



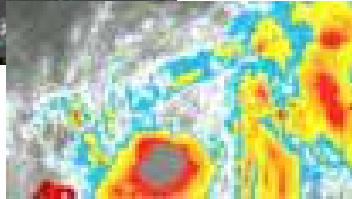
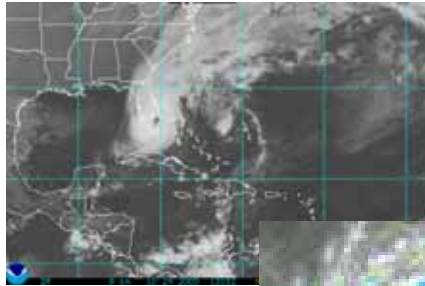
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Hurricane Wilma

HURRICANE WILMA

On Monday, October 24, Hurricane Wilma sped across South Florida moving near 25 miles per hour. The 9 AM weather advisory described WILMA as a large category TWO hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 110 miles per hour with higher gust. At that time, the center was located at 26.3 North Latitude and 80.7 West Longitude or about 45 miles Southwest of West Palm Beach with hurricane winds extending outward 90 miles and tropical storm force wind extending outward 230 miles. Fowey Rocks reported a peak wind gust of 116 MPH and Opalocka Airport reported sustained winds of 85 MPH with gust to 105 MPH. Here are reports of the damage and cleanup.



Editor's note: Here are excerpts from Commodore's email after Hurricane Wilma. It pretty well describes what happened.

FROM THE COMMODORE

I hope all of you are safe and sound. My condolences to those of you who have suffered the loss of your boats. I hope things are back to normal as quickly as possible. I am still on generator power and my cell phone doesn't work but my home number does. In the meantime, here is a progress report on CGSC. Things are improving rapidly and everything looks much better than it did Monday afternoon.

Ten boats stayed on their moorings before the hurricane struck. Of those ten, one sunk at the mooring, eight were swept up onto Seminole park (most of them are total losses) and one boat survived intact on its mooring. A number of club members' boats

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*Cover photo of Nick Voss and Andy Rahn
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hurricane Clean-Up

The club is back in full operation despite Hurricane Wilma. The vast majority of the boats on the mooring field evacuated, and the mooring field itself had little damage. The docks lost planking but have been repaired and are back in operation. Club volunteers were at the club immediately after the hurricane, assessing damages and starting the clean up operations. Phil Kellett coordinated total operations, Vladimir Stroleny and Randy Clee coordinated the repair of the main dock, Nick and Ken Voss cleaned up the strip area, Antonio Bejarano, Jose and Mike Hernandez coordinated the repair of the dinghy dock, Bruce Schneider, Marc Buller, Jeff Zirulnick and Bud Price ran the launch boat service, and Jo-An Pszenny, Jennifer Abell and Deborah Mitchell kept the office running. Many more people lent a hand as needed. The docks were substantially repaired after the first week-end, children's sailing activities were back in force by the second week-end, and the club's food and beverage operations were back in force a few days after power resumed. This is an amazing feat – many thanks to all of you who volunteered.



Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan

The City of Miami has hired the consulting firm of Sasaki Associates Inc, located in Watertown, Ma to develop the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan. This master plan will cover the waterfront area from Peacock Park to Kennedy Park, with a special emphasis on what to do with the CGSC area and the convention center. Sasaki has an international reputation for interdisciplinary design, and their work may be seen on www.sasaki.com. The first information gathering sessions took place on November 7th and 8th. Sasaki representatives met with different community stakeholders. The first stakeholder group was comprised of the Coconut Grove merchants, hotels and restaurants. The second group comprised the waterfront interests, and the final stakeholder group was composed of local residents and community boards. Various City of Miami entities also met with Sasaki privately.

Obviously, different stakeholders have different priorities. The City would like to maximize revenues and is legally obligated to environmentally clean up the anchorage area. One result of this mandate is the screw-down mooring field in the anchorage area. Grove merchants, hotels and restaurants want to increase utilization of the Coconut Grove business core, and would like to see a small boutique convention center. Grove residents do not want any more commercial entities on the waterfront and would prefer a community recreational center instead of a convention center. Everyone in the Grove would like to see the CGSC continue to exist. As Sasaki consultant Mark Dawson stated to me, "The City of Miami is very fortunate to have the sailing club."

Some of the ideas that were mentioned included traffic calming devices for Bayshore Drive and improved lighting and security for the area. The goal is to improve "connectivity and public access" to the waterfront. The Master Plan Consulting Team also includes an economic consultant who talked about "revenue generation" and making the waterfront park economically self-sustaining.

When the CGSC started operations 60 years ago, the park land it occupied had no great value, and the original lease was only one dollar a year. Today waterfront park land is very scarce and very valuable. Government officials are charged with ensuring "public access" to the waterfront while at the same time maximizing their revenues. The problem is defining "public access." Some people define park land public access as "view access" only, while others define "public access" park land in terms of recreational usage and boating access. Those who prefer "view access" would like to move the club's building, eliminate the security

fence and put a boardwalk on the waterfront from the convention center to Peacock Park, thus increasing the public's view of the waterfront. Those people who define public access as "recreational access" would like to increase the recreational usage of the bay via more boating programs such as our boating classes and recreational and racing programs. Then there are those who define public access as more restaurants. Sasaki's role is to come up with a compromise plan that is amenable to all stakeholders. As Mark Dawson mentioned, there are ways to maintain security while minimizing the ugliness of a fence, and there are ways to have a boardwalk without hindering boating operations.

The CGSC has been on a month to month lease for the

past four years, pending the resolution of this master plan. It is important that our voice be heard during this planning process. Sasaki has promised to come back to the Grove in a few months with some concrete ideas, and those attending the meetings will be able to give feedback on the various plans and ideas that are proposed. Your input is very important to this process, and we appreciate your participation. The club will send out e-mail information when the next meetings are scheduled. We have also prepared and delivered to the planners a program document that explains in great detail all the programs and facility needs of the CGSC.

*Andrea Stringes
Commodore*

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that apparently tied up to the barrier islands were swept off by the winds and damaged. Some are in Dinner Key marina. A number of club member's boats in the Marine Stadium area were damaged. Many boats have already returned to the club mooring field, but many will probably not be returning, so we can expect a severe drop in income at a time when we need to expend a greater than expected amount of funds for hurricane repairs.



The clubhouse itself came through in great condition. The outside fans were damaged, and one of the hurricane shutters was damaged, but otherwise the club itself is in great shape. The docks were swept away, and we have other damage outside. The sea grape tree that was fixed after Katrina miraculously survived.



We have been told that as a "park" facility we will be the last on the list of FPL repairs, so expect no electricity until at least Nov 15. We have been using Nell Kellet's generator and will purchase it from her in order to maintain some power.



We have some very dedicated club volunteers who have helped get the club back on its feet. I don't have a complete list, but those I've noticed include:

Dr. Phil Kellett: Phil has volunteered his services since

Oct 12 as the ad hoc club manager. He has done an outstanding job of organizing everything and has been working 15 hour days seven days a week. His wife, Nell Kellett has also been very involved in club management issues.

Jo-An Pszeny: Jo-An has been doing an outstanding job keeping the office running at a basic level (both Jo-An and I have lent the club our cash so the club could buy gas). Jo-An also took the Channels to the bulk mail office so that they would get to the membership this week. Jo-An has also made sure that the employees get their weekly paycheck. In addition, Jo-Ann has been helping out in all club areas.

Nick Voss and Ken Voss: Thanks for getting the strip storage area cleaned up, and for storing a huge number of club boats at their house.

Vlad Stroleny, Randy Klee and many others for starting the main dock repair. Phil Kellett was able to negotiate with Boat US to bring our floating dock back from Seminole Park for no charge. We

have hired old dock master Burt to work on the main dock.

Jose Hernandez, Jaime Ramon and Antonio Bejarano: repairing the dinghy dock.

Launch Boat Service: Bud Price, Bruce Schneider, David Kurtz, and many others. Chris Pruett: moving members' boats and helping secure them.

Deborah Mitchell has been following up with membership issues relating to the past hurricane.

Social member Pepper helped out with the computers.

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Karen Young made sure we had a Halloween party: 25 people showed up for a BYOB pot luck candle light party Saturday night.

Our staff has been working long hours to get things going, with a first priority on the moorings and docks. The only insurance we have that will apply is business interruption insurance.

The bar is open for bottled beer and sodas on ice. The staff cooked up most of the kitchen food and provided free lunch to those volunteering the past few days. We will have to close down the kitchen until power is restored and throw most of the supplies away

Best Regards,

Andrea

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PREPARATION AND RESTORATION

We moved almost 200 boats out as Wilma approached, most fared well but a few were damaged or lost at the Marine Stadium and other locations. Boat owners did a wonderful job of moving and helping each other. The launches were mostly driven by club members like Bruce Schneider, Vladimir Stroleny, Marc Buller, Arthur and Dr Jim Fawcett. Chris Pruitt again did great service moving boats for members and helping them anchor. The recovery went well and volunteers did most of the work with Russ and Bud Price working hard. Roger and Doug worked tirelessly both in the club and on the water. A special mention is due to our friends at Tow Boat US who are true gentlemen and performed some very essential services for the Club.

Fortunately the damage to the club was relatively light and the clean up and repairs were done by a combination of staff and volunteers, Nick and Ken Voss worked a whole day shoveling debris and then turned up the next day with Jose Hernandez's crew to repair the dinghy dock, Nick and his friend David Hernandez then turned up Monday to finish the dock. Vlad, Randy Clee and others worked tirelessly fixing the main dock. Roger and Doug worked both in the Club and on the water. A special thanks to Burt, an ex-employee, who has supervised the repairs. Apologies to anyone who volunteered and I have failed to mention.

Katrina and Wilma have taught us all a great deal and I am putting much of that information into a 'Hurricane Preparedness' course I will be teaching. The course starts in late January and will include information on how to track the hurricanes, how to prepare your boat, where to go and how to secure your boat. The course will include practical demonstrations on anchoring rigs and how to secure your boat in the mangroves. The course will initially be for members but we will then open it to residents of Miami. There is now a hurricane tracking page on the website which includes Internet links to sites that provide essential information.

Phil Hellett





Thanks to Deborah Mitchell and Harry Horgan for the pictures.

Public Relations Co-Chair

People have asked me: "Who is Annabelle Bovet?" She is our account representative at our PR firm, Gordon Reyes. We have hired Gordon Reyes to help let the community, city officials and politicians know of our excellent adult and children learn to sail programs, our community outreach programs, our racing programs and winners, and opportunities for members of the community to join us and participate. Over the last sixty years CGSC has excelled in our goal to "Introduce people to the sport and art of sailing," yet people still asked me, "What is that building with the brown roof?" or worse, "Where is the CGSC?" "What does it do?"

When I became Secretary in 2003 and the CGSC almost had to give up the moorings and move, we began an amateur effort to enhance our PR. A well-meaning group of us tried to write press releases, invitations to events and produce information about the CGSC. Frequently our press release "put together by the committee" was ready as the event was already upon us. I was frequently up at 2:00 AM emailing the release or worse, desperately calling reporters from my car in between real estate customers.

We decided that we needed a professional firm and began the interview process. Several CGSC volunteers with professional PR or advertising background went into

the community and sought out potential candidates. The top three candidates made presentations to the board and we chose Gordon Reyes.

If you have an event or idea for an event or have won something, let Annabelle know. Her telephone is 305-381-8831. Email is Annabelle@Gordonreyes.com.

She spends countless hours writing press releases and planning our events. Just in the last four months she secured an article in Miami Monthly about our change of guard, an article about David Hernandez in Neighbors, and most recently the cover of Neighbors for the UM Sailing Team. She procured the wine sponsor for the UM event and was invaluable with party details, designing and delivering the invitations and the amplifying of our guest list.

In the upcoming months she and Gordon Reyes will help us plan and execute the 60-year anniversary events, and host a forum with Sun Post Magazine for the waterfront study underway with Sasaki. We are also working on plans to promote and grow our youth Opti team. Again, please call Annabelle or me with any ideas.

Anne Platt

Public Relations Co-Chair

Public Relations Report from Gordon Reyes Co.

Gordon Reyes & Company is proud to work side by side with the Coconut Grove Sailing Club board of directors and staff in informing our community, officials and media about the multi-faceted initiatives and success of the Club.

Since January 2004 the Coconut Grove Sailing Club has hosted community and political figures such as Dr. Donna Shalala, City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick, County Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, City Commissioner Johnny Winton amongst many others, been featured in the Miami Herald, Sun Post, Miami Monthly and increased its presence in the community through partnerships with Miami Dade Public Schools, the University of Miami sailing team and the Virrick Park programs. Less noticeable, yet as crucial, other efforts and milestones have been reached.

In the last two-years, representatives of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club have met and discussed the Club's future, needs and commitment to staying as a permanent resident of Coconut Grove and the City of Miami with leaders of our community. Elected officials in Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami today are more knowledgeable of the strengths, involvement and needs of the Sailing Club than three years ago. With vital decisions to be made that will affect the Club in the next months, our goal is to be sure that the officials are better armed with facts and can use them to decide the fate of the Club. On the same note, we want the community, including the public parks directors, county schools, private non-profit organizations and many more also to understand how beneficial the Club is to the local neighborhood. Examples can be found in the West Grove where Virrick Park incorporated basic sailing classes to its swimming program

for underserved children. Another extraordinary example is the partnership with Dr. Greenberg at the Miami Dade Public School Department and the creation of the Marine Science Academy. Children with disabilities are hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club every week and sailing programs run all year around. The triumph of these partnerships is in essence for the life enhancement of those in need but also to showcase the tremendous accomplishments of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Early July, the Gordon Reyes' team - Seth Gordon and Annabelle Bovet - met with Andrea Stringos and Anne Platt to identify the evolving needs of the Club as it faced major changes with a new Commodore and new challenges with the City of Miami's effort to redesign the Coconut Grove waterfront.

The Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan is in its final decision-making stages with Sasaki Consultants moving forward with their study. As members and directors of the Club showcase the strength and value of the Club, Gordon Reyes' role will be to ensure visibility, credibility and involvement of the Club throughout the study.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club has begun to be granted the recognition it deserves for its wonderful work in the community and Gordon Reyes is proud to have been part of making it possible.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact Annabelle Bovet at 305-381-8831 or via email at annabelle@gordonreyes.com.

Annabelle Bovet,

P.R. Consultant

Gordon Reyes & Co.

CRUISING AND RENDEZVOUS

Not much to report this month as far as current activities. Hurricane Wilma forced us to move to Marine Stadium, again and unfortunately for us and many other club members, this spot did not provide us a safe anchorage. 'Effortless' held firm on her three anchors but was grazed by an unknown passing boat whose anchor did not hold. Her bow sprit, pulpit, stays and toe rails took a beating. We also lost our favorite CQR anchor. We were not able to go through with our planned trip to Jew Point Veteran's Day weekend. Hopefully we will be sailing back in the Bay within the month and may plan an impromptu rendezvous or raft up. I'll be on the Internet or web to notify you of our return to sailing.

Meanwhile, we had our first Abacos planning meeting Friday, November 11th at the club. We will be holding planning meetings the second Friday of each month and will begin preparing our boats for a 2 to 3 week trip next spring. Topics that we will be discussing will include navigation, weather, engine maintenance, anchoring, man overboard drills, watering holes and hot spots and other points of interest in the Abacos. If you would like to attend next year's trip or would like to attend the meetings to just brush up on your cruising skills you are always welcome to our meetings. For more information or to get on our email list please contact me at jbpmm@aol.com.

We would like to invite you to a dockside rendezvous Saturday, December 17th. Bring your decorated boat to the dock, or a dish to share and join us to celebrate the holiday season.

Janice Pruett
Cruising and Rendezvous

ADULT SAILING

The adult sailing classes are moving along steadily we have had a class for module one and module two each month all year. Because of lost inertia the class numbers were small but they are steadily building. This month's module two class was booked to capacity and both modules scheduled before the hurricane were booked full. We are building a backlog of people for modules 3, 4, and 5 and will need to get those rolling soon. I have had great support from several people who have volunteered their time to coach. They are Stephan Krumbeigel and his wife Andrea, and Paco Calvet.

The way these modules are set up no one needs to consume more than one day at a time. This makes it much easier for students to commit and much easier on volunteers. The program is growing and we will need more coaches to handle the volume. If you would be interested in volunteering please let me know. It is fun and rewarding.

To be a successful coach you must be comfortable sailing a Flying Scot in all weather conditions with all green crew on board. You must be willing to learn U.S. sailing principals and be willing to teach using those methods. Once you learn the module often it is only one half day because you can skip the lecture and only join the sailing.

Bud Price

CGSC Hurricane Policy

This has been a horrible year for hurricanes. Many CGSC members have had serious damage to home, work and boats. According to weather experts, this will be a recurring weather pattern that we will have to face for the next ten years.

The CGSC, like you as an individual, has a responsibility to do the utmost to protect itself, its members, and the local community against the damage that a hurricane can do. The CGSC mooring field is not a "safe harbor" in a storm. That means it is not safe to remain on the mooring field during a tropical storm or hurricane. A boat can become a dangerous projectile during a hurricane. In view of this fact, the CGSC mooring agreement requires that boats on the mooring field evacuate in face of a hurricane. Evacuation is defined as moving the boat outside of the CGSC mooring field, including the mole island area. The mooring agreement states that failure to abide by this club rule will lead to the loss of mooring privileges for one year. Consequently, the CGSC has informed those boat owners who either stayed on their mooring or tied up to the mole island during Hurricane Wilma that they have lost their moorings privileges for one year.

It is the responsibility of the boat owner to ensure that his boat is properly evacuated in advance of a hurricane warning or watch. In order to facilitate this process, CGSC volunteers provide motorboat launch service to specific safe harbor locations during the evacuation period. In addition, the CGSC will run free monthly hurricane preparedness classes starting in January. These classes will cover hurricane safe harbors, proper anchoring techniques, and other hurricane preparedness subjects to help ensure that evacuated boats are safely secured during the hurricane.

Editors Note: CGSC member Tom Franklin's email to 2.4mR Sailors World Wide.

Hello Everyone,

For those of you that would like to come to Miami for some warm sun and to thaw out from the cold weather, we are having two regattas in late January. The Midwinter Regatta is scheduled for 19-21 January 2006 and the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta is scheduled for 23-28 January 2005. These are open events meaning both disabled and able body sailors may compete.

With the IFDS World Championships scheduled for January 2006 in Perth, Australia, I have been asked to see if you are thinking to come to Miami. It is important that we try to get a good number of sailors here to keep us involved in the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta for years to come. I may be reached at tjfran@bellsouth.net

Best Regards,
Thomas

Youth Sailing Program

by Britt Price

St. Stephens After-School

We have started up our programs again after Wilma. The classes are coming to a close for this session and will have a couple make up days before Thanksgiving. The kids have come out and practiced their sailing skills and Kayaking adventures. They have sailed and kayaked to Itchy Island three times last month. Itchy Island is the spoil island across from the club. The kids also practiced their tacking and switch over maneuvers.

Ransom Middle After-School

The kids were excited to start up classes again after Hurricane Wilma and had plenty of sailing adventures themselves. They had a pizza party on their last day of class and as a group decided to Sail and Kayak off the dock. These classes will continue to run until December to finish the make up days from the Hurricane. The club would like to give special thanks to Ms. Morris who came out with the kids for every after-school practice.

MDCPS

The schools started coming out again this past Tuesday and will be in full swing again this month. The schools were Kayaking and snorkeling along with sailing in our Access Dinghies. We also have another Anchors Away ceremony this month. They will be taking the Access Dinghies to Oleta State park for this event. We have several new schools coming out to our club in the next couple of months including Campbell Drive Middle, and Rivera Middle. This program is running great and the teachers and kids are having a great time exploring the bay and all the Marine life.

Racing Team

The green fleet team had their first joint practice with

South Miami Senior High sailing off the dock



Sailing access boats in heavy wind



Club coaches rigging a boat for class.



Coach David Diamond giving a one on one lesson with our Mechanical boat.



Green Fleet practice sails a course.



Green Fleet Debriefing after a long day of sailing



Rear Commodore's Report

It's now the time of year we forget about Hurricanes (NOT the University of Miami) and prepare for good sailing and the Holidays. I hope all have gotten over this storm season. To those who had boat damage, I know how you feel, but I'm not going to let a few dents and scratches keep me off the water!

I would like to thank the Club for its assistance last month with a fund raiser for Loyola University of New Orleans. The Club was a perfect venue for the event and we raised quite a few dollars for my Alma Mater. While we were out of power due to Wilma, the folks in New Orleans are still rebuilding. The University and Alumni officials present send their thanks.

I also would like to thank the volunteers who helped put

our Club back together. I was around a couple of days and saw lots going on. The docks are back in operation and the ever so important Marine Science Academy will return.

As a final note, I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

See you on the water,

*Marc Buller
Rear Commodore*



KBYC last Sunday and was a great experience for both teams. I am working with KBYC to schedule a couple more joint practices and a winter clinic for the kids before the Orange Bowl Regatta. The kids have had many windy days to strengthen their sailing skills and are getting ready for the next big regatta. The team was coached by several experienced sailors over the past couple of weeks and gained valuable experience. Thanks for the volunteers from the UM Racing team for coaching our Green and Advanced fleets.

Weekend Learn to Sail –Kids

The weekend classes are starting to catch up after Hurricane Wilma also. They missed several classes due to preparations and the hurricane itself. We held a full day class, which the kids sailed out to the close sandbar and then sailed over to the racing team practice to watch. Classes will continue through out the year. There are only a couple adjustments to the schedule. If you would like to join the program please contact Britt Price at britt@cgsc.org or 305-444-4571 ext. 11. Our classes are scheduled as follows:

Beginner Level 1
 January 7th, 14th, & 21st
 9:00am – 12:00pm

February 4th, 11th & 18th
 9:00am – 12:00pm

March 4th, 11th, & 18th
 9:00am – 12:00pm

Intermediate Level 2
 January 7th, 14th, & 21st
 1:00pm – 4:00pm

February 4th, 11th & 18th
 1:00pm- 4:00pm

March 4th, 11th, & 18th
 1:00pm- 4:00pm



Adult module 1 class with instructor Bud Price



Adult class ready to set sail on a windy day



Saturday Learn to Sail class in heavy wind- look at them go.



Learn to sail students enjoy their time on the bay.



Treasurer's Report

Last month I mentioned that this was an unusual year. Then Wilma. I correct myself. A MOST UNUSUAL year. My sympathy goes out to the 20 plus members who lost their boats due to Wilma. The sober effects of Wilma are that the club took a another financial hit. Moorings income will drop temporarily due to the lost boats. Because the club was without power for a week, we lost income from the bar and kitchen which were closed. On the other side of the coin, we have incurred the expenses of repairing all three docks. As if heaven sent, our old friend and dockmaster Burt Galbraith reappeared and has already made the repairs with some help from members. This is the third or fourth time Burt has rebuilt the docks.

These past few months, even though we have had loss of income and additional expenses due to the hurricanes, the club is sound and within budget.

Happy Holidays to all,

JoAnn Pzenny,
 Treasurer



Manager's Report

My name is Phil Kellett and I have agreed to manage the club for 6 months so that the club has ample time to recruit a new manager. The job, while challenging, is made much easier by our excellent staff on the dock, in the bar and in the kitchen. They worked tirelessly before and after the hurricane to keep the club running, we owe them a special thanks.

For those that do not know me, I am English, a Club member and Grove resident who is retired from pediatric medicine. My management experience is considerable, I used to run large medical departments including their billing systems and for three years my children and I ran a restaurant in the UK.

In the Royal Yachting Association's sailing qualification system I am a Yachtmaster Ocean. That is a 200 ton offshore ticket that include celestial navigation certification. In order to take the examinations, which included a 48 hour on-the-water practical test, I had to document 5000 sea miles including a 800 mile passage using a sextant. Fortunately the weekend of the test the wind was only blowing 35-40 knots so it was just like the usual weekend sailing in England. The picture of me is me at the helm of a square-rigger somewhere in the Atlantic, my regular job was climbing to the top of the foremast and reefing the sails.

I am considering teaching a heavy weather sailing class that will include rigging your boat for the 'big blue water' and heavy weather and survival techniques. If you are interested please let me know. This will be in addition to the 'Hurricane Preparedness Course' that starts in January

My boat is the F 31 Corsair trimaran and I need crew to fly

its 1000 sq. ft spinnaker, anyone is welcome including social members. I am also developing an 'available to crew list' which will be on the website. If you own a boat and need crew or want to crew please let me know. Again, social members who have experience are welcome and for those that do not have experience I suggest that you take Bud Price's excellent adult sailing class.

The website has recently been much improved by Beth Hernandez and I am now updating the website www.cgsc.org. The calendar is now updated daily and there is a new hurricane tracking page. If anyone has any ideas for the website please talk to me and I will endeavor to include them.

The Club is working well. Pete the Dockmaster is continuing to reset the mooring field, we have two divers working three days a week resetting and servicing moorings. Pete has developed a much improved mooring ball and pendant system, please talk to Pete if you want to change. We are starting a program to refurbish all the Club's boats, launches and sailboats; anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome.

Sonja, our chef, is working hard to change the menu and we now have a Thursday night special \$10 steak, English fish & chips will be on the menu as soon as I can find the right fish. There will soon be a wine list and there is now a monthly specialty beer.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you need help in any way or have any suggestions on improving the services the club provides for you.

Phil

SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER HELD AT CGSC

After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, I knew I wanted to do something. New Orleans is my home town and I learned the local Universities would not be holding classes this semester. I decided the Club would be a great place to hold a fund raiser. I then contacted my local alumni chapter of Loyola University and offered to host an event.

After some planning and discussions we had it figured out. This would be a New Orleans style seafood boil. My wife Cathy contacted her friends "The OutRiggers" who agreed to donate their time to play the event. The stage was set and fun began.

You might have heard the band or smelled the shrimp boiling, if you joined us, you were in for a treat. Over sixty pounds of shrimp were cooked with the trimmings. The OutRiggers played their best and New Orleans music was played during the breaks.



We had fifty or so alumni, parents and students present. We also hosted the Dean of the Loyola Business School who gave a status report and answered questions. He and the Alumni director present have both lost their homes and were

grateful for the effort. Over Eighteen Thousand dollars was raised due in large part from a large donation from Belen Jesuit Prep Key Club. Ed Claughton, the local chapter President was also a huge help in organizing the event.

It was a bit of hard work but well worth it.

Loyola plans to hold classes in the spring and our contribution will help. The Dean and the University thanked the Club for hosting the event and I thank you as well.

Marc Buller
Rear Commodore

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 1 Line dancing
- Dec. 6 Augie Diaz will be honored at social night
- Dec. 9 Dominic Lamberti will have his choral group perform at the 7:30 PM Holiday Party We'll get a tree, have hors'doeuvres and get into the spirit of the season. Any other suggestions?
- Dec, 31 New Year's Eve we'll have sit down dinner and live band "The Fit" playing dance music.

Kitchen Hours



Thursday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday

11:00am- 9:00pm

Sunday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Thursday Night Special

New York Strip Steak Dinner

\$10.00 Between 6-8 PM

You need to call ahead to reserve yours.

Social Membership

is available to City of Miami Residents and City of Miami Employees. This membership is valid

Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2006

and is renewable on an annual basis.

Please inquire at the club for details

or call the office at 305-444-4571

Support the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation thru 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. You may also remember the Foundation in your estate planning.

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THE ORANGE BOWL COMMITTEE

Junior Racing For The Channel. November 2005

My son, Alex, is very much committed to Optimist racing. After looking at the weaknesses and low turnout of sailors in the advance fleets (White, Blue and Red), I went to the Board seeking some answers and visibility into the future for the sailing program. At the meeting, the Boards feedback was of great interest and recognition of the fact that having a healthy base of young sailors is one of the corner stones in keeping our Clubs spirit alive. Twenty minutes later, I became the Chair person. Is this a great country or what ? ...Or should I say a great club?

So, the next day I started to put a plan together on paper and I presented it to the Board during their next meeting. Once again, they showed a great deal of interest regarding the Junior Racing Program. The board members recognized the importance of having a considerable group of young sailors who in the near future should become part of our Club's committed membership base.

Briefly, we need a critical number of sailors that will justify the investment. Ideally, the program should pay by itself. Therefore, my first priority is to promote the program by several means:

-Via membership: Spreading the word. I am sure many of you have friends who have kids, who have friends, etc.

-Clearly defining the program: We published the program contents, spirit and scope in the October's Channel.

-Via community newspapers: Soon some ads concerning the program will be published in the South Winds magazine, Palmetto Bay News, South Miami News and Kendall News.

-Literature: We have some brochures in the club's bulletin board. So anyone coming to the Club can pick them up and read about our offer.

-Discounts: We have a special discount for Green fleeters parents who wish to learn how to sail. This activity is focused in generating parent's commitment to sailing.

Parents have a 50% discount in our Adult Sailing program.
-Via this article. Asking for your help.

Currently, we have 15 Green fleeters and 5 advance (Blue) skippers. Considering a turnover of 30% to 40%, we practically have 12 skippers. This number does not support a dedicated instructor nor can it represent the CGSC with a high level of success. We really need a dedicated instructor if we want to compete and have some hopes of spreading a good name for the club. For the time being, I am personally involved in coaching the advance fleet but that is far from what our young skippers require or deserve.

In summary, **the Club needs your help** to attract new skippers, find a good coach (dedicated or part time) and support the sport. If you can help to spread the good word among your family, friends and coworkers, you will be helping the Club tremendously.....**and the kids.**

Please feel free to call Britt Price or myself if you have questions, tips, good advice, channels of communications that could help to expand our program.

Safety, fun and sailing in all types of wind.

Tony Bejarano

Safety Committee

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club has attempted to explain to members that our moorings are not designed to hold a boat in the throws of winds greater than 40 kts. Yet again, some of the same boats were found ashore at Seminole Launch Ramp next to the Dinner Key Convention Center just north of the Club. CGSC mooring Rules and Regulations and our Storage Agreement which we all signed, tell members when moving their boat is required for the safety of the vessel and the property of others. Yet again some members just don't get the message! I heard that the Club had wanted to take over and maintain the Seminole Launch Ramp at one time in history. Well now we can actually say "this is the CGSC Boat Storage Annex" following the visit of Hurricane Katrina and Wilma this year.

During Hurricane Wilma on October 24th [the longest morning I ever remember] many Club boats everywhere took



a beating. More than a dozen who choose the Miami Marine Stadium, unfortunately were severely damaged and will probably not ever "float" again. The boats in the mangroves at Cocoplum off the Coral Gables Waterway suffered less damage than those that went to nearby Dinner Key Marina. And, skippers who took their boats outside the Mole east of the Club found their vessel sank or went up on the rocks or shallows and were seriously damaged beyond repair, too! The Miami River still is the safest place I know to

take your vessel in the hours before the arrival of any hurricane, Vagabond lost one tricolor light globes off the top of the mast in Hurricane Andrew in the river.

Everyone has a story this Hurricane Season. I sincerely hope your story is a GOOD one.. Come down to the Club on Tuesday night for the good food

and comradery of Social Night and share it with us.

Smooth Sailing to all of you who still have boats to sail, others can hitch a ride with me any Sunday afternoon for a pleasant and leisure sail on Vagabond.

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"Footloose" For Sale. 1967 Morgan – 34 ft. Yanmar Diesel Engine, Repowered in '98, Sail Inventory: New Main, Roller Furler Genoa, Spinnaker. Custom Cockpit & Salon Cushions. Dodger, Bimini, & Protective Canopy. Canvas Covers for Brightwork. VHF and Instruments. Auto Pilot. All new Paint in 2005 – Bottom, Freeboard, & Exterior Deck. Perfect for Cruising. Priced to Sell at \$19,500. On a Mooring at Coconut Grove Sailing Club Call Nick @ 305-439-8258.

OPTIMIST SAILBOAT FOR SALE: McLaughlin Optimist Club Racer bought in February 2004 – sailed for one year (has not sailed since February 2005) – Great Condition (Simon is now sailing Lasers) AND New Olympic Racing Sail (Blue) (used for 4 regattas) ALSO Available at no extra charge for purchaser:- Pair of good sailing hiking boots size: 41/42 ASKING \$2500 or BEST OFFER (exchange for Laser sailboat would be considered) Call Maureen or Peter at 954-384-5328 OR email Maureen at milloydjames@jwu.edu

25 Pound Plow anchor, \$150. Call 305 772 3655

1998 HUNTER 240, good condition 24 foot, \$8000 obo. Sean 305 324 7100.

Month 2

For Sale: Avon 8' dingy. Rover 2.80 Plywood floor. Inflatable keel. Very good condition. \$550.00 Jim Fawcett 305-235-2650.

25' Cape Dory (1982). Excellent condition, sleeps 4, standing headroom, Yanmar diesel, bimini, many upgrades including sail covers, sails, roller furling genoa, VHF, compass, toilet. 6 opening ports, Bimini and Dodger. E-mail: Mayras1957@aol.com or 305-610-0988. Asking \$17,500.

Month 3

Roller furling outfit for 24' to 26' boat. Sail is a 135% genoa. Includes sail, drum, foil and swivel. All in good condition. Came from a 26' Hunter, but will fit other boats. \$600.00 OBO. Call Ross at (305)0665-0238.

FOR SALE: 1967 Morgan 24/25- "Natural High" - with 9.9HP Yamaha electric start. Spinnaker, multiple Jibs, three anchors (hurricane ready) & hand held GPS. Lightly used. In good condition, can use some minor TLC. Bottom professionally cleaned on a monthly basis. On a mooring at CGSC. \$5,000, Call Joe at 954-4712-6193 days/954-723-0312 evenings.

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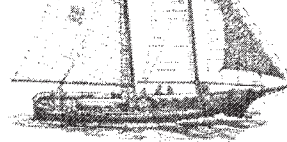
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Lamberti. The Christmas tree will need everyone to help with the trimming. Hors’doevres will be served. Plan now to attend on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 PM.



CGSC-WEST

Do you remember when the Annual Rendezvous was called the Roselle Rendezvous and “The Old Farts” challenged “The Rotten Kids” to games . . . when C.D. Bunch was garnering all the racing trophies . . . the C-Gulls’ annual spaghetti dinner and auction . . . the Miller beer commercial that was filmed in the old clubhouse . . . when John Schoendorf was the Christmas elf?

If any of these past events bring a smile to your face or jog

a distant memory, then you won’t want to miss the CGSC-**WEST** Annual Christmas party on Pine Island, Saturday, December 10, 2005, at 6:00 PM. It will be a great opportunity to see and get caught up with old friends. Hope you will be able to join in our festivities!

Call (239) 283-1362 or (239) 283-0403 or e-mail at JJTAG@AOL.com to RSVP and for directions.

Judy D’Agostino

