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## CGSC Sailors Excel at US Youth Sailing Championship

**C**ongratulations to David Hernandez who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Laser Radial Class at the 2005 U.S. Youth Sailing Championship. The event was held this year June 23-30 at the Cedar Point Yacht Club, Connecticut. This event is by invitation only. Sailors submit sailing resumes and the top sailors in the country are selected to participate. The event is open to sailors under 20 years of age.

David has spent most of his weekends (since birth) at CGSC. He learned to sail and race at CGSC and has enjoyed countless

weekends just “hanging” out at the club with friends and family. David is a counselor this summer at CGSC summer camp and loves teaching kids to sail. David tries to practice 3 times a week and credits his results to time on the water with great coaches and friends.



Sarah Lihan, also CGSC Junior member, completed in the event and finished 11<sup>th</sup>. Sarah will be traveling in August to California Yacht club to compete in the Leiter Cup, the U.S. Junior Women’s

Single-handed Championship. This regatta is a qualifier for the 2006 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in Great Britain.



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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**urricanes and more Hurricanes! Well, we were lucky to only have a practice run with Hurricane Dennis. This seems to be an unusually active hurricane season, so make sure you have a plan in place. I'd like to thank **Mary and Pat Cacace** and **Randy Klee** who stayed late at the club the night when the hurricane was closest. Together they volunteered about 25 hours of their combined time to help secure other people's boats (loose sails in particular). Remember that while club members are always willing to help out their fellow members, in a major storm everyone is going to be busy just dealing with their own hurricane preparation. Club employees in particular will be busy securing club property. So prepare your boats up front.



When hurricanes are nearby we monitor them closely on the National Hurricane Center website: [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov). This is your best source for information on the projected path of nearby hurricanes. The club will send out an e-mail to the mass e-mail list to keep you informed of the hurricane status. At this point there are only 260 e-mail addresses on the club's mass e-mail list. If you did not get an e-mail from me regarding the status of the hurricane then send me an e-mail at [Commodore@cgsc.org](mailto:Commodore@cgsc.org) and ask to be put on the list. We are in the process of changing the club website so hopefully this process will get easier, but in the meantime we don't want to miss anyone.

In the event that a major strike is anticipated you should move your boat to a safe anchorage spot. The club will provide launch service pick-up from the various anchorage spots. If you have questions, please ask some of the more experienced sailors at the club.

### City Moorings Report

FDEP has preliminarily issued the City of Miami its first permit towards establishing a managed moorings field. The permit is for the area outside of the spoil islands, immediately adjacent and parallel to Brennan's Channel (currently the anchorage). Development of the CGSC mooring area will be postponed pending the successful development of the outside mooring field. City Marina Manager Steve Bogner discussed the City's plans at a recent Marine Council meeting at CGSC. Bogner said that the total plan is for 325 screw-down moorings, with 225 outside and 100 inside in the CGSC area. Bogner stated that the Seminole docks will be torn down and rebuilt to accommodate dinghy traffic, and that dredging will be done in the Seminole dock area and in certain silted-in areas of Dinner Key. Bogner estimated that it could take five or six years to complete the development of the outside mooring field. Local interested parties are contesting the permit, citing, in particular, the fact that the master plan has not been completed. This may further delay the permit process. The possibility of having CGSC manage the mooring field was mentioned, as well as the possibility that the CGSC area may not be developed as a City managed mooring field.

Those of us who are going through hurricane moving blues should be aware that screw-down moorings are also not safe in a hurricane. The whole screw-down mooring field failed up in the Stuart, Florida during one of the hurricanes last year. It is much safer to rely on strategically placed anchors than on moorings during a hurricane.

### Mango Madness Social Night

And now for the fun things in life: I'd like to thank **Emmy Martinez, Jean Anne Davis** and **Susan Walcutt** for organizing "Mango Madness" at the June 21 social night. The club's regular Tuesday night social food was supplemented with a wide variety of member provided mango dishes, from mango pies, cakes and chutneys, to mango rum drinks. Emmy Martinez got the prize for the best fresh mangoes:

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her parents originally brought this mango as a seed from Cuba, and the now fifty-year old tree still produces the juiciest mangos I've ever eaten. **Nancy Fowler** got the prize for the best dish: shrimp mango salad. Casual parties where members bring their favorite dishes are a tradition on social night. It's a nice way to celebrate a special event or just to get together. If you'd like to organize a member-provided event on a Tuesday night we welcome you. Just e-mail me in advance so we can coordinate the event.

**Reservations for Party Events**

The fourth of July lobsterfest was a sell-out success. Many more people showed up than had R.S.V.P.'d, and although Scott purchased extra lobsters, some people without reservations had to eat hamburgers. Please, please, please,

call in your reservations in advance so that we can plan appropriately for events. I understand that Scott plans to duplicate this event in the future, so keep your eyes open.

**Congratulations Dave Hernandez!**

We are so very proud of Dave Hernandez who came in second at the US Youth Sailing Championship this past month. Fifteen-year-old Dave learned to sail at CGSC, has been on CGSC racing teams for eight years, and is currently a CGSC summer camp instructor. Dave also won the CRYC Orange Bowl Sportsmanship award in 2004 for retiring from a winning position in a race in order to go help another sailor who had capsized. What a wonderful role model for our sailors! Bravo David!

*Andrea Stringos, Commodore*

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Luke Lawrence, another CGSC Junior member, finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the Laser Full Rig Class. Luke is only 14 years old and a very motivated sailor. Luke and his family travel each weekend to CGSC from Martin County, that's 2 1/2 hours one way, to practice with the CGSC Laser Team.

Niklas Anderson, another CGSC Junior member, was selected to attend the event, but had to decline due to other commitments.

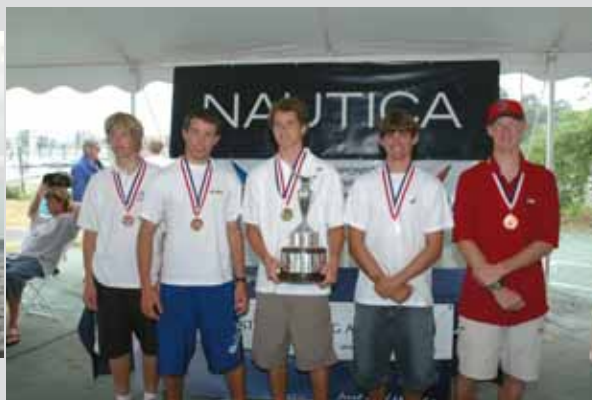
Since CGSC has several of the best Laser sailors and Laser coaches in the country, it is likely that next year several other CGSC Laser sailors will be selected to attend this event.



*Laser start shows a portion of the 50 boats that participated in the event. Junior member Luke Lawrence finished right behind Sarah in 12th place.*



*Sarah Lihan,, a CGSC Junior member, finished 11th in the event.*



*Top five competitors pictured at the trophy presentation.*

**Kitchen Hours**



**Thursday**

11:00am – 8:00pm

**Friday & Saturday**

11:00am- 9:00pm

**Sunday**

11:00am – 8:00pm

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## Vice Commodore's Report

Well, here we go! It's hurricane season again, and just nine days into my new job as Vice Commodore, we get to practice some of our hurricane preparedness. Scott sent out an e-mail to the membership to secure their boats and reduce windage in hopes of averting moorings from dragging. I was rather surprised on Sunday, July 10, to see how few owners had removed main sails and bimini tops, and secured roller furlings. There were several boats that dragged. Fortunately, we only got the outskirts of hurricane Dennis. We may not be so lucky in the future, and the cooperation of all boat owners is needed to avoid possible damage.

I have received suggestions and comments from members on how to improve the methodology for completing existing and future projects. These will be passed on to the Club Manager for action as deemed necessary.

The docks in the center of the strip will be removed and

donated to the Key West Sailing Club.

The south hoist and south side of the dinghy dock will be kept free at all times for use by members with boats on the strip. The exception will be to service the Makos and the launches.

I am looking forward to serving as Vice Commodore of the club and hope to continue to improve services for members and the sailing community. Remember, it is your club and your bay to use and enjoy!

Tacking,

*David Kurtz, Vice Commodore*



## Rear Commodore Report

As sailors we know how derive the answers to questions in different ways. We can listen to the weather radio, read a barometer, check fancy instruments or simple tell tales. How do know its summertime in Miami? I'm not going to let you say "It's Hot!" or the "Grass always needs cutting" that would be too easy...

First of all, some boats are away on cruises. I'll tell you about my sail to the Abacos one day. Some people seem to be missing; they are the "snow birds" that travel north for the summer. If you visit the Club you'll see lots of activity, namely SUMMER CAMP. Hopefully, you have been around during the week to see the campers. Britt has a full calendar with four sessions, running two weeks each. There were the normal scrapes and bruises, but the campers will be patched up, as well as the boats!!!

The fourth session is all "scholarship" campers. This is a way to give back to the community. We also want to thank

the CGSC Sailing Foundation, the Rotary Club and the Miami Women's Club for their support this summer.

The Miami Dade Public School was also around this summer. In addition to learning sailing and water sports, they applied the "Academy" part of Marine Science Academy. We hope the Academy the most success and will welcome them again during the school year.

I hope you are enjoying your summer and get out sailing despite the heat. I'll be on the water and plan to see you.

*Marc Buller, Rear Commodore*



## Secretary Report

I would like to say that it is an honor to be a part of the 2005-2006 CGSC Slate of Officers. I had the pleasure of stepping in last February to serve as Secretary and have enjoyed the opportunity to give back to this Club. Coconut Grove Sailing Club has been such an important part of Pat's and my life, so it is with sincere thanks that I assume this position and I will endeavor to do the best job that I can. For your benefit, I replaced the Bylaws located in the Bar with a current copy. On another track, I have some thoughts related to last weekend's visitor "DENNIS". I feel that this event serves as a reminder that even a tropical storm can bring havoc. Thanks to all of our staff, and several members, our boats and Club were taken care of. Jack Hamm went out and tied a vessel's unfurling Jib, Randy Cleo assisted in saving one of the glass doors in the meeting room, when it blew in, and also assisted

in placing the shutters on the bayside of the Club. Scott cut short his weekend get away to be available. The bar's smiling personnel maintained the weather channel for the members' benefit and catered to their needs. Members helped members when a need arose and once again CGSC provided a home away from home (for those of us without power) and a gathering place for good friends. The long and short of this story is that we were lucky; however, we need to be mindful of Bimini tops, extra canvas, furling sails, etc when a storm approaches. We need to take care to prevent damage. Enough said. Again, thank you for the privilege to serve and we all look forward to another wonderful year for CGSC.

*Mary Cucace, Secretary*

## Meet Your Rear Commodore

Marc Buller was born and raised in New Orleans, LA where he learned to sail on Lake Pontchartrain. While working at a boat supply shop he was able to regularly crew on larger boats and sailed to Cozumel Mexico several times aboard a Gulfstar 50. He also joined the US Coast Guard Reserve and operated search and rescue small boats in the Port of New Orleans and the surrounding waters. This experience helped him earn a USCG Captains License, Master 100 tons Coastwise. For a time, Marc operated off-shore crew boats and was the mate aboard a stern wheeler on the Mississippi River.

Marc graduated from Loyola University and is employed by the Department of Homeland Security. While living in Washington, DC he sailed on Chesapeake Bay.

While living in Houston, Texas where he sailed Galveston Bay, he met his wife to be: Cathy Peak. Together, they sailed the Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Then it was time to move to Miami. Together, they sailed their Beneteau 350 from Texas to Miami when they joined the CGSC in 2002. Both have been active with the Club, serving as entertainment committee. Marc also served as Secretary before becoming Rear Commodore. Cathy is the Outreach Chair and continues to be active with the Club.

They often cruise Biscayne Bay, the Keys, the Bahamas, and sometime serve as Race Committee Boat for Club races.

## Meet Your Secretary

Mary Cacace was born in Canada and moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1967. She attended Manatee Junior College and received her R.N. in 1969. She worked at a local Nursing Home during summer break from Florida State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She then moved to Jacksonville, Pensacola and finally Miami while working in Intensive care units, being first assistant to a Thoracic surgeon and doing Nursing Supervision at the local teaching hospitals. In Miami, she was part of the Open Heart team at South Miami Hospital until she married the Perfusionist (Pat) and felt that she needed to pursue other avenues. She continued to work for SMH in the Education Department. Here she met Lynette Beavers (Bill's wife) who was also

from Canada. Two children later Mary began teaching Operating Room Technology at Miami Dade College. She eventually started teaching in the Nursing program and during this period she obtained her Masters Degree in Nursing Education from Barry University. She has continued to work—5 years as Director of Education at Homestead Hospital and 2 years at UM in the Nursing Department. She returned to obtain her Post Master's Degree as a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner while continuing to teach at MDC. She values Family, sailing (not racing), reading and friends. Pat and Mary joined CGSC in 1977 and continue to enjoy and support the Club today.

Mary Cacace RN MSN

## Meet Your Treasurer

Jo-An was born in Beverly, Massachusetts. Having grown up right on the beach her love affair with the ocean began at an early age. She remembers many family outings on her father's 28 ft wooden motor boat which was eventually turned into a fishing boat to catch crabs and lobsters for her mother's fish market. After graduating from Wayne State University in Michigan she joined the Marine Corps and worked as a disbursing officer in San Diego. For the next 30 plus years she was an IRS agent in Los Angeles, Washington DC, and Miami.

Jo-An is now very happily retired, free to enjoy her favorite activity sailing. She joined the sailing club in 1982 and has owned her Morgan 24, Dona Pituca, for 21 years. She and friends raced Dona in WYRA in 1996 through 1998. They were first in their fleet in 1998. Jo-An has been club treasurer twice before. She is a widow, has one daughter, and two grandchildren.

## BBYRA Report

Since there are no BBYRA races this month I would like to direct your attention to an article in Sailing World, (July / August) editors letter "beyond the 'tonnage' rule" addressing the right of way of larger vessels in a restricted channel. This would apply to Biscayne Bay which is part of the ICW. The Racing Rules of Sailing have a succinct reminder in the preamble to Part 2 that racing boats are subject to protest by the race committee for interfering with non-racing boats that have the right of way. BBYRA race committees will attempt to monitor VHF 72 and the pilots monitor VHF 13. Wither racing or cruising, be prudent about common sense and the rules of right of way.

David Kurtz,  
BBYRA Representative

## BBYRA One Design Get Lucky

It rained and thundered all week prior to the BBYRA One Design Race #7 hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The following day, there was thunder by 10:30 in the morning. BUT, on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>, it was beautiful all day long with SE winds at 7-12 knots.

Eighteen one designs competed in this regatta, with three races run in virtually ideal conditions. Initially, the wind was somewhat lighter, and more southerly. The fleet was sent on a 165 degree course for the first lap of a windward-leeward twice around course. However, the wind proceeded to back to about 145, and the second lap was changed to that direction to provide a proper upwind and downwind course. After that, the wind was steady at 145 degrees for the balance of the day, and gradually gained pressure. The third race was lengthened in order to take advantage of the outstanding conditions. Even so, racing was pretty much concluded before 3:00 pm. It truly was a great day.

Participating in the regatta were three Lightnings, two Flying Scots, four Snipes and nine Lasers. The Etchells North American Championships in Chicago at the same time took that fleet away, along with some good sailors from these other classes who were picked to crew.

In the Lightnings, CGSC's Frank Atkinson swept the regatta with three wins over Steve Horwitz and Bill Johns. In the Scots, past VC Vlad Stroleny won a closely contested regatta over PC Larry Whipple. Vlad had a 1-2-1 series to claim the win. World Snipe Champion and Rolex Yachtsman of the Year winner Augie Diaz won the Snipe class with a 1-1-2 series, good enough for a two point victory over brother Gonzo. The nine-boat Laser class was dominated by Niklas Anderson with a 1-2-1 series for 4 points. Second was CGSC's Paul Lloyd-James with 11 points.

CGSC's Race Committee again performed well, providing timely and competitive racing while enjoying the wonderful conditions on Biscayne Bay. Marc and Kathy Buller volunteered their fine Beneteau "Otra Cuba Libre" to be Signal Boat, and also were active on the Signal Boat crew. Race Co-Chair Ron Rostorfer was PRO. The balance of the



*Past Commodore Larry Whipple and crew Susan Walcutt under spinnaker in the BBYRA OD #7 Regatta.*



*Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and crew race downwind in the BBYRA OD #7 regatta. They were preparing for the Snipe Nationals in San Diego in July.*




*Frank Atkinson swept the Lightning Class, borrowing Eamonn DeLisser's boat for the day.*


and Tricia Reeder, while the pin boat crew was Rick Myslinski and Dottie Rostorfer. Support from the galley, dockmasters office and bar of CGSC were all deeply appreciated.



*"Signal Boat Crew" Happy crew on the Signal Boat for the BBYRA OD #7 Regatta, included, clockwise from lower left, Deborah Pepper, Kathy Buller, Marc Buller, Jo-An Pszenny, Jeanne Buntun, Margo Currey and Susan Schultz.*



## Party with the Race Committee



**What:** Barbecued Chicken and Ribs and sides. Entertainment provided by **THE OUTRIGGERS** featuring club member, Dave Bricker

**When:** Saturday, August 13, 2005 following the monthly B.B.Y.R.A. race.

**Where:** Coconut Grove Sailing Club downstairs

**Cost:** \$8.50

**Why:** Why Not? Besides the Race Committee is always looking for a few new flag-raisers.

Join Ron Rosdorfer, Will Bourne and the rest of the crack race committee for a party following the afternoon race (about 4:00 p.m.)

For more information contact Gen. Manager Scott



## Hurricane Preparedness



### Prepare Ahead

- 1) **Keep adequate fuel**, filters clean and run engine 1/2 hour weekly. Acquire THREE (3) LARGE STORM anchors. Danforths are good here; so are Fortress/Guardians. Nat Herreshoff : "Plows belong in the cornfield." I think that's true here unless they're VERY LARGE for the boat. Delta's are pitiful, and small anchors (12# -steel) are useless for big boats in storms. DO NOT USE WIMPY ANCHORS AS YOUR BOAT AND OTHERS WILL BE DAMAGED, AND YOU WILL BE UNPOPULAR!!! Use 100 foot line, chain and LOOSE CHAFING GEAR secured.
- 2) **Keep bottom and propeller clean.** Explore the safe-haven sites BEFOREHAND.
- 3) **Know how to perform all the steps** and get early agreement with AT LEAST ONE FRIEND TO HELP YOU; this may involve favors of some kind, bribes or refreshments, but it is worth it.
- 4) **Before or ASAP after a Hurricane Watch** or Warning is announced by NOAA take the three (3) anchors aboard (lashed on deck is O.K.).

### Suggested Anchorage Sites

- 1 - West of Star Island: 3 bridges N of CGSC: Rickenbacker, Dodge Island, McArthur, then right past the Miami Yacht Club to the Flagler Memorial and right.
- 2 - Marine Stadium: Thru Rickenbacker and right to near far end and out from from the Rowing Club.
- 3 - No Name Harbor - Key Biscayne - Bill Baggs State Park
- 4 - Coral Gables Waterway mangroves: south past Four Way Channel and into the Waterway: take 1st left to the end. This is a preferred spot for many; four rules apply 1- Do not anchor nor attach lines across canals. 2- Do not tie up to private property. 3- Do not attach to mangrove trunks, but walking anchors well into the mangrove roots is apparently O.K. 4- Everyone is responsible for damages they cause. Method: nose the boat near the mangroves but afloat, walk an anchor(s) into the mangroves, then angle stern anchors to position the boat and hold it out from the mangroves in case of surge. Note: These canals are scoured by tidal current and offer POOR HOLDING. A heavy kelleet on the stern lines is helpful.
- 5) Minimize windage: Remove biminis, sails and dorades; lower boom. Lash tiller/wheel 45 degrees off center.
- 6) It is a motor trip, so check packing flange for drip afterwards and adjust if necessary. Pump bilge, check head and valves, turn power off but leave auto-bilge pump on if you have one, lock boat and set alarm.
- 7) Check boat often in succeeding days and notify others that their boats are NOT O.K.

## Laser Sailing

We had a great BBYRA race this past Saturday (June 25). Nine Laser Sailors turned out for the race - the largest One-Design fleet for the day. Many of our local Laser sailors were out of town participating in regattas though-out the country, including 6 local Laser sailors that were invited to participate in the 2005 US Youth Championships. I expect that the next BBYRA race in September will have at least 15 to 20 Laser sailors participating!!!! The weather on Saturday was perfect - sunny skies with a great 10 to 15 knot breeze for the entire day. Congratulations to all those that participated in the event. Thanks again to Bjorn and Ann Anderson for volunteering to run the Laser support boat for the group. Race results are posted on the BBYRA web site at [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net).

We also had a great Laser practice on Sunday, June 26, at CGSC with Coach Gaston Vedani. An early morning rain cloud dissipated and never made it to the practice area. The winds were in the 10 to 12 knot range for most of the day. Nine Laser Sailors participated in the practice, including Marek Valasek (CRYC Sailing Director).

In spite of Hurricane Dennis, we had another great Laser practice on Sunday, July 10, at CGSC with Coach Marek Valasek. 5 sailors braved the weather forecast to participate in the practice. Although we had rain and some lightning inland in the morning, the weather out on the bay turned out great, with 15 to 18 knot winds earlier in the day subsiding to 10 to 12 knots by the end of practice, with no rain or storms in the practice area.

If you know any other Laser (4.7, Radial or Full Rig) Sailors that would like to join our group, please let me know and forward this email to them. We will be starting up again in August after a brief vacation in July so keep those boats in race form and keep sailing.

*Jose Hernandez*

## Let's Go Racing

Come one, come all (but cross out the all and write in "two"). CGSC presents the Summer Sailfest Weekend, August 13-14.

Singlehanded Race on Saturday, August 13th  
Race Committee Party Saturday evening with live band  
Doublehanded Race on Sunday, August 14th

Pick up a copy of the Notice of Race in the CGSC office. You must fill out an entry form in order to compete. It'll be lots of fun. Come on down!

## Cruising & Rendezvous Have a Fabulous 4th

After our travels to Bimini and the Berry's we decided to stay a little closer to home this month. We headed down to Key Largo for the 4th of July celebration. The weather was perfect. Light wind, beautiful sunsets. No sea lice on this trip. The pest of the month, however, was the pesky mosquito. "Off" mosquito lanterns were highly recommended as the best deterrent for the pests. We warned cruisers that they would be out and those that heeded the warning were prepared and suffered no ill effects. Others weren't so lucky and spent the night fighting off the beasts and headed home early. We spent our first night at Jew Point. This quiet secluded anchorage located south of Pumpkin Key provided protection from the very unusual southwest winds and a glimpse of the Card Sound Bridge without hearing the noise of traffic. A few visible lights from Ocean Reef in the distance provides a reference to check that your anchor is holding. We found no current here and if you want to explore, you can head into Steamboat Creek in your dinghy. The vegetation is lush and the mangrove snapper plentiful (so the guide book says). On Saturday we motor sailed through Jewfish Creek (where we were greeted by Jennifer Wirth who was hard at work at Gilberts), Blackwater Sound, Dusenberry Creek, Tarpon Basin, Grouper Creek and Buttonwood Sound. We first anchored near the Upper Keys Sailing Club but found we were in the middle of the race course so headed about one mile west of the intracoastal to a quiet anchorage near the Swash Keys. It's amazing how you can sail less than a mile from the main islands and have a backwater experience. From our anchorage at the Swash Keys we could look east and see the

lights of Key Largo in the distance. If we looked west all we saw were uninhabited back-country islands. Close to civilization - but far away at the same time. We could see the power boats pounding in the distance but were not bothered by them even on a busy holiday weekend.

On Sunday we anchored off the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) near Sunset Cove and dinghied in to meet up with fellow members of the CGSC Club. Gail and Wil Pulsford were already there in *Sweet Lime*, along with Mark Buller and Kathy Peat in *Otra Cuba Libre*. Charlie and Cherie Branning aboard *Upside* also joined us as did Julio Rodriguez, his wife Madeline and Jo Ann Mathieu aboard his chartered catamaran.

Commodore Carol Norman and Paco Calvet (our Bimini T Shirt designer) greeted us, made us feel welcome and sponsored us to be members for the day. After drinks served by dockmaster/bartender Darell, we were invited to an informal barbecue at the weekend home

of Pat and Adrienne Peters, social members at CGSC. The Peters "island taxi" provided transportation to their Gulfside home just in time for the sunset. After dinner Tyler Peters and Rear Commodore Mark Buller entertained us with fireworks on the sound. Cherie Branning hosted the dominoes game inside with Master James Pulsford appearing to master the game. The "island taxi" took us all back to the UKSC (they left the rear gate open for us) so that we could retrieve our dinghies and head back to our boats for the night. On Monday morning we had a short visit from Matt Trask and family aboard "Songbird." They were heading back to Miami after a trying night with the mosquitos. "Cuba Libre" and Julio Rodriguez on his charter catamaran headed back also due to work schedules. "Upside" "Sweet Lime" and "Effortless" spent the afternoon and evening in Blackwater Sound. We were entertained by more local natives and then watched spinnaker flying and later the fireworks display. Hundreds of boats travel into Blackwater Sound each year to view



*'Sweet Lime' is anchored and ready for the fun. Below, Charlie and Tyler enjoy a great meal*



*'Effortless' flies the club burgee at anchor in Key Largo for all to see. Below, James hugs dad Wil Pulsford*



*Janice and Alyn help out in the kitchen. Below, the gang had a great time at the Peter's home.*



*The group gathers at Upper Keys Sailing Club for a refreshing drink.*





Great fireworks could be seen for miles on the 4th.



the fireworks sponsored by the local merchants. It's a spectacular display of boats and fireworks choreographed perfectly.



Sunset in the keys; what could be better!

Early Tuesday morning we headed back to Miami. The winds were favorable and the seas calm, making for a pleasant and very fast trip back home.

August 12th marks the annual Perseid Meteor Shower. 60 meteors an hour can be seen in the night sky during this display (so they say)! Many of the members that went to Bimini Memorial Day Weekend would like to make a repeat trip within the 90 day window. This would be a perfect

weekend to go. Is anyone game for another crossing? If the weather is threatening we could rendezvous closer to home but Bimini would be a perfect spot to watch. Let me know if you would like participate. We would like to cross Thursday evening, August 11th and return Sunday the 14th.

Put Labor Day Weekend on your cruising calendar - when we plan to sail to Pumpkin Key with Bruce and Denise Shneider hosting the rendezvous. As you may recall last year's trip to Pumpkin was canceled due to the hurricanes!

For more information contact Janice Pruet at 305-441-2733 or email jbpmmom@aol.com



'Upside' heading up the bay toward home.



Janice and Alyn head for home after another successful rendezvous.

## Upcoming Rendezvous

**The weekend of August 12th is the annual spectacular Perseid meteor shower where as many as 60 meteors an hour can be seen streaking across the sky. What better place to see this awesome event than the skies over Bimini. What better weekend to make that second trip to Bimini this summer. It falls within the 90 day re entry period so you will get two trips for the price of one if you made the Memorial Day crossing with us. Even better news is that the **SEA LICE ARE GONE!!****

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# Youth Sailing

This has been a great summer for the youth sailing department. We had four two-week sessions starting in June and ending in July. Sessions 2 and 3 were filled with unique challenges and weather. Here is a little flashback to these sessions:

## Session 2

This was one of our biggest sessions of the summer. The kids only lost two days of sailing due to weather. They were able to sail to Key Biscayne and Viscaya at least once a week. The campers played several types of sailing related games from follow the leader to sailing tag. We finished off each week with a short sailing day then washed the boats and gave out certificates. This was also a very interesting session due to the painting of the building. Almost every instructor



and camper took home a souvenir of the building.

## Session 3

The campers had a short session due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July falling on a Monday this year. The kids sailed in Flying Scot's, Prams, Sunfish and Optimists. We met up with Key Biscayne Yacht Club on Thursdays on the sandbars so the kids could frolic around together. We also met up with Coral Reef a couple of times at Viscaya. The last session of the camp is our Outreach Camp. The counselors and myself were very excited to see how many kids were going to see Biscayne Bay for the first time. This session we had the strong winds from Dennis, so on Friday we played several on land games including Sailing Jeopardy.

## Miami- Dade County Public Schools

This year the school system held their hands on Math and Science Summer Camp here at CGSC. The kids split their day between classroom experiments and water activities. The campers would go out in the morning and collect specimen while sailing, kayaking and canoeing. Then bring them back and study them



and their environments. On Thursdays they would travel to Ft. Lauderdale to take a day trip on a 74' Hatteras and explore navigation and

Oceanography. This was a great extension to our camp. It has been a very exciting summer and we are looking forward to the last session.

## Virrick Pool

The club has participated in the Virrick Pool learn to swim and sail program. Two instructors from the camp go Fridays to the pool to introduce the students to sailing. The typical Class is capsized, parts of the boat rigging and basic sailing terms. The kids who participate in this program are offered to come to the regular summer camp and Learn to sail weekend classes, during the year.

Britt Price,  
Sailing Director

## FIRST ANNUAL COMMODORE'S CUP 2005

After two years of planning, the first annual Commodore's Cup was held on Saturday, July 16, 2005. A perpetual trophy and individual trophies for the top five in each class were awarded. Twenty-two boats participated, including the Commodore and Vice Commodore, in the three-race event in beautiful conditions. The wind was approximately 8-12 knots East Southeast. Rumbles of thunder were heard on the courses, but the storms stayed away from the area.

Seven boats raced in the Cruising Class. In race one, *Mostly Harmless* (Chris Woolsey) and *Mild to Wild* (Russell Horn) tangled at the pin end of the start line, and *Mostly Harmless* hit the pin and had to restart. *Mild to Wild* went on to win the first race by 26 seconds over *Mostly Harmless*. Only 51 seconds separated the first and fourth place over a 5.94 distance. In race two, *Goombay* (Vice Commodore David Kurtz) had a good start and was able to get out in front early. She held her time against the rest of the fleet on a 2.01 distance, with only 33 seconds separating the top three boats. In race three, *Mostly Harmless* did a repeat of race one and hit the pin again with *Mild to Wild* right next to them. *Mostly Harmless* had to re-round the pin to start properly, but was still able to finish second to *Goombay*. After almost four miles of racing, again only 51 seconds separated the first and fourth place boats.

*Goombay* took first place with 5 points (3-1-1). *Mild to Wild* (1-2-4) and *Mostly Harmless* (2-3-2) both finished with 7 points, second place going to *Mild to Wild*. *Hot Air III* (David Berg) was fourth with 12 points, and *Tiburon* (Art Perez) fifth

with 14. *Nirvana* (Jim Adams) and *Invicta* (Russell Dunn) rounded out the fleet with 18 and 21 points respectively.

The One-Design class had one fixed keelboat and four Flying Scots competing under the Portsmouth rating system. It was a class runaway for Heather Wulkan and Jack King on their J-22, *Hot Streak*, winning all three races. The J-22 was no match that day for the fleet of Flying Scots. *Being There* (Vladimir Stroleny) was second with 2-3-2 finishes. *Margaritaville* (Larry Whipple) had finishes of 4-2-3 for a third place. *Enigma* (Bud Price) and *Air America* (Commodore Andrea Stringos) has issues with their boats and were not able to complete the second and third races.

Six Radial Lasers competed on the same courses. David Hernandez took first place with 4 points. Sara Lihan was second with 7 points and Andrew Fox was third with 9 points. Zack Kelsner came in fourth with 11 points, A.J. McGlannon fifth with 14, and T.J. Merker sixth with 18 points.

Four Optimist Dinghies (Optis) participated on their own racecourse. Laura Hernandez took home the first place trophy with 5 points. Patrick Arrington was second with 7, while Alex Bejarano was third with 12 and Jaime Ramon fourth with 16 points.

After the racing, there was a B-B-Q for the sailors, the trophy presentation, and a lot of comparing note on the day's tight and highly competitive racing!

Congratulations to all the winning skippers and crews. A special thanks to the Race Committee for their great work on the water. We hope to see greater participation next year.



# Still Shipshape

**“Robert Clarington may have retired from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club but the longtime caretaker of the moorings can’t keep away from the water.”**

*Robert Clarington was featured in the Miami Herald, Neighbors section. The following are excerpts from the July 14<sup>th</sup> article: by Ryan Mills.*

Out on the bay, a workboat with a blue canopy top skirts between the hundreds of sailboats that make a maze out on the horizon. This is the world of Robert Clarington, longtime fixture at the sailing club. Clarington started working at the sailing club in 1958 - when dues were just \$30. Though he officially retired in 1999, the 72 year old still shows up several times a week to maintain his cherished moorings and drive members out to their boats.



Clarington’s life at the sailing club started when a rooming house neighbor announced that the Commodore was looking for a young man to do some work. “He asked me if I had any experience driving boats” Clarington said. “I said I didn’t have any experience driving boats, but I was willing to learn. All the other boys were afraid of the water and I wasn’t.”

After proving his worth he was given a crash course in building and maintaining moorings that act as anchors for the boats. “I did it so well that they put me in charge of the moorings” Clarington said. “I loved every bit of it.” Developing the sailing club’s mooring system will undoubtedly be Clarington’s legacy.

When he started, the sailing club had only 20 members and five boats, Clarington said. Now there are almost 700 members and 250 boats and Clarington has built and maintained the moorings for almost all of them.

Clarington said the biggest change he’s seen in his

nearly 50 years with the sailing club has been the huge development in Coconut Grove. The club’s original clubhouse was a small white shack with a screened in front porch. “I used to call it little house on the prairie,” Clarington said. “It was an old, raggedy beat up shack. It was cool and I liked it. I hated to see them tear it down.” Over the years many of the Grove’s trees have been uprooted, its shacks bulldozed to make way for today’s mix of modern high rises and glossy shopping malls. Clarington says he doesn’t mind. “I think the Grove looks good now. It looks better. It’s got brand new buildings, new high-rises, parks; it’s beautiful.”

Over the years, Clarington has had the opportunity to be a mentor to many of the member’s children, some of whom have returned as members themselves. Debate is under way about whether the club, which sits on city-owned land, should remain in place or be moved to leave an unimpeded view of the bay from McFarlane Road. At this point, its future is up in the air. “I hope they leave the club alone and give us the benefit of the doubt so I can still come around,” Clarington said.

For Clarington the sailing club is a reason to keep going; a guiding star that gives him meaning and direction. To him, splicing lines, maintaining moorings and shipping club members out to their boats is not a job, it’s his life. “I’m not looking to ever stop what I’m doing,” Clarington said. “Take a tip from me: When you retire, you need to do something. I really need this place to keep me alive.”



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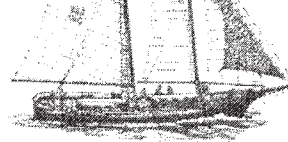
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## Lt. Grant Garcia Places Second at Penguin Internations

Lt. Grant Garcia, who grew up at CGSC and is the son of members Rafael and Toni Garcia, borrowed a boat with a pickup crew and won everyone's respect by finishing second at the Penguin Internations.

Grant is a graduate of Annapolis where he was an All-American sailor on the intercollegiate dinghy team. He purchased an old wooden Penguin that was a fixer-upper, but it was not ready to be sailed in competition, so he borrowed a boat from John Jenkins, sailmaker at the Naval Academy. Hayley Jenkins and Garcia actually tied for first place with 24 points but lost the tiebreaker by virtue of finish orders.

Grant has returned to the Academy as the Director

of the Basic Seamanship and Training Program. "I'm fortunate that because of my position here at the academy I am able to sail four or five days a week," Garcia said. "That said, I'm a little surprised Hayley and I did so well considering we had never sailed together and this was only my second time in a Penguin." Another reason for the surprise finish was the fact they were sailing an older wooden boat and most of the other competitors were racing faster fiberglass boats.

Congratulations on a job well done. We are certainly proud of this home grown sailor.

(-information from *The Capital*)

### Penguin Internations (19 boats)

1. Steve Lavender/Sue Fornara 4-2-5-3-1-(9)-1-8 = 24
2. Grant Garcia/Hayley Jenkins 7-(8)-2-1-3-1-6-4 = 24



*Penguins racing to windward.*