

MARCH 2004

The CHANNEL

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

FEATURE OF THE MONTH:

The 15th Rolex Miami Olympic Class Regatta

The Rolex Miami OCR is one of the largest regattas of its kind in the U.S. and serves as a qualifying event for some countries in their determination of their 2004 Olympic and Paralympic representatives to Athens. In other cases, the event serves as elite-level practice for athletes already chosen for the Olympics. The CGSC hosted the Men's and Woman's Mistral class and the Women's Europe Dinghy class. Those competitors stored their boats and gear and used the club's facilities during the 4-day competition. The club ran the 2.4 Meter and Mistral Class (irreverently known as windsurfers) races with former CGSC Race Committee Chairman, Dick Renkie, serving as principle race officer. Our participation involved over 75 entries from 18 different countries.

The first day's racing was cut short when a rainsquall with high shifty winds and stinging rain, rolled through the racecourse during the second heat. Most of the Mistrals were able to finish but the punishing winds and rough waters swamped several of the 2.4 mR boats, many of which were sailed by handicapped sailors. All

were able to return safely to port with the aid of the motorized coach boats. The competitors welcomed a fresh, though shifty, westerly breeze for the second day, but that was followed by light shifty breezes the third day and a no wind cancellation of the last day's racing. Light air racing is hard work for the Mistrals, which unlike other classes, are allowed to pump the sail. This activity makes a light air race about the equivalent of running a 10K race and sailing three heats like running a marathon.

Antonia Frey of Greece, a wave and freestyle world champion in windsurfing who has only recently taken up racing, topped the Mistral Women's fleet while Joao Rodrigues of Portugal won the Mistral Men's class. Ben Barger at 7th was the top US finisher. Jeff Madrigali, (San Francisco, Calif.) an able-bodied sailor and 1996 Soling Olympic Bronze Medallist, won the 2.4 Metre class over world champion Stellan Berlin. Tom Brown, in fifth overall, is the 2000 2.4 Metre Paralympic Bronze Medallist and will represent the USA at the 2004 Paralympic Games. CGSC member Tom Franklin finished 11th.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

As I do every month I checked with the city to see how things are progressing. The next step of the process is to complete the writing of a R.F.P. Once it is written it will be shown to us, the waterfront board and other parties with an interest in how the waterfront is developed. This release is scheduled for the next waterfront board meeting. This is an important step because it will lay the groundwork for how the process will proceed. When it is presented and all feedback is received and assessed, the city will make any changes necessary and then it will be released. Once released the person or firm who will develop this plan will be chosen and the plan can start to be shaped. We will be looking at this R.F.P. closely to be certain that the approach is fair to us. This shows that though things are moving slowly they are moving.

We had a booth at the Art Festival. Jack and Claire Hamm and Cathy and Marc Buller with some help from other members set the booth up and helped staff it. We put up open house signs and directed potential members and students to the club from the booth. This resulted in receiving some new memberships and lots of interest in our learn to sail programs.

With the help of Scott the staff the club was set up nicely to receive our guests and give people a flavor of what we are about. The City and members of the Community have asked that we (CGSC) be more open and assessable to Miami residents and we are striving to meet their wishes.

Bud Price, Commodore



In Memoriam

John Brennan, Past Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Past Chairman of the City of Miami Waterfront Advisory Board passed away February 12, 2004 at the age of 77. John loved sailing and ran the club instructional programs for many years. Hurricane Andrew destroyed many of the clubs records including the file that was full of letters of appreciation from former students praising John for sharing his skills and knowledge with them. The City of Miami honored John by naming the Dinner Key South Access Channel after him. Many will remember the flotilla honoring John with the formal naming of the channel. John is survived by his sons David and Bob Brennan, daughters Kim Corlew and Ann Marie and Kathleen Brennan, companion Ethel Felts and many dear friends at the CGSC. If you would like to join others who knew him well - there will be another Celebration of his Life on Vagabond at the CGSC dock. Mark your calendar for March 16th at 7PM - Social Night.

January Rendezvous

The rendezvous at Gilbert's Resort the weekend of January 17 was very well attended with 26 adults and 5 children making the trek to Key Largo. Most people arrived by boat and rafted up at the dock, or anchored out on the other side of the waterway. A few people drove down for dinner on Saturday. The buffet dinner was great. Some people said they might return to Gilbert's just for a serving of the Apple Strudel!

After dinner people retired to the outside tiki-hut bar for live music, or hung out on each other's boats to enjoy more conversation. The winds worked in our favor both for the sail down on Saturday and the return trip on Sunday, although Sunday also brought quite a downpour. A number of lucky people had Monday off (Martin Luther King Day) and so had an extra day to hang out in the Keys. A great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone for coming and making this a memorable rendezvous of the CGSC.

Elaine Long
Cruising and Rendezvous Co-chair

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Successful defending champion Lenka Smidova (CZE) led from early on to win in the 20-boat Europe class. Following in second, just six points back, was Meg Gaillard (Pelham, N.Y./Jamestown, R.I.), who is a lead contender for a berth on the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team.

See ussailing.org for a complete report on the regatta.



COMODORO RASCO SNIPE REGATTA

21 Snipes attended the 2004 (XXXV) Commodore Rasco Snipe Annual Regatta. Prior to the regatta weekend the weather forecast was not very promising making the snipe sailors uneasy. However, on Saturday three races were held in almost perfect conditions with SW 5 to 10 k for the first race, then SW-W 10 to 16 for the second race and W-NW 15 to 18 for the third race (cold front finally showed up). Snipe sailors and dedicated Race Committee staff concluded the day with the Lasagna dinner at the Diaz's home. All had a great time!

First race Sunday morning at 10:00 hrs and kind of cold! Winds NW-N 15 to 20. For the second race the wind increased to 22-25 kts. out of the NE (great planning conditions) forcing the RC to shorten the race (good job!). Needless to say Sunday was all Triangle Courses with a few capsizes, but nobody lost the rig or got towed back to the Club. Good equipment and good boats with sail-away capabilities!

Kudos to all the Club members that helped in the Race Committee: Flags: Vicki Rosenbloom, Bill Braddon, Dottie Rostorfer. Timer: Marvin Schenker, Anita Hansen. Scribe: Jeanne Bunten. Scorer: Al Chapin, Ron

Rostorfer, John Deegan. Additional Mark Boat: Will Bourne (CGSC Fleet Captain) and PRO: Bruce Schneider.

The AICARDI trophies were awarded this year to the Juniors: In first place, Tomas Hornos and Dan Liberty and in second place Nick Voss and David Hernandez.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.



Left, A start of race. Winds caused some boats to withdraw.



Boats race toward the windward mark.



REGATTARESULTS:

Pl.	Sail #	Skipper and crew	Total points	
1	8653	Hal Gilreath/James Liebl	Jacksonville	10-1-1-3-2 16.5
2	30089	Peter and Sheehan Commette	Ft. Lauderdale	1-3-3-5-8 19.75
3	29684	John Manderson/Stuart Colie	Keyport N.J.	8-8-2-2-1 20.75
4	29867	Henry Filter/Kim Couranz	Annapolis, MD	12-2-5-4-3 26
5	29400	Bill Schoenbers & David Hiebert	Ft. Lauderdale	2-12-9-1-4 27.75
6	29442	Carr Moody/Rick Jarchow	Ft. Lauderdale	6-6-7-7-6 32
7	29992	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Martin Dovat	CGSC Miami	5-5-15-6-11.5 42.5
8	29995	Gonzo Diaz/Kathleen Tochee	CGSC Miami	18-4-4-8-9 43
9	27273	David Mendelblatt/Amy Sternthal	St. Petersburg FL	3-17-10-10-11.5 51.5
10	28466	Robin Baker/Janet Plitt	West Palm Beach	9-10-11-16-7 53
11	29610	Tomas Hornos/Dan Liberty (Jrs.)	Swampscott, MA	4-14-16-12-10 56
12	29778	Steven and Jan Davis	Centennial, CO	11-11-8-14-14 58
13	28702	Laura and Will Jeffers	St. Petersburg, FL	15-16-14-11-5 61
14	8657	Steve and Kelly Suddath	Jacksonville, FL	7-7-6-DNC-DNC 62
15	28812	E. Rodriguez/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Miami, FL	14-13-12-9-DNC 69
16	29963	Robert Ramirez/Fred Moffet	CGSC Miami	13-9-13-DNF-DNC 74
17	26900	Nick Voss/David Hernandez (Jrs.)	CGSC Miami	16-15-18-17-15 81
18	28814	Greg Saldana/Alex Ravelo	Miami, FL	19-18-17-15-13 82
19	29114	Morgan and Connie Commette	Ft. Lauderdale	DNC-DNC-DNC-13-DNF 92
20	28694	Christian Vilate/Kristi Patterson	Miami, FL	17-DNF-19-DNC-DNC 97
21	24995	Johann Lopez/Dax Rodriguez	Miami, FL	DNF-DNC-DNC-DNC-DNC 104



Winner, Hal Gilreath drinks the tradition pitcher of beer.

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Saturday, March 7, 2004

The Alhambra Community Orchestra

Directed by

Past Commodore, Reginald Nicholson

Performs classical and pop music from
7 pm to 9 pm

at

The Barnacle Historic State Park
3485 Main Highway
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Admission: \$5.00 adults, children under 10 free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a take-out dinner from the club kitchen and listen to 30 strings perform Brahms, Beethoven and Mancini under the baton of club member, Reggie Nicholson. The park is right around the corner from the club on Main Highway. Gates open at 6 pm. and the music plays rain or shine. Proceeds go to help maintain the park. The event is sponsored by The Barnacle Society, Inc.

YOUTH SAILING

Spring Break Mini Camp

Coconut Grove sailing club is now enrolling for our Spring Break camp. The dates are from March 29-April 2nd. This class is for learn to sail level 1 kids who want to get the basics down before summer camp. It will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Space is limited so sign up ASAP. The cost of this course is \$100.00 per child. This is also a great refresher course for all kids. They will have classroom talks and on water drills, along with days filled with fun. If you are interested in this course please signup either on the web or call Britt Price @ 305-444-4571 ext.11



Summer Camp 2004
Registration Is Here!

For all kids ages 9-13. Sign up on the web @ www.cgsc.org go stop by Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2990 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove FL, 33133 305-444-4571 ext.11.

REAR COMMODORE REPORT:

CGSC ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS - April 3-4, 2004

It is that time of year to get ready to have some fun at the CGSC Annual Rendezvous. So bring your family and friends for a great time. A group of members will be getting everything ready for you to have an enjoyable weekend. For the 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 to civilization. Hope to see you there!

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

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height 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			
4	High	10:57 PM	1.7			



CGSC Girl's Night out: March 3

The CGSC "Girl's Night Out"

Wednesday, March 3

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Bring an appetizer.

All women welcome.

Contact Andrea Stringos

305-662-7020 if you have questions.

Arts Festival Draws Crowd to Sailing Club

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club reached out to hundreds of people interested in the Art of Sailing (and socializing) this past weekend during the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. The Club secured a booth in the heart of the action on McFarland Lane where dedicated members encouraged interested sailors to visit our open house.

Once on Club grounds guests were greeted, questions were answered and tours were given showing prospective members our beautiful club. Many people joined onsite.

Thank you to all Club members and staff who participated—the success of these events depends on you and your involvement. Please help promote our wonderful club by volunteering and getting involved.

Clare Hamm

SUPPORT THE ARTS

From the ashes of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus rises the Master Chorale of South Florida. For their inaugural 2004 season, the 100+ voices will perform Mozart's Requiem at three locations:

Boca Raton, Friday, March 19, 8pm

Ft. Lauderdale, Saturday, March 20, 8 pm

Coral Gables, Sunday, March 21, 4pm

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Go to www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.com to purchase tickets and information about concert locations. Tickets for events may also be purchased by contacting Elaine Long at 305-895-8951.



The Coral Cup Hosted by CGSC



A Regatta for Women on Biscayne Bay

Saturday, March 13 Deadline for early entries
Thursday, March 25 1500 hours Deadline for all entries
Friday, March 26 1900 hours Skippers Meeting
Saturday, March 27 1100 hours First warning; 2 races,
 conditions permitting
Sunday, March 28 1100 hours First warning; 1 race,
 followed by Awards Presentation.

For more information contact:
<http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-coralcup>.

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 other to be effective in emergency situations.

If you sign up as a volunteer you will attend a free 17½ hour Comprehensive Training Course. If you are interested in participating, please call Jim Clark at (305) 740 5844.

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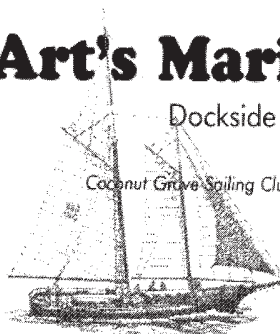
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Classes at Palmetto HS are on Tuesday and Thursday nights beginning April 13th, July 6th and September 28th. Contact Jane Bixby, Flotilla Vice Commander at 305 275 7985 for details.

Classes at the CGSC are on Monday and Thursday nights beginning February 23rd. Contact Dominic Romeo, Flotilla Staff Officer, Public Education, at 305 666 8469 for details.

**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.

The topics are:

March 17 The Biscayne/Everglades Connection

Presented by Sarah Bellmund, Biscayne National Park

A look at the intimate but little-known connections between two of South Florida's premier natural areas.

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.

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Month 2

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Month 3

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