



June 2005

SAILING TO ANTARCTICA

By Dottie & Ron Rostorfer

The *Sarah W. Vorwerk* slipped her mooring in Ushuaia Harbor, Argentina, and we were off on a 20-day passage to Antarctica and return. Ushuaia is on the southern coast of Tierra del Fuego, the extreme south of Argentina. We had rounded Cape Horn with Captain Henk Boorsma and *Sarah* two years before, but this time the Cape was our jumping off point, not the destination. With Dottie at the wheel, we were soon in the Canal Beagle, broad reaching in a 30 knot westerly towards Puerto Williams, Chile, on the south side of the Canal some 25 miles away.

Ushuaia and Puerto Williams, at about 55 degrees south, are the two gathering points for the world cruisers who venture to deep south Patagonia and Antarctica. The *Micalvi*, a grounded Chilean Navy vessel serves as the Pto. Williams Yacht Club, and is a very special place. It lists to port at about 10 degrees, so you have to be careful in the shower and on the dance floor! Cruisers gather in the evening in a lounge (the old wheelhouse) with a roaring fire in the

woodstove and Pisco Sours all around. One Irish crew we met were on their way to the Falklands, South Georgia, and then on to Cape Town! It was a great night.

Sarah, a 54-foot steel-hulled cutter, is well suited for these waters. Our ship's complement came to ten souls: Henk and Jac (the Mate) are Dutch, five Germans, all of whom spoke good English, a fellow from Connecticut and us two. Dottie was the only female on board.

Having now cleared into Chile, we departed the next day for the Wollaston Islands, a wild and beautiful archipelago of which Horn Island is the southernmost. The

day started sunny and calm, but the glass was falling, and this meant trouble ahead. A recording barometer is very important equipment in these latitudes! We anchored in Bahia Scourfield, a few miles north of the Cape, at 10 pm in cloudy, windy conditions. The next morning would be our visit to Cape Horn and departure for the Drake Passage

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Has it been a year already? Let me start by stating that it has been an honor serving as your Commodore during the past year and I truly appreciated your trust and support. Working together as a team, we made lasting changes that have strengthened our organization. Past administrations had set the ground work for us based on the fundamental understanding that we are privileged to operate our sailing club on City owned property and, therefore, we are obligated to provide public service in return. Following this principle, the Board of Directors made public service a top priority. I am proud of what we have accomplished and take great pride in being part of an organization that is giving back to the community. For example, our new sailing programs are introducing countless youth to the sport of sailing and instilling a sense of environmental stewardship; the social membership has opened the club to our neighbors and strengthen our organization; our large meeting room is now used by many community and non-profit organizations and; finally, the club now operates under a long range plan based on City and community input. It has been a good year for the club indeed! These positive changes have been well recognized by City officials and the media.



The change in command will occur this month with the Annual Meeting scheduled for the 3rd and the Installation Diner on the 11th (please plan to attend). Although I am disappointed that our Vice Commodore, Vladimir Stroleny, will not succeed to Commodore; I am very pleased that Andrea Stringos will once again be taking the helm. Andrea served us well as Commodore during the 2002-2003 term and, since that time, has remained very active in an advisory role – she will hit the ground running.

The new slate will take command on July 1st. The Nominating Committee did not have to look too far for volunteers as they nominated one of their members David Kurtz for Vice Commodore. The strong spirit of volunteerism has always been our core strength. On that subject, I would like to recognize several significant volunteer efforts this year:

- Dingy Dock Replacement – Charlie Branning
- New Dingy Racks – Jose Hernandez
- Clubhouse Roof Replacement, Work Weekend, Dingy Dock, Moorings, Shed Installation, Motor Replacements, etc. – Vladimir Stroleny
- Channel Newsletter Upgrades – Cherie Branning
- Social Membership Bylaw Change – Andrea Stringos
- 5-Year Plan Development – Jim Clark
- Clean Marine Program – Cathy Buller
- Website Upgrades – Beth Hernandez
- Moorings and Grounds – Bill Beavers, Renny Young, Keith Weyrick
- Innovative Rendezvous – Janice Pruett
- New Clubhouse Burgee, Banners, Tee-Shirts – Mike Lovelady
- Marine Science Academy – Debra Mitchell & Jim Clark
- U of M Sailing Team – Kay Voss & Charlie Rahn
- Main dock deck replacement – Jaime Ramon and helpers
- Community Outreach – Cathy Buller
- Programming Document – Alyn Pruett

Serving as your Commodore, I had the pleasure of working with a team of dedicated volunteers and staff that deserve credit for their hard work. Our Vice Commodore, Vladimir Stroleny was personally responsible for the majority of the property improvements made this year including the current roofing replacement project. Vladimir was the most productive Vice Commodore we have had in a long period. The moorings have never been better maintained. We had several rotations

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in the Bridge, so please bear with me. Jim Clark started the term as Rear Commodore and did an excellent job in the start-up the Marine Science Academy Program. Jim was also responsible for introducing the 5-year planning process. Marc Buller stepped-up without hesitation after Jim Clark accepted a new position that took him outside of this area. Marc has his hands full with the sailing programs and has done an excellent job in this capacity. He ran a fun filled Annual Rendezvous and also served us well as Secretary. The Bridge was blessed with the addition of lovely Mary Cacase, who replaced Marc as our new Secretary. She has brought meeting recording to new a level (be careful what you say)! Finally, Jaime Ramon served us well as Treasury and implemented many book keeping and accounting improvements. Later in the year, Jamie turned over the books to Jeff Zirulnick. This has been the third year in a row that Jeff has served as Treasurer and, once again, he did an outstanding job. The club was very fortunate to be served with such a dedicated and talented Bridge.

Several Board Members also went beyond the call-of-duty and took on extra projects and assignments. For example, Mike Lovelady freely gave his time and materials to provide us with first class graphics and banners. Charlie Rahn took on the University of Miami Sailing Team and brought that dream to a reality. Anne Platt organized a "PR Display" and Bud Price was active in both the sailing programs and future development.

Our Committee Chairmen also served the club well this year. For example, our Rendezvous Chairmen, Janice Pruett introduced new creative ideas that will certainly become traditions (i.e. dockside rendezvous and progressive dinner). Once again, Cathy Buller did an outstanding job as Outreach Chairmen in getting our membership involved in volunteer activities outside of our gates, such as, Baynaza, Volunteer Miami and the Clean Marina Program. Dominic Lamberti entertained us on several occasions with his Barber Shop Quartet, as well as, organizing other club events such as a pig roast (great fun) with the help of Tom Malone. Our House Chairmen, Patrick McCann, kept a close eye on the bar while Rick

Rahm maintained a watchful eye on the Bay as our Marine Council Chairmen. For many years in a row now, Dick Crisler, did an outstanding job as both the Membership and Adult Sailing Chairmen. Ron Rostorfer and crew provided the best Race Committee on the Bay and Art Auwaerter ran a great Orange Bowl Regatta. In fact, Art was invited to speak to the Waterfront Advisory Board on the subject. Jose Hernandez built new laser racks and Beth upgraded the web for us. There are too many more to list, so please give the Committee Chairmen and members thanks for their efforts this year!

During this year, the club experienced tremendous membership growth (77% increase) which challenged our General Manager, Scott Salzberg, and the staff. However, Scott was able to keep it all under control while improving the quality of membership services. The kitchen has never run better. It has been a pleasure working with Scott this year. Our Sailing Director, Britt Price, also experienced a tremendous growth in the Sailing Programs. This required an expansion of staffing levels and new boats donated by the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation and the Miami-Dade School System. Britt has done an excellent job in coordinating all of the activities.

I would also like to give thanks to the Past Commodores who remained active and freely gave their advice along the way: Andrea Stringos, Mike Weber, Charlie Branning, John Pistorino, Larry Whipple, Bud Price, Reggie Nicholson, and my good 'ol friend William L. Beavers.

Again, it was a pleasure serving as your Commodore and I believe that we are on the right tack with a focus on community integration and service. We are firmly "dug-in" and I am confident that CGSC will survive the Masterplan process fully intact. With the new programs and the incorporation of the social membership, we have strong City support and we are making a positive impact on the community - this is our future.

Let's stay on the layline.

Jack Hamm, Commodore

One other note, I owe Mike Lovelady an apology as his last article was edited and published without his approval - the deadline got the better of me.

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and Antarctica, over 500 miles distant.

Sure enough, we awakened to gale force conditions, SW winds of 50-60 knots with gusts to 70. As *Sarah* made her way through the islands to the Cape, we saw 58 knots on the wind indicator. We were under double reefed main and a touch of headsail. *Sarah* anchored off Calita Leon, Horn Island, and we dinghied ashore for what Henk called "a sporty landing" on the rock beach. Then it was up the long wooden stairs to the top, with the view, monument, chapel, lighthouse and modest home of the Chilean Navy NCO and his wife, the only residents of the Wollastons, who are there for a one-year tour.

Back on board, we readied *Sarah* for the Drake and prepared to raise anchor. One of the Germans wondered if we shouldn't lay over in the Wollastons and wait for better weather. "No, we can do this," said Henk. "It's not blowing 70, it's only gusting to 70!" He did warn that it would be rough." This was Henk's 21st voyage to Antarctica over ten years. He knows himself, the *Sarah* and the weather very well, among many other things. Steel boat, aluminum deck, iron guy!

Rough it was, and cold, wet and windy, too. Most of us retired to our berths. Several were seasick. There was little food eaten and even less cooked the first three days. Our course was 160 degrees to the western end of the South Shetland Islands, at about 63 degrees South. With the southwesterly gale, we couldn't hold 160 degrees and maintain any degree of comfort. We made good about 130 degrees. The wind was moderating, and when we reached the longitude of our destination, we hove to – not wanting any more easting. At 60 degrees south, we began an ice watch 24 hours per day when underway. Each cabin was on for two hours and off for six. Not too bad, since it never really gets dark in the Antarctic summer. We were soon motoring against a light southerly. A lone wandering albatross greeted us. The wind went to a 30 knot westerly which blew us around Castle Rock and on to anchor at Hannah Point, Livingston Island. It was 4 am, three and a half days out of Cape Horn.

The next morning was the first of our several encounters with Antarctic wildlife (by Treaty, Antarctica is all land south of 60 degrees south). Hannah Point was teeming with penguins, seals and various petrels. We quietly walked among the rookeries and seals, watching and taking pictures. It was a calm, sunny day at the moment. Three hours later when we departed, it was blowing NE at 50 knots! Welcome to the polar easterlies!

We bypassed Desolation Island, and pressed on overnight (again!) for the west side of the Antarctic Peninsula. The Peninsula itself is a geologic extension of the Andes, and generally goes straight up from the water's edge. In the days that followed, we made several stops, but only once did we set foot on the actual continent. All other landings were on the islands.

By morning, we had entered the Gerlache Strait, between the Antarctic Peninsula and a long series of offshore islands to the west. We were now running under a strong NE wind with genoa alone. Ice was starting to appear in the form of small "bergy bits." The sea temperature was less than two degrees C. Our ultimate destination was the Ukrainian Station at 65

deg., 15 minutes South. They don't get much support from their government, and Henk agreed to bring them fresh produce and Argentine beer which we were carrying onboard. We planned to go all the way down there first, then work our way back, but reports coming by VHF said the ice was very bad ahead. So, we made a hard left and dropped anchor at Port Lockroy, a British Station on Wiencke Island.

Once part of the British Antarctic Survey, Port Lockroy is now primarily a museum and gift shop. Old dog sleds are displayed outside, and the old pantry, kitchen and other rooms are as they were many decades ago. Penguins nest right up against the building. The next morning, we were off to tackle the ice. Our course took us to the Lemaire Channel, also known as "Kodak Gap" for the beautiful, jagged rock mountains high on either side. Soon we were in heavy ice, motoring forward at a three knot or less average, pushing ice aside and leaving a water wake with ice on either side.

At times we would run the bow up onto the ice, break it, and then shoulder it aside. One of the Germans climbed to the lower spreaders to help find the best path. It was an enthralling display of power against nature. No other vessels attempted this. *Polar Pioneer*, a small cruise ship we saw at Port Lockroy and the barque *Europa* had turned back near the Lemaire entrance. The yacht *Blue Peter* was stuck in the ice further south near the Ukraine Station. We were stopped. Henk climbed to the masthead to see if we could get out the south end of the Lemaire Channel. We could not. We turned around, worked our way back north, and then to an anchorage near the U.S. Palmer Station on Anvers Island. It was an incredible day.

We visited a huge penguin rookery the next day, along with seals and albatross and petrel nests. This was followed by a visit to Palmer. It has a staff of 44, the smallest of the three U.S. Stations in Antarctica, but by far the largest we visited. Their scientific program is pretty broad: plant life, penguin studies, atmospheric, marine life and seismic work. Palmer is well equipped, with a dorm/rec hall, three labs, a machine shop, power house, admin building, desal plant, and a fleet of Zodiacs. After a hot lunch in their cafeteria, we were off to try for the Ukraine Station again.

This time, we took the outside route, west of Lemaire, but just encountered more heavy ice. After several hours, we were about to give up, but looked ahead 60 yards and saw a



rare Emperor Penguin standing on an ice floe. We slowly pressed ahead for a great photo op, and then resolved to keep going. A little past 1:00 am, *Sarah* arrived at the Ukraine Station on Gallindez Island in the Argentine Islands archipelago. We had made only 30 miles in 12 hours, but we were at 65-15 south, 600+ miles south of Ushuaia. No other vessel made it further south than *Sarah* while we were in Antarctica.

The 14 Ukrainians were very happy to see us as we unloaded their provisions. They keep the station as neat as a pin, and gave us a nice tour with a vodka and chocolate reception in their bar. The weather report was for NE winds that would push ice into the anchorage, so Henk said we had to be away by noon. Away we were, back north through the ice, with fog and snow, past Petermann Island where three Brits froze to death in 1982. Then, it was on through Lemaire, and north to Paradise Bay. We always wondered why they called it Paradise Bay. We're still wondering. It was foggy and snowy while we were there, and we never got a good look around. An Orca Whale did pass by close astern, however.



After that, it was north to the Chilean Station on the Antarctic mainland and beyond to Cuverville Island. The Chilean Station was purely military, manned by six Navy and Air Force personnel. Their mission was seemingly to keep track of what was going on in the neighborhood. They were hospitable, but correct. It was good to finally stand on the Antarctic continent. Penguin rookeries surrounded their buildings. By now, we had seen Gentoo, Chinstrap, Adele, Macaroni, and Emperor Penguins.

Meanwhile, on board, things were going well. We all fell into a shipboard routine, and enjoyed each other's company. One of the Germans played *Sarah's* guitar and sang, in addition to being a skier and sailor. When Dottie appeared for dinner in the galley salon, aft, he would yodel! The seating was "U" shaped, around a large table with a diesel heater underneath with the stovepipe rising up through the center. There were many enjoyable meals taken around that table.

Besides Henk's considerable technical skills, he was also a good cook and very personable. Jac, the mate, cooked, steered and usually skippered the Zodiac on shore visits. Although seasick on the Drake Passage, he was always busy, either in the galley or on deck. Baking bread, sautéing steaks and serving "Lemaire Channel pizza" were among Jac's accomplishments. One local sport is gathering glacial ice for cocktail hour. Usually, it's the whisky that's old, but not around here!

Our last full day in Antarctica was highlighted by an afternoon of whale watching in Dallman Bay. Humpback whales are known to frequent this Bay. After an al fresco steak cookout on deck at noon, we entered Dallman Bay, sailed to the middle, and shut off the engine. Henk clanked on the steel hull with a hammer and then played choral music. Humpbacks started to appear, first from



a distance, and eventually incredibly close. Generally, they were in pods, but occasionally couples and singles. We watched, spellbound, and took pictures. It was another great day in Antarctica. At day's end, we continued on to the Melchoir Islands for the night. We anchored at the bow, and ran a stern line ashore. All boats sailing these waters carry reels of line on deck for paying out to tie-ups on shore in order to limit swing and/or secure the boat in deep water bays.

The next morning, we began making preparations for the Drake Channel crossing back to Patagonia. It was expected to be rougher than the trip down, and the expectations were borne out. This is because the weather systems generally cross the Drake in a clockwise arc from the west. The lows tend to be centered up near Patagonia, and they just keep coming. In the Southern Hemisphere, the winds go clockwise around the lows and counter-clockwise around the highs, the opposite of what we're used to here. So, there is a huge chance that we will encounter very strong NW winds on the passage back at some point. The worst is in the northern Drake, bearing out our experience on the way down.

In order to properly deal with the weather prospects, we needed to make westing early in the passage so that when the NW gales did come, we could still fetch the Cape, and not be blown eastward, where we would be faced with an upwind, up current beat westward to the Beagle Channel. Fortunately,



it's easy to make westing when departing Antarctica due to the prevailing polar easterlies. Sure enough, we departed the Melchoirs in NE winds at 40 knots. The first night out, on our ice watch we sighted a huge iceberg to the south. We called Henk on deck, and he

put the iceberg on the radar. It was over a mile wide, and likely to be 200-250 feet high. It was not on the iceberg-warning list that is available in Antarctica, so he reported it. We sailed NW to the longitude of Diego Ramirez, a very remote island 60 miles SW of Cape Horn. From there, we headed north.

Soon, we were in a NW low-pressure gale, and had another rough night in the northern Drake, to match our passage down. At times were down to the third reef in the main, and Henk's excellent staysail, which he calls his "home bringer." People were stiff and sore from lying in their berths. Finally, Diego Ramirez hove into view. Yes, the Chilean Navy has three NCOs stationed there, as well. We anchored for lunch, with some venturing ashore to the rugged terrain. After that, it was off to False Cape Horn, at the southern tip of the Hardy Peninsula, west of Cape Horn, passing through and on to anchor at Calita Yawl on Isla Navarino. The next day, we sailed north to Calita Banner on Isla Picton, near the eastern end of the Beagle Channel. We had a huge "asado" (cookout) ashore, with bread baking and steaks on the rock beach. It was a great night.

Then, it was then back to Puerto Williams to check out of Chile, and on to Ushuaia, where a great passage making sail ended with a champagne party. We dinghied ashore with our duffels, said tearful goodbyes to our mates of the last 20 days, and headed for hotels and the flights home. The memories will last a lifetime.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I want to thank all the people that helped me during my year of being vice-commodore. It made my life easier when these people stepped forward and volunteered. We all tried to fix as much as we could at the club, but like always, with the increase use of the club there is a growing need for volunteers to come forward. I was especially happy to see that many of my helpers were social members. So I hope that the next vice-commodore gets the help that he surely will need to keep the club running smoothly.

We have done a lot of maintenance projects in the last year, but replacing the roof and maybe painting the building in the near future will show the surrounding community that we

believe that we will survive the storms that are coming. The one thing I learned during the last year is that we could have millions of programs at the club and be hundred's of year old, but our fate will be decided by the community, Sasaki, and the City of Miami and their friends.

So as I become a sailor again in June, I hope that the winds will always be out of the right direction and velocity for the new leadership of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Vladimir Stroleny, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

For the past year I have been honored to serve as your Secretary and Rear Commodore. I have enjoyed my term and I hope I have served you well. There have been several changes to the sailing programs and we hope to continue them. The Marine Science Academy is an important program and will be around for a long time. The members of the Green Fleet are having success and it seems the Lasers are on the water all the time. It 's an exciting time for the Club and I am glad to be a part of it.

As we meet with City officials and the master plan designers, the Bridge thanks the membership for their support and we know we can count on you for your continued support.

Happy sails to you, see you on the water,

Marc Buller, Rear Commodore



Treasurer's Report

This will be my final article as Treasurer for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Having served under the past four administrations I feel qualified to report that the sailing club is operating from a very positive financial position. We have just completed the 2005-06 Budget, which will be available for your review in the bar. The club will operate at a \$1.2 million income and expense. The budget calls for a 3% increase in membership fees and a 5% increase in boat storage fees. This provided for the increase in property taxes, fuel and our expanded efforts to bring sailing to the Miami community. The increase also allowed for us to provide proper staffing for the upgraded activities that have been occurring throughout our club. Our capital expenditures have also been accounted for next year through painting our facilities, replacing our fence and the purchase of needed boat motors.

I hope each and everyone of you well take the time to review this document before the annual meeting and that you will express an interest throughout the year at the financial position of the club and the fiduciary responsibilities of the bridge and board of directors. It is your responsibility as well as theirs to maintain the strong financial position we have obtained as we work for the renewal of our lease with the City of Miami.

Yours in Sailing

Jeffrey Lirulnick

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with Bylaw Article X, Section 1, the Annual Meeting of the Club will be held on the first Friday of the Month of June which is **Friday June 3rd at 7:00pm** in the clubhouse ballroom. The installation dinner is scheduled for the following Saturday, June 11th. This notice is **in correction** to the date listed in the May Channel Calendar. Please be advised that the Goombay Festival may create some traffic concerns. However, we are coordinating with the police to ensure full access will be provided to the club. It is imperative that all regular and life members attend. This is part of our rich tradition and always a good opportunity to provide feedback (floggings). Absentee ballots will be made available upon request in accordance with the Bylaws.

The business to be conducted during the Annual Meeting includes:

1. Election of new Flag Officers
2. Election of new Board Members
3. Approval of the 2005- 2006 Budget
4. Approval of annual dues and storage fees
5. Approval of the proposed bylaw change
6. June General Meeting

I look forward to your attendance,
Jack Hamm, Commodore

Youth Sailing

The Sailing Programs Department had a great year! If you have been around the club any day of the week, you saw we were very busy. The list of classes and programs has doubled since last year. We welcomed Miami Dade County Public Schools, a new Laser program, and the UM Racing Team, as well as restructured the adult sailing programs. This does not include our regular programs with St. Stephen's Episcopal Day School, Ransom Middle, Beginning Racing, Archimedes Club and Learn to Sail weekend. Now we are ready for our biggest Summer Camp ever! We have new programs for the summer, kids are now able to sail Prams, Optimists, Sunfish, Access Dinghies, Flying Scot's, and Ensigns.

The Green Fleet had a great year with many adventures, and now know Biscayne Bay. They had several regattas where they were able to meet new people and see other Yacht Clubs around Florida. I would like to say a few words about their coach CJ Abell. He will be leaving us for bigger and better things, College! He has been such a great Coach with the kids and me. Always professional and willing to learn more and improve on his skills and talent. I want you to know I will miss you and hope you stop by to keep in touch with us.

I want to give a special Thank You to all the members and volunteers who went above and beyond to help out with our programs. All the parents from the green fleet who helped me organize and kept the kids motivated. I also want to give a special Thank You for the tireless efforts of Richard Crisler, who kept the adult programs running smoothly and professionally. I want you to know I could

not have had such a successful Adult Program without you this year. The list of people who helped with every program could be a book. So here is my short list: Quinn Booth, Kit Ferrier, Leslie Morris, Pat Downey, Zack, Mike Abell, CJ Abell, Zeb Lima, Bud Price, David Diamond, Jeanine Jankovsky, Doron, Devon Schewidel, and Carlos Medina.

The club programs have grown so much this year, that without the support of the membership and Board, it would not have been this successful. The club Manager Scott Salzberg has been my main support; he kept me sane through this hectic year. Also, I would like to thank Marc Buller for taking on the task of Rear Commodore near the end of the year. He worked with me in all the programs and gave me the support I needed.

It has been a wonderful and exciting experience for me personally this year. I have grown with all the new programs and even the old ones. I have laughed and cried and enjoyed every minute working here. I have made several new friends and met many challenges. I want to thank the club and its members for allowing me to grow and keeping every door open for the kids and adults who want to experience the wonderful world of Sailing. I have been able to spread my love and passion of this sport to almost everyone I have taught and worked with. I am looking forward to next year and the new experience and challenges I will have to face. I know the club will continue to grow with the new times and Miami. See you on the water and around the club!

Sincerely,
Britt Price, Sailing Director

Little Salts



Turner Tech Students



Ransom School Students



LEASE UPDATE

Jack Hamm

occasions that Coconut Grove Sailing Club will be part of the plan. Our City Manager, Joe Arriola, also stated that "This isn't our plan, this is your plan." The City clearly expressed its expectation that it will be the people of the City of Miami who will work with the Sasaki team, provide input, and participate in the decision making process. It is vital that all members participate in this the planning process. The Bridge will keep you informed of upcoming events.

The City Mooring Permit

The City is close to receiving a permit for the moorings. One part of the process is the "announcement" of intent to permit. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is expected to make this announcement on May 29th. Once this happens "affected parties" have 21 days to contest or question the permit. As owners of the moorings that will be replaced, we are the affected party. In order to address the permit, the Board has retained Attorney Nicholas Gutierrez. He has experience working with permits and currently is part of the South Florida Water Management District. He has met with the Board and will give us direction with regard to the City's mooring permit.

The Board feels this is the best way to proceed and having met with Mr. Gutierrez, he has the knowledge and experience to advise us. We will keep you informed.

The Master Plan

The Masterplan was kicked-off on May 3rd. However, thunderstorms caused the walking tour to be cancelled. After a short introduction by the Mayor's office, Mr. Arriola and Commissioner Winton, we went straight to our sailing club for refreshments and the chance to get to know members of the planning team and to discuss our ideas with them. Several members of the planning team attended including Mark Dawson, the Project Manager from Sasaki, Takako Oji, a Sasaki landscape architect who will be working with Mr. Dawson, Sasaki's team partners Aida Curtis of Curtis & Rogers, a Grove-based landscape architect and planner, Bernard Zyscovich and his associate Melissa Hege. City employees who will be involved in the planning process were also there, including Chief of Operations Alicia Cuervo Schreiber, Vivian Romero of the Operations Department, Robert Weinreb, the consultant who will serve as the City's project manager for this and other waterfront planning projects, Enrique Nunez, Carmen Sanchez, Luciana Gonzalez of the Planning Department, and Kelly Preston of the Mayor's office. Mr. Dawson indicated he would like to see the walking tour re-scheduled so the opportunity to walk the site with residents is not lost, and we will follow up with the City to ask that a new walk is scheduled.

Our commissioner, Johnny Winton, reiterated on several

RACE ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Announcing the FIRST ANNUAL CGSC Commodore's Cup Regatta. This is a CGSC members only "club championship" event for both PHRF and One-Design classes. The date is Saturday, July 16th. Three races are scheduled. Party and awards after the racing. Make plans to join us now!

Ron Rostorfer



Laser Sailors

The BBYRA will add Lasers to the one design racing lineup beginning with the June 5th race. All Laser sailors are encouraged to call or go online and register for this great event.

See www.BBYRA.net or contact Jose Hernandez (305/322-2701) for details.

BBYRA Report

Thanks everyone for coming out to support racing on Biscayne Bay. Keep the comments coming to improve the sport.

David

Sarasota Sailfest Regatta

Thanks to the commitment of their parents, a group of four young sailors was able to represent the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at this year's Sarasota Sailfest Regatta, which is hosted by the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. The regatta proved to be a challenge for both the sailors and the Race Committee when Saturday's forecast of 10-15 knot winds materialized into sustained winds in excess of 20 knots with gusts exceeding 30 knots. Many Optimist sailors did not venture onto the racecourse, while others, after going out and testing the conditions, realized it was too much for them to handle and returned to the comfort of land. Less than half of the Green Fleet actually completed the first race and many of them flipped their boats on more than one occasion.

In a wise decision, the Race Committee promptly sent all the Green Fleet racers who remained out on the course to shore and proceeded to send all the remaining sailors to dry land a short time thereafter. After a few hours wait and with no hope for the wind to subside, the Race Committee abandoned all remaining races for the day and our team headed for the hotel's swimming pool hoping for some good sailing weather on Sunday.

To everyone's disappointment, Sunday morning brought even stronger winds and an early postponement by the Race Committee. It was evident by the lack of sailors rigging their boats that these conditions would remain for the rest of the day. With the participant's safety in mind, the Race Committee called the regatta by 11:00 AM and proceeded with the trophy presentation.

Congratulations are in order to all those who participated whether they completed the one and only race or not. It takes courage for 9 to 13 year old kids to go out sailing in such a small vessel with those conditions, a feat into which very few adults would venture.

Of the total 46 (+/-) green fleet sailors our team represented us well with the following finishes:

Catie Skipp	3 rd
Nicki Sacks	6 th
Alex Bejarano	17 th
Jaime Ramon	33 rd



Outreach Report

CGSC Clean Marina Program is off to a good start. You have noticed all the bulletin boards at the Club are getting cleaned up and making way for news for the Clean Marina Program. The bulletin board on the Launch Ramp is the information center for Clean Marina actions and events. Read the postings there to get the latest on upcoming actions that CGSC is undertaking to become a certified DERM Clean Marina.

With that announcement, please plan on attending the CGSC "Hurricane Preparedness Meeting" that will be scheduled for June. I will make plenty of announcements and posters for this meeting. This will be a collective effort of many contributing groups that support safety on the water and safety in the harbor for all boats. Coast Guard Auxillary is making an appearance and will have information to share. Also, the University of Florida IFAS Extension, with Sea Grant Florida is contributing to our meeting and providing goodies for the Captains. Announcements for this meeting will be made and ALL members are encouraged to come out for the event. It is worth your time to learn to protect your boat and your Club!

Volunteers! Yeah, Volunteers! We have had a very successful showing of CGSC Volunteers to assist in the Bayanza event. Launch Drivers Leslie Jones and Tom Malone were very busy shuffling Bayanza volunteers between Shake-A-Leg and the surrounding shoal islands. Leslie and Tom said they were very much in demand as there were more volunteers than anticipated. Other CGSC Volunteers worth mentioning are Jim Ley and wife. And I also had Barbara contact me. Thank you everyone. This event was done 'remotely', as Marc and I were not present... The Bayanza event was scheduled the same day as the

MS150 start (more below).

Marc and I represented CGSC at the MS150. We did it! And we raised \$1,000 for MS research. Thank you everyone for your \$upport! Some, but not all, contributing \$upporters were CGSC members Commodore Jack and Claire Hamm, Jaime and Chiquita Ramon, Jaime Ramon's Mom, Jaime Ramon's friends from his Hobie Cat days. Why so much Jaime Ramon \$upport? Because Jaime is a patient of MS. Jaime does extraordinary activities while still having the side effects of the terrible disease. You will see Jaime, wife Chiquita, and their boys Jaime Jr. and Diego enjoying the Club every weekend. Jaime Jr. is becoming quite a Pram Racer...was that another 1st place trophy I saw Sunday afternoon?

More Outreach events to look out for: Make A Wish event, DERM Adopt-a-Tree Planting event (plant trees for elderly Coconut Grove Residents), and more exciting community outreach. I would like to add here that if you are doing any Spring Cleaning at your house and are coming across publications of any sorts, be it books, magazines, text books from college days, or other, please place them in the collecting box at the Club, in the Meeting Room. We are collecting books for the local libraries and children's groups. I am in contact with United Way to make sure your publication donations go to a worthy cause, instead of the trash dump. I saw a nice collection already donated so we are off to a great start.

If you want to become a CGSC Volunteer for any of the above events, or have an idea of an event where CGSC could be instrumental, please contact me via email cathypeak@bellsouth.net or 305-444-3517. Thanks to CGSC Volunteers! Cathy Buller

CGSC Hosts Women's 35th Annual C-Gull Cup

Excellent sailing conditions greeted the entrants in C-Gull Cup 2005 on Saturday, May 7th. Winds were ENE (around 70 degrees) with oscillations to both sides at a steady 15 knots for all three races. The Bay was full of whitecaps.

The fleet consisted of eight boats in four classes with two boats in each class: Etchells, Flying Scots, Lightnings and Sonars. All boats were required to have a female at the helm while racing, although men were allowed to crew. All classes started together, with the Etchells racing a longer course. The first and third races were windward-leeward twice around, and the second race was a triangle, windward-leeward. The boats had to beat, reach and run to do well in this regatta!

The racers had their hands full with the strength of the wind, but there was excellent sailing in all classes and close racing in most. In particular, the Etchells and Flying Scots had very competitive races most of the day.

The C-Gull Cup Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the all-female crew with the best record in the regatta. Lisa Richardson, sailing the Flying Scot "Air America" from CRYC, won the trophy, as well as the Flying Scot class victory. They were the only all female crew to finish all three races. Lisa and her crew, Jane Ann Pincus and Mary Babcock Pahules won all three races over Kellie Ordway sailing "Two Bears' Boat".

The Etchells class was very competitive with CeCe Imbrie of BBYC sailing "Pipe Dream" scoring a one-point victory over Sharon Bourke aboard "John Deer." CeCe's record was 1-2-1, with Sharon scoring a 2-1-2 series.

The two Sonars proved to be quite fast in the breeze, easily being the first boats to finish in each of the races. Karen Mitchell of Shake-a-Leg sailed "SailForLife.org" to an excellent series. She and her crew won all three races against Kerry Gruson, also of Shake-a-Leg, on board "BLEW BaYOU."

In the Lightning Class, Regatta Chairman Anita Hansen, sailing "Bullet", was victorious over Fay Regan's "Booby Trap".

Regatta results and pictures are available at <http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-coralcup>.

The Race Committee got the day going on schedule, and never had to move a mark. The wind oscillations always came back to 70 degrees. Regatta PRO was Ron Rostorfer, and the Signal Boat was Marc and Kathy Buller's Beneteau 35 "Otro Cuba Libre." Also on board were Susan Schultz, Jean Myslinski and Rosemary Penland. The Mark Boat was skippered by Al Chapin with Rick Myslinski crewing, and the Pin Boat crew was Stan Alexander and Dottie Rostorfer.

The C-Gull Cup in one of three annual regattas on Biscayne Bay for female helmspersons. The Coral Cup, also hosted by CGSC, is in March, and the Nancy Gorman Hughes Cup, hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club, is in April. Representatives from the two clubs are working toward organizing the three regattas as a series in 2006. Watch for details of the first "Spring Fever Series" later in the year!



Laser News

The Laser Team continues to have a great 2005 Sailing Season, with practices at CGSC on February 27, March 5, 13, and 20, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, May 1, 7, 22 and 29. We continue to benefit from the excellent sailors/coaches available here in South Florida, with Coaches Brad Funk, Pat Downey, Zach Railey, Ed Wright (ex-Laser - now Finn Sailor from England), and Pete Spaulding coaching the group.

The group also attended various regattas during February, March, April and May: the Palm Beach Sailing Center Washington's Birthday Regatta on February 19th and 20th, the C420 Midwinter's Regatta at the Martin County US Sailing Center on

Radial and 4.7) to the BBYRA One Design (OD) racing line-up starting with the June 5, 2005 race. In addition, they also voted to waive the normal entry fee for adult Laser sailors for the 2 races in June. Sailors 21 years of age or younger may register a boat in a one design class without any entry fee.

So let's get the word out for a large Laser turn-out on June

Coaches Brad Funk (on left) and Pat Downey

Lasers on shore at the 2005 Laser Mid-Winter's East Regatta in Clearwater



Laser Start at the 2005 SE Dinghy Championships at Key Biscayne Yacht Club

February 19th through the 22nd, the Laser Midwinter's East Regatta at the Clearwater Yacht Club/Sailing Center on February 24th through 27th, the Southeast Dinghy Championships at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club on March 25th and 26th, the Laser US Nationals at the Carolina Yacht Club in Wrightsville Beach, NC, on April 21 through the 24, the Sarasota Sailfest Regatta at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron on April 30 and May 1, and finally the Palm Beach Regatta on May 21 and 22. Special congratulations to Coach Brad Funk - currently Ranked Number 1 on the US Laser Sailing Team, Coach Zach Railey - currently ranked number 2 on the US Finn Sailing Team, and Coach Pete Spaulding - currently ranked number 1 on the US 49er Sailing Team!!!!!!!

Coach Zach Railey (wearing white baseball cap)

Picture of several of our sailors at the 2005 Laser Mid-Winter's East Regatta in Clearwater

5 and subsequent BBYRA One Design Races.

Please go to the BBYRA web site, www.BBYRA.net, and register online for BBYRA. Select the "Still need to REGISTER your

boat?" button to register on-line. On the boat type, check "other" and indicate Laser Full Rig, Laser Radial, or Laser 4.7 in the box.

And finally, the CGSC Dinghy Racks have been replaced and expanded at CGSC, making room for our ever expanding Laser Racing Team, Access Dinghies, and the Flying Juniors used by the University of Miami Collegiate Sailing Team. A Special Thanks to the CGSC Board for their support in all aspects of youth and adult sailing!!!!

For more information on the Laser Racing Team, please contact Jose Hernandez at (305) 271-0148 home phone or (305) 322-2701 cell phone.

BBYRA NEWS UPDATE - GREAT NEWS!!!!!!

The BBYRA (Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association) Board voted recently to add Lasers (Full Rig,

Cruising and Rendezvous

Our goal at the beginning of our tenure as Cruising and Rendezvous Chairs was to make new friends and expand the boundaries of our cruising, along with getting more members involved in cruising and rendezvous activities. There is always room for improvement, but hopefully by the time this article goes to print we will have accomplished our primary goal which was to cross the Gulf stream with other members of CGSC for the ultimate rendezvous. Thanks to the information and guidance of Joe Logan and Jennifer Wirth, we are much better prepared to safely sail into open waters with our fellow sailors from CGSC. A big thank you, goes out to them for their unselfish efforts.

Over the course of the last year we've tried some new activities to involve new cruisers and veteran's as well. We've learned that the most successful rendezvous can happen in our own back yard as was the case of the Progressive Dinner Party at the moorings. The dockside rendezvous' were well attended and allowed members to showcase their boats to fellow sailors and social members as well. Hurricane threats, winds and thunderstorms didn't stop us and destinations were accomplished by land and by sea which was the case of the Marine Stadium, Miami Yacht Club and Gilbert's Rendezvous.

Look forward to our next article where we will share our Gulfstream Crossing tales and Bahamas adventures. (I hope that engine gets installed in time!!)

Please join us July 4th weekend. We will sail down to Blackwater Sound in Key Largo. They have an annual fireworks display on the Sound that should not be missed.

Boaters from all over the Upper Keys come together to celebrate our Independence. Bring your dinghy and your fishing pole, kayak and snorkel gear. Explore the mangroves and little out islands during the day and we'll raft up and share dinner together in the evening. Take advantage of the local fare including a run over to Gilbert's or the Caribbean Club.

Next year's cruising and rendezvous activities will include rendezvous activities to Elliot, Pumpkin, Miami Yacht Club, Marine Stadium, Key Largo and, hopefully, another Gulf stream Crossing. We will try to expand our dockside rendezvous activities to include weeknight barbecues and potlucks throughout the summer as well as full moon sails and raft ups. Invite a social member, especially one that doesn't own a boat, to participate in one of our evening sails. Watch for emails and flyers posted at the club.

Thanks to everyone who participated in any one of our cruising or rendezvous activities this past year and we look forward to seeing more of you participate in the year to come. Look for our cruising and rendezvous questionnaire again this year. It was a great help to us last year in planning activities.

Janice and Alyn Pruett



Open Letter...Trailer Sailors

Greetings Fellow Club Member,

I am contacting you and other members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), who have smaller sailboats, to see if you are interested in forming a group of mini cruisers to trailer, sail, and camp at various locations in our area (Trailer Sailors). Sailing alone has its inherent rewards, but it's also fun to get together to share ideas and sailing lore with like minded people - going light and small... but going out there to sail.

The main purpose of this group is to get together with others who enjoy sailing. We can meet and decide on dates and locations and go there to sail. All trailer sailors will be welcome! We can just post an email to everyone interested and let them decide to attend or not. It is just messing about in sailboats - no fundraising - just plain old bring your boat and go sailing. You can just cruise, race another like-minded skipper, or just wait for the rest of us to arrive.

I joined the CGSC in April of 2004. I have a West Wight Potter 15'. I found that the mini cruisers or small boats less than 21 feet (excluding the one design) do not have the opportunity to cruise with the big boats or race because of their size and speed. I am retired, love sailing, and when I have the opportunity to do so I sail in Biscayne Bay single handed or with my wife.

I am including the web address of similar groups on the

West Coast, East Coast, and in Central Florida so you to see the various trips they do as well as the variety of boats in these groups.

Note: A group of sailors from the WCTSS are coming to Key Largo from June 22 to June 26. They will be staying at the Neptune Motel in Key Largo, launching their boats using a ramp near the hotel, and keeping them at the hotel docks. We could easily do this anywhere in our area - as a group.

<http://members.ij.net/wctss/wctss/index.htm> West Coast Trailer Sailing Squadron (WCTSS)

<http://ectss.homestead.com/ECTSSNEWS.html> East Coast Trailer Sailing Squadron (ECTSS)

<http://www.cfy.com/> Central Florida Yacht Club

If you are interested please feel free to contact me or send me an e-mail. There are literally hundreds of places for trailer-sailors to explore in our area, let's go sailing!

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GREEN FLEET REPORT: January 29 - 30, 2005 LYC BOOMERANG REGATTA

In January the CGSC Optimist Green Fleeters were at it again. This time it was the Boomerang Regatta in Ft. Lauderdale hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club. This was a most interesting event. The LYC is a large organization with expansive facilities staffed by the most hospitable members one could ever ask for. It is located on the Intercoastal Waterway just North of the large 17th Street Causeway bridge and enjoys a wonderfully protected area between the Intracoastal Waterway and their expansive "back yard". This large flat water sailing area is easily viewed from shore and thus provides a great area for spectators. The only drawback to it is a large sandbar situated somewhat in the middle of the course. This natural obstacle requires the course to be laid out in the shape of a bent oval hence the "Boomerang" name.

Saturday morning racing was delayed for about an hour while waiting for the weather to moderate which it did throughout the day. The first race was held in heavy air and the last in a moderate breeze. The heavy air racing was most spectacular since all four Optimist fleets were given starts five minutes apart on a course which basically went up to weather, rounded a mark, looped around the sandbar, past two more marks and then back on itself and back to the start. This resulted in a million small boats sailing in all directions simultaneously, some on the wind, some off the wind, and some just on opposite beam reaches. To the best of my knowledge there were no collisions, but more than one parent had knots in their stomach. The kids all seemed to take it in stride, although for the life of me I don't know how they kept track of where they were going.

Saturday noon brought all the boats ashore for lunch and beverages and then they were relaunched for the afternoon.

GREEN FLEET REPORT ON THE KEY BISCAIYNE YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

On March 25-26 Key Biscayne Yacht Club hosted the 36th Annual Southeast Dinghy Regatta. Our own Green Fleet showed up ready to rock and roll with five kids rigging up and racing. The winds were heavy in the morning and built throughout the day. The Green Fleet was able to get in one race and then the conditions worsened so the race committee sent the boats in. Some of the sailors wanted to stay out but since there is a whole variety of ability in this fleet it is wise to make these decisions based on the smaller, less experienced members. The next day was raced in light air with grumbles from the older, heavier racers, but cheers from the light weights. In spite of the light air they got in three races before coming in for a great buffet lunch with burgers and all the fixings. The wonderful KBYC pool was then taken over by the entire fleet until trophy presentation several hours later. Catie Skipp was the only top ten finisher with an eighth place, but a round of applause goes to all who participated...Niki, Jaime, Remi, and Saskia. Our thanks to the KBYC Race Committee and staff who went out of their way to make this event fun for all involved.

Evening brought them ashore again and after all was secure a great cookout was provided. Everyone ate and then participated in a raffle with an absolutely never ending stream of great stuff...life jackets, books, foul weather gear, clothes, radios, and on and on. Catie, my daughter, and I were beat so we finally left around 9:30 to head for Miami and even then the raffle was still going strong.

Sunday morning started with a complete buffet breakfast followed by a skippers meeting and a launching of the fleets. Wind was light on this day and presented some further obstacles for these beginning sailors. On the "back yard" side of the course there was a huge wind shadow and on the far side the Intercoastal Waterway offered a strong current which reversed itself mid-day...get caught on either side and you were in trouble. Catie got herself too close to the current and could not understand why she was sailing well with good boat speed but was being passed by half the fleet sitting in the middle of the course. It was extremely frustrating for those who were caught too far out on the edge of the course, but a valuable lesson was learned (and that is what sailing in Green Fleet is all about).

The Club was well represented in this regatta and took home some of the silver...Alex picked up a tenth place! Well done!! Other finishers were Nikolai, 17th, Catie 21st, Jaime 29th, and Andres 35th. This is great stuff considering there were 62 kids overall in Green Fleet! A great round of applause for all the racers and parents who showed up and made it happen and a thanks to LYC for hosting it. Another cookout Sunday night rounded out the event and everyone headed home well fed and with a satisfying weekend of sailing under their belt. Remember...don't try to sail where the birds walk unless you are in an Opti.

By Law Changes...

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 the Miami City Commissioner's Office, the Waterfront Advisory Board, the Village Council, the City of Miami and other community organizations as needed. The Five year plan must be approved on an annual basis by the Board and by the General Membership at the annual meeting.*



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Club History: June 1976, 29 years ago at CGSC

Contributing writers to the CHANNEL were John Brennan, Ed Hanrahan, Andrea Caruso, and Betty Beedle. Jim Weber, also seen today around the Club, was the Race Committee Chairman.

Bill Young was Commodore. In June 1976, he was writing a Thank You to the Club Membership for his successful year as Commodore. Have you seen Bill's wife, Peggy Young, after 29 years she is still hanging out at the Grove's Nest telling stories of her racing on the Star Class boats with Commodore Bill. And Renny, their son, can be seen racing with some racers today on Biscayne Bay. Renny is following Mom's foot steps, keeping the Young name in the racing columns. We are happy to have Renny and Peggy join us to remind us what rich history our Club has and continues to build. Peggy and husband Bill were founding members of CGSC and will tell you stories of them pouring concrete and laying the time capsule. Anyone remember where it is? Answer will be posted at the Installation Banquet, June 11.

New Members in June 1976 were William "Bill" Beavers, best known as "Beavers," with wife Lynette. Beavers serves today, 29 years later, as our Moorings Chairman, and does a fine job keeping everyone safe in the harbor. Good work, Beavers.

Other new members were Horacio Aguirre, sailing a Coronado 32 named LA PINTA II, and Reginald and Patricia Dunnick, who owned a Catalina 22, BANANA HEEL. Junior Members, Rita Reiche and John Kearns III also were welcomed aboard the CGSC.

Member Bob Barnett is quoted in the June 1976 CHANNEL

for 'having to make his own sandwiches for the crew when Barb was out-of-town and the crew yelled back....Bob now does the yelling back at us youngsters at the Grove's Nest Lunch Counter!

Member Diane Harrison did not place 5th in the World Sunfish Championships, she was the only woman who qualified and therefore was the World Lady Champion of Sunfish Sailors, representing CGSC.

Gonzalo Diaz, still seen today conducting the Snipe Regattas, just recovered and was seen working at the club.

New boats arriving in the harbor were owned by the Sid and Nancy Bloom, Joe and Inez Brown, and Eddie and Maggie Agüero (they built their own!)

Race Committee was thanking R/C Boats that supported the Clubs many race programs throughout the year. Among the boats were ones we know of today: Mike Weber, Charlie Black, Fred Hutchinson, Elaine Weber, and Buzz Burrows, just to name a few.

Stuart Sorg, Pram Committee Chairman, was inviting volunteers to work on the Pram Committee. Twenty-nine years later, Stuart is serving on the Waterfront Advisory Board for Miami Dade County. The places we see our members today are amazing.

Pitchers of beer were \$1.65. When the ship's clock rang one the stroke of 6, all draft and canned beer will be thirty cents-pitchers for a buck.

That's your 29 year update. Toast to 29 more!

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Term Expires 2005

Nick Martens (replaced Jack Hamm – became V. Comm.)

Gonzalo Bellini

Steve Hawkins

Term Expires 2006

Charles Rahn

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Month 1

Please return my oar. A few weeks ago I left the two aluminum oars off my dinghy on the dock. Both oars were returned to the dock master by a club member. The dock master placed both oars in the lost and found dinghy. When I checked there was only one. I would appreciate if the person who took the other oar would return it to the lost and found dinghy. Co van de Kreeke

For Sale: 1984 30ft. Islander Sailboat "Escape". Yanmar diesel engine, autohelm, GPS. Bottom painted January 2005. Ready to sail. On a mooring at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Priced to sell as I have moved. \$7,500. Contact Jack McCutchen at 904-471-2255 or at jmccutchen@se.rr.com.

1979 Endeavour 32, JEM. Well maintained and well equipped Coast Guard documented vessel, 4.2 modified full keel draft, perfect for Biscayne Bay or cruising to the Bahamas. Enclosed shower/head w/hot water, 18hp Yanmar Diesel, roller furler genoa, custom cockpit cushions, full cabin screening, VHF, instruments, Am/FM Cassette, TV, Alcohol Stove, Force 10 Bar B Q and much more. Ready to sail. Asking \$22,000 or Best Offer. Owner moving up. Call 305 972-8398

1967 Morgan 24/25, s/v White Cloud, refitted in mid-1990's. Well-equipped with Honda 9.9 4-stroke. Located Dinner Key Marina. \$6,990 - also, Honda 2HP 4 stroke, light usage, \$365 (50% off retail) and Yamaha EF1000 Portable generator. 1,000 watts. 6 hrs w/out refueling. Extensively used, but has always performed well \$395. contact Will @ 305-322-5011

SNIPES FOR SALE OR RENT: Miami Snipe Fleet #7 (Chartered in 1932) Fleet is willing to help the new members to get fast and further develop their boat handling, tactical and boat tuning skills. It is a boat for young and old! Call Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and join the Miami Snipe Fleet. 305-667-0492 (best 8-10PM) Work: 305-702-8526 (best 4-6PM)

Snipe, 26900 Sisyphus, for sale. \$1000 for complete boat or \$1500 for boat and trailer. Call Ken 305 662 2370.

Month 3

Kettenburg Sloop, 50ft, 70ft mast, tops out at 11 knots, perfect for Biscayne Bay sailing or a run to Trinidad. Hull has been fully renovated, latest sail and rigging configuration. Beautiful mahogany cabin, Perkins 85 that provides full hull speed if needed and tandem rudders that can swing this 50 ft sloop in a boat length. History: Movie Lucky Lady w/Liza Minelli, Burt Reynolds, Gene Hackman and at one time a charter boat at Pier House Key West. Best Offer. Call Brad Pinz 305-588-0128.

For Sale - Achilles SPD4AD (11'6") Inflatable. Wooden floor; new - used 3 weeks. Reconditioned 8-25-04 has been in air/cond. storage. Fiberglass transom. \$450.00 To big for my boat. Contact Hugh Padrick at 305-598-3496.

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.

Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 15th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebranning@bellsouth.net.

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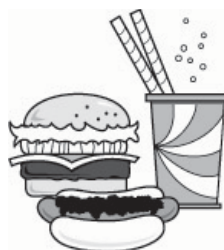
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Jack Hamm

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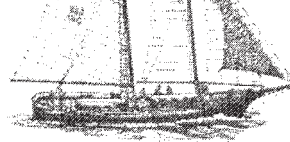
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THE CITY OF MIAMI KICKS OFF THE COCONUT GROVE WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN

Tuesday, May, 3rd 2005

The City of Miami issued an official invitation to the community to kick off the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan which began with a walking tour of the area encompassed by the plan.

The walk was first in a series of events which will provide residents of Coconut Grove and other stake holders the opportunity to tour the sites that will be affected by the plan, alongside city officials and team members of Sasaki, the firm that was awarded the job of creating the plans for the stretch of waterfront and parks from Peacock Park to City Hall and beyond to Kennedy Park.

At 2:30 pm, the Walking Tour was to start at City Hall. It was to encompass the area between City Hall and Peacock Park, including Dinner Key Marina, the Convention Center, Myers Park and the Sailing Club, but due to inclement weather, was postponed and will be scheduled later..

At 5:00 pm there was a reception at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

At 7:00 pm, the Coconut Grove Village Council met and featured a presentation by the Waterfront Working Committee, formed by Coconut Grove residents who became interested in the City's Waterfront RFQ process last summer, and also included members of the Sasaki team and City officials.

Background:

The Waterfront Working Committee, chaired by Village Council member Michelle Niemeyer, is comprised of residents of condominiums along South Bayshore Drive, the residential community off Main Highway, the West, Center and North Grove, and the live-aboard community

at Dinner Key Marina.

Some of committee members also own businesses in Coconut Grove, and all share an interest in the success of the City's waterfront project, which will shape the future of Coconut Grove.

The mission of the committee, which was "deputized" last summer by the One Grove Alliance (OGA), an association of numerous Coconut Grove business and residential organizations,* is to be as educated and actively involved as possible in order to reach out to the Coconut Grove community so that it may have a meaningful participation. This proactive community involvement will hopefully ensure that the waterfront is a benefit to the residential and business communities in the Grove, as well as a beautiful legacy to the city of Miami.

*The One Grove Alliance is an association of numerous Coconut Grove business and residential organizations including: Village West Homeowners and Tenants Association; Village of Center Grove; Quality of Life Committee; The Grove Merchants Association; The Civic Club; Virrick Park Committee; Coconut Grove Collaborative; Village Counsel; Ad hoc member Robert Ferraira; Ad hoc member Sue Simmons; All Grove Crime Watch; Seniors in Action; Sue Billig; Ransom Everglades; Coconut Grove Sailing Club; Friends of Peacock Park.

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The Coconut Grove Waterfront Working Committee

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