attendees were Sheila and Buzz Burrows, Alan Westcott, Gordon Sinclair, John Schoendorf and more.

23 years ago: Docks were being built by Charlie Black, Linda Ronstead, Jack Ingle, Louise Preston, Eric and Nancy Clee. Bill Beavers was on the Board of Directors. Anne Platt became a new member. A time capsule was prepared and buried under the floor of the 'new' [present] club house. The capsule contains copies of the CHANNEL, a picture of the old clubhouse, and a membership card. Where could it be? Find your old newsletter of August 1981 to find out!

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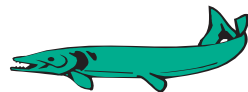
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Month 1

For sail: 1. Carry-On 110v A/C unit for boat. 2. West Marine space heater for boats. 3. 12v portable cooler. 4. "Five-day-ice" Coleman ice chest. All "like-new". Need funds for upcoming wedding. Call for details, viewing, testing. Contact Marc 305-444-3517.

PRECISION 24, 1983 day cruiser in good condition. 8 HP inboard Yanmar diesel. 30" draft. Main and working jib. New cushions in berths and cockpit. Two batteries with solar charger. ST1000 Autotiller with remote, Good brightwood, depth, speed, VHF, head with holding tank, sink, burner, new lines, upgraded winches, lifejackets. Ready to go. Must sell. \$2500. Call Barry Fritz, 305-532-0400.

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Extra sturdy **pipe berth** in like new condition. Polished aluminum rails from Pipewelders. Laced canvas bottom. Mattress to fit comes with the berth if desired. \$125 Call Peter Skipp 305-635-0105 or seawardone@bellsouth.net.

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Abel 20 - "Blue Star"; shallow draft, new main, jib and Yamaha 6 hp. Deck needs paint but otherwise great shape. Great first boat and single handing. Call John Schoendorf at home, 305-858-4747 evenings or work if necessary at 305-373-5500.

Month 3

CATALINA 27 "Seas the Moment". Pristine 1982 day cruiser with 1989 Johnson 9.9 outboard. Navico TP300C autopilot, Uniden depth sounder, Garman 128 GPS, 110 jib and CDI roller furling jib, Cockpit cushions, AM-FM radio, Bimini Top, 2 burner stove, VHF, Uni-Solar battery charger, standing headroom. \$9,900. Call Alan at 954 923 1090 ext 300 or email ALSSEA27@aol.com.

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