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Tecumseh

Tecumseh usually elicits some attention wherever she sails, mostly I suppose because there are not as many wooden gaff-rigged boats about these days. The most common questions I first get are: 'What is she?' 'Is she all wood?' 'Where did you get her?' and 'It must be a Labor of Love' - Well OK, I know the last isn't really a question, but I have come to realize that what the dockside observer is really saying to me politely is 'Are you crazy?' - or something like - 'Don't you know that wood rots?' That is usually followed by 'How long have you had her?' or 'How did you come to buy her?' Either question I again take as some kind of enquiry into the state of my mental health and how it all began.

I will answer some of these questions here. Tecumseh is a 1902 Friendship Sloop, built by Charles Morse from Friendship, Maine. A Friendship Sloop is not a design type, as we would think of today, in as much as there was not a mold or set of lines that was definitively a Friendship, but rather was the culmination and evolution of a design that the local fisherman-builders of Muscongus Bay had come to build by the turn of the century. Muscongus Bay is north of Portland, Maine and has a deep history of all things nautical, as does the

entire northern-eastern seaboard.

By 1850 the locals of this area of the coast were making their livelihood fishing the coves and bays for cod, herring, mackerel and lobster. Actually, lobster in the early days were not trapped at all, but were just picked off the shoreline at low water. As the market for fresh seafood developed, the locals worked the coastal waters in small, light centerboard boats. Then, as the demand grew for fish to be shipped to Boston and inland, the men began to design and build bigger and more seaworthy boats able to work farther offshore. As with *Egret*, lying at the Barnacle Estate here in the Grove, *Tecumseh* and her type were built to suit the local conditions, in this case the Maine coast waters of the North Atlantic.



Tecumseh in CGSC's harbour.

A Friendship's rig is distinguished by a long, standing bowsprit and a boom traditionally overhanging well beyond the stern. The main is very large and is fed by the relatively small staysail and jib, which act as slots to power the back of the main. In the summer months of light airs they would also fly a topmast with two more sails aloft. Without a motor, the men could work the boats in any wind condition, setting an inordinate amount of canvas by today's standards in light winds, or running under heavy reefed main and staysail

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

During this month, I had the pleasure of preparing our 2004 Annual Report for the City. A pleasure, you may ask? Indeed it was since we have so many great things to report. For example, during this year our membership grew 77% from 490 to 864 while the percentage of City of Miami members increased from 29% to 61%. In addition, we provided sailing lessons to 683 participants and, during the second half of year, one third of all sailing lessons were provided free to the public. We regularly provide our clubhouse free to non-profit organizations and host 16 such meetings per month (on average). Also during a special meeting held in November, the General Membership approved a Bylaw change incorporating a new social membership under an unanimous vote demonstrating our commitment to the community.



As you may recall, during the summer we offered four sessions of two week-long summer sailing camps for the community children. A total of 133 children were taught not only the technical aspects of sailing but, also the underlying principles of independence, leadership and respect for nature. We reserved the last summer camp session for underprivileged children at no cost to the participants. In addition, we had the pleasure of providing 60 "Free Introduction to the Bay" sessions also for underprivileged children. During the peak of the summer, our staff grew to 23 providing good summer jobs for the City's youth. During the fall, we introduced new programs including the Marine Science Academy at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. This program is a partnership with Miami Dade School System and provides the opportunity for the City's young scholars to enjoy the wonders of the Bay at no cost.

We have made numerous capital improvements during this year. For example, we have installed a new floating dock at cost of \$30,000, two new A/C units, and installed new commercial kitchen equipment in the clubhouse; purchased two environmentally friendly outboard engines, and installed a new hoist to improve boating services; and have added a new ice machine. During a work weekend, the club received a fresh paint and new planks were installed on the main dock. We have also continued to care for surrounding park properties. As discussed in this report, we are now planning a major renovation to the exterior of the clubhouse.

Our sailing programs continue to grow, and we're now finalizing an agreement with the University of Miami to provide their sailing team with a new home, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is proud to have given so many people an introduction to our beautiful Biscayne Bay.

Our efforts to make a positive impact on the community have been well recognized by the City and I confident that we continue down this path that new lease will be forth coming in the very near future. How you can not love this club?

Our past Rear Commodore, Jim Clark, was personally responsible for many of the accomplishments cited above and it is with great sadness that I must accept his resignation from the Bridge. Jim has accepted a new position and will be relocating his family to Palm Beach, FL. Jim did a true Yeoman's job as Rear Commodore and his volunteer efforts were truly appreciated by all. Jim has left large shoes to be filled, but our honorable Secretary, Marc Buller, has stepped-up to the task. I am confident that Marc will serve the club well in this new capacity. Please give Marc your full support as our new Rear Commodore.

Our Past Commodore Mike Weber was successful negotiating an attractive property tax settlement in our behalf. Please thank Mike for a job well done in saving the club tens-of-thousands of dollars in an unexpected and unbudgeted increase. Now that's worth a beer or two.

Fair Winds,

Jack Hamm, Commodore

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in gale conditions.

The hulls have a signature clipper bow, a hollow entry transitioning to a broad beam and a flat run-out finished by an elliptical counter. The underbody is denoted by a high “drag” keel (dropping steadily fore to aft), with the rudder hung off the sternpost, which runs down the back of the keel. All of this was to provide a seaworthy craft for the varied weather and sea-states that can be encountered off the Maine Coast.

The sloops lay easily when hove-to for reefing and tending traps or long lines. The underbody provides a very stable platform for fishing over the sides, and the keel layout and hollow bow provide good defense against broaching if caught in large following seas. The stern would also lift to breaking waves.

By the end of the century, this is the design that had evolved for fishing craft in the area. The fishermen would build throughout the winter months in a shed using local red oak, black spruce and pine. In early spring they would haul the boats by oxen to the shore where they were launched, ballasted with local gravel, and finally rigged for the fishing season. The better craftsman often sold their boats at the end of the fishing season for a few hundred dollars, and built another over the ensuing winter. They of course would exchange notions and half models of their work amongst each other, and slight enhancements would have sifted through the community of fisherman.

The Morse Brothers, and in particular, Wilbur Morse of Friendship Island, built prodigiously with a small shop and a couple of men. They were known for their work, and sold sloops up and down the coast. This all came to an end around 1915 when modern technology in the form of gas engines put a halt to the long history of building indigenous working sailboats everywhere.

Let's see - where am I? I suppose that sort of answers the first question 'What is she?' and if you are still reading, you may want more answers to verify my mental state. The easy one is 'Is she all wood?' Short answer: 'Yes'. Tecumseh underwent a major rebuild in 1980-87 in Fort Lauderdale's River Bend Marina by the lead carpenter of the yard Dan Traylor. He was a true craftsman and used more superior materials to refurbish her. The hull is now longleaf yellow pine on white oak. Main timbers are L.L.Y.P., she has a traditional caulked, seamed teak deck, and

combings and house are cypress. The spars are spruce and Douglas fir.

The history of Tecumseh is somewhat lost until the 40's when she was sailed for years by man from N.Y. and then ended up in the Miami River with him on board until his last days. She miraculously survived a near fatal attack from a high-speed airborne cigarette boat (a good bar story) and was finally bought by Dan for back yard bills at River Bend.

Now, this sort of leads into the critical question of how or why I bought her. I took ownership of Tecumseh



The drawing is that of - Estella A. - She is a Freindship Sloop lying afloat at the Mystic Seaport Museum.

from Dan in 1998 – or at least after returning home from a three-day visit to River Bend with a longtime sailing buddy of mine, I realized I had bought her. It was not intended - I had no plans to buy a boat - any boat - and it probably wouldn't have happened if: (a) The sun hadn't been as hot and the beer as cold, (b) If ATM's didn't, for some unknown reason, allow a person to take out such an inordinate amount of cash (the max) for three days running, to put down as a non-revocable deposit, or (c) If I had called home and talked to my wife (of

the time - another bar story). OK, the last one I probably had some control over, but to be honest it just sort of happened - it was out of my hands - Tecumseh's spirit had possessed me.

Tecumseh's namesake is the great Shawnee Indian Chief who became the leader of many native bands in the East in the early 1800's. As many sailors will attest, the spirit of a vessel seems at times to be able sway the men who sail her. As many who own boats know, the saying that you do not own some possessions -they own you, can be very true, but I am content in my role.

With the advent of powered craft to fish the coasts, the sloops were retired from active service. Many were kept by those who enjoyed sailing them and a few dozen originals have survived to this day. This all occurred before the notion of 'yachting' and the work of designers like Herreshofft, so these sloops - no longer 'work boats'- were termed 'party boats'. Kim and I endeavor to maintain this tradition as well.

It has been a great pleasure being part of CGSC since the fall. We have met many wonderful people, and have been privileged to have Bill, Renny and Tom onboard as crew. "Tecumseh" indeed seems to be quite at home surrounded by the sailing activities and traditions that are CGSC.

David Frid

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



It is with sadness, regret - and great optimism - that I'm writing my last report as your Rear Commodore.

I've taken a new position with the City of West Palm Beach, and will be moving my family there soon. While we're likely to stay on as club members, it would be impossible for me to carry out my flag officer duties.

For my part, I feel that we've accomplished quite a bit on behalf of the CGSC Sailing Programs over the past 7 months.

The Marine Science Academy - the partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools - continues on, and is now employing the use of the new Access dinghys.

Our Green Fleet is doing well, engaged in competition here and "on the road". I'm sure this year's summer session will be better than ever. Britt Price, our Sailing Director continues to do a great job. Please give her your support.

Jose Hernandez' CGSC Laser Racing Team continues on, and enjoys great success as well. With a bit of coordination,

the new racks will serve his team and the other boats as well, and help organize the growing inventory.

Finally, I would again encourage all Club members - regular, social, etc. - to GET INVOLVED. The volunteers at the CGSC are what makes it a special place, and will continue to distinguish it from others as being a real "gem" for the community, and ensure it's existence for years to come.

Thank you for your support, and the opportunity to serve the CGSC.

Fair Winds,

Jim Clarke, Rear Commodore
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Clubhouse Architectural Enhancements

Existing Building Character and Condition

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club building, constructed in 1981 contains some valuable design features. The simple shape of the building roof mimics the nearby Barnacle, and other early Florida bungalows in adjacent Coconut Grove neighborhoods. In addition the ground floor wall facing South Bayshore has a coral rock veneer, which is a traditional material used for walls throughout South Florida. The consistency of this wall surface with the coral rock wall stretching South along Main Highway helps, in a minor way, to tie the building in with the neighborhood.

Unfortunately the poor condition and appearance of major features of the building now overshadow its attributes. The shingle roof is now worn out and in need of replacement. The vertical wood siding on the façade facing South Bayshore Drive is now uneven, may be rotten in spots, and appears quite dated and worn. Hedges, which were planted to screen parking, were allowed to grow to a height that obscures the coral rock wall on the building's ground level. In addition the drab brown color of the roof and gray color of the wood siding detract from the spirit of the club and the many sailing, educational and community activities that occur at the site.



Building Upgrades and Improvements

The Board of the Club has acknowledged the need to improve the appearance of the club, and seeks to enhance its appearance in conjunction with replacement of the roof - which due to hurricane damage and age is now a top priority.

While the Board has considered replacing the existing shingle roof with a similar, though upgraded "dimensional" shingle, it is also considering the option of installing a standing seam metal roof. As presently contemplated the metal roof would be a traditional "five-V-crimp" roof complying with the South Florida Building Code for wind loading. Using a "clear"

finish, (plain metal) this type of roof will give the building an "Old Florida" look, in keeping with many of the older (and newer) buildings in the Grove. In particular this roof would tie the building in with the new Shake-A-Leg building with its metal barrel vault roof.

The second major change contemplated is to remove the vertical wood siding on the façade facing South Bayshore Drive. The present concept is to replace the wood siding with a smooth stucco finish, which will be easier to maintain. This will also update the appearance of the building. In addition to removing the wood, the Board is considering the placement of "Bahama"-style shutters on the new stucco surface of the second floor.

This will add an element of texture and shadow to the façade, thereby breaking up its monotonous appearance. A new color scheme is also proposed, should the wood be replaced with stucco. A livelier color palette is being explored that would enhance the building character.

Finally some modifications to the yard area in front of the building are contemplated, in order to clean up the appearance of the property. The removal of the wood "pilings", unattractive trash

receptacles and unsightly signs would go a long way to improving overall appearances. If need be these items can be replaced with more attractive street furniture suitable for this prominent location.

In addition the club has already begun the process of trimming the hedges to provide greater visibility into the site toward the waterfront. Ultimately it may be determined that the hedge and fence around the club is no longer appropriate, which would open up other options. Installation of a low coral rock seat wall for example could provide a more appropriate edge condition while still screening the parked cars behind it. Relocation of some of the numerous palm trees and thinning of mangroves could also help "open up" the waterfront views, although that action is beyond the scope of the Club.

Alyn Pruett, AIA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Club has been busy. I was truly amazed of all the activity happening around the Club in recent weeks. Last weekend, the Club hosted a regatta both days (one design and PHRF) as well as practically every other program. The Green Fleet and the Laser team practiced, the Archimedes Club met on Sunday and two parties were held. The Club Staff hosted a wonderful Valentine's Dinner. Filet Mignon and grilled shrimp are hard to beat (thanks Sonia). The price was right and reservations were a call away. Try making a reservation on the weekend before Valentine's Day. Afterward, Will Bourne hosted an affair on the lawn. Wonderful decorations, music, a slide show on a sail and authentic Thai food made for a wonderful evening. Thank you, Will.

If you tried to park and had problems, take solace in that

ALL VEHICLES HAD PARKING STICKERS (I checked.) The point of this report is to say the Club is busy and hopefully will stay that way. We are a community asset and folks of all walks of life use the Club. If you look at the calendar, you will see meetings most week nights. During the day, the County schools and after school programs keep this place hopping. I hope you participate in YOUR Club and plan to see you around.

Happy Sails to You ~ ~ _/) ~ ~

Marc Buller, Secretary



THE 2005 (XXXVI ANNUAL) COMODORO RASCO SNIPE REGATTA HOSTED BY THE COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB AND THE MIAMI SNIPE FLEET #7 January 5 and 6, 2005

Biscayne Bay at its best! The only way to put it. We had Northerly winds on Saturday and Northeast on Sunday. Both days starting at 15 kts and building up to 18, gusting to 20. What a beautiful Regatta and what a performance by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee! Excellent courses and a perfect blending of courses with a triangle for the last race on both days to give us screaming reaches. Maybe we could have used a little less wind but one thing for sure it got rid of the motorboats. The Bay was all for us and the satisfaction of conquering the winds left us with a great feeling.

Hal Gilreath and James Liebl from Jacksonville Fleet repeated their last year performance closely followed by our National Champions Ernesto Rodriguez and Leandro Spina. We could see them at the start of the last two races on Sunday match racing each other. If you want to learn tactics and boat tuning, the Snipe is the boat! And what an educated Fleet, we did not have a single protest.

Noticeable was the lightness of several crews and still performed very well: Tomas Hornos and Morgan Commette (4th place!), Sheehan Commette and Barb Evans (Charleston), and the winners of the AICARDI FLEET, Nick Voss and Philip Alley. Those crews were way under 280 pounds. **Unbelievable performance in heavy winds!**

As I already mentioned, the Race Committee did a super job under the directions of Wil Bourne ably helped by Bruce and Denise Schneider, Trisha and Katie Reeder, Vicki Rosenbloom, Marvin Schenker, Art Auwaerter, Frank Florin and Al Chapin. Thanks, Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee!

A feature of the COMODORO RASCO SNIPE REGATTA is the LASAGNA DINNER by Carmen Diaz and this is attracting more a more people every year. You have to come and enjoy the Lasagna and then go ready to endure the heavy weather in the Bay.

Gonzalo Diaz Sr.,
Fleet Captain, Miami Snipe Fleet # 7

RESULTS:

Pl	Sail #	Skipper and Crew	Fleet
1	8653	Hal Gilreath/James Liebl	Jacksonville
2	29778	Ernesto Rodriguez/Leandro Spina	Miami
3	29400	David Hiebert/John Kehoe	Miami
4	29610	Tomas Hornos/Morgan Commette	Boston/Miami
5	29600	George Gibbs/Leonard Dodrill	Jacksonville
6	29978	Steve and Jan Davis	Denver
7	28702	Laura and Will Jeffers	St. Petersburg
8	30236	Ken and Kay Voss	Miami
9	29992	Gonzalo Diaz Sr./Kristi Patterson	Miami
10	28466	Robin Baker/Janet Plitt	Miami
11	30089	Sheehan Commette/Barb Evans	Miami
12	30233	John and Nancy Fox	Melbourne
13	26900	Nick Voss/Philip Alley	Miami
14	28814	Greg Saldana/Grace Fang	Miami
15	16606	Lynn Fitzpatrick/Isis Galvan	Miami
16	29008	John Dentinger/John McCoy	Key West
17	24995	Johann Lopez/Roberto Diaz	Miami



Youth Sailing

Britt Price, Sailing Director

Learn to Sail – Weekend

It has been another exciting month with our learn to sail weekend classes taught by our own Mike Abell. The morning classes have had less wind, and have been able to sail out side the spoil islands and adventure out. They also had a lesson in sailing in strong winds in the afternoon. A couple of the intermediate sailors spent the day teaching the beginners the ropes. Our regular sailors who spend every weekend are Sloane Garcia, Juliana (Jules) Bigham and Carla Robles. These girls love to sail, and have a great time fine tuning their boat handling skills. Keep up the good work, and keep having a good time sailing!

St. Stephen's After School Program's

This time of year, we get cold weather, low tide, and lots of wind in the afternoon. Nevertheless, nothing is stopping this bunch of sailors in having fun conquering the wind in their own boats! The class has started a new session with a mixture of old and new sailors. The kids sail in Optimists and Prams. Some times the kids double up with new sailors and give them a great sail. Teamwork is a huge factor in sailing, and these kids have it down. We have also started our outdoor education program with the older kids. They come down on Monday afternoons and participate in many different water activities including kayaking, fishing and sailing. The kids had a great time fishing off the pram dock last month and catching only a puffer fish, because they wanted to sail instead. Some of the ransom kids stayed behind from taking a ride to help coach the younger kids!



Ransom Middle After School Program

This month was the end of the semester for the first sessions of sailing club. The kids had a great and with lots of different experiences. They spent one afternoons sailing with the high school 420 racing team and the next week sailing on "Pale Rider" owned by Gerry & Liz Marston. The kids had a great time sailing a boat with a wheel instead of a tiller. It was an exciting experience for them to work as a team to sail the boat. I would like to give a special thanks to Bud Price along with Gerry Marston for donating their time to take these kids sailing. The kids who chose to stay on shore, assisted with the St. Stephen's after school, and coached the younger kids. This was a great experience for both classes. Since this club was such a big hit with the kids, Ransom has decided to continue with the classes until summer. I would also like to

give a special thank you to the three people who have worked so hard to make this program such a success. Josh, Lesley, and Carlos Medina.

Archimedes Club

On February 6, we will be starting a new program called the Archimedes Club. We had the pilot program last year, and have expanded the ages this year. I would like to give a special welcome to some of our coaches from other programs that have decided to support the club in other areas. Kathryn, Devin Schedwed, and Kaylin. With their support, we will have a successful program this year. It will run on Sundays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm for 16 weeks. This program not only teaches learn to sail, but character building, and teamwork. The program is going to be run by Doran Z. along with Britt Price.

A Special Thank you from the Youth Sailing Department

I would like to take a moment to thank Jim Clark for all the help and guidance he has given me during his term as Rear Commodore. I have made many strides in the past couple of months and the programs have grown because of your dedication to the youth programs and the outreach programs especially the Marine Science Academy. Along with Jim, the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation has also had another Optimist Dinghy for the Green Fleet, not only did they donate a boat, a dolly, several sets of sails and even Pram Center Boards. To add another boat to a growing fleet Ransom Everglades Schools has donated a Flying Scot for our programs. Thanks to the help of Carlos Medina, Waterfront Director for the schools has made sure we get another boat. The partnership between the sailing club and other schools and business in the area are growing.

Summer Camp 2005

It is that time of year again; summer camp is just around the corner! Sign up now, before space runs out. Each session will run for two week Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. For all kids ages 9- 14 to learn to sail in Prams, Optimists, Sunfish and Flying Scot's. US Sailing Certified Instructors and Counselors in Training supervise each class from our own sailing teams during the year. For more information please go to our website at www.cgsc.org. Click on youth sailing and then summer camp.



Here is the shot of the kids having some fun between races at the LYC Boomerang race.

Boomerang Regatta



Jaime Ramon heading out to the course on Sat when it was windy & cold.

Miami Dade County Public Schools

This program is growing faster than we could have ever imagined. Starting in February, we are hosting two new schools: Turner Tech and South Miami High School. We also had a huge Kick off with Anchors Away at Oleta State Park. With the help of Jayne Greenberg, David Diamond, Jeannie, Tim, along with some of our own staff here at C.G.S.C., Dock master Amoni, Dock Staff Francis Vega, Vice Commodore Vladimir Strolney, and Rear Commodore Jim Clark. This was a huge success, and raised funding for seven more boats to be kept at Oleta State Park.



Adult Intermediate Class Offered

As promised I am planning an adult intermediate class. It will start on March 5th and will continue on March 6th and 13th. March 5th will consist of classroom studies, a capsizing drill, some knot tying and time in a land simulation drill. The following two days will be all on the water. The hours are from 9:00 to 4:30. The cost is \$125.00. If you are interested in the class please contact Britt Price or sign up in the office. If you have questions Please call me.

This course is taught in Flying Scots with two students in a boat with a coach onboard. I need volunteers for boats and or coaches. These will only be needed on the second two days. If you can help please give me a call or contact Britt or the office.

On a different note I am going to attempt to introduce team sailing to the club. It involves teams of three boats with two people per boat racing against each other in short high energy level races. To kick this off I would like to hold a discussion/planning session. Anyone who is interested in trying this or has some experience in this type of racing is invited. It will be at the club on March 15th at 7:30.

Bud Price

CGSC Receives Boat Donations

The CGSC recently was awarded a substantial donation from the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation, a local 501-C-3 non-profit which supports sailing education in the Miami area. The foundation donated eight new optimist prams to the CGSC to be used in the Club's sailing education programs. In addition, the foundation provided matching funds to purchase four used Flying Junior sailboats which will be used in a joint venture with UM's sailing club, thus finally providing the UM sailing team a home base on the Bay.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation cited the CGSC's commitment to low cost sailing instruction, community outreach sailing, and free sailing for children, as well as its outstanding racing programs as reasons for the substantial donation. The CGSC's mission to make sailing available to everyone regardless of income or background also matches the Foundation's mission.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation accepts tax-deductible donations and welcomes donations of sailboats such as Optimist Prams, Lasers, Sunfishes and now Flying Juniors. Selected motor boats that can be used in sailing instruction can also be considered for donation. All donations of equipment must be used in sailing education programs in the community.

The Foundation's current fund-raising activities have generated donations from all over the country. Further contributions are always welcome, and can be mailed to:

Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation
PO Box 331835
Coconut Grove, FL 33233

Support the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation with your United Way Contribution

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

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

Jack Hamm

Miami Rolex Olympic Class Regatta

The 2005 Rolex Miami OCR is an important event in sailing as a world ranking regatta and a qualifier for the US Sailing and US Disabled Sailing Teams. It was sailed in five circles of racing on the Bay and one circle in the ocean, January 24th - 28th. Three hundred twenty sailors from 26 countries competed in wind conditions running the gamut from moderate to heavy on opening and closing days to light and shifty for the three days in between. The races are run by US Sailing with support from the local clubs and organizations: BBYC, CGSC, CRYC, KBYC, MYC, Shake-A-Leg and the Olympic Sailing Center.

The Olympic 470 Men and Women Class competitors used the CGSC facilities as home base for their races. Some came early and stayed late to enjoy the hospitality and excellent sailing on the bay. Brothers Sven and Kalle Coster of the Netherlands won the Men's 470 class and Amanda Clark and Sarah Mergenthaler from Shelter Island NY and Matawan NJ won the Women's.

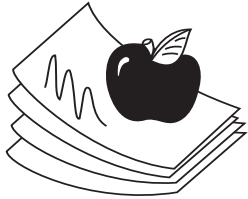
On the water, the CGSC ran the Paralympic racing circle for the two classes that have been selected for the 2008 Paralympics; the 2.4 Metre and Sonar. Twenty two races were run by the committee including Richard Reinke, Art Auwaerter, Al Chapin, Cherie and Charley Branning, Carl Opdyke, Jo-An Pzenny, Vicky Rosenbloom, Marvin

Schenker, Bruce and Denise Schneider, Rod Quinlivan and Larry Whipple.

Sweden's Stellan Berlin, an able-bodied multiple world champion, dominated the 18 boat, 2.4 mR class which was open to both able-bodied and disabled sailors. Nick Scandone of Fountain Valley, CA, was the first disabled sailor, finishing third overall while CGSC's Tom Franklin finished near the middle of the fleet. Great Britain's John Robertson and crew Hannah Stodel and Steve Thomas, who represented their country in the 2004 Paralympics, won the Sonar Class. Third place went to David Schroeder, Keith Burhans and Bradley Johnson, of Miami, Rochester, NY and Hollywood FL, who on the last day slipped to third from second overall because of an equipment breakdown. Long time CGSC member David Schroeder along with Burhans, a Paralympian from 2000 and Johnson who won a bronze medal for the USA in 2004 were a new team sailing together and were "highly pleased with their level of sailing."

Elsewhere in the OCR, CGSC part time Youth Coaches Brad Funk won first place in Lasers, Zach Railey placed 4th in the Finn Class and Pete Spalding won first place in the 49er Class.





A Letter from Dr. Jayne Greenberg

Dear All:

Leaving last Tuesday evening for work in Tallahassee, and returning this past Saturday evening, I have been remiss in extending a heartfelt thanks to all who have been involved in making a vision a reality. If it was not for your efforts, our Anchors Away program would not have happened.

As a case in point, this past Monday, South Miami Senior High students went to Coconut Grove Sailing Club, where their disabled students actually sailed for the first time ever independently. Although they have been involved with other sailing programs in the past, our partnership with the Coconut Grove Sailing Club has truly made this program a reality and allowed us to reach our goal of building independence and self esteem in our youth. The Marine Science Academy will further their educational goals.

I am excited about the potential of the REAL program at Oleta River State Park for our schools in the north end and will be just as excited when the third round of boats are delivered for our programs in the south, servicing the students in the Homestead, South Dade area. What a new day.

Once again on behalf of the students, and especially our students with disabilities, a very warm heartfelt thanks for all that you, the committee have made possible.

Regards,
Jayne

Dr. Jayne Greenberg, Executive Director
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Miami-Dade County Public Schools
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Miami, FL 33132

Social Night, Tuesday, Feb. 8, CGSC members celebrated Mardi Gras with Jambalaya. Cathy and Marc Buller prepared and served a delicious meal of New Orleans' "Jam-Ba-Lie-Ah" and salad which was enjoyed by the members and guest at Social Night.

There were no leftovers that night!

Thanks Marc and Cathy



Where were you on...

February, 1981 – Deborah Mitchell was inducted as a brand new member. You will see her around the Club today and tomorrow. Deborah owned an O'Day Javelin boat. Deborah has seen many changes in the 24 years of membership! Good to see you still very involved in your Club.

Buzz Burrows and Bill Young hosted the 6th Annual Boston Baked Bean Bash. The newsletter is quoted, "Drink more suds and support your Club", stating that profits were "way up!"

An article was compiled celebrating Robert Clarington's dedication to the Club, describing his talents as "boatman, gardener, expeditor, chef (fish specialties), mechanic, and philosopher." Robert is described as the man that "knows everything there is to know about moorings. From block and chain to swizzle." Please ask Robert today, 26 years later, what a 'swizzle' is. You will see Robert driving our Club launch on busy weekends. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Club, Robert.

March, 1981 – CGSC Grand Opening Party (present Clubhouse as you know it). Commodore was Alan Westcott, Secretary was Mike Weber, Board of Directors included Bill Beavers, and Tom Montague and Race Committee Chair was Fay Regan. We still see these familiar faces in the crowd. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work supporting your Club.

April, 1981 – City of Miami donated 100 waterfront acres to the CGSC. Who would of thought that 26 years later, we are the most affordable and influential sailing club on Biscayne Bay for children's sailing programs? (refer to the following).

March, 1983 – CGSC Junior sailors racing in Sarasota (Florida State Championships), Boca Ciego, Mobile, AL (National Championships), Miami Yacht Club (North American Championships) completed 43 races, and CGSC sailors winning every race, but one! That's a 98% success rate. Winner circles included CGSC Junior Racers Keith Davids, Jim Weber, Jan Pennell, Johnny Smock, Robin Van DeKreeke, Joe Logan and sister Kim Logan, Bobby Meagher and more. Please ask Joe when you see him at the Club to tell us about how many trophies he has won representing CGSC. I believe Joe Logan and sister Kim Logan have been racing members for over 20 years, even qualifying for the US Olympic Sailing Team, representing CGSC in every event. What is Joe doing today? Teaching sailing of course, along with his fiance Jennifer, also a Club member. Just goes to show you, CGSC is a positive, influential environment encouraging the sport of sailing, while fostering a platform for many professions. Keep up the good work, and see you at the Club!

Cathy Buller

Ocean Racing Lasers - What A Challenge

The Laser Team had a great start to the 2005 Sailing Season, with practices on January 8 and 22 and February 6 and 13.

The group also attended three regattas in January; the Martin County US Sailing Center's Junior Olympic Festival Regatta on January 15-18, the Lauderdale Yacht Club's Boomerang Regatta on January 29-30, and the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (OCR) on January 24-28.

The 3 day Martin County Junior Olympic Regatta proved to be challenging event. The regatta started off with relatively light winds on Saturday (8 to 12 knots), with overcast skies and the occasional light rain. The weather turned a bit cooler on Sunday as a cold front came through the area, bringing with it winds over 20 knots (with the occasional gust to near 30 knots). The skies again were mostly cloudy, but with little to no rain. World Renowned sailor and author, Dave Perry, gave a great presentation on the new racing rules on Sunday evening!!!! Monday brought even cooler temperatures with beautiful cloudless blue skies. Unfortunately, the winds were still in the 20 knot range!!! Congratulations to all those that participated in the regatta. Race Results are posted on their web site at <http://www.uscmc.org/regattas/>.

The Lauderdale Yacht Club's (LYC) Boomerang Regatta proved to be yet another challenging event. Saturday provided the Laser and 420 sailors with 15 to 20 knots of wind from an easterly direction, creating 4 to 6 foot seas on the ocean course, including breaking waves!!!! Instead of sailing, the sailors occasionally found themselves surfing

down the face of these large breaking waves. It was definitely a very exciting experience. Skies were partly cloudy with the highs in the mid 70's. On Sunday, the winds diminished down to about 8 to 10 knots from a southerly and southwesterly direction. The water was a bit lumpy from the day before, but with only 1 to 2 foot seas. Skies were mostly sunny with air temperatures in the upper 70's. A great weekend of sailing



The waves make it hard to see this boat as it races.



Heading for the mark, the boats are close.

The starting line was long and bumpy.

A team meeting helps to prepare the sailors for the race.



on the Atlantic Ocean.

A total of 48 Lasers (28 Radial, 14 Laser 4.7s, and 6 Laser Full Rigs) and 5 420s participated out on the ocean course, with 126 Opti Sailors racing on the inside Yacht Club Course (Boomerang). Congratulations to all those that participated in the regatta. Race Results are posted on their web site at <http://www.lyc.org/>.

The 2005 Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (OCRs) were held on January 24-28 in Biscayne Bay (the Tornado's raced out on the oceanside of Key Biscayne). The results are posted on the following web site: <http://www.ussailing.org/olympics/RolexMiamiOCR/index.htm>. We had several sailors from the group (and friends from other clubs here in Florida and around the Country) competing this year, along with several of our coaches. Congratulations to all those competing in this year's event!!! **Special congrats to our Laser coaches, Brad Funk** (1st place in Laser Full Rigs and recipient of the Golden Torch Award), **Zach Railey** (4th place overall in the Finn Class - 2nd USA sailor overall in the Finn Class - not bad for his first Finn regatta), and **Pete Spaulding** (1st place in the 49er Class).

Upcoming events include the Palm Beach Washington's Birthday Regatta on February 19-20, Laser Midwinter's East Regatta in Clearwater on February 24-27 and the Key Biscayne Yacht Club's Southeast Dinghy Championships on March 25-26.

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

These pictures show just how challenging it was for Lasers to sail in the ocean.

Without the numbers you'd never be able to identify these sailors



Access Dinghy's Arrived at CGSC

In late January the Club received seven (7) Access Dinghies purchased through a Grant from the Aventura Business Council to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to teach sailing to students who are autistic, physically impaired or developmentally delayed. They are to be a part of our Marine Science Academy partnership with the school District.

The Access Dinghy has been designed for accessible sailing for children or adults. As you may have noticed our dinghy dock has been redesigned for wheelchair accessibility and a specially designed hoist has been installed to remove the 45 lb. centerboard. The centerboard is ballasted to insure the dinghy is difficult to capsize. The hull design is a concave shaped which also promotes stability. The boat also has a roller reefing sail system.

The sailor, or two sailors depending on the rig, is seated low down in the boat instead of hiking out on the gunwale and controls steering with a joystick.



On Monday, February 2, 2005, the vessels were transported by CGSC Dock Staff, assisted by Vice Commodore, Vladimir Stroleny; Rear Commodore Jim Clark; Youth Sailing Director, Britt Price; and



General Manager, Scott Salzberg to the Oleta State Park for a dedication ceremony and Press Conference with State Senator Gwen Margolis. Once at the park the Sponsors "christened" them with champagne and were photographed for many publications. The vessels were then rigged and launched for use by the students of North Miami Beach Senior High Schools' new marine career academy. A few short months ago these students didn't know how to swim, didn't know they lived near water, let alone that they could learn-to-sail a boat. "It is so phenomenal to give these kids this kind of freedom that they otherwise would not be able to experience," said Enid Weisman, a MDCPS Region Superintendent.

Fundraising for additional vessels of this type has begun through the Anchors Away Foundation and the Aventura Marketing Council, and Billy Joel – Chairman at Home Federal Bank of Hollywood. Mr. Joel said he wants to expand the program, dubbed "Anchors Away" to other South Florida sailing communities.

If you have time during the day, come down to the Club and see these skippers as they enjoy their new found talents and continue the "sport of sailing."

Deborah A. Mitchell

US Sailing Instructor Course Offered

CGSC is conducting another instructor certification course. It will be Co instructed by newly certified instructor trainer and former CGSC pram brat Veronica Ploude and myself. It will be held for two consecutive weekends on March 19 – 20 and 26 – 27. It is a four day, 10 hour a day, very high energy course that provides US SAILING certification as a small boat sailing instructor. All of the registration is handled directly through US SAILING. You can register online at their website. These courses usually fill up very quickly so I suggest that if you are interested you sign up right away. For more information please feel free to contact me.

Bud Price.

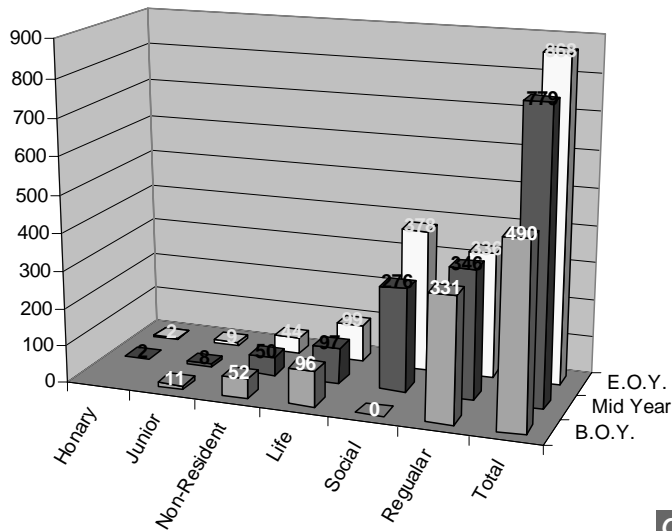
2004 CGSC Statistics

**CGSC Experienced 77% Growth
this Year!**

**CGSC Sailboats are
30' on average**

**Over 60% of CGSC Members
are City of Miami Residents**

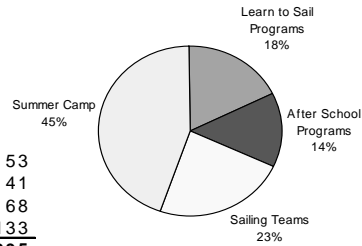
Membership growth in 2004



Bi-Annual Sailing Program Stats July 2004 to December 2004

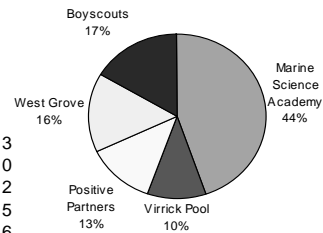
Youth Sailing Programs

Learn to Sail Programs	53
After School Programs	41
Sailing Teams	68
Summer Camp	133
Total	295



Free Youth Outreach Programs

Marine Science Academy	43
Virrick Pool	10
Positive Partners	12
West Grove	15
Boyscouts	16
Total	96



Total Youth Participation 391

Percentage Free 33%

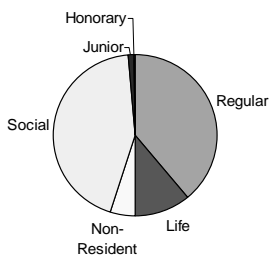
Adult Sailing Lessons this period **42**

Participation from previous period	250
Total participation this Year	683

One third of Sailing Lessons are provided free to the public

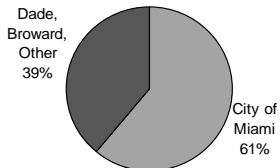
Membership Breakdown

Regular	336
Life	95
Non-Resident	44
Social	378
Junior	9
Honorary	2
Total	864

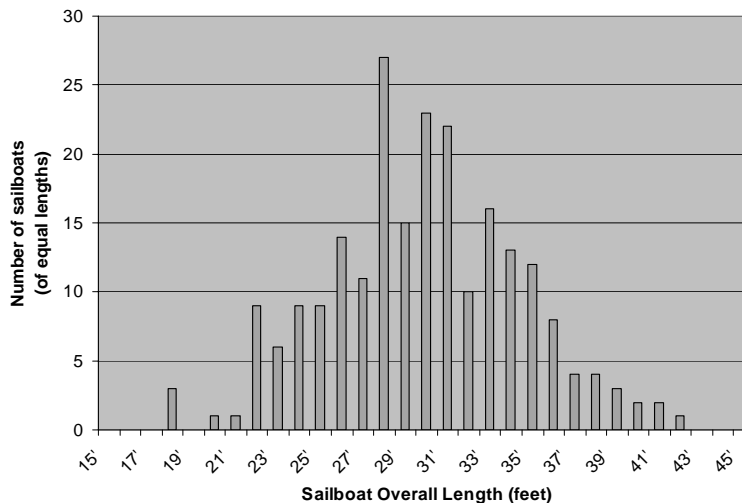


Geographic Breakdown

City of Miami	528
Dade, Broward, Other	336
City of Miami	61%



Club Sailboat Lengths on Moorings



Mooring Report

Friends, Our 227 moorings are near capacity but we have still been able to place most new boats in timely fashion. This sometimes requires juggling, but the idea is to get people on the water.

The Moorings Maintenance Program specifies that each mooring be inspected in it's entirety every six months after the mooring is a year old. Someone in the dive boat pulls the attachments up as far as possible and inspects them. A diver with a hookah hose inspects the underwater part. All attachments are cleared of growth and worn parts are replaced. Records and bring-up dates are kept by spreadsheet. Ten or so moorings must be inspected each week; this allows for bad weather, holidays and busy times at the Club. Attachments above the water including balls and bridles are the property and the RESPONSIBILITY of the BOAT OWNER. Bridles must be of adequate size: generally 1/2 " for smaller boats and 3/4" for larger boats. Chafing gear is mandatory, and it is inadvisable to moor boats by their bow rollers and bowsprits. Why some people like this I don't know, but one likely result of mooring and anchoring boats by their bowsprits is when the bowsprit fails the mast comes down with it. Very dramatic and a double whammy then and there. It is best to moor boats thru the bow chocks, and not at the extreme end of the bow. This minimizes "sailing at anchor" and the awful jerking as it is arrested after each tack. Please check your bridle and attachments often.

We have found that MOORING BALL RODS CAN FAIL in time, and are "blind" to inspection. Chain or large nylon thru the ball is better. In such cases where we know the ball rod is old and cannot be inspected we are changing the connection so the rod is not part of the mooring attachment and the ball is then just a float. This doesn't change the usability of the ball, but makes the boat safer. We have to take corrective action whenever weakness is found.

Good guys Walter Walkington, Renny Young and myself recently sounded fifty-six spots in the moorings area nearest the land between Seminole and south of the pram dock. This was to provide data to the City for maybe some dredging as time goes by. We used a depth sounder and a marked stick (very reliable). The sounder doesn't penetrate the silt much, but with practice with the stick one can measure it's thickness closely. It varies from almost nothing in spots further out to up to four feet in spots close in. It is mostly street run-off from the four out-falls into the Dinner Key Yacht Basin: lawn clippings, tire rubber dust, cig. butts and whatever other unmentionable stuff resulting from nature and human habitation. The deeper deposits smelleth grandly of hydrogen sulfide. It is compacted into the NW recesses of the shoreline by the SE breeze. Tides sweep it clear some, but not near the shore. Shoes are the more numerous item lying on the mooring's bottom; I'd say at least 100, but seldom in pairs. There are also many garments, seat cushions, hats and a boom-box once in awhile. We once found a tractor wheel dating from before almost anybody here was born and cast it into a mooring. A large blue crab lives under my boat sometimes, probably the last one in Dade county. Some kids caught him but I got him away from them and put him back.

Hugh Padrick recently donated some dive equipment to the CGSC Moorings Program. This was much appreciated and several of the items are now in use. We need another two or three dive tanks. IF SOMEONE HAS ANY DIVE TANKS NOT GOING TO BE USED WE CAN USE THEM. The CGSC will pay for their up-grade inspections and place them in service. We once had plenty of tanks but they left at high speed with some of the departing personnel that didn't work out. So it goes.

See you there pals; go sailing when you can. wlb
Bill Beavers

BBYRA Report

BBYRA Board discussed the RC problems of the diffrent clubs. One solution is a RC mamagment seminar at CGSC in April. Details to follow.

BBYRA handed over the USCG permits for all races which CGSC runs under the BBYRA permit. This is one design and the cruising classes. There has been dialogue about the class splits between PHRF 3&4. Since the racing season has started it unlikely that any change will take place. The issue will be reviewed before the Fall series starts September 17th.

David Kurtz

Marine Council Report

The Marine Council has not had a meeting in 2005 as of this date. The news on the Miami River is that the dredging project has begun and the funding has been restored for the project. Other news of note is that funds have been released for a feasibility study to determine two sites on the river for tunnel projects. One site mentioned is Brickell Avenue and the other will be determined at a later date. These projects are for the future, when the city knows that the traffic situation downtown will be difficult at best and overwhelming at worst. They are hoping the tunnels will help move traffic in the future and eliminate congestion due to bridge openings. No schedule has been made for the beginning of the tunnel projects.

Rick Rahm

2005 Directory

The new club directory is being assembled and will be available March 1st. The new directory will include the same information as the last directory including:

1. Member Name
2. Spouse's Name
3. Hm Address
4. Hm Phone
5. Wk Phone
6. Boat Name / Boat Type

The club directory will be disturbed to members only (Social and Full). If you do not want to be included in the directory or if you need to update your information, please contact the Manager prior to March 1st.

Rendezvous Report

Our Miami Yacht Club Rendezvous, held on Saturday January 22, was well attended and included both social and regular members. Folks arrived by land and by sea and CGSC members were the majority of patrons at the club that night. The evening started with several boats rafted up in the club's anchorage for delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks as we watched the cruise ships pulling out of the nearby port of Miami. We then dinghied into the club for dinner provided by the yacht club's kitchen, and general partying. An encore performance of "Captain Ron" topped off the evening's festivities on Cuba Libre. We were awakened Sunday morning by the sounds of helicopters and "bombs" going off and watched the dust settle over Government cut from the former Everglades Hotel as it was imploded. Alyn and I headed back to the club as remaining sailors rafted up to share breakfast.

Our March rendezvous activities will include a trip to Gilberts, Saturday March 12th. Anyone who wants to start the weekend early can sail down to Boca Chita Friday afternoon and spend the night with us. This will make for a shorter sail on Saturday to Gilberts. Call the dockmaster 305-451-1133 to reserve a slip. The charge is \$2.00 per ft. Mention that you are part of the CGSC rendezvous. There is a small anchorage across from Gilbert's as well, if you would rather anchor out. Last year we had a buffet dinner together at the restaurant. We can do this again for the same price as last year. The cost is \$27.00 per person. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to have dinner with us so that I can inform the restaurant. The Tiki Bar has a band on Saturday night or those brave enough can dingy over to the Caribbean Club, a true Key's hang-out. You never know, "Captain Ron" may make another appearance as well. The Upper Keys Sailing Club is a leisure sail across Black Water Sound, through Doosenberry Creek and Tarpon Basin, then into the Club located on Buttonwood Sound, if you plan on staying Sunday as well.

The following Saturday, March 19th we have planned a progressive dinner party. Please let me know if you are willing to have two or three other couples as guests on your boat for one simple course. Then you will progress to another boat for the next course with two or three other couples. The launch will provide transportation from one boat to the next so you don't even have to start your engine for this rendezvous. Please contact Janice 305-441-2733 or jbpmm@aol.com by March 10th if you would like to participate in this activity. Social members can be a part of this as well and if your boat is not moored at the club you can bring it to the dock for the evening.

Several members have expressed an interest in our Crossing the Gulf Stream Rendezvous which is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend. Our plan is to leave Thursday evening and return Monday. Some of you would like to keep going further and pair up with another boat. We would like to have our first group planning meeting in March so that everyone can be well prepared and have their boats in good shape for the crossing. If you are planning to attend this event, please email me with your phone number, email address,

the name, type and size of your boat and whether or not you have sailed across the Gulf Stream before. I will contact you by email or call to inform you of the meeting date. This should be a fun adventure for everyone, first timers and experts as well.

Janice Pruett

Community Outreach Report



Did you know that no matter where you live in Florida, you are never more than 75 miles from water? Did you know that there are nearly 2,000 marinas operating in the Florida today and hundreds of thousands of boaters use

Florida's waters everyday? That's much activity in marinas and waterways! How can CGSC make sure they can support the sport of sailing AND follow procedures to preserve the waterways for future sailors? CGSC can become a designated DEP "Clean Marina".

We have been in contact with Department of Environmental Protection to begin the Clean Marina process efforts. In April, CGSC Officers are attending a Clean Marina Workshop Seminar to initiate the actions to undertake this voluntary program to have CGSC titled as a conforming DEP "Clean Marina".

The aim of the Clean Marina Program is prevention. The goal of the program is "Clean Marina Designation". Designation lets boaters that use the marina know that CGSC adheres to – or exceed DEP program criteria, including Marina Environmental Measures.

The program is a voluntary participation, or 'pier' pressure and desire to do environmentally conscious activities and reinforcement of current processes.

Items that are to be evaluated and audited for DEP operation compliances: safe fueling, boat cleaning, pump station, storm-water management, hurricane preparedness, trash disposal, habitat and endangered species awareness.

Also on the agenda for Community Outreach projects in the very near future: Baynanza participation, <http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/baynanza/about.asp> for further information.

Baynanza, now 23 years in supporting Biscayne Bay important ecological and economic systems.



Baynanza hosts 47 events during April. Volunteer act to clean the shores and islands of our Bay every year, removing nearly 24 tons of garbage along shore lines, including the islands in front of CGSC.

Your participation in either event above is much appreciated. When you are called upon to support CGSC in these events, please consider it an obligation to provide for CGSC and community outreach projects, building bridges to the community and beyond.

Capt. Cathy Buller, Outreach Chair

SAILING PROGRAMS – SAILING PROGRAM – SAILING PROGRAMS

CGSC has Sailing Programs!

During this past year, our sailing programs have been expanded to offer a variety of different levels and types of programs, for people of almost any age. Kids and adults can learn to sail – and even race, for those who enjoy a little competition.

New initiatives include the Marine Science Academy, a partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, which will provide a learning environment for both able and disabled kids. The purpose of the program, is to prepare students for careers in the marine sciences, to provide students with environmental awareness, and to expose them to the sport of sailing, and how to navigate the waters themselves. The program is being offered to Miami-Dade County public school students, with “first right of refusal” for City of Miami students.

The MSA will benefit from community and business leaders who have volunteered their expertise with their involvement on the MSA “Advisory Board”. These advisors, including members of the City of Miami Waterfront Advisory Board, Coconut Grove Village Council, University of Miami Rosentiel School, and other community and marine industry business leaders, have pledged their support to this important program.

Another benefit to the community was realized recently with the addition of 7 brand-new “Access” dinghys. The boats were purchased through the efforts of the “Anchors Away” program, which is coordinated by the Aventura Marketing Association. These boats make it possible for disabled kids to safely skipper their own boats.

UM Racing Team

Another partnership new to the Club is the addition of the University of Miami Racing Team. The Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation, University of Miami and CGSC have teamed up to provide the UM racing team a home, and with the CGSF, have purchased 4 Flying Junior (“FJ’s”) boats, so the team can practice, and perhaps host a regatta.

Laser Program

Run by a volunteer, this program not only embodies the spirit of the CGSC, but is arguably the hottest Laser program in the state of Florida! The CGSC Laser Racing Team continues to grow, and is lucky to count an Olympic hopeful among its’ instructors.

Children’s Learn-To-Sail Weekend

These classes are offered on Saturdays for children ages 9-13. The children are taught the basics of sailing in Clearwater Prams. They will cover parts of the boat, rigging, capsizing, wind direction and basic points of sail. These classes run throughout the academic school year on three consecutive Saturdays for three hours each day.

Children’s Learn-To-Sail After School Program

These classes are offered to St. Stephens Episcopal Day School & Ransom Middle School. They run two days a week from 3:30 – 5:30 from September to the end of January. The class is divided into basic sailing and intermediate, which are taught in Clearwater Prams and Optimists respectively.

Children’s Alternative P.E. Programs

These programs are offered to Miami Dade Public High School students. They run throughout the academic school year anywhere from one to five days a week (call for details). Besides sailing, this program offers kayaking, boat-building,

marine biology, oceanography and life skills. This program is open to both able and disabled high school students.

Beginning and Advanced Racing

These programs are offered to children ages 9-18. They will either be in Optimists or Lasers depending on age, size and ability. This is a weekend program being held on Saturdays and/or Sundays from 10am to 4pm. This program does on occasion require travel to away regattas.

Archimedes Club

This program is a family oriented learns to sail, kayaking and character building course. This is a 12 week program that runs on Sundays and focuses on all aspects of the marine environment. The ages for this class are 5- 15 year olds. It offers several levels of training and class work.

After School

This program takes place once a week from 3:30-5:30 during the academic school year. This is a beginning learn-to-sail class offered in Clearwater Prams.

Weekends

This program is offered alongside our other weekend learn-to-sail programs. It also takes place during the academic school year on Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 and/or 1:00-4:00. This is a beginning learn-to-sail class offered in Clearwater Prams.

Summer Camp

This program is offered in two week sessions at the end of the summer (call for more details) and is integrated in the normal summer camp program. The children would attend classes Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00. This program is beginning learn-to-sail offered in Clearwater Prams.

Adult Learn-To-Sail Program

This program is offered once a month on Saturday & Sunday from 9:00-6:00. The students are taught in sunfish with classroom time with land and water drills. This program encompasses boat parts, knots, rigging & de-rigging, capsizing, and basic points of sail.

One Day Sunfish Clinic

The Sunfish Clinic is offered the last Sunday of each month after the student has completed the Learn-To-Sail Program. This program entails sailing to a sandbar for lunch in order to practice various skills.

Intermediate Flying Scot Program

This program is offered one weekend a month for both Saturday and Sunday from 9:00-5:00. The student must pass the Adult Learn-To-Sail Program before registering for this class. In the Intermediate Program the student learns how to sail a double handed boat, including main sail, jib and spinnaker.

Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation

The CGSC has also recently forged a relationship with the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation (an IRS 501c3 organization) to apply for grants to bring in additional resources that will be necessary as the Sailing Programs continue to grow.

Sailing programs continue to be a foundation of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and the future has never looked brighter – for both the Club, and the community.

Jack Hamm

LEASE UPDATE

Master Plan

SASAKI has issued their scope of services for public comment. The Board of Directors will review this document and provide a consolidated list of comments. Basically, the scope of services mirrors the original Request for Qualifications (RFQ). One of our major concerns is the geographical coverage of the plan. We will be requesting that the plan covers all city owned waterfront properties extending from Peacock Park to Kennedy Park. After the City and SASAKI reached an agreement on the scope of services, then negotiations will begin on the cost of those services. Therefore, the final award is still several months away.

In the interim SASAKI has named Aida Curtis of Curtis & Rogers and Zyscovich as the local representative for the project. Note that SASAKI is a Boston based architectural firm and Curtis & Rogers and Zyscovich are located in a new office building on the western end of Grand Avenue. Aida has graciously offered to provide the Board of Directors with monthly updates and in return we have offered the use of the clubhouse to host community meetings.

Management Agreement

The Bridge presented our 5-Year to Frank Balzebre and Jason Walker from our Commissioner's office. Frank and Jason were very impressed with the progress we have made and indicated that it may be the right time to pursue a 5-year management agreement in order to allow the club to make several capital investments which would enhance the waterfront and compliment the Masterplan. Ideally, the 5-Year Management Agreement would be renewable based on meeting certain and measurable community objectives. Under the agreement, we would renovate the clubhouse in order to increase the "street appeal" and the waterfront. This renovation would include the installation of a metal roof and Bermuda shutters as outlined in Alyn Pruett's report. The five year plan would also release the obligation to pay property taxes which is an increasing burden. This would provide the opportunity to reinvest the savings into more sailing programs offered free to the City's youth.

Moorings Project

The City's Marina Manager, Steve Bogner, met with the Board last month to discuss the moorings project. The City's consultant, Challenger Enterprises, has incorporated the Department of Environmental Protections (DEP) comments regarding the plan. This has resulted in a further reduction in the number of moorings planned for Sailboat Bay (inside the island) from 130 to 100 moorings. However, the number of moorings outside of the island was increased. One of the major items of concern is the depth of the water and the swing radius of the moorings. The current plan calls for 27 large swing moorings designed for 40' boats and 73 short radius moorings suitable for 25' boats. We are working with Mr. Bogner in order to develop a more suitable plan to accommodate our club which will include dredging of the area. However, any changes are still several years away.

Jack Hamm

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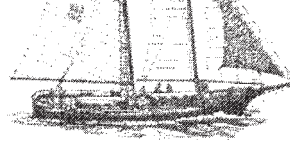
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HURRICANES WELCOME AT CGSC

After a year of bouncing around the bay, the sailing hurricanes have landed at the club.

Some months ago the board of directors had unanimously voted to have the University of Miami Sailing Team call

CGSC home. However, it took some fast action in January, to make the alliance a reality.

Word got out that the US Naval Academy was auctioning off their three year old Flying Juniors. A Saturday meeting was held between representatives from CGSC, the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation and the University of Miami Sailing Team.

A basic agreement was formed for the purchase price of the boats to be shared between the CGSC and the CGSF. The UM Sailing Team has agreed to pay for use of the boats, and we are working on a 3-5 year agreement. Through an email vote, the board approved the plan.

Next came the on line bidding skills of Kay Voss. She managed to secure 4 boats for just over \$7000. A little more than a week after the initial meeting Ken Voss found himself sitting in 4" of snow with a FJ on the roof of an over heating van, while towing three more boats on a trailer borrowed from CRYC.

The UM Sailing Team was able to commit to a multi year agreement largely due to the support of a major benefactor, Mr. Jon Stemples. Jon is a UM Alumni and a social member of CGSC.

The team, (actually a club sport) presently has about 15 sailors and is co-captained by Fred Moffat and Angela Leffingwell, with Felipe Behrens acting as club president.

CGSC members and UM faculty members Ken and Kay Voss will act as Faculty Advisor and Practice Coordinator respectively. Kay wrote the 1st draft of the Policies and Procedures for the FJ's which includes future development for using the boats for High School sailing and possibly the Adult learn to sail classes.

Due to the unfortunate timing of the resignation of our esteemed Rear Commodore, Jim Clark, I have volunteered to act as liaison between the board of directors and the Sailing Team. I have a personal goal of resurrecting the CGSC Intercollegiate Orange Bowl Regatta which we hosted back in the 1980's.

As a club we should be very excited about this new alliance since it will certainly be a win – win situation for all involved. This is a fine group of young adults, (kids to us older guys), that are enthusiastic about the sport of sailing. Not only will they bring students from other colleges to experience our club, they have expressed interest in working with our junior sailors, helping us maintain the boats, and I'm sure a few of these young athletes will be happy to crew for club members in future races. In return we can give them access to sail on the best bay in the country, and don't be too surprised if it only takes a few years for this new team to be ranked in the top 10 nationally. Especially after we start to funnel a few of our junior sailors into the University.

In our quest for a long term lease, the officers of CGSC have realized that the best way to prove our worth to the City is to engage the community. The community loves the U of M and now the CGSC can boast that we are "The Home of the University of Miami Sailing Team".

Marc Buller announced the agreement at the last Waterfront Advisory Board meeting and was very well received. After the meeting Marc was approached by Miami Herald reporter Kevin Dean, who covers the Grove and is interested in writing an article on the subject.

During a recent meeting where Jack Hamm and Vladimir Stroleny were introducing our five year plan to Johnny Winton's staff, chief of staff Frank Balzebre was quoted as saying. "CGSC providing a home for the Hurricanes is enormous!"

An official welcome party is being planned for late March or April. So look for the upcoming notice and come to the club and celebrate this happy union. It just may bring back some fond college memories of your own.

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