

# The CHANNEL

## Coconut Grove Sailing Club

### SKIPPER OF THE MONTH:

### Bill Beavers

Bill grew up in WV and VA, and enlisted in the USN at 17. Stationed on Luzon in the tropical Philippines, he says, "I learned about outrigger canoes and saw little further need to freeze in winter". After attending the University of Virginia for two years, he went to work for AT&T in DC. Outboards on the Potomac were followed by sailing lessons at the Washington Sailing Club, then a new Coronado 25 and sailing on Chesapeake Bay for four years. But, "warm, fast growing, Miami beckoned" and he transferred south; the Coronado regrettably was turned into cash for housing. FIU became Bill's alma mater where he completed two years work in three of nights and weekends.

Bill joined the CGSC and purchased a Balboa 26, MON AMIE, which served Bill and wife Lynette well for Bay, Keys and Bahamas cruising. A Bristol 30, MOONGLOW, followed for nine more cruising years. Finesse, a Tartan 34, was sailed from Charleston, SC and has been his boat for 15 years. Bill is the Florida Captain of the Tartan 34 Association.

Bill has cruised the Keys extensively as well as most of the Bahamas in his own boats and has chartered in the Virgins. He was shipwrecked on a trip to Europe in 2000 when the boat he was crewing on grounded on an abrupt shoal off Nova Scotia. Quickly losing its keel, the boat washed onto the beach and was a total loss but the crew got safely ashore. Bill had a very successful 2001 Atlantic crossing with Alastair Anderson in Alastair's Endeavor 32, RAPTURE. Bill and Alastair sailed from the CGSC to Hull, England, via Bermuda, the Azores and Plymouth. Later on another trip, in the same boat, they covered the French coast from Marseilles to Corsica.

Bill has raced Finesse fairly actively with three 1st places to Bimini, a 3rd to Montego Bay, Jamaica (this trip also included a cruise to Grand Cayman and Dry Tortugas), a 2nd and 3rd to Key West after many campaigns, and years of Bay trophies. Bill is Fleet Captain of the SEF Assigned Rating Fleet. He feels that the skills, technology and art of

racing are captivating because there is no standing still and it keeps one learning

Bill says, "From day one at the CGSC it was obvious that club was founded by some very well meaning and far-sighted people to provide economical access to the great resource of Biscayne Bay and environs. This was pretty unbelievable then and more so now." Bill very much appreciated this and



has contributed a great deal to the club in time, organizational skills, and know-how, not to mention a lot of dirty grimy hard work. He has been Moorings and By-Laws Chairman twice, Secretary twice, Director, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore twice and Commodore twice.

He had our rowboats converted from wood to FRP, designed and built the mold for and helped build our FRP dock carts (the City of Miami and CRYC later used our mold for carts of their own). He developed specifications for and had the CGSC training (rub rail) prams built (they have outlasted all others about 4:1 and are still viable after 20 years). He arranged with the City to install parking meters on the entrance circle



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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

In my monthly discussion with the city they informed me that things are still moving forward at the expected pace. There was a staff meeting last week to keep the project moving forward. There was no significant specific progress to report, but it shows things are still moving along. Another staff meeting concerning the club is planned for next week. These are, I am told, nuts and bolts preparatory meetings and that's why we have not been invited to attend. We are, I think two months into a nine month cycle.

Your board of directors is hard at work taking action to give us the best possible shot at a bright future. Although we are currently waiting on the city's next move we can't sit idle. We know that our future depends on being in the strongest possible negotiating position when the next round of talks begin.

I sent everyone a letter detailing the actions we have taken because I thought it was too important to wait. There were a few glitches in the mailing. First the wrong draft was sent then the wrong date was given for the meeting to discuss the changes. It will be at the February meeting. I am sorry for any confusion these errors caused. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have. The decisions that have been made were after hours of careful discussion and much heated debate. Given all of the options we have I think we are doing the right things. Now is the time to support your leadership.

*Bud Price, Commodore*



## Taking Sailing from the Bay to the Swimming Pool

US Sailing, the organization formed to encourage participation and promote excellence in sailing, has offered an award to the sailing club with a Community Outreach and Inclusion Program that took sailing to kids that normally would not have access to the water world.

Britt Price, our Sailing Director at CGSC, her asst. Ariel Zirulnick, and Past Commodore, now Community Outreach Chair, Andrea Stringos, have been nominated for the award. The article below is part of the form that completes the application for the award.



West Coconut Grove residents that were graduates of the swimming classes at Virrick Pool sponsored by the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove were

given scholarships to come to the sailing lessons at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, but none had come.

July 3, 2003 Britt Price, and her assistant, Ariel Zirulnick, introduced the first Pram at Virrick Park Pool in West Coconut Grove. Britt explained parts of the boat and wind direction. The first child pushed off from the side of the pool, and grinned as he felt the thrill of the breeze filling his sails. The kids loved it. They became hooked when they practiced the capsize drills. You can see from the photos that the students learned teamwork and sportsmanship as well as sailing.



Britt Price and Ariel introduced the Pram each Friday during July and August. They became a favorite among park programs. This is literally a case of "taking the Boat to the Student." Over three hundred students learned to swim in the Program and many of them had the exposure to sailing in the pool. Thanks to Commodore Stringos, Sailing Director Price and her Asst. Ariel Zirulnick; these kids from the inner city were introduced to the joy of sailing.

Once these kids from West Grove overcame their fear of the water and the strange new boat, some of them came to CGSC and joined Britt's regular Sailing Camp and Learn to Sail class. The Camp students spent the first part of the week learning capsize drills, wind, and boat parts. Then for graduation they enjoyed the sail to a sandbar in Biscayne Bay for a picnic lunch and a swim.

To continue this beginning, now that school has started, Miss Price is working with Lisa Martinez, a Miami school teacher and one of the founders of the Positive Partnership Program, a mentoring program for these same underprivileged and "at risk" kids. This was the group that did the Traveling Mural we had on display at the CGSC last Sept. These same children, their mentors and parents are now scheduled to come to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club to continue the learn to sail program.

In the photos, Britt Price is the lady wearing the white sun visor. The photos are by Kathy Zirulnick

For more photos of the sailing program and more information on the West Grove and the Mentoring Program, please visit my website, [www.PlattProperties.com](http://www.PlattProperties.com). Click "Community Activities."

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and to eliminate it as a "historical nuisance trash collection spot" for old washing machines, tires and refrigerators. He obtained the CGSC liquor license after a protracted battle and designed, built and had certified the Hurricane Hoist. Bill enhanced the moorings safety factor and capacities, and changed the moorings maintenance procedure so it is performed by divers (often him) instead of pulling the mooring each time. He got moorings policy changed to allow multi-hulls and boats to 41 feet.



*Bill rides a camel in Australia.*

Bill feels that there is great satisfaction in achieving good things for the CGSC and his contributions were always done without reservation. The gratitude from folks was and is very great and ongoing. His recommendation to others is to get involved positively if you can. There are many ways and never more opportunities than right now. The community as a whole desperately needs the CGSC in much the same form as it now is, whether they know it now or not. Probably its greatest threats are ignorance as to its societal benefits, and greed. Bill's favorite advice is to "SAIL WHEN YOU CAN MY FRIENDS".

## Tom Franklin Selected for US Olympic Disabled Sailing Team

Following his second place finish in the US Paralympic Team Trials in St. Petersburg, FL this past November, CGSC Member, Tom Franklin, was selected as the alternate for the United States 2.4 mR Class in Athens in 2004. After a less stellar beginning, Tom won 3 of the last 4 races there.

Tom has been campaigning his boat out of the US Sailing Center where he has been on the water at least four days a week. He has been assisted by his local coach Marek Valasek and regatta coach Mark Bryant and has been practicing against two European 2.4 mR World Champions, Marko Dalhberg and Heiko Kroeger.

Tom is looking for someone to assist him with handling his fund raising efforts. If interested, please contact him at (305) 386 2380 or at TJFran@bellsouth.net.



### Dinner at the Club Italian Night

Saturday, January 31, 2004 7PM

Pasta Station	Veal and Chicken
Anapasta Bar	Station
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\$21.95	

### *In Memoriam*

On December 10, 2003 Past Commodore Bill Young past away at the age of 80. Bill was a long time member of the CGSC and served as Commodore in 1975. He attended Boston College, was a retired Bell Telephone Engineer and served in the Army Air Corps in WW II. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Marie Collinson of Helton Beach, NC.

### ADULT SAILING

We are pleased to report that our final Adult Sailing Clinic for 2003, held this past November 23, Sunday, was another success in a long line of monthly Sailing Clinics led by US Sailing Instructor, Rob Quinlivan. Thanks to Rob for another year of dedicated service to the Adult Learn-to-Sail Program at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thanks also to Bruce Schnieder who served as a sailing coach for this clinic. We were also pleased to have some members join us for some action in this clinic, and action it was, as we had more than enough wind for some fast SunFish sailing. There were some tired, but happy, sailors on the verandah for the de-briefing at the end of the day.

Our 2004 Adult Learn-to-Sail program kicks off with a Beginning Class on the weekend of January 17-18. If interested in the class or in participating as a volunteer in our program, please contact Richard Crisler at 305-342-4775 or [crisler@mindspring.com](mailto:crisler@mindspring.com).

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing for 2004.

Richard Crisler

Editor's note: The following article has been excerpted and translated from an article that appeared in el Nuevo Herald on December 2, 2003.

## **Water Sports builds Character within the Family** By Alfredo Arango (translated by Andrea Stringos)

When Rafael Lima arrived in Miami forty years ago at the age of eight, he felt all the confusion of the typical immigrant child. He found a reason to live in the waters of Biscayne Bay and developed the determination and discipline necessary to succeed in life through his mastery of sailing. Today, Lima is a successful writer and a distinguished Professor of History at the University of Miami.

"Learning to sail made me a man. If it hadn't been for sailing and for Bob Rosselle, I would have been a street kid," says Lima.

Bob Rosselle was the first Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, of which Lima is now a member, and where Lima goes with Zeb, his wife's oldest son, to whom he has also taught the secrets of sailing and navigation. Things have changed in the club, and sailing classes are now taught not only by men but by young ladies certified in the art of sailing, such as Britt Price.

"Sailing, waterskiing, windsurfing, kayaking, swimming and all the other water sports give children the possibility of accomplishing things on their own. Each of my students can sail a boat alone. At the same time, they learn about group sailing and also about helping one another," says Price, the sailing director at the club who learned to sail with her father in Chicago. "I learned to sail before I learned to walk," she adds.

Price explains that contrary to motoring, where one has only to turn on and accelerate the boat, sailing demands that the person learn to control his or her balance on the boat as well as the tiller and the angles at which the sails should move in order to manage the wind and go in the desired direction. These skills improve physical condition and mental ability in face of the constantly changing sea. Despite all this, she states that these sports are not dangerous as long as they are practiced following all the safety norms, especially that of wearing a life jacket and being constantly supervised.

Another benefit of water sports is that parents get very involved. For this reason, the club also offers adult sailing classes. "This is an ideal activity for both grown-ups and children to learn and have fun together," she states.

According to the instructor, people at all economic levels can practice sailing. Although some boats cost thousands of dollars, they start at \$200, and if a student can't afford to buy one, he or she can rent one for a reasonable amount. The club also makes

arrangements with people who have demonstrated interest but have financial difficulties. In addition, you do not have to be a member of the club to take classes.

Price states that there is no reason for anyone to deprive himself from practicing a water sport, and since Miami has so much water, one should take advantage of our beautiful natural resources and "jump into the water."

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club offers after-school sailing classes for beginners as well as an intermediate level class which is taught for three consecutive Saturdays. Beginners learn the rudiments of sailing, such as putting the sails up and capsize drills, and intermediates start learning the rules and strategies of sailing. Those who continue on to race enter the Green fleet and those who are more advanced move on to the Red, White and Blue fleets. In the advanced levels sailors can participate in national and international regattas, such as the famous Orange Bowl Regatta which is here in Miami December 27 through 30. The most talented athletes go on to compete in the Olympics.



### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Gordon Reyes & Co. has been retained by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club to assist with the club's communications, community outreach and membership development efforts.

The firm will undertake to enhance the local community's appreciation of the positive impact of the Club's activities over the last 57 years, establish closer relationships with other key community leadership organizations, and develop programs to make the Club's programs available to a wider audience through the development of new classifications of membership.

The project team from Gordon Reyes & Co. will consist of partner Jami Reyes, vice president Irela Bague and account coordinator Annabelle Bovet.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Kind regards,

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## Christmas Comes To CGSC

Thanks Mark And Cathy of the entertainment committee and Chiquita and Pepper our two little Elves and of course Jack Hamm AKA Santa Clause for giving the kids of the CGSC a great Christmas party. We had about 15 children welcoming Santa coming in on his special Sail Boat, provided by our very own Bill Beavers in which they all had a chance to give Santa their wish list. They also had spend time doing many different Arts and Crafts through out the morning.



Christmas lights on the lawn.



## Come to the Cruising and Rendezvous Committee's Sail or Drive Rendezvous!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, January 17, 2004 6:30 pm

WHERE: Gilbert's Resort  
107900 Overseas Highway  
Key Largo, FL  
Phone: 305-451-1133

WHAT: Buffet Dinner  
Cost: \$25 per person

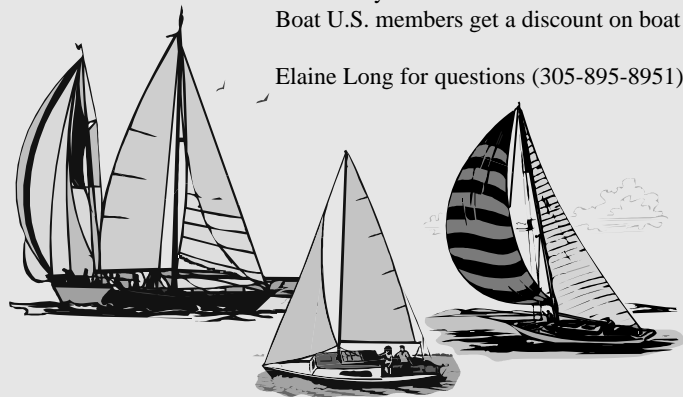
Full salad bar with fresh greens and marinated salads  
Grilled chicken breast and blackened Mahi Mahi  
Roasted red potatoes, rice, Key West vegetable mix  
Choice of key lime pie or apple strudel  
Drinks not included

WHO  
TO CALL:

Scott at CGSC (ext 18) by Thursday, January 8, 2004  
for dinner reservations.

Gilbert's Resort for dock or room reservations.  
Tell them you are with Coconut Grove Sailing Club.  
Boat U.S. members get a discount on boat slips.

Elaine Long for questions (305-895-8951).



# Youth Sailing Teams

Photos and Articles by Kathy Zirulnick

## Ocean Racing on the West Coast

The Naples Cup Regatta on November 11th and 12th proved to be a challenge for some sailors not seasoned in ocean racing. The weather was beautiful and allowed for Red, White and Blue Opti sailors to complete seven races, while the Laser Radial and 420 sailors competed in eight races. With 65 RWB sailors in all, the CGSC Opti team had nine of those 65 spots. Four Laser Radial sailors out of the 22 represented CGSC, while only one 420 team out of nine teams sailed with CGSC affiliation. The 420 team of Ariel Zirulnick and Christine Jackson had amazing races, capturing first place with bullets in all eight races.

CONGRATULATIONS to the top finishers:

RWB Fleet	Place
Nick Voss	1st, Red
Graham Murza	1st, White
Brittany Zirulnick	2nd, White
Laura Hernandez	4th, White

Laser Radial	Place
David Hernandez	1st
Niklas Anderson	3rd

420	Place
Ariel Zirulnick and Christine Jackson	1st



At right, CGSC Sailors and their trophies.

## Girls Only!

The Salty Sisters of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) held their annual Allison Jolly Regatta on November 15th. The regatta is exclusively for female sailors in Opti and 420 classes, with Opti sailors ages 8-15 and 420 sailors up to age 25. The regatta is named after Allison Jolly, a former SPYC youth sailor who went on to compete and win a gold medal in sailing in the 1988 Olympics.

Katie Abell, Natalie Bellini, Tatiana Mejia and Brittany Zirulnick sailed in the RWB Fleet along with 18 other girls from sailing programs across Florida. Ariel Zirulnick and Christine Jackson represented CGSC in the 420 class of a total of nine boats. The winds were so light that the regatta was called with only two races completed. The event concluded with a pizza party and awards ceremony with all the CGSC girls taking home a trophy, an adorable regatta shirt and a raffle prize. A special trophy, the Agnes Roy Allison Jolly Perpetual Trophy for the top 420 team was awarded to Ariel Zirulnick and Christine Jackson. The Agnes Roy award was started last year and Ariel Zirulnick and her crew from 2002 are the first names engraved on the trophy. The award honors the memory and the avid sailing of Agnes Roy, a woman who was still sailing at age 80. The trophy is uniquely adorned with a charm bracelet bearing charms that represent the multitude of regattas that Agnes sailed in.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS:

RWB Fleet	Place	420 Class	Place
Brittany Zirulnick	1st, White	Ariel Zirulnick	1st
Katie Abell	3rd, Blue	& Christine Jackson	
Tatiana Mejia	4th, Red		
Natalie Bellini	5th, Red		

Below, Skipper Ariel Zirulnick and Crew Christine Jackson proudly display the Agnes Roy Allison Jolly Perpetual Trophy for the top 420 team. Agnes Roy's special charm bracelet of regatta charms hangs at the top of the trophy.



Katie Abell, Tatiana Mejia, Natalie Bellini, Brittany Zirulnick, Christine Jackson and Ariel Zirulnick with all their trophies!

## MYC Fall Harvest Regatta Starts Out Windy

Opti and Laser Radial youth sailors spent October 25th and 26th sailing out of the Miami Yacht Club in the 2003 Fall Harvest Regatta. The winds on Saturday blew about 20, keeping most of the Green Fleet sailors out of the races. Only three Green Fleet sailors competed in the Saturday races under the direction of Coach C.J. Abell. The Green Fleet sailors that didn't sail watched the races from the CGSC pontoon boat along with many parents.

The CGSC was represented at the MYC Regatta by 19 sailors in all. There were seven Opti sailors in the Red, White and Blue Fleet; eight in the Green Fleet and four in Laser Radials. The Green Fleet included: Patrick Arrington, Claudia Baker, Sebastian Bellini, Anthony Cantillo, Gregory dePaula,

Trevor Frow, Olga Shestopalov and Ben Torrens. Sailing in RWB were: Philip Alley, Natalie Bellini, Laura Hernandez, Simon Lloyd-James, Tatiana Mejia Graham Murza, and Nick Voss. Lasser sailors included: Niklas Anderson, David Hernandez, Paul Lloyd-James and Alex Ravelo.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following top finishers:

<u>RWB Fleet</u>	<u>Place</u>
Philip Alley	4th Red, 4th Overall
Laura Hernandez	3rd White
<u>Laser Radial</u>	
David Hernandez	1st
Niklas Anderson	3rd

## Youth Sailing News

Britt Price

Happy New Year from the Youth Sailing Department, we had a great year and are ready to tackle another. We are excited to welcome back all of our kids from the racing teams to the Learn to sail and After school programs.

### Special Announcement

I want to give special thanks to a member who read the last Channel and donated his old computer to the Youth Sailing office. Richard Duran Thanks again. We are so excited and grateful for your support.

### After School Programs

The children from St. Stevens Episcopal Church and School had a great time learning to sail here at the club. We had their end of the year party on Commodore Bud Price's 36' Morgan "Trekka". This was the first time for most of the kids in the class to actually sail on a boat besides an Pram or other type of dinghy. Every child had a chance to steer the boat with a wheel instead of a tiller. It was a great time, I forgot to mention the fact that almost all the kids who took the helm, tried to use it like a tiller, so the beginning of the trip was like a roller coaster ride. We motored out the channel and set the sails. All the kids helped raise the huge mainsail and were stunned by the Jib. After the messy snack of Popsicles, which were dripping all along the port side, and all over themselves. They also took turns trimming both sails until the rain came. Then we all retreated down below and played some games. After returning to the dock, they received their trophies, and left for their Christmas Break. They will be rejoining us next session with a learn to sail, and an intermediate class. This was such a great experience for all of us.



St. Stephens kids go for a sail on Bud Price's Trekka; Paula & David San Agustin, Martin & Anna Sophia Olsson, Melissa Ivler, Sophia Faiella, William Hector

### Ransom Middle

If you are ever around the club on a Tuesday or Thursday late afternoon, you have probably seen the Ransom Middle School kids bobbing in the water. They are moving along very quickly with the program, and having lots of fun. They unfortunately have the winter winds, with a screaming wind, or no wind at all. This has yet to deter these kids from learning and having fun. We will be continuing this session until the end of January.

### Learn to Sail

We had a great Learn to sail class in December. Even though most days were dead on the water, we managed to have a great time. These kids not only learned about the basics of the boat, wind and capsizing, they also got a little lesson on marine life. We had a huge Man-a-war float by the dock one day, and I received the privilege of introducing them to this type of Jelly Fish. We had so much fun freezing on most days, but we carried on.

### Racing Development

This was a very busy month for our racing teams. Between Orange Bowl and our Martin County Regatta. We had almost all of our kids to participate in the Orange Bowl Regatta. Since this newsletter is before the regatta, so we are going to have to catch you all up in February's edition.

### Learn to Sail

We are holding learn to sail classes every Saturday all year round. We also have one day Learn to sail classes on all teacher work days and national holidays. Also don't forget about our summer camp starting in June. For more information about any of our programs please call 305-444-4571 ext.11.



Melissa Ivler, Sophia Faiella and William Hector.



Bud and Anna Sophia Olsson enjoy a sail on the bay.

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING RENDEZVOUS

Each year, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Annual Thanksgiving Rendezvous is one of our most significant and enjoyable events. This year's rendezvous was no exception, and, in fact, ranks high as one of the best and most enjoyable club rendezvous experiences we have ever had.

Most of our sailors left the club on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, and arrived at the Elliott Key Harbor area in the early to mid-afternoon. Winds were rather light, but favorable, for a close reach down from the club. Deep draft boats anchored outside, near the harbor, while the shallower draft boats entered the harbor's north channel and secured themselves to available dock sights.

Members outside the harbor and inside, gathered on the island for club comradery. There were some incredible dishes/recipes brought to this great event by everyone participating. Soon, our wonderful Chef Alex arrived on a club Mako support boat, and she provided two (2) monstrous turkeys, cooked at the club. With help from many members, a buffet table was set up, and the Thanksgiving meal was served with Chef Alex carving the turkeys for each individual participant's serving.

Members grouped the park's picnic tables for a close, meaningful Thanksgiving meal together. Everyone ate well, and turkey leftovers were distributed to all present. As the meal ended, Mother Nature provided an incredibly beautiful sunset (as she always does) for the forty one (41) of us in attendance.

Thanks to all who participated. We were especially pleased to

see several new members and their guests / spouses / families in attendance. Thanks to Past Commodore, Larry, and Susan, for driving the Mako (with Alex) down to the event.

We also had a second Mako, with Carlos, to serve as a launch for those anchored outside the harbor. Special Thanks to Jo-An Pzenny and Elaine Long, Co-Chairpersons of the Rendezvous Committee, for their hardwork and planning.

Though not our biggest annual rendezvous event, this is absolutely one of our best and most meaningful. If you're new to the club or have never enjoyed this special rendezvous, please put it on your calendar for 2004.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing for 2004. For the Rendezvous Committee,

R. Crisler



Pictures:  
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R. Crisler





# January 2004 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <i>Tuesday Nights</i>                      Social Night  <i>Friday/Saturday/                      Sunday</i>                      Grill Open                      11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.                 </div>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class  Green, R,W & B - Practice  Reception@ 5pm
<b>4</b> RWB Practice  BBYRA PHRF #1 BBYC 1200hrs	<b>5</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>6</b> Social Night  3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> *9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class *RBW & Green Boomergang Regatta  BBYRA Fall Awards 5pm
<b>11</b> RWB& Green Boomergang Regatta	<b>12</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>13</b> Social Night  3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> *3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool  *7:30 PM Board Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> *9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class  Green, R,W & B - Practice  BBYRA OD #1 1130hrs
Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race - LYC						
<b>18</b> RWB Practice	<b>19</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>20</b> Social Night  3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>23</b> 7:30 pm General Meeting	<b>24</b> Green, R,W & B - Practice  *9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class
Key West Race Week						
<b>25</b> Sunday Racing Series #1	<b>26</b> Office & Bar Closed	<b>27</b> Social Night 3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool Marine Council 6pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 3:00-5:30 PM Ransom Middle Afterschool	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Green, R,W & B - Practice *9-4 LTS & Intermed.Class Italian Dinner 7pm
***** Rolex Miami Olympics *****						

## Don't Eat Crow when at Sea

The term "As The Crow Flies " came from British coastal vessels that customarily carried a cage of crows. Crows detest large expanses of water and head, as straight as a crow flies, towards the nearest land if released at sea - very useful if you were unsure of the nearest land when sailing in foggy waters before the days of radar. The lookout perch on sailing vessels thus became known as the crow's nest.

### Our Neighbors: The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove

The Woman's Club thanks the "Women of Coconut Grove Sailing Club" who kindly volunteered to be hostesses at the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove in their historic building across the street. The surprise guest was Janet Reno who reminisced at length to a standing room only crowd about growing up in Coconut Grove and in particular mentioned keeping a small sailboat called a Clam at the Monroe's home (now the Barnacle) and then later keeping a bigger sailboat at Dinner Key. The Dinner Key boat originally came from Cuba and was brought here by refugees. Reno described how wonderful it was to sail on the Bay and how much she missed it when she left Miami.

Many thanks to the Women of CGSC who helped out: Karen Young, Jennifer Abell, Anne Platt, Andrea Stringos, Jo-Anne Pszenny and Claire Hamm.

The Woman's Club is very active in the Coconut Grove area. The CGSC has partnered with them in developing an innovative program which combines teaching swimming and sailing to inner city residents. The club welcomes new members. Interested women are invited to attend one of the monthly meetings which are always held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. (lunch included).

### CGSC to Develop Community Emergency Response Team

Jim Clark has assigned the club to participate in the city's new CERT plan. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. It is similar to the old civil defense approach to disaster management, volunteers will be trained to manage utilities, put out some fires, provide first aid and perform search and rescue as well as organize others to be effective in emergency situations.

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First we will be promoting a *Sail with a Member Day*. We are hereby asking members to sign-up to take out one to two people for a casual sail on Biscayne Bay to introduce the community to the sport of sailing. There will be a sign-up list for members volunteering to participate in this program, and another list for people from the community who call the Club in response to our sign, expressing their interest in the Introduction to Sailing program.

We are also offering *Free Sailing Classes* to low income

families. Proof of income will be required based on federal income guidelines. To introduce this program we will reserve two spaces in every *Adult Learn to Sail Class* that will be free of charge to qualified adults. This offer will also be inclusive of our *Youth Summer Sailing Camp* and the year around *Youth Sailing Program* for youngsters nine through fourteen years of age. Specifically, the last session of the CGSC Summer Sailing Camp will be free and one space will be free during our Youth Sailing Classes offered at the Club year around.

The Club needs your support and help to make these “new” programs successful. Our Youth Sailing Director Britt Price will be the contact person. You may call Britt for additional information and to *volunteer* to help by calling the Club at (305) 444-4571 — Ext. #11.

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**"Catalina 30 Sailboat,** 1988, loaded. Tall rig, 3'10" draft, Harken RF, diesel, wheel, new sails, no blisters, super clean, excellent condition. Call Rich at 305-418-4540."

**1976 Columbia T-26** "Farside." Shoal keel, standing headroom below, 2000 Nissan 9.8 Outboard, swim platform and ladder; enclosed head; onboard water to sink and exterior shower; Bimini top; Lazy Jack System; fully battened Main; Jib winches and a split/adjustable backstay. \$4,800. OBO. Contact Don Bizzaro (305) 251-3078 or e-mail @ [dondona@bellsouth.net](mailto:dondona@bellsouth.net).

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**The FINAL DEADLINE for all submissions to the CHANNEL is the 15th of the month.** Address all items to the Editor.



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