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The CHANNEL

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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Sailor of the Month - Rick Rahm

Meet our new representative to the Marine Council. He goes by many pseudonyms: "Captain Delicious," "Risky Rick," and "Captain Rick are just a few." Well known on the PHRF 1 race course, his fierce competitors sometimes call him names that we can't mention in this G-rated newsletter. Captain Richard Jay Rahm holds a US Coast Guard 200 ton license and works as a Captain, overseeing the motor yacht *Delicious*, a 112' Hatteras, and its full-time crew. Hence, the name "Captain Delicious." Here at the Club, he is simply known as Rick Rahm (rhymes with palm - not rum!) If you don't know Rick, you may know his sleek black racing boat, *Sic'em*, which graced the cover of *Southwinds* magazine after placing first overall, creating a two year winning streak in the Columbus Day Regatta (2002, 2003). He planned to break this record with a third win this October, but an offer to buy the mean dog was accepted, and she was shipped up to Long Island, NY where she will be competing in single and double handed races with her new owner. The impeccably maintained boat will certainly be missed on Biscayne Bay and had an impressive list of wins. In addition to the Columbus Day Regatta, *Sic'em* won the Lime Cup for the same two years.

It all started long ago, in the basement of their Long Island home on the Great South Bay in Long Island, NY, when Captain Gus Rahm, a corporate airplane pilot, commissioned the oldest of his three sons to build a pram. Rick was 11 years old, had never sailed before, and his duty was to serve as his father's apprentice in carrying out these plans. They hit heads when it came time to put on the sails; Rick wanted a motor. How little the world changes in the continuum of this timeless, perpetual argument. They never did put a sail on it. So while Rick motored around in his pram, Captain Rahm bought himself a gaff rigged sloop. By age 13, Rick developed an expressed interest in sailing with a certain neighborhood father. Why the sudden interest? Daughter, Pat,



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David Hernandez Finishes 3rd at the U.S. Youth Sailing Championship!

Congratulations to David Hernandez for finishing 3rd in the 2004 U.S. Youth Sailing Championship Laser Radial Fleet. The U.S. Youth Sailing Championship is the premiere youth sailing event in the country for sailors under age 20. The event is an invitational championship for Lasers, Laser Radials and Club 420s. Applications are submitted and participants are selected based on their sailing resumes by the US Youth Championship Committee. This year the Youth Championships were held in Charleston, SC, June 19 -24.

David Hernandez is 14 years old and has been on the CGSC racing team since he was 8 years old. He was on the optimist team for 5 years. He sized out of the Optimist about

1 1/2 years ago and then started to sail Laser Radials. David practices each week at CGSC with the laser group and he and his teammates are quickly becoming the top Laser Radial sailors in the country. Team mates Niklas Anderson and Chris Taylor were also selected and participated in this year's US Youth Sailing Championship event. More information on this annual event can be found on the US Sailing web site at <http://www.usasailing.org/youthchamp/2004/index.asp?navigation=home>.





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COMMODORE'S REPORT



July was a busy month for the club as your new slate has been working hard at getting acclimated in order to focus on the club's most important issue – the lease. As you are aware, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and conducted a pre-bid meeting/site walkdown last month. The RFQ responses were due June 30th and are currently in the qualification process. The responses will then be turned-over to the Selection Committee consisting of: Past Commodore Bud Price from CGSC, Suzanne Peters from the Waterfront Advisory Board, Harry Horgan from Shake-A-Leg, Kathleen Morris from Coconut Grove Village Council, Bob Weinreb the City's Project Manager, and two other City staff members. We are pleased with the City's appointments as the sailing club and community are well represented. The Selection Committee is now under a cone of silence and will be conducting meetings this month. From our perspective, we will be exploring the concepts of how the planners will preserve our rich history. The selection committee is expected to make their final recommendation in early September.

The winning consultants will then develop a plan based on community input (i.e. charette). This is where we can have the biggest impact drawing on the community's support. Upon final approval, the plan will move into the implementation phase which will include another bid cycle. The actual implementation will go to vote under a referendum. Therefore, no changes are expected in the short term (within one year). However in order to secure our long term future, we need to maintain strong community support – the social membership is essential in this regard.

On that subject, one of the truly positive changes that we have made was to open our doors to City of Miami residents with the social membership. Many former guests and crew have joined as social members and have added a new life to club. Our City Commissioner, Johnny Winton, has publicly stated that he likes the changes we have implemented. Since we are stewards of City property, we have an obligation to maintain a strong representation of City residents - the social membership is fulfilling that responsibility. The Social Membership was approved by the Board of Directors under Article XIV, Section 8, of the bylaws as an introductory promotional event. The success of the social membership has exceeded everyone's expectations and, for that reason, the Board of Directors support ratification. In the near future, you will receive a proposed bylaws change which incorporates the social membership. I hope that you will support this initiative as it is vital to our long term survival.

During last One Grove Alliance Meeting, Jason Walker (Winton's Senior Staff Assistant) provided examples of organizations which are actively engaged helping the City deal with some of the "cosmetic" problems. This inspired us to look at areas in which we can assist the City. In that spirit, we have offered to "adopt" the McFarlane horseshoe (loop) in front of the club. The area is often covered in litter and needs frequent attention. This will be a true win-win as we desire to maintain a clean entrance and City is currently overburdened with higher priorities. Please do your part when walking outside our gates and pick-up any litter to help keep our City beautiful. Scott has agreed to have the dockstaff make daily rounds and maintain the lawn. In future, we will look for more opportunities to partner with the City.

Jack Hamm, Commodore

VICE COMMODORES REPORT



The breaking news for the month of August is that we will have a work weekend. (August 28- 29) This means that there will be no launch service to the boats. It will give all the members an excuse to come down to the club to fix, paint, plant, or help someone do something. ALL members are invited to help during this work weekend. The Club truly needs your help!

Even without work weekends there are always members helping and fixing things around the club. We had some water problems down by the water fountain and Tom Malone and Bill Beavers jumped on the job and got it done. I think the drain could handle a hurricane surge now. Then there are quiet helpers. Who is the person that keeps repairing the plastic straps on the upstairs chairs? The answer is Ned; he has been quietly fixing these chairs for years.

With all the activity at the club with the summer youth programs, the staff has tried to keep the grounds in good condition. It is amazing how many kids are taking sailing classes and clinics. All the kids look happy, sitting in their own little boats and controlling these fine vessels. O.K., back to what I should be talking about. The staff is repairing some of the wood by the one-design seawall, so the boats do not get scratched when they are put in the water. All the launch and summer program boats are holding up. So the plan to regularly replace older engines is working. There is a plan that the Club will help the city maintain the area in front of the club. Maybe on Mondays the staff will clear the trash from the weekend, plant some flowers, paint the anchor and just plain try to keep the place looking nice.

In regards to replacing the dingy dock, we have obtained permits from DERM and the city of Miami and only need the permit from the Core of Engineers. I hope we will have completed this process soon. A big thank you to Claire Hamm for moving this process forward. Once we have all the permits, then we will need some VOLUNTEERS to work on the docks. If you have any concerns or issues or even better – would like to volunteer for something, just leave me a message.

Vladimir Stroleny

“GRAND WORK WEEKEND” August 28 - 29

All handymen/women be prepared to report to duty when called upon.

Wanted:

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



Projects include:

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

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sailed with her father. Thus, began Rick’s love for sailing – crewing on a Lightning, and trimming Pat’s sails.

Sailing was a natural because Captain Rahm had taught his oldest son how to fly airplanes – and wash them. Rick was enticed to fly the planes, but he always had to wash them after the flights. Never has a boat been more meticulously maintained than that owned by Rick. The same knowledge of wind and navigation is applied to both flying planes and sailing boats, and Rick mastered the expertise of both. He earned a Bachelor of Science at the University of Miami School of Business with a major in transportation, and worked in management for Eastern Airlines until its demise. His father, having traded in planes for boats, was now the Captain of a privately owned yacht, and hired Rick and his brother to learn the trade. Rick’s brother also captains a private mega yacht out of Fort Lauderdale.

After flying planes, being a flight instructor, and working for Eastern Airlines, Rick’s interest in sail boats sparked again in 1982 when he saw a Hobie catamaran sailing off Hobie Beach on Key Biscayne. He bought one, knowing nothing about how to sail it. The maiden voyage brought him out to the middle of Biscayne Bay where, a shroud broke and the mast fell; there he was – up the creek with no paddle. He spent the next few years racing the Hobie 18 with Ed Cabassa and former CGSC member, Hugo Franco. Rick and Hugo each bought Hobie 33’s, and Ed bought a J-24. Rick and Ed raced on Ed’s J-24 for two years learning how to be competitive, and then moved to the Hobie 33. That boat was *Risky Business*, and they went on to win the Ocean and Bay series for 1988. The sale of *Sic’em* ends a 19 year history of Rick sailing the Hobie 33 where he exhibited a passion for competitive racing seen by few, and heard by all.

Rick’s future racing includes the Melges 24, and perhaps the Flying Scott with wife, Jane Snedaker. Most of all, he looks forward in assisting Commodore Jack Hamm in the effort of securing the club’s future as a place to offer our youth and adults to learn and love the wonderful sport of sailing on our beautiful home waters of Biscayne Bay.



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

While many people here in Miami take vacation time during the month of August, CGSC members involved in our sailing programs will be hard at work.

Speaking of vacations, I recently returned from a vacation at the family cottage & had the opportunity to speak with several sailing/yacht clubs in & around Buffalo, NY and Toronto, Ontario. I'll have details later, but we should have some additional "reciprocal agreements" with some clubs from up north soon. While helping out with RC at the Buffalo Canoe Club (Pt. Abino/Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada), I was introduced to 2 race participants in this past year's Orange Bowl regatta. They both commended the CGSC's hospitality, and the great racing the club hosted (thanks again to Wil Bourne et al involved!).

Back here at the CGSC, I'm planning to meet with all of the people who take leadership roles with our sailing programs - from Richard Crisler's Adult Sailing, to Chiquita Ramon's new position with the Jr. Prams - and everything in between. I'll be working closely with Britt Price, our Sailing Director, to assess where our programs are, and where we would like to be. I would welcome suggestions from anyone who is interested in our sailing programs to weigh in.

The CGSC has a rich history of sailing, and the club needs your help to ensure we can continue to bring our programs to as many people as possible. PC Bud Price wrote in a "Channel" column once that "volunteerism has always been the driving force in our Club". This club has never needed its' members to step up to the plate more than it does now. Get involved - volunteer to help out

with our sailing programs, or in some other way. A little effort will go a long way towards ensuring the the future of our sailing programs - and the CGSC's - for years to come.

Fair winds,

Jim Clark, Rear Commodore
sailingvideo@yahoo.com



TREASURES REPORT

By the time you receive this month's newsletter we should be done with the closing of last year's books and I will be back to sailing. Our preliminary numbers indicate that last year was a successful year, which exceeded our expectations despite certain unexpected expenditures. Our financial condition is strong and we maintain sufficient reserves for when we decide to undertake all the current and previously approved projects.

Once again I urge the Committee Chairs to meet with me at their leisure to review their respective budgets.

Jaime A. Ramon, Treasurer



Fun on the Fourth at CGSC

The July 4th party started with the Bed Races. Once again, we entered our lost-and-found dingy complete with the "Save the Coconut Grove Sailing Club" sail. Our racing crew consisted of our finest sailors: Jim Clark, Nick Martens, Vladimir and Clay Stronely (sailors not sprinters). Chiquita Ramone adorned the bed. During the first race, these normally salty sailors trotted like gazelles to accelerate our bed mate to victory against a most formidable opponent, Rock Station 98.1. Our burgee flew with pride. However, this out-of-character performance took its toll as the gazelle like action is not recommended for old salty dogs. Immediate replacements were required as pulled hamstrings were tended to - it's always a good idea to have the Fleet Surgeon on hand for such events.

For the second heat, Malehn Parker took the lead horse position and the Commodore was called upon to compensate for the steering misalignment (lower center-of-gravity). The old lost-and-found dingy was squared-up against Hollagan's fancy contraption. Our bed princess made her expectations very clear - she shall be victorious! The gun went off, we gained a ¼ boat length, then a ½, and then almost a full boat length. But as we all know, sailboats are really not meant to move so fast - so we blamed Bill Beaver's design.

Next on the agenda, Britt organized sack races and water balloon tosses for the kids. That was riot to watch. Scott, Soyna and, our dedicated staff prepared a seafood feast including fresh Maine lobster, mussels, clams, shrimp and, of course, corn-on-the-cob. After the feast, it was time to break-in the new outdoor bar (completed a day earlier). A beautiful firework display top off the evening.

Yet another great Independence Celebration at the Club!

Jack Hamm



SECRETARY REPORT

The Adventure begins...

At the recent Board Meeting, the Club was busy. We reviewed reports from the GM, Dock master, Sailing Director, Treasurer and Membership committee. The Club is indeed busy. One of the biggest issues to decide is Club Involvement or Non-involvement with the One Grove Alliance and the Quality of Life Committee. Representatives of both organizations made presentations to the Board and gave us much to discuss. The Board will think hard on this issue before making a decision. If you have a question, concern or Gripe, PLEASE feel free to address any Board Member or the General Meeting. I'll see you there.



Happy Sails to You,

Marc Buller, Secretary

BBYRA Report

A bright and sunny morning with only ripples on the bay freshened into another "Chamber of Commerce" special on the last Saturday in June. The BBYRA #7 One Design Regatta attracted 23 boats in four fleets with the Etchells class being noticeably absent for the day. The racing action began on schedule with a 8-10KT breeze out of the southeast and a windward/leeward course dividing the fleets between a long (1.5nm) and a short (1.0nm) top marks. The courses grew shorter as the day warmed up and the breeze continued to fill. The final race was a drag race up and down with only a 1/2 nm upwind and downwind leg. After 3 races the results are as follows:

Flying Scot

1	4595	Being There	Vladimir Stroleny
2	5399	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple Susan Walcutt
3	5126	Two Bear's Boat	Charles Fowler
4	4156	Enigma	Bud Price
6	5239	Hawk's Nest	Steve Hawkins
6	3360	Genesis IV	Ross Young

Lightning

1	15151	Ant Farm	Frank Atkinson
2	14684	14684	Bill Johns
3	14809	Main Squeeze	Eamonn de Lisser
4	14708	Booby Trap	Fay Regan
5	14930	Widespread Panic	Stephen Horwitz
6	14309	Bullett	David Kurtz

Snipe

1	28810	Danilu	Augie Diaz
2	29992	Por Una Cabeza	Gonzo Diaz, Sr.
3	29995	NolaPeto	Gonzo Diaz
4	28812		Ernesto Rodriguez
4	30089	I.C.U.	Peter Commette
6	28791	Good Grief	Jim Janda
7	28814	Jupiter	Gregory Saldana
8	27903	Twinkle	Sharon Crockett

Westphal

0	18-W	Time Warp	Paul Johnson
1	6	No Name	David Crawford
3	8	Shadow	Ray Hoffman

ADULT TRAINING REPORT

The warmer months always generate more activity for your Adult Training Committee. Since our last report, we've held two successful training classes and one Adult Sailing Clinic, headed by Rob Quinlivan.

Thanks to Jaime Ramon, our newest in-house US Sailing Certified Instructor for his assistance with our June Learn-to-Sail class and our June Sailing Clinic. Thanks to Paco Calvet for assisting as member-coach for both days with our July Learn-to-Sail class. That class produced two more social members for CGSC.



By the time this report is published in the Channel, we will have conducted another full Adult Sailing Clinic on July 25th. We encourage CGSC members with dinghies to join our clinics, meet our students and potential new members and enjoy this fun event. Our Clinics consist of a brief training and safety briefing followed by a group sail to the Matheson Hammock sandbar or the Viscaya sandbar for lunch and then a return sail which also produces some fun competition between some of the participants. If interested in participating in this monthly activity or helping out with the Adult Training program, please contact Richard Crisler at 305-342-4775 or crisler@mindspring.com.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Richard Crisler

News from Altair

We are in Georgetown, Bahamas, AGAIN, after spending a week in the Jumentos (Ragged Islands!). A perfect weather forecast said "go south" before heading north for home! We took that and had wonderful sail to Salt Pond, Long Island and then on to Water Cay in the Jumentos!

We visited Flamingo Cay before heading back. The holding was bad as the weight of the anchor and chain were the only things holding the boat. Becky caught a fish for lunch one day, but fishing and conching wasn't necessary as others kept us well supplied!

We were surprised by the number of boats there. A Spanish Well's fisherman said "80 boats here in March". It's hard to believe as there are no safe harbors.

The Raggeds are one of the last unspoiled places in the Bahamas, no development and wonderfully remote and peaceful. So pristine! We loved it there. (Next to the other major "favorites, like Compass, Conception, etc.!!")

We plan to take Zelma (Taxi 20) and her son sailing tomorrow, weather permitting.

After the approaching low pressure systems pass thru we will be heading back slowly. There is no agenda, only to return by the beginning of August!

We love and miss you!
Dudley and Bec

Youth Sailing

Ariel Zirulnick

Session 1

The first session of CGSC's summer camp started off with a bang. The attendance for this session was fantastic-every available boat was put to good use, and then some. This summer, Beginners were separated based on age- eight, nine, and ten-year-olds were taught in prams, while the eleven, twelve, and thirteen-year-olds began exploring the bay sailing sunfish double-handed. The Intermediate group utilized the optimist prams, as they have for the past several years.

Maryellen Blanco and Ariel Zirulnick were the Beginning Prams instructors, Michael Abell was the Beginning Sunfish instructor, and C.J. Abell was the Intermediate Instructor. Working alongside the instructors were CITs (Counselors in Training), who were too young to work otherwise. They were a helpful addition to the camp staff and made things run smoother than they otherwise would have.

The Beginning Prams benefited from the age split because it allowed the instructors to spend more time focusing on concepts younger campers typically have difficulty grasping. They started out in the bay "following the leader" on reaches and runs, and moved on to simple courses and upwind sailing by the second week of camp. On one "Fun Day" they braved a windy storm that approached the water quicker than expected, and all came out cheering for more exciting storms before the session ended.

The Beginning Sunfish caught on to the basic concepts rapidly, and by the second day were out in the bay, exploring sandbars and beaches. They mastered the technique of righting the boat after capsizing, as the Sunfish are quite tipsy when the wind picks up.

The Intermediates were on the water from Day One, due to the fact that all the campers in this group were either returning from last summer or members of the green fleet during the school year. They learned technique and racing, and regularly crossed from one end of the bay to the other.

This session, we were remarkably lucky with the weather. There was never a day where we lacked enough wind to sail, and there was very little inclement weather. A number of campers chose to return for other sessions later in the summer, and a few even signed up to be contacted in the fall when Green Fleet begins again.



Session 2

Session Two of the summer sailing camp saw a smaller Beginning group, but a *much* larger Intermediate group. A number of the Intermediates were returnees from Session One, and some from previous summers. This session saw, on average, much higher winds as compared to the previous session, but all instructors and campers happily embraced the refreshing breeze to dispel the oppressive heat.

C.J. Abell, CIT Eva Cantillo worked with the Beginning Prams, Maryellen Blanco and CIT Max Sparfel worked with the Beginning Sunfish, and Michael Abell and Ariel Zirulnick worked with the Intermediates. Other CITs helped out alongside, with some alternating days due to a Laser clinic also being held at the club at the same time.

The Beginning Prams adjusted to the strong winds by rotating in boats the first few days, so as not to be overwhelmed by the wealth of new information *and* abundance of wind. By the end of the first week, the campers were all sailing their own individual boats.

The Beginning Sunfish also learned all the basics, but the heavy wind didn't stop them, since they were sailing two to a boat, and therefore weren't quite so overwhelmed by the gusting breeze. They learned triangles and windward-leeward courses early on in the session, and honed their skills (including capsizing) throughout the second week.

The Intermediates got heavy into racing in Session Two. They also learned how to bail fast, and some even mastered the complicated technique of "bailing and sailing." We all know how quickly those Optis can fill up with water after just a few waves over the bow! They sailed to various destinations across the bay, including several lunch breaks on the Vizcaya sandbar.



The entire camp had one exciting day exploring a portion of the bay not seen too often by CGSCers. On one unfortunate day where the wind didn't pick up until the very late afternoon, everyone loaded onto the powerboats, trekked over to the Vizcaya sandbar, and afterwards, explored a bit of the Key by boat. A dolphin sighting was just one of the eye-opening experiences of that day, and the campers were fascinated by the echoes their voices made underneath the Rickenbacker Causeway. We hope the entire CGSC experience was a positive one for all!



Photos by Frank Aloise

Junior Prams

With our Sailing Camp almost over, I have to say this has been a successful summer. We have a great group of kids participating in our Sailing Camp. We hope to see them back in our regular classes through the year.

Our sailing director Britt Price is doing a great job keeping everything running smoothly. Our great team of young instructors is doing a wonderful job teaching the children about sailing and safety, while having fun on the Bay. Most of our instructors are members of this Club and learned to sail here. It is an honor to have them teaching the new "sailing generation" right here at our Club.

If you stop by the Club any afternoon, you can see some of our young sailors practicing what they have learned in the past weeks. It is a sight to see!

For those of you interested, we will be offering Learn to Sail classes as well as other Sailing Clinics through the year. Schedules for Fall/Winter classes will be available soon.

A friendly safety reminder: Children in the sailing program must wear life jackets while on the docks. Let's keep the Club safe!

Have a great Summer!!!

Chiquita Ramon





STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moorings Committee

Friends, Our moorings are near full and it is quite the juggling act to place new boats. Everyone knows that deep-draft boats perform better to windward; however, our cruising (and racing) areas of the Waterway, Bay, Keys, Bahamas and Gulf tributaries are pretty shoal. So it is well to consider all this when getting a new boat as draft can be a very limiting factor. Of our 220 moorings we have only about 50 which can reliably handle six foot draft, and access may be tricky. No amount of juggling can change this very much; we have what we have. We assume 3 1/2 tidal range to insure that boats do not bump their mooring anchors or rocks at low tide. The Moorings Regs. state that no boat should touch bottom. The "Regs." also call for a Moorings Waiting List when needed. We must now maintain this list in earnest to insure first come, first served. Note that we can often place smaller, shoal draft boats quicker. When requesting a mooring please see that the date and the boat's specifics, including its draft, are posted on the Waiting List ASAP. This insures fair treatment for all, and gives the Moorings Committee a chance to find and perhaps negotiate a spot for you.

The By-Laws specify a Moorings Committee, not just one person, and we are happy to now have fine members Patrick McCann (SILKAMAR) and Craig Smith (ILS SONT PARTIS) on the committee. Also, Frank Vega, esteemed Moorings Engineer, and Cordell (Pat) Parnter are hard at inspecting, and performing preventive and corrective moorings maintenance. This work is absolutely essential to keep our boats safe. MANY SINCERE THANKS GUYS!!

Please remember that HURRICANE SEASON IS NOW!!!! Have a plan to take your boat to a safe place. Know well that the CGSC moorings are not safe hurricane haven, and no amount of philosophy will make them so. Keep your boat operable in every way and get someone to help you even if you have to bribe them. Good luck to us all on it. Please feel free to contact me if you need to.

Bill Beavers –
Moorings Chairman

Future Development Committee Report

I received word today that the first meeting for the RFQ selection committee will be held on Tuesday July 27th. As you know from previous articles we have a seat on that committee. I am having a meeting of the future development committee on either Monday the 19th or Wednesday the 21st to discuss general strategy for that event. After the selection committee meeting I think we will possibly have some sense of the tone of things from here on in. As always I will keep everyone posted on our progress. So far, although a little behind schedule this is unfolding just like commissioner Winton has promised. I have heard several times from his office that they like the changes we have made and that as long as we remain open and flexible our future looks bright.

Bud Price

Rendezvous Committee Report

Labor Day Rendezvous

Saturday September 4 through Monday September 6

Saturday, enjoy an easy half day sail to Elliott Key with hosts Denise and Bruce Schneider aboard *Unwinder*. Spend the afternoon playing on the beach at Elliott or swimming in the shallow anchorage. Join the raft up for Rum Punch Saturday night.

The next day, the morning skipper's meeting over Bloody Mary's will decide Sunday night's anchorage (Ragged Keys, Nixon's, or other depending on the weather). Monday return to CGSC.

For more information contact Denise and Bruce at juicebs@mindspring.com / 305.854.2864 or Janice Pruett at jbpmom@aol.com / 305.441.2733.

Dockside Rendezvous

October – date to be determined

Racers, cruisers, traditional boat enthusiasts - join us in October to kick-off a new monthly event – the **Friday night dockside rendezvous at the CGSC**. Each month we'll feature a Friday night rendezvous of the one of the many different types of boats moored at the club – racers, cruisers, traditional boats, Morgans etc. Join us in bringing your boat to the dock to share with other members – both old and new, what cruising, racing or traditional boat restoration and sailing are all about. This is a great way to showcase the many different aspects of sailing and the tremendous effort that so many put into maintaining and improving their boats at the club. Contact Janice Pruett at 305.441.2733 or jbpmom@aol.com to sign up to host one of the monthly events.

Janice Pruett

Marine Council Report

I am sorry to report that the breakfast that was scheduled at CGSC by the Marine Council was canceled. The topic was to be a discussion concerning Hurricane Awareness and how to be prepared both as a boater and a homeowner for the arrival of a storm. The guests from NOAA were unable to attend and the meeting has been rescheduled for a date to be determined later.

Rick Rahm - Chairman

House Committee Report

.Extra! Extra! Read all about it – CGSC opens the exclusive outside "End-Zone" bar! Yes it's true, demand for the fabulous food and drink at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club has given rise to an expansion of sorts. Stop by on Friday night an order your favorite drink from the newly constructed (thanks to all who helped out) bar outside and let the gentle breezes cool you off. While you're at it order the "Churrasco" that our new chef Sonia has added to your already vast food options. Also, note that the kitchen will stay open an extra hour on Saturday's and close at 9pm instead of 8. I would like to thank everyone who has email me suggestions at pdm3kw@yahoo.com but I cant' because I have not received any? Until next month.

Regards,
Patrick Mccann

Community Outreach Chairman Report

Have you heard of the "Clean Marina Program"?

The aim of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Marina Program (CMP) is prevention. Marinas and boaters may not be aware of the environmental laws, rules and jurisdictions with which they must comply. This is the vehicle, which CGSC can become a Clean Marina, designated by DEM.

The goal of CMP is Clean Marina Designation. Designation educates boaters using the marina that the marina residents will adhere to, or exceed, program criteria, including Marina Environmental Measures, or 'MEMs'. The measures are simple solutions for marina operations protecting the environment. The measures were developed from the partnership of Florida's marinas, boatyards, boaters and government.

Voluntary participation of CGSC is to perform environmentally conscious activities and enforcement of current DEM processes. The outline of the Clean Marina Program was written by the Department of Environmental Protection with the cooperation of the Marine Industries Association of Florida, Florida marine professionals, Florida Sea Grant, Boat US/Clean Water Trust, the International Marina Institute, the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, with other local agencies.

Can CGSC participate in the "Clean Marina Program"? Not without your help! Please contact me to assist getting our sailing club designated as a "Clean Marina" by DEM.

Let's get to work!

Cathy Buller

By Laws Committee

Social Membership Update:

The Bylaws committee has proposed a bylaws change wherein the social membership status which is now under a test run would become permanent. Past Commodore Mike Weber is currently researching legal ramifications of the changes. Once approved by the board, the proposed bylaws change will be brought to a vote at a special membership meeting sometime this fall. Any questions may be addressed to the board members or to Bylaws Co-Chair Andrea Stringos via e-mail at anstring@earthlink.net

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Entertainment Committee

Your entertainment committee, Dominic & Krisan Lamberti & Tom Malone, is hard at work planning some fun social events for the year. The first event will be on August 21, when Cathy Buller will be hosting a movie night. There will be plenty of FREE hotdogs & popcorn as she selects a cool variety of "sea stories" for your viewing enjoyment. No admission charge; just bring your thirst for movies.

In September we will have a Shipwreck Party. This will be an island theme party with Caribbean fare and plenty of Rum punch. You won't want to miss dancing to that great island bank, The Outriggers. How low can you limbo? (If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Limbo Lady, would you please give me a call?)

October will see the club turn into a German beer garden to get the ump-pas out of you.

Bratwurst, sauerkraut and robust beer will be prevalent as we Prost each other well into the night.

Then in December, we will have an old-fashioned holiday party, complete with a holiday buffet, eggnog, poinsettias (the drinking variety) and even tree trimming. Who knows, there may even be a barbershop quartet singing carols!

SoooooMark these evening dates on your calendar:

Sat, 8/21 – Movie Night

Sat, 9/11 – Shipwreck Party

Sat, 10/9 – October Fest

Fri, 12/3 – Holiday Party

That's what we have planned so far. If you have any ideas for a good social event let us know and we'll consider it. Also, we would love to have you join us on the committee. We could use help planning and setting up the events. Contact me at my office ph: 305-740-9200, or at dllamberti@aol.com.

And remember to "Keep your sunny side up".

Dominic Lamberti

Co-Chairman, Entertainment Committee



Summer Laser Clinic

The CGSC Summer Laser Clinics have been a huge success. Brad Funk, one of the top Laser sailors in the country, coached these 4 well attended clinics. The first two clinics each provided 3 days of intense instruction with a total of 17 sailors participating (6 during the first session and 11 during the second session). The last two clinics each were a full week long with a total of 21 sailors participating. We even had a sailor from Ohio and one from Guatemala attend one of the sessions! The weather conditions were ideal this year, with very few, if any, storms in the sailing area.

If you are an experienced laser sailor/racer and would like to participate in future clinics this fall, please contact Jose Hernandez at (305) 271-0148.



CGSC Member Campaigns 2.4mR in Europe

Hello All,

I returned from Germany two days ago and thought I would drop a line and explain my adventures. I was in Germany for about two weeks. It rained steadily everyday except for one. The temperatures were 52-58 degrees with strong winds everyday. It was amazing to see everyone walking around in the rain and cold as though the sun is shining.

Needless to say the racing conditions were extremely difficult at best. We had winds in excess of 20 knots everyday except for the last day, and a steady downpour. It's not much fun waking up and going to bed the same way—cold and wet. However, I sailed extremely well reaching the first weather mark in 5th place or better in all races and within a few boat lengths of the leader except two. I even lead two races. I had break downs on the boat occurring almost everyday which made it tough to maintain my position in the fleet. I ended up finishing seventh in the regatta and would have easily finished fourth if it wasn't for all the boat malfunctions. All in all, I am very pleased with my performance. The single most important lesson learned from the event is there is no room for error when sailing at the top of the fleet. If

you give up less than one yard, for what ever reason, it will be exploited and used against you.

The event Kieler Woche (Kiel Week) is a celebration of the onset of summer in Germany. It is a huge festival lasting two weeks and drawing more than 5,000 athletes. My social calendar was booked to say the least. Heiko, my friend in Germany, rolled the red carpet out for me where I was treated better than royalty. I stayed at his house and was soon adopted by his family. His wife Marianne wants to marry me and his two children Finja and Niklas didn't want me to leave. I went to several sponsorship dinners with Heiko with one taking place aboard and old clipper ship complete with wood blocks and crow's nests. I met several of his friends and had the time of my life. The last day ended with a fireworks display that would easily rival our July 4th celebration.

I will mend my bruises, cuts, gashes, and swelling for the next week and a half then resume training for a regatta in Chicago scheduled August 6-9, 2004. This event is called the U.S. Independence Cup and it is US SAILING's National Championship for disabled sailors.

Best Regards,
Tom (Franklin)
USA 103—2.4mR



Columbus Day Regatta Celebrates 50th Anniversary October 9-10, 2004

Mark Your Calendars now for
Florida's Largest Sports Event Afloat

The 50th Annual Columbus Day Regatta, will be held Saturday & Sunday, October 9-10, 2004 in Biscayne Bay. The Golden Anniversary of this two-day regatta is expected to draw over 200 racing and cruising sailboats from Florida and all around the country. Contenders will vie for 1st through 5th place trophies in all classes as well as eight Perpetual Trophy awards.

Regatta Committee Chairman, Larry Whipple, urges all contenders, both veterans and first-timers to "...mark your calendars now for a wonderful weekend out on the bay as we celebrate the outstanding racing and the wonderful camaraderie of our South Florida boating scene." Classes include PHRF racers, ARC wannabe racers, multihulls, cruisers and families.

The Columbus Day Race Committee is already hard at work to make this milestone celebration an extra special occasion. The Committee is actively seeking support from the community in an effort to publicize the outstanding racing that symbolizes this popular

regatta. "For fifty years, our goal has always been safety and good clean fun out on the water."

The Committee is seeking donations for raffle prizes that will be given away at the Awards Ceremony at the Coral Reef Yacht Club on Saturday, October 16, 2004. Raffle prizes such as marine products and services, gift certificates for restaurants, hotels, and vacation packages, artwork, theater tickets, watches and jewelry, clothing, nautical books and charts would also be welcome. All donations will be credited in the Columbus Day Regatta brochure, press releases and at all media events.

For more information about the regatta and to learn more about opportunities to support the 50th Annual Columbus Day Regatta, please check out the website at www.columbusdayregatta.net or contact Chairman Whipple directly at (305) 860-9156.

Larry Whipple,
Regatta Chairman

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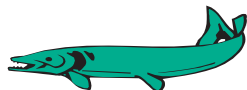
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NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Please be advised that the schedule for Monthly Club Meetings have been revised as follows:

On the 3rd week of each month,

* Executive Meeting on Weds @ 6:30pm

* Board Meeting on Thurs @ 7:00pm

On the 4th week of each month,

* General Meeting on Thurs @ 7:30pm

Please remember the General Meeting is YOUR meeting.

Bring your questions, comments and suggestions.

The Bridge appreciates your feedback.

Kitchen Hours

Thurs 11:00-10:00

Friday 11:00-10:00

Sat and Sun 11:00-10:00



**Social Membership For
City of Miami Residents**

is still available for only \$50.00.

This membership is valid through

Dec 31, 2004.

Call the CGSC office for details.

JOIN THE RACE COMMITTEE TEAM!!

Social Members, New Members, Old Members

Coconut Grove Sailing Club is known nationwide for its sailboat racing activities. **Come be a part of this important club function!**

Upcoming events:

Saturday, August 14 – Singlehanded Race

Sunday, August 15 -Doublehanded Race

October 16-17 – CGSC Annual One-Design Regatta

October 30 – CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Contact Ron Rostorfer

Race Committee Co-Chairman – ronsailon@aol.com, 954-693-8975

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

“Aquatic Squirrels” for sale: J-24 hull #1376 built in 1979 with updates. Excellent condition and ready to race. All the sails, rigging, and hull in good condition. Many upgrades. Brand new 5 HP engine. \$8,500. Check it out at the CGSC! Please call Eric @ 305.539.6835 or email at:eschreiber@davincieng.com

Month 2

Month 3

SNIPES FOR SALE OR RENT: Miami Snipe Fleet #7 (Chartered in 1932) Fleet is willing to help the new members to get fast and further develop their boat handling, tactical and boat tuning skills. It is a boat for young and old! Call Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and join the Miami Snipe Fleet. 305-667-0492 (best 8-10PM) Work:305-702-8526 (best 4-6PM)

Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 15th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebranning@prodigy.net or drop off

Classified Advertising Policy Classified advertising is for club members in good standing and is limited to personally owned items that are for sale. Ads will be run for 3 months and then will be dropped from the listing, unless the advertiser calls the Editor to renew for another 3 months. A classified ad can be pulled at any time by calling the Editor at (305) 661-2322.

Commercial Advertising is available for business use by calling the Club Office at (305) 444-4571.

THURSDAY NIGHT

RACES ARE CANCELLED

DUE TO SCHEDULE

CONFLICTS!



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