



April 2005

DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA

Peter Commette and Barb Evans won the XXXIX Annual Don Q Regatta after 3 days of perfect weather in Biscayne Bay. The Sea breeze (Southeasterly winds) showed up every day! Weatherman could not have treated us any better! With 32 boats participating including our 2004 National Champion Ernesto Rodriguez, our World Champion Augie Diaz and 2003 US National Champion Andy Pimental there was plenty of competition for Peter and Barb. Outstanding performance with a 3rd place by Lee Griffith and Lisa Griffith on their new Jibe Tech Snipe.

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Race Committee headed by Bruce Schneider with the help of Club members and friends: Jaime Ramon who also donated the use of his boat as the signal boat, Bill Beavers, Marvin Schenker, Denise Schneider, Jeanne Bunten, Rick Rahm, John Degan, Susan Walcutt, Tricia and Megan Reeder, Kathy

Peak, Carl Opdyke, and Roy Hellman. The Protest Committee: Mike Weber, Rob Quinlivan and Vlad Stroleny. The SCIRA Rep, Brainard Cooper Jr. This was an excellent team that ran great races for us. Again, many thanks to all of them.

We had a great Don Q Rum Keg party Saturday night followed by the now traditional Cuban Dinner. Thanks to Carmen Diaz and her helpers for their hard work in the party and the dinner.

Our Vice Commodore Vlad Stroleny presented



A great start for the 32 Snipes from 11 US States, Norway, Finland and Brazil.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

April ends the third quarter for the current slate and your Officers are beginning preparations for the change-in-guard, which will occur in July. There is a lot to be accomplished in preparation of the new fiscal year including: the development of a new budget, bylaw changes, 5-Year plan, and selecting a Nominating Committee. These items will be presented for your approval during the Annual Meeting on the first Friday in June. Therefore, the Bridge will be devoting a lot of time to these activities over the next several months. In the future, the Vice Commodore will be responsible for developing the details for the next year under the 5-Year plan and then to carry out that detailed plan as Commodore.



During the Annual Meeting, there will be three vacancies to fill on the Board (normal rotation). The only automatic succession is the Vice Commodore to Commodore. However, the intended succession plan is: Committee Chairman → Board Member → Rear Commodore → Vice Commodore → Commodore. This rotation provides the best continuity and training to ensure the club operates in an efficient manner. It takes a lot of commitment and dedication to serve the club and I am very pleased that Vlad will be taking the helm in July with the support of Marc as the V.C. In addition, Charlie Rahn has also expressed interest in the Rear Commodore position - so we should be blessed with solid slate.

As discussed above, the Board of Directors will elect a Nominating Committee this month who will seek volunteers to serve the club. It is a true honor, so please step-up when called upon. In that spirit, please advise the Nomination Committee if you are willing to serve or provide any recommendations. They will be happy to hear from you - please don't let anyone be overlooked due to poor communications.

One of our major goals was to upgrade our website and I am happy to report that this is coming to fruition. The website will be upgraded with an interactive program developed by ClubSystems. The website is fully compatible with our accounting software (same vendor) such that each member may view and pay their bills online. The membership will now have the ability to drill down to daily charges. The software also provides an interactive calendar where members can view and sign-up for club functions including social events, regattas, and rendezvous. The website will also include a photo gallery, club policies, and a fully functional membership directory. The most important feature is an email-marketing tool which will be essential during Masterplan process. This will provide a tool to keep you informed and request your attendance at important functions. If fully utilized by the membership, the software will pay for itself. Therefore, your involvement is vital to making this project a success for the club. The software is easy to use and menu driven - but we will need your participation. Training will be provided, if required. I am looking forward to this upgrade and feel it will be a great benefit to the club.

You may have noticed something different about our rack area – it's neat and organized! Jose Hernandez has built us a wonderful new dingy rack system to host the new CGSC Laser Racing Team and the Access dinghies used for the Marine Science Academy program. I would also like to recognize Kay Voss for volunteering to develop an agreement and policy for the U of M Sailing Team. This has taken a lot of effort on her part and is well appreciated. Please thank Jose and Kay for a job well done!

After receiving a suggestion from a parent (who wished to relax with friends), a basketball hoop and ping-pong table was acquired. It is amazing to see the adult "kids" come out to play. The ping-pong table has become a great hit with tournaments played throughout the weekends.

Just one more other item... The Board of Directors voted in favor of revising the moorings agreement in response to last year's hurricane season. The new agreements will be modelled after Coral Reef and will require all members to relocate

their vessels to safe harbor in anticipation of a hurricane. So please make your plans early. Consider this requirement as minor consequence of living in paradise and keeping your boat in the best mooring field this side of the Atlantic. Please support your Bridge implementing this change.

Your club continues to prosper; we are providing great community services while closing-in on our 1,000-member

goal. Every member should take great pride being part of this great sailing institution. It's your club - keep her in the groove!

Faithfully Submitted,

Jack Hamm, Commodore

P.S. Has anyone seen that ol' possum called Brownie?

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trophies to the first 10 crews right after the last race on Sunday

This will be a Don Q to be remembered. Next year will be the 40th Don Q. Come and sail with us.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.



Vice Commodore Vladimir Stroleny presents the first place trophy to Peter Commette and Barb Evans.

At left are all of the competitors gathered for a group photograph.

(Right) Names and positions in the championship are as follows:
 Standing, left to right: Mike Blackwood (skipper 5th place from Milwaukee), Hal Gilreath (skipper 6th place from Jacksonville), Lynn Fitzpatrick (crew 10th place), Morgan Commette (crew 9th place), Alex Ravelo, Gonzalo Crivello (skipper 10th place), Lee Griffith (skipper 3rd place from New Jersey), Charlie Bustamate (skipper 8th place from North Carolina), Andy Pimental and Julia Langford (skipper/crew 4th place from Portsmouth, RI), Patricia Fonovich and Nicolas Granucci (crew/skipper 7th place from North Carolina), Ernesto Rodriguez (skipper 2nd place)
 Kneeling, left to right: Barb Evans and Peter Commette (crew/skipper 1st place), Lisa Griffith (crew, 3rd place, MA) and Michele Bustamante (crew 8th place, NC).



REGATTA RESULTS

PI	Crew	From	Total	PI	Crew	From	Total
1	Peter Commette/ Barb Evans	Ft. Lauderdale	19.75	17	Don Hackbarth/Jim Janda	Georgia	91
2	Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina	Miami	25	18	Bibi Juetz/Marcos Mascarenhas	Brazil	91
3	Lee Griffith/Lisa Griffith	New Jersey	26	19	Ken & Kay Voss	Miami	93
4	Andy Pimental/Julia Langford	Rhode Island	33	20	George Gibbs/Leonard Dodrill	St. Augustine	94
5	Mike Blackwood/Patty Mueller	Wisconsin	34	21	Gonzalo Diaz/Kristi Patterson	Miami	94
6	Hal Gilreath/Andy Culver	Jacksonville	42	22	Enrique Quintero/Simon Sanders	Miami	95
7	Nick Granucci/Patricia Fonovich	North Carolina	43	23	Robin Baker/Janet Plitt	Palm Beach	95
8	Charlie & Michele Bustamante	North Carolina	52	24	Stephan & Monica Irgens	Missouri	103
9	Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette	Mass.	53	25	Halvor & Edell Poulsson	Norway	126
10	Gonzalo Crivello/Lynn Fitzpatrick	Miami	59.75	26	John & Nancy Fox	Melbourne	130
11	Bill Schoenberg/David Heibert	Ft. Lauderdale	60	27	Nick Voss/David Hernandez	Miami	131
12	Birger Jansen/Cecilia Defaire	Norway	63	28	Tom Peterson/Tim Putney	Wisconsin	131
13	Jerry Thompson/Zack Kelchner	California	64	29	Ray Schmit/Wendy Frank	Mass.	136
14	Augie Diaz/Pam Kelly	Miami	66.25	30	Greg Saldaña/Grace Fang	Miami	139
15	Henning Balzer/Heinz Balzer	Norway	78	31	Bob Panza/Joseph Panza	Connecticut	144
16	Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	Finland	88	32	Bill Blechman/ Crew	Miami	164

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I think we can have our own dingy boat show at the club. There are so many new boats at the club that our volunteers (Jose and friends) are updating our storage facilities to handle all these boats. This will help us get the boats off the lawn and make the lawn usable again.

We have replaced the Launch and Inflatable engines. The old Launch engine was put on the Fishmaster and maybe during the next fiscal year it will get a new engine. The two Mako engines are also showing their age and should be replaced during the next budget year. It used to be that some of the boats could have older engines on them, but with all the activities at the club – all boats need newer engines. Volunteers (Bill, Renny and friends) are increasing the pavement height by the handicap access ramp; it has been an issue when it rains. This project should be completed soon. We have increased the number of employees that are divers to keep up with the constant attention the moorings require.

When you leave your mooring for an extended period of time, please let the dock office know about your absence and when you will be returning. We will use free moorings to accommodate guest or new boats. This way we can make everyone happy, and you will not find someone on your mooring when you return. It is part of the moorings agreement that you signed that the Club can use vacant moorings temporarily.

30 Minutes – This is the time allowed to be at the dock. Especially, during busy times like weekends, it is not a good

idea to be at the dock fixing and cleaning your boat for hours. People like to come to the dock to pick up friends and supplies before they go sailing. The amount of dock space is quickly reduced when there is a 40 foot boat tied up to the dock. This is why most people do repairs and cleaning of their boat during the week, where the 30 minute rule is not that critical.

Even though the hurricane season is a while away, it is not too early to start planning. Once, during a hurricane warning (where you MOVE the boat off the moorings to a place far away) when I went back to check on the boat I noticed that my anchor setting skills were not what I thought they were. It may be a good idea to practice setting multiple anchors and making sure they hold. If your boat stays on the moorings during a close call, your boat might not be there or it may be parked on Bayshore Drive. After last years hurricane season some people suggested that the people that left their boats on the moorings should at least do some community service for the sailing club. I want to thank Elaine for helping out in the office as part of her “community service”, especially since she is the only person that stepped forward.

Vladimir Stvoleny, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Let me begin by saying I am proud to be your Rear Commodore. I know I have large shoes to fill with Jim's departure and I plan to follow up programs started and see how we can improve other programs.

The University of Miami “Sailing Canes” had their first practice. Please let's make them feel welcomed. We're planning a “Launch Event” for the team in the near future and I hope to see everyone there to welcome the team. Officials from the University and the City should be present and I hope we can show them our support for this worthy endeavor.

In other sailing news, you should have noticed the racks being built. These were installed to put some semblance of order to the boat storage area. Jose Hernandez and volunteers from the Laser Team designed, planned and executed a fine project. Thank you to **Jose** and **ALL your Assistants!!!**

The Green Fleet is showing promise. They are active and proudly representing the Club at several local and International Regattas (see Jaime Ramon's article in this issue.) Some show abilities and interest to move up to the red, white and blue fleets and I wholeheartedly support them.

These young sailors are learning sailing, racing and responsibility. They are the future of this Club and racing on the Bay.

Your Bridge and Board are proud to represent this Club and we hope you feel that you can let us know how you feel. As our Commodore says “Let the Floggings begin,” if you have a comment or statement, please let us know. Of course problems beg for a solution, so you should be prepared to suggest one of those as well.

Once again, I proud to be your Rear Commodore and hope to see you on the water,

Happy Sails to You, ~ ~ ___/ ~ ~

Marc Buller, Rear Commodore



TREASURER'S REPORT

I want to apologize for not being able to communicate the financial disposition of our club since being asked to undertake the responsibilities as you treasurer for the remainder of the year. Our sailing club is in very good financial shape. Our balance sheet shows our assets have increased by \$100,000 from the same time last year and our budget projections you approved at our annual meeting seem to be very much on target. Our past due balance over 60 days excluding dues payouts is only \$12,000 and our daily cash deposits are very strong.

This is not to say we do not need to keep a close watch on how we spend our money. The increased club activity has certain areas over extending themselves and the wear and tear on the facility and equipment has had us make expenditure decisions beyond certain budgeted projections, but our positive revenue stream has provided the foundation upon which can meet these needs.

Our future depends on a strong financial position and meeting our fiduciary responsibilities to the membership. We must maintain good accountability and wise decisions we when need to spend money. We must plan for our future and not just spend today. Most important we must be able to meet the needs of our club.

We are about to enter the budget process for next and we welcome your participation and input into planning how we spend your funds. Please contact me or the office if you are interested in attending the meetings over the next month or if you just have ideas on what needs to be improved on for the betterment of the club.

Yours in Sailing,
Jeffrey Zirulnick

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to start off by saying it is a privilege to serve Coconut Grove Sailing Club, by assuming the Secretary position for the remaining term. Pat and I have been members of the club since 1978. We have had many years of incredible sailing, good friends, good food and wonderful family times. The club is an extended family with similar interests. You can be a cruiser, like me, a racer like Pat, a novice, like our boys 15 years ago, or be a balcony enthusiast. Bring a book, as I have been known to do, and enjoy the view and company. CGSC is a treasure which if lost cannot be replaced. I have had 2 meetings to date and have already, after all these years, been amazed at what it takes to keep it going. I have an increased respect for everyone who gives their time and energy towards our club. I will do my best to serve this club through the position of secretary.

Mary Cacace

Entertainment Report

There is a lot going on at the club this year and more great events are coming up.

The Valentines party on Feb 12th was a real treat for the few who attended. The romantic candlelight dinner included table service by club manager Scott Salzberg. He personally served Filet Mignon and Shrimp to everyone and it was only \$20.00 per person including wine with dinner.

On March 18th we had "Another St Patrick's Day Party". A great classic rock band played all our favorite tunes from the 60's & 70's while the partygoers danced the night away. Thanks go to Scott and the kitchen staff for preparing a delicious traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage. As you can see from the photos everyone had a great time.

Since we have the annual rendezvous in April, there will not be an organized party at the club during the month. But be sure to come down for social nights and Friday happy hours. You will especially want to attend social night on **Tuesday, April 19th. Ron and Dottie Rostorfer** will be presenting a slide show of their recent trip to the Antarctica in the banquet room. This should be a wonderful presentation as they outline their adventures in that beautiful part of the world. It's a good time to come to the club to chill out after tax season.

We are planning a **Cinco de Mayo party this year, on May 5th** of course. You will definitely want to attend this one, even though it's a Thursday night. I can't remember ever having one at the club before, so it should be a good one.

As you can see, there is always a lot to do at the club besides sailing. So come on down and have a great time with your fellow sailors and friends.

If you have any ideas for a party theme or if you want to help on the committee, please contact me at 305-740-9200 or dlamberti@aol.com. The entertainment committee reminds you to **"Keep your sunny side up"**.

Dominic Lamberti
Co-Chairman, Entertainment Committee

Bylaws Report

The following draft has been prepared by the Bylaws Committee for your review. Article IX Organization and duties of committees and representatives

Section 3. 1) Future Development Committee:

The Future Development Committee shall consist of a chairperson and at least two members. It shall be responsible for planning the future development of the Club and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. *The Vice Commodore will work with the Future Development Committee to develop and update the five year plan every year. The Committee will obtain input from community agencies such as the Miami City Commissioner's Office, the Waterfront Advisory Board, the Village Council and the City of Miami. The Five year plan must be approved on an annual basis by the Board and by the General Membership at the annual meeting.*

LEASE UPDATE MASTER PLAN

During the March Waterfront Advisory Meeting, Alicia Cuervo Schreiber from the City Manager's Office, made a presentation on the Masterplan and made several announcements of interest to the club: 1) the City has entered final negotiations with SASAKI; 2) a walking tour will be performed to kick-off the project; 3) the Masterplan has been formally extended from Peacock Park to Kennedy Park; 4) the economic analysis has been extended to include the restaurant district; and 4) the City is negotiating with both Coral Reef and Biscayne Bay Yacht Clubs on a property setback to accommodate a pedestrian walkway to connect the parks.

The Coconut Grove Waterfront Working Group headed by Michelle Nieymer has been working directly with Alicia to initiate many of the changes mentioned above. In support of the walking tour, we have offered full use of the club as staging area and our fleet of boats to conduct the tour of the islands. From the club's perspective, we are pleased with the expansion since this will ensure a more viable plan is developed and will remove some of the focus on our 1/2-acre parcel.

In preparation of the Masterplan, we have reinstated the "Homework Committee" which will gather information, prepare documents, and perform studies in support of the planning effort. For example, SASAKI has recently requested a "needs document" that outlines what our requirements are from an operational perspective (i.e. parking, storage, etc). In response, the committee will examine what is absolutely essential and what we can do without. The Committee will benchmark other yacht clubs to provide a sound basis for those requirements.

One possible outcome of the Masterplan (that we would be remiss to not consider) is the possible relocation of the clubhouse. Our Commissioner, Johnny Winton, has publicly stated several occasions "I am a strong supporter of the club, I like the changes they have made, but maybe not in the same location". There is a possibility that City may choose to open-up a view corridor "vista" right down the middle of our clubhouse. This would necessitate rebuilding the clubhouse 100' north. Although this is not desired, it could be considered with the right combination of a long-term lease (40+ years) and a favourable moorings agreement. We will survive! Again, we do not expect any changes in the immediate future. However, we need to do our due diligence and be prepared to discuss and, if necessary, refute all possible outcomes. If you would like to volunteer for the Homework Committee, please let me know. We will be meeting every Monday night at 7:30 from this point forward.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Our Commissioner has indicated that the City is holding off on any negotiations with the club until the Masterplan is complete. This was unfortunate news as we were hoping to

establish an interim agreement that would allow us to renovate the clubhouse (as discussed in the previous Channel articles). However, I would like to recognize the efforts of Alyn Pruett and Mike Lovelady for developing the renovation plans - they were beautiful! Please buy Alyn and Mike a beer for their strong support of the club.

That being said, we are still proceeding with a less expensive roof replacement as the hurricane season is fast approaching and we need to protect the property. Perhaps a paint job is also in the near future.

MOORING PERMIT

There has been no change in mooring layout at this point. However, we have provided our boat statistics to the City for consideration in the sizing. We are continuing to lobby for dredging in order to expand the mooring capacity inside the spoil island. In support of this effort, Bill Beavers, Renny Young, and Robert Clariton conducted a study and prepared a professional report to document the amount of silt-in of the basin. This study was forwarded directly to Steve Bogner who was very appreciative of their efforts. On a positive note, the City and State are starting to take action on the 27th Avenue outfall. The plan is to clear the debris traps and dredge immediate outfall plume.

At the request of the Department of Environmental Protection, Steve Bogner has submitted a Mooring Management Plan. In that plan, the City will not provide launch service, which was a concern. The plan can view on DinnerKey.com. However the City is now considering the construction of a fuel dock at southern tip of the Dinner Key marina. We will continue our efforts to work with City on these issues.

Faithfully Submitted

Jack Hamm

Support the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation with your United Way Contribution

The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation was founded by a group of club members with the purpose of supporting sailing programs on Biscayne Bay. If you make an annual United Way donation, you may wish to designate it on behalf of the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation is a charitable organization pursuant to Sec 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID EIN#65-107-3893, FL registration Number 12776. P.O. Box 331835, Coconut Grove, FL 33233-1835

Jack Hamm

Jaime Ramon, Jr. in St. Croix Regatta

Jaime Ramon represented the Club rather well at a recent regatta in St Croix. The regatta is an annual event which draws participants from throughout the USVI, Puerto Rico, US mainland, and other Caribbean Islands. The Optimist competition takes place inside Teague Bay which is a beautiful well protected bay on the Northeast shore of St Croix. The large boats and beach cats race just outside of the reef in what is know as Buck Island Chanel.

There were 29 Optimist participating in this event, 24 in RWB fleets and 5 in the Green Fleet (2 from PR, 1 from St Thomas, 1 from St Croix, and 1 from Miami. The first day they raced 7 races in winds of 15-18 knots. Jaime got a bunch of seconds, a first, and I think a third. Overall he was in second place at the end of the day and a very happy tired sailor. First place was a seven year old 40 (or less) pound ace sailor from PR.

Oddly enough the heavier sailors were not doing so well in the crispy winds. On Saturday the winds picked up well over 20 knots and the bay got rather choppy. Jaime got a second in the first race and two DNS before they went in for lunch. The majority of the Green fleet got DNS's or DNF's on at least two races that morning due to the rough conditions and high winds. After a bite to eat and some encouragement from the RWB participants the complete Green fleet went back out to finish the regatta. The top three places were still up for grabs and all the kids wanted them. I could barely watch! Jaime finished the day with a second and a third. His consistent top three finishes

definitely paid off because Jaime returned home with a FIRST place medal!

Both Jaime and Myself are still on cloud 9!
Jaime Sr.



Jaime sailing in Teague Bay.

A very happy sailor after receiving his medal and presenting the Past Commodore/Regatta Chair with the Club's Burgee.



The view of the bay from a regatta host's home where the complete Opti Fleet went for a pizza pool party on Saturday night.



Let's Make a Cookbook...

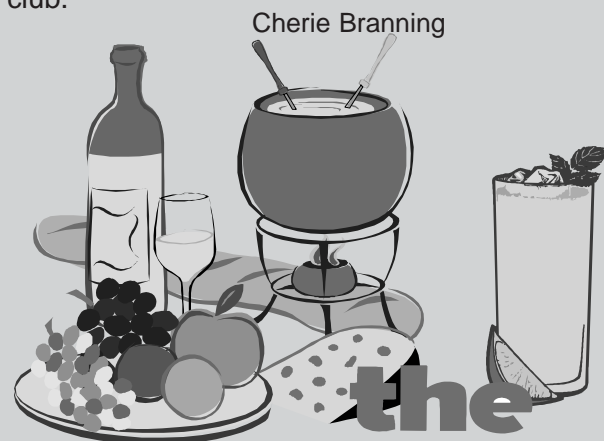
In case you didn't make our wonderful progressive dinner in March, we had some great food and fun. Thanks to Janice and Alyn Pruett for their leadership and the host boats.

While we were sitting around each others tables aboard various boats, we talked about the wonderful food and that we really needed to share some of the great recipes for *sailing meals*.

So here's your chance to share with all of us your favorite recipes. It would be great if you sent a recipe for each category listed, but that is not a requirement. Please try to make it something that you have tried making aboard your vessel and have had success. The categories are: Drinks, Appetizers, Soups & Salads/Dressings, Main course, Vegetable and Dessert. If you have something that doesn't quite fit in these categories, send it anyway and we'll make a place

Just send your recipes with a complete list of

ingredients and the cooking instructions to cebranning@bellsouth.net. We will accept recipes through April and then compile a cookbook for our club.



Cherie Branning

**the
right
mix**

Boot Key Harbor Revisited

By Dick de Grasse

(A cruising sailors view of Florida Marinas re-printed by permission of SOUTHWINDS - www.southwindssailing.com)

Harbors are changing fast in South Florida. Some are “being effectively closed to transient cruisers. Like most transient liveaboard cruisers, our biggest fear is entering a favorite harbor, after being away for a year or more, and finding no place to anchor, skyrocketing, unaffordable mooring and docking prices, impossible regulations and unhelpful and arrogant staff.

Boot Key Harbor is the best harbor in the Florida Keys and one of our favorites. Several other South Florida harbors are making it difficult, expensive and potentially illegal for boaters seeking a place to moor or anchor and land their dinghy. It's fortunate for long term transient cruisers that the city of Marathon has nearly got it right as far as moorings, dinghy dockage, pump-out service and anchoring are concerned. They have extensive plans for the harbor and dockage, which favor transient cruisers; other harbors can learn a lot from Marathon. It will take several years to place all the moorings and build out the shore side facilities. As it stands now, the city of Marathon has 64 moorings in place on city bottom and 166 more waiting to be set once the lease with the state of Florida is finalized. No one knows what the mix of anchoring and moorings should be to serve the fleet. So long as the flat-rate price for a mooring remains at \$10/day and \$150/month (plus \$4/day and \$60/month for the dinghy dock), many 'transient cruisers will choose to pick up a mooring. The marina management seems to be very interested in serving cruisers. At present, there are 97 liveaboards on 64 moorings and more than 100 boats at anchor with room for more. Eighty to 85 percent of the boats in the harbor are sailboats.

The city of Marathon has long-term operational finances in mind and is good at obtaining grants. Besides city funding, they have several grants from the state and federal government. One for the two pump-out boats and the other a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dedicated to preserving public access and serving transient cruisers. The city of Marathon has an effective monopoly on Boot Key Harbor. There are no checks and balances to help cruisers other than city fairness. Knowing the tendency for monopolies, both public and private, to disregard fairness to customers and raise prices whenever they have an excuse, the best news for cruisers is that the moorings and dinghy dock can support themselves with current fees.

The marina has a contract with the nearby Monroe County Sheriff's Department whereby the sheriff polices the harbor and surrounding inshore waters and assists in mooring field management. It keeps a record of boats on moorings in an effort to prevent the moorings from being used as 'long term' storage. Long term storage is defined by the city as a boat left unattended and unused on a mooring for longer than a month. Because cruisers are unwelcome in some other South Florida harbors, where arrogant local authorities read more into local ordinances than actually exist on paper, I carefully

read the six-page, 48-clause dockage licensee agreement required to be signed by cruisers picking up a mooring in Boot Key Harbor. Clearly, the agreement is a standard 'out of the legal form book' dockage agreement applicable to marina docks and slips everywhere and does not apply to boats on moorings. At least the agreement is much fairer to cruisers than a year ago. Cruisers don't have to leave the mooring in a named storm. It is reasonable to expect cruisers to prepare their boats before a blow, but at least they can stay on the mooring.

The mooring field tackle is the best I've seen in Florida. The 10 foot screw-in anchor is screwed into the coral harbor bottom, grouted in place and shackled with 1 inch hardware to the above-the-bottom storm soft bungee pennant.. The city inspects the tackle every three months using a diver with an underwater camera. Since pull tests show that mooring tackle loses 35 percent of its strength after only a couple of years underwater, the city plans on replacing the nylon above-the-bottom pennant and hardware every two years.

The two pump-out boats work well. Weekly pump-outs are free with a mooring and \$5 if you are at anchor. Last February, the pump-out boats recorded 16,826 gallons of sewage pumped from boats. That's sewage that didn't end up in the harbor.

As an example of the peace that has settled over Boot Key Harbor, cruisers hold a popular cruisers-net daily at 9 a.m. on VHF channel 68, and two 'smorgasboats' serve boats in the harbor with everything from morning newspapers to lunch soup.

SOUTHWINDS has published a number of letters and articles on the subject of anchoring rights and the fact that anchoring space is disappearing fast - particularly in South Florida' Local authorities repeatedly display the fact that they know little or nothing about boats, maritime law, civil rights and cruising.

Archimedes

Students learn about boat building and what makes them float.



Youth Sailing

Britt Price, Sailing Director

Learn to Sail

The classes are picking up due to the warm water. The spring Break session was great. All the kids sailed out on the bay and had a great time. If you are interested or know of any child who wants to learn to sail, Please contact Britt Price at 305-444-4571 ext. 11 or email britt@cgsc.org. Here is the finally schedule before summer starts

Level 1 (Beginner)
April 2, 9 & 16
9:00am – 12:00pm

Level 2 (Intermediate)
April 2, 9, & 16
1:00pm –4:00pm

Level 1 (Beginner)
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May 14, 21 & 28th
9:00am – 12:00pm

Level 2 (Intermediate)
May 14, 21 & 28th
1:00pm – 4:00pm

After School Programs

The after school programs are growing and learning from each other. Ransom and St. Stephen's are combining class once in a while. The Ransom students are coaching the younger kids and having a blast. The water level has been extremely low this past month, so we have been exploring several other boats and activities. The kids went to one of the spoil islands they call Mystery Island and played capture the flag along with kayaking and experimenting with the clubs new Access dinghies. These boats are great for the younger kids (1st and 2nd grade). The classes are going to continue until the end April.

week. This program has been such a great experience for all the kids, and the teachers too! All the kids sailed a reaching course with tacking and jibing. Some kids have even mastered sailing upwind.



Turner Tech



After School Programs



Marine Science

Miami High



Miami- Dade County Public Schools

We had a very busy month with Turner Tech, South Miami Senior, North Miami Beach Marine Science Academy and Miami High. All the kids sailed in Prams, Sunfish and our Access Dinghies. As well as Kayaking and swimming. This program ran three days a week and now in April is running 5 days a

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

YEAR 2005 PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

1st Quarter Update

1.	<u>Promote the Sport of Sailing</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>
	➤ Provide a 100 free sailing lessons for underprivileged children	Britt
	➤ Run a successful kids program (> 500 kids)	Britt
	➤ Partner with the City on a summer camp	Britt
	➤ Provide 10 scholarships based corporate funding	Marc
	➤ Expand Adult Sailing to include class and keelboats	Peggy
	➤ Expand club boat sponsor program to include keelboats	Ami
	➤ Develop Laser Racing Team (including non-members)	Jose H
	➤ Attract a High School and/or U of M. Racing Teams	Kay Voss
	➤ Attract at least one new regatta	David/Charlie
	➤ Apply for at least two grants to expand sailing programs	Marc
	➤ Compete on a state wide level for both Optimist and Laser Teams	Britt/Jose H
	➤ Upgrade Website to be more interactive	Beth H/Jack
	➤ Develop a “Commodore’s Club” to increase collaboration between the local yacht clubs.	Jack
2.	<u>Community Service</u>	
	➤ Provide affordable access to the Bay and free sailing lessons	Board
	➤ Grow Marine Science Program (Conduct at least one class per week on average)	Marc/Britt
	➤ Provide the clubhouse to community organizations (townhall meeting room)	Scott/Jack
	➤ Maintain a open gate policy (provide free restrooms to Peacock Park patrons)	Ami
	➤ Become more accommodating to handicapped sailors	Marc/Britt
	➤ Continue to care for surrounding park properties (Help keep our City beautiful)	Ami
	➤ Grow Membership to > 1,000 City of Miami Residents and increase diversity	Scott
	➤ Plan for great party for City in celebration of 60years of sailing tradition	Board
	➤ Expand outreach programs such as Virrick Pool program to other City neighbourhoods	Britt/Cathy
	➤ Provide safe boating courses through partnership formed with the Power Squadron	Marc
3.	<u>Environmental Stewardship</u>	
	➤ Complete Clean Marina Certification Program	Ami/Cathy B.
	➤ Sponsor Baynanza and Hands-on-Miami cleanup efforts (provide free launch service)	Cathy B.
	➤ Host the National Park Service Biscayne Bay Lecture Series	Scott
	➤ Upgrade the moorings	Board/City
	➤ Provide educational programs	Board
	➤ Change outboards to 4 cycle engines	Board
	➤ Provide a free pump-out station (remove tokens change to timer)	Tom
4.	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	
	➤ Replace the Clubhouse roof	AyIn/Vlad
	➤ Paint the Clubhouse	AyIn/Vlad
	➤ Install new dingy racks to host Laser team	Jose H
	➤ Modify docks to host Access Dinghies	Vlad/Jack
	➤ Update Club Procedures	Scott/Jack

(Strikethrough = complete)

Community Outreach Report

WHEW! We're getting busy! We have events stacking up and we need Volunteers.



April 5th will be the kick-off seminar for the DEP Clean Marina Program. YOU are invited to join four Club Officers and myself for this five hour seminar. I will be calling on you to help CGSC implement this environmentally conscious program for the

benefit of the Club and Biscayne Bay. We met with the Waterfront Advisory Board on March 8 to introduce them to our efforts. The Board was impressed with CGSC efforts to become the third marina, and also the first Biscayne Bay boat/yacht club to become designated DEP "Clean Marina." We plan to have this program implemented within six months. In the duration, we need your help and support.

April 16th is the Baynanza Event. Miami-Dade is hosting the Baynanza clean up in the Coconut Grove waterfront and the spoil islands. CGSC is participating again this year. We are going to have two boats transporting eager Volunteers to and from the spoil islands for trash pick up. If you are interested in joining us for this four hour event on Saturday, April 16,



please contact me. "Thank You" goes out in advance to our Baynanza drivers: Social Member Leslie Jones, with Lifetime Member of thirty years, Tom Malone, for dedicating their time and efforts to represent CGSC at this great neighborhood enhancement event. Thank you, Leslie and Tom. (YEAH! Social Members are getting involved!)

That same day, April 16th, long before you wake up, "Team CGSC" is headed to Key Largo on bicycles. CGSC has "Team CGSC" participating in the fund raising event "Breakaway to Key Largo." This event is an MS150 bicycle riding event. It is a 150-mile bicycle-riding event to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research and cure. Your Volunteer CGSC team members dedicated to bicycle-ride all 150 miles are Mike Lovelady, Nick 'Doc' Martens, Rob Quinlivan, Marc Buller, and Cathy Buller. We have collectively raised \$1,500.00 for MS research to find a cure, helping victims live better quality lives while suffering with this debilitating disease. You wonder what our motivation is to a ride bicycle for 150-miles, representing CGSC? Well, you may be surprised MS strikes many people around you and you don't know it. Team CGSC is encouraged and motivated to finish this fund raising event due to the extraordinary efforts of a fellow CGSC Member and MS sufferer, Jaime Ramon. Jaime has been diagnosed and living with MS since the age of 16. We ride for you, Jaime! Thank you to everyone donating to our effort\$.

Also, "Make A Wish Foundation" is on the horizon. We are in need of Volunteers again to host a few "Make A Wish" folks to a day sail. What will you get in return? You will be surprised! Contact me for details and to Volunteer.

CGSC Club Volunteers are the best. Become one! You will always have a story to tell at the "Grove's Nest."

Cathy Buller outreachchair@cgsc.org 786-229-2618

COMMODORE'S VOLUNTEER RECONGITION LIST

While preparing this month's article, I had an inspiration that we should recognize significant volunteer activities each month. Please consider this a way to say Thank You. Hopefully, we can fun with this and not cause too much embarrassment. If your name appears on this list you are entitled to one beer on the Commodore's account. Undoubtedly I will miss someone, so please remind me for next month.

For the Month of March, the Commodore would like to recognize the following volunteers:

- Bill Beavers – leveling the south parking area and many others
- Marc Buller - stepping-up to Rear Commodore
- Cathy Buller - organizing the Clean Marina Program
- Charlie Branning - Coordinating dock construction
- Mary Cacase - stepping-up to the Secretary position.
- Dick Crisler – adult sailing programs
- Charlie Fowler - donating inflatable cover
- Jose Hernandez - building new racks for the Laser Storage
- Mike Lovelady - developing a new Channel cover and tee shirts
- Tom Malone - drain pipe installation
- Deborah Mitchell - supporting the MSA program
- Terry Peters – donating historic CGSC photos
- Alyn Pruett - developing renovation plans for the clubhouse
- Janice Pruett - doing outstanding job as the Rendezvous Chairmen
- John Pistorino – Floating Dock Design/Permits
- Bud Price - maintaining the club Flying Scots
- Vladimir Stroleny - keeping the boat engines running
- Kay Voss - developing the U of M sailing team agreement
- Keith Weyrick - donating landscaping services
- Renny Young – Silt-in study for the City
- Jeff Zirulnick - stepping-up to Treasury Position (belated)
- Sailing Foundation – donation of Optis and FJ's

We also need to recognize all of race committee volunteers (we will develop a separate list for next month)

Mooring Report

A survey was made to determine the thickness of the silt in the CGSC moorings area.

On the week of February 8, 2005 depth readings were taken during approximate high tides at fifty-six (56) CGSC mooring area spots. Winds were calm and the silt was "still". Most spots were near boat moorings but thirteen (13) were at docks, between docks and moorings, and at moorings access points. All were between Seminole Docks to just south of the CGSC building, and between fifty (50) feet from shore to one-third out (six rows) into the moorings.

The silt in the Dinner Key Yacht Basin is primarily from French-drain and street runoff from far inland: lawn clippings and leaves, tire rubber dust, soil, trash and debris. However, some comes from the bay: broken eel grass, leaves, coconuts and fronds, bottles, cans, food containers and plastic bags. The silt collects and is compacted by predominately SE breezes into the NE edges and recesses of the basin. This compacting is sometimes vividly evident in the canals immediately south of the CGSC which become impassable and must be cleared by dipper truck. The upper layers of the silt appear as liquid fluff which ordinary depth sounders (DS) do not penetrate. The lower layers of the thicker deposits reek of hydrogen sulfide and are like thick mud in which plants do not grow.

In about 1980 the CGSC paid for the removal of 1,000 cubic yards of silt from the approximate area of our survey. It was placed in two large piles on parkland on each side of the building, allowed to drain, and was trucked off. When dry it had the physical characteristics of gray fluff, felt as if it would burn and was easily blown about. It is my understanding that an open-ended maintenance dredging permit is on file for the CGSC with the City. The CGSC moorings bottom is very irregular sedimentary stone with some loose rock and was not disturbed.

Three knowledgeable people on a boat with a DS utilized two separate methods simultaneously to determine silt thickness:

1) A long calibrated stick with a blunt end was gently thrust into the water to "feel" the depth at which the silt started, then thrust thru the silt to the hard bottom: both readings were recorded.

2) A DS reading was simultaneously taken as a second measurement to the top of the silt.

Subtraction of the depth to the silt from the depth to the hard bottom gives the silt thickness. It was readily evident that both methods of silt depth measurement gave comparable results; however, the "feel" method requires more skill. The results of the two methods indicate an average silt thickness for all locations of 1.06 feet and 1.09 feet respectively. This difference of 0.36 inches is herein considered negligible.

CONCLUSION: An average of at least one (1) foot of silt exists in the CGSC moorings area from Seminole Docks

to past the CGSC building, and from land six mooring rows out. A drawing of the survey spots shows the silt thickness to vary greatly, filling in stone irregularities, but tending to be thicker near land. This is because of the proximity of the outfalls, the wind compacting, and because tidal redistribution of the silt is greater further out.

This work was done by Bill Beavers - CGSC Moorings Chairman, Members Renny Young and Walter Walkington at the request of Jack Hamm - Commodore. All work-sheets of actual measurements are available upon request. Feel free to direct inquiries and discussion to 305.546.6727C, 305.385.5161H or to billbeav@bellsouth.net

New Members:

3rd Reading January

Ronald Giachetti
Emilio Labrador
Keith Weyrick

Henry Paper
Peter Benemertito
Richard Graham
Julie Torres
Buck Banks

2nd Reading February

Ignacio Ruiz
Barbara Address
Mark Milnes
Dan Cordtz

Louise Baldwin
Mark Milnes
Michael Poorman
Wen Bray
Barry Hutchings
Dean Richardson

1st Reading March

Roger King

Therdore Dzik
Tiffany Field

Social Members:

February and March

Mike Lynch
Linda Doig
Annetta Schaefer
Elizabeth Brennan
Susan Hendrix
Edward Kindy
Ed Boen
Chris Willits
William Carlson
Randall Harrison
Peter Benziger
Lisa Shaw

Bruce Sanborn
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Meredith Kendall
Grace Kendall
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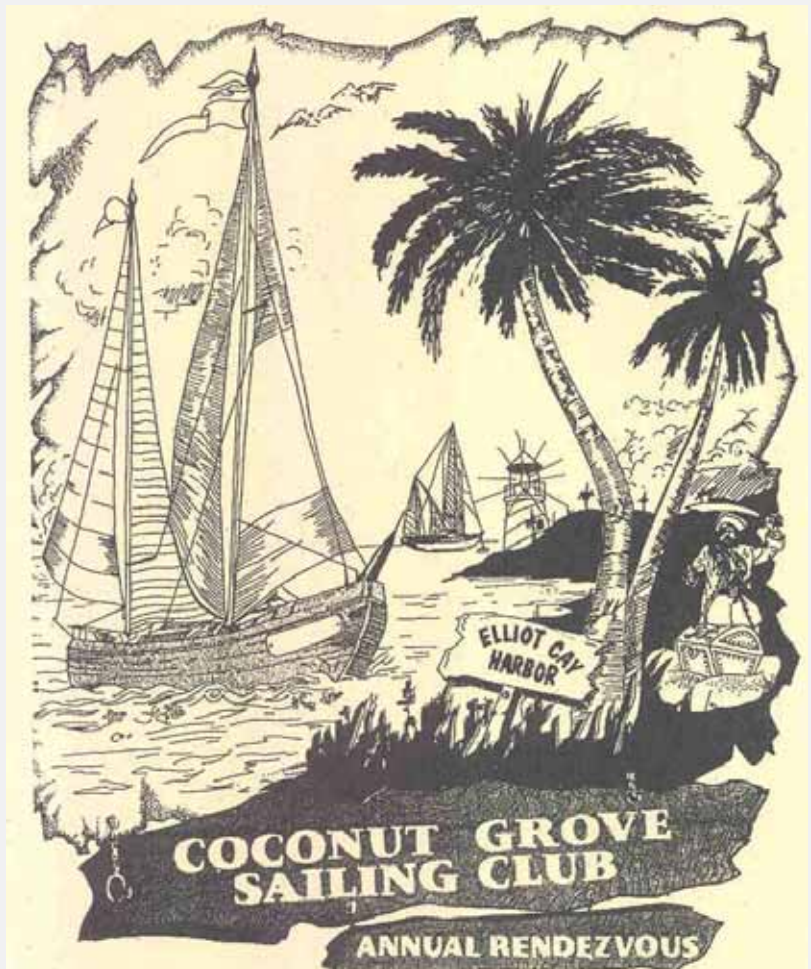
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**Coconut Grove
Sailing Club
2005
Annual
Rendezvous
Elliot Key
April 1, 2 & 3**



Rendezvous Report

Once again, the Annual Gilberts Rendezvous has come and gone. Effortless could not make the trip due to fuel injector problems so we sailed with Mark Buller aboard Otro Cuba Libre down the bay to Gilberts. The weather was beautiful, but the winds were somewhat light as we arrived just in time to make the 6:30 pm bridge opening and everyone was ready to kick back and relax.

Thanks to Cathy Buller, who drove to Gilberts, we had wheels and so headed off to take in some Key Largo flavor. For dinner we crossed over to the ocean side of the island, and stopped in at Buzzards Roost, one of our favorite places for lunch or dinner. This casual indoor/outdoor restaurant is located at the Garden Cove marina, and has a lovely view out the canal to the ocean.

Those with really shallow draft boats can get in there from the Garden Cove channel, which is near the northern entrance to Largo Sound. After dinner we



headed over to the "World Famous" Caribbean Club – where, they love to remind everyone driving by, the movie Key Largo was filmed – you remember - Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall and Edward G. Robinson – as the gangster - holed up in Key Largo during a hurricane. Well, we were either very early or very late, because there was no band and the place was pretty quiet, belying its reputation as a wild Keys hang-out. Nevertheless, the stars over Black Water Sound were incredibly bright as we downed our drinks out on the Club's dock.

Later back at Gilberts Tiki bar we contemplated the fact that times are-a-changing in Key Largo. It is reported that Gilberts "resort" will be demolished and replaced with 19 million dollar plus private homes. While the Tiki Bar may remain, its future seems uncertain. Although change is often a good thing, it is sad to think we may have had our last Gilberts Rendezvous. We saw plans for the new bridge which has a 65 foot clearance for tall masts.



As a special treat, Mark and Kathy Buller aboard Otro Cuba Libre won this rendezvous' "best boat afloat" prize - taking home a brand new Ray Marine chart plotter that was provided to the Rendezvous Committee by an unnamed donor.

Sunday morning Alyn and I found the Upper Keys Sailing Club, tucked away on Ocean Bay Drive. It has a tidy laid back clubhouse that is designed to showcase the bay sunsets. We were met by a friendly dockmaster who had heard that we might be stopping by and made us feel welcome even though the bulk of the club was out sailing on the Oceanside for one of their many regattas.

Looking ahead, April brings another favorite back to the rendezvous calendar, with our "howl at the moon" full moon rendezvous at Nixon's. This short trip across the bay is well worth it – as those that participated last year remember there was more than one moon out that night! **Please join us on Saturday April 23 for this unique event.** Contact Janice Pruett at 305-441-2733 or jbpmm@aol.com for information.



Also ongoing over the next two and a half months are preparations for the **Bimini Rendezvous**. This trip will be held Memorial Day weekend. Our first planning meeting for the trip was held on Friday, March 4, with about a dozen people participating. Joe Logan and Jennifer Wirth, who have volunteered to guide us on this trip, gave an introduction to



the kinds of things we will need to do to prepare ourselves and our vessels for the crossing. In the coming weeks additional "seminars" will be held to cover topics such as preparing your boat and engine, navigation, anchoring in the often-rocky Bahamian waters, and customs and border

patrol information. Please check the club for notices of upcoming meetings or contact Janice Pruett at jbpmm@aol.com.

As of this time we have approximately 12 boats that have signed up for the trip. As the club has not made this trip in many years, we would like to have a really large turn-out. So – all those members who made the crossing many times, but have not done so recently, please join us for this exciting event. For all those who have not yet made the trip (ourselves included) take advantage of this opportunity to travel across with our group.

Oh – Just kidding about the chart plotter!

Janice & Alyn Pruett



Where were you when....

-A cup of sailors' coffee at the Club was 20 cents.

-Volunteer Chefs prepared Tuesday night Social Nite dinner for all in attendance. Buzz Burrows and Bill Young hosted one dinner, serving their famous Boston Baked Beans.

-The piano was tuned for an upcoming party. Last time it was tuned was 1932. Bob Barnett (Club Treasurer at date) with friends prepared dinner that Social Nite while others watched the piano being tuned. The very same piano is still at CGSC Ballroom thirty years later, but needs to be tuned again.

-CGSC license plates were available for \$1.95. They were created to defray the cost of the then new television installed in today's "Grove's Nest." These very license plates are for sail/sale at the Grove's Nest.

-And a little poem was written by member Fred Ingoe (Fleet Chaplain):

"Ode to the CGSC Bar"

Diet drinks for the heavy set,
Beer and Pizza for the thin,
Fun and Laughter is a sure bet,
Our Bar is the place that's "In."

-The Don Q Regatta had a turn out of 53 boats, hosting a three day racing event.

-Charlie Fowler and Eddie Aguero worked on a club boat names SPRTIZ, donating time and materials to repair the boat gel coat and make new sails for the boat. Thank you for your continued support (30 years later) to Charlie and Eddie!

-Official measurer for race boats was Tom Malone. Tom can be seen around the club today, enjoying a beverage in "Grove's Nest." Thirty years later, Tom talks about alligators and club history. Get caught up with Tom the next time you see him at the Club.

-Eight of the ten Pram sailors going to Europe to race were from CGSC. The racers sailed as members of the United States Team for the IODA Challenge Cup and the World's Championship for the Beacon Challenge. CGSC represented the United States in this race series.

Are you familiar with these items? They happened in 1975, thirty years to date and we are still having fun. Please join us at the Club to make more history happen.

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For Sale: 1977 30ft Hunter Sailboat with 1999 16 horsepower two cycle Yamaha diesel engine. Recent roller rigging and upholstery. On a mooring at Coconut Grove Sailing Club with maroon trim sails. Tom Brodie 305-461-4315. \$12,000. Must sell due to illness.

Month 3

1984 O'Day 26, Egret, excellent condition, keel center board 2'6" to 6', 10hp Suzuki, new rigging, two head sails, sleeps 6, handheld marine radio, two anchors, porta potti, swim ladder, interior like new - \$8,650. Call Tom (954) 345-8034

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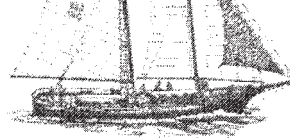
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HURRICANES GET THE FJ's WET



Wednesday February 23, was a beautiful day on the bay, warm with about 8 – 10 knots from the southeast. It was enjoyed by some hurricane sailors with very wide grins, as the Flying Juniors were pressed into service for the first UM sailing practice from CGSC.

The first practice was scheduled for 2pm, by 1:45 three

watch the team share the dock with Britt's St. Stephens after school program. As the hurricane sailors helped the little kids with moving boats on the dock, you could see the awe the youngsters eyes.

The first day of practice was great, and Kay & Ken Voss have been doing everything they can to make it as easy as possible to keep the sailors on the water. As of press time, the agreement between the University and CSGC was in the hands of the school attorney's, hopefully will be finalized by the time you are reading this article.

Charles A. Rahn



of the boats had the masts stepped, and preparations were well underway to have the boats sailing.

In another half hour or so, the boats were being launched and the Sailing Canes were making their way out to the bay.

After an hour or more of boat handling practice, the team was able to join in with the Ransom Everglades sailors and they all had about a half dozen races together.

A few quick impressions of the first day:

These kids are really appreciative to have a place to sail.

The biggest smile was on the face of the student that sailed for the University of Iowa last year. It was fun to



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