



November 2005



University of Miami and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Celebrate their New Partnership



On September 21st, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club board of directors and members hosted the official ribbon cutting celebration of their partnership with the student Hurricane Sailing Team. University of Miami faculty, alumni, and several political, community and business leaders joined the festivities. Special/distinguished guests included Dr. Donna Shalala, president of the University of Miami, Coral Gables Mayor Donald Slesnick and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Carlos Gimenez.

Only hours before, as the sun rose, loyal CGSC employees had braved the tail of Hurricane Rita's winds to empty the upstairs ballroom. They hoisted prams,

dinghies, dock carts and piles of gear hastily secured away from Rita's path; out of the ballroom over the balconies and lowered them to the ground. Dock masters raked the seaweed and assorted flotsam and jetsam trash off docks and the grounds that had only twenty-four hours before been buried under a saltwater tidal surge.

By one o'clock starched tablecloths and crystal wine glasses replaced the dinghies, prams, and dock carts. The aroma of sautéed chicken drifted from Chef Sonia's kitchen. Dock master Javier brushed the final touch of paint on the fresh cream-colored walls. The student sailors from UM and Kay Voss, faculty advisor to the team, breathed sighs of relief as they polished the Flying Juniors they had hurriedly hauled from the Hurricane



UM President Donna Shalala, the UM Sailing Team and honored guests prepare to officially cut the ribbon. From left are Dean Brown, Ken and Kay Voss, John Stemples, President Shayala, team captains Angella Leffingwell and Fred Moffat.





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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The past few weeks have been very turbulent what with weather hurricanes, UM Sailing Hurricane regattas, and

internal events. The club manager has resigned and the flag officers and board are filling in as needed while we conduct a search for a new club manager. Chef Sonia Tigero will continue to provide her usual outstanding food, and club member Phil Kellett has volunteered to oversee the food and beverage functions in the interim. I am, as always, impressed with the generosity of club



members who have gone out of their way to volunteer and help the club. Anne Platt, Charlie Rahn, Kay Voss and Mike Weber did a superb job with the UM ribbon cutting ceremony. More recently, I'd like to thank some of those who have helped with the mundane stuff of day to day business: David Kurtz, Jo-An Pszenny, Janice Pruett, Phil and Nell Kellett, Cherie and Charley Branning, Reggie Nicholson, Mike Weber, Deborah Mitchell, Mary Cacace and Karen Ryan Young. Thank you very much for all your help.

The board is still reviewing the events surrounding hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We ask for your patience as we work this out. We hope to learn from this experience and ultimately emerge stronger for it: a smaller club perhaps, but one with members that understand and comply with the policy of evacuating their boats before a hurricane hits.

I'd like to thank dock master Peter Maxwell and all the dock staff who have been working extra hard to repair the mooring field. The dock staff is still recovering missing moorings, but at this point every boat that evacuated can be placed on a mooring.

The Coconut Grove Master plan study contract has been awarded to Sakai and they have begun the initial phase, interviewing all the stake holders. The Master Plan, designed to determine the best use of the Coconut Grove water front, is expected to be completed by June.

Cooler weather has finally arrived, and hopefully we have seen the last hurricane this season. Come down to the club and enjoy!

Andrea Stringos
Commodore

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Rita storm home across town.

A brisk breeze blew the threat of a late afternoon renegade rain band away over Biscayne Bay. As they arrived, guests sipped an exciting array of varied wines from around the world supplied by the International Wine Festival of Miami. Servers passed delectable hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Sonia. A cluster of sailors viewed a fast paced video of college sailing greats. Members of CGSC greeted guests and welcomed them as they circulated amidst the crowd. Well over 150 visitors filled the ballroom and spilled out on to the balconies overlooking the sailboats moored in the now calmer Sailboat Bay.

Promptly at 1800 hours Master of Ceremony Mike Weber, a past Commodore and UM alum, began introductions. He welcomed Donna Shalala, President of the University of Miami; Dr. Patricia Whitely, Vice President for Student Affairs; Norm Parsons Jr., Director of the UM Wellness and Recreation Department and Rhonda Dubord, Associate Director of the Wellness and Recreation Department. He presented and thanked John Stemples, a local sailor and UM alum who graciously gave the first donation to begin the program.

Charlie Rahn, CGSC Fleet Captain and liaison with the University of Miami, presented a slide show describing college sailing. Charlie introduced the guests, many of whom had attended UM, and who all had raced sail boats at various times in their lives. Now these college sailors are leaders in their communities and the sports world:

Dr. John Wright - Sailed at University of Florida and is a UM Medical School grad. He recently started a sailing team at Ft. Lauderdale St. Thomas High Aquinas School

Morgan Reeser - Merchant Marine Academy sailor &

UM graduate school. 1986 Gold Medal, Goodwill Games Estonia and Silver in Barcelona 1992.

Peter Commettee - Tufts Univ. & Law School. US Olympic Sailing team 1976 in Finn Class, 1991 Bronze Medal Pan Am Games .

Tom Lihan - UM Grad School, 3 time college sailing all American, 2 time US men's Single-handed champion Laser North American 1982, Finn North American 1982 Nick Martens: Laser worlds in Germany, Gave up a chance to crew with Augie Diaz in an Olympic campaign to go to Med School Augie qualified for the Olympics.

Kevin Burnham - Gold medal 1986 Goodwill Games, Silver medal 1992 Olympic games, Gold medal Olympics Athens 2004.

Augie Diaz - Two time Snipe world champion (2003 and 2005), Rolex Yachtsman of The Year 2003.

Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz came to Miami after Fidel Castro took his Yacht Club in Cuba away. He is known and respected all over the country for his Snipe expertise.

Our CGSC members Beth and Jose Hernandez met at the UM Sailing Club and the rest is history. They are now following their son David to Hawaii as he competes (after having qualified in mainland races) in the National High School Single-handed Championship. There is so much more I could say of each of these fine sailors, but there is only so much space.

Charlie Rahn then challenged the U of M team to become both the best people they can as well as the best sailors they can.

Kay and Ken Voss, faculty advisor for the sailing team, then introduced the students on the team. Kay thanked the members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation and Coconut Grove Sailing Club who had purchased the Flying Juniors sailboats. She

then gave a brief history of the beginnings of the team and welcomed the students to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Guest of honor, Donna Shalala, President of the University of Miami, spoke about the team and her excitement that the University of Miami at last was active on the water. She welcomed the chance to partner with

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Secretary's Report

Well, now that the excitement of Columbus Day is behind us, we can now see the real reason that we all live on or near Biscayne Bay. Over the years, Columbus Day always marked the entrance into the beautiful weather that South Florida has to offer. This is when the breezes pick up and the humidity drops off. Please take the time to enjoy your boat. The club is going through some changes at this time but the reason you belong to CGSC is the sport of sailing that it offers and the company of others that share the same enjoyment. Please get involved with your Club. Lets make this time of adjustment one of improving on what we have. Your Slate of Officers and Board of Directors has and continues to work

very hard through these last few months and is striving to do what is in the best interests of the general membership. We welcome any participation that you have to offer. Again, remember that this is your Club. Let's work together.

Mary Cacace, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

This certainly has been an unusual year. First Katrina and her aftermath. And now we must keep the club running smoothly until we find a new manager. I find myself at the club each day helping out as much as I can. If you call or come to the office about your bill or any other matter, please be patient. We will help you and get back to you as soon as we can. Have you checked out the club's new web site. You can now access your account on the website, CGSC.org.

Of course, I would rather be sailing than tending to financial matters. But Dona Pituca's 38 year old tiller cracked and a new one is being made in Idaho. Yes, Idaho.

Happy sails to you,

Jo-An Pixenny, Treasurer



A reminder. If you elected to pay your dues quarterly, the second installment was due in October. Third and fourth installments are due in January and April.

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the CGSC and hopes for a long and profitable association for both groups.

The guests in the party then proceeded downstairs to the dock where they could inspect the showcased Flying Juniors sailboats that the team uses to compete. President Shalala again congratulated the team, wished them well in their upcoming regatta, and then cut the ribbon to signify the beginning of a long and profitable partnership.

Special "Thank-you's" go to Annabelle Bovet at Gordon Reyes, Kay and Ken Voss, Anne Platt and

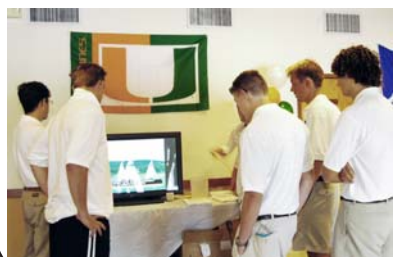
Andrea Stringos for all of the planning and organization to make the party happen. And extra thank-yous go to the Dock masters at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Lisa and Samantha in the Bar, and to Chef

Sonia who worked magic to transform the Hurricane Rita Boat Storage facility into a ballroom for the gathering in only a matter of hours.

An exciting news note! Charlie Rahn, Fleet Captain at CGSC, announced that the world acclaimed Olympic medal winning sailors Kevin Burnham, Tom Lihan, Magnus Liljedahl, and Morgan Reeser have volunteered to help coach the University of Miami Team.

"Go Canes!"

Anne Platt,
Public Relations Co-Chair
Coconut Grove Sailing Club



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Good News....Bad News

News flashed around the world a few weeks ago. Thirty-six papers had COCONUT GROVE SAILING Club's name on the front page in as far away as Germany. Notoriety for the club could be very good news as we work out arrangements with the city to keep our 60 year old club a vital part of the community rather than having the city take over our mooring field.

Except this was news about the 36 boats that piled up in the corner at Dinner Key. The articles talked all about the people who did not remove their boats from their moorings and the damage that was caused. This played into the Miami city official's hands who echoed these sentiments in letters and phone calls talking about our members' poor seamanship and our lack of a plan.

Having a place to moor our boats at a reasonable rate is one of the privileges of being a part of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. As part of that privilege, our Mooring Agreement states that Good Seamanship requires that all boats be removed from the mooring field when a hurricane watch is in effect. There are several reasons for that, one of which is that the moorings are not made for winds over 50 knots. Another of which is that when one mooring drags it can catch on the next mooring adding weight thus as one pulls up and moves, many of the others will do likewise. A domino effect occurs and much potential damage.

In fact, we are all connected here at the club. The actions of one, or in this case, the eighty that did not move their boats for Hurricane Katrina, caused thousands of dollars of damage to our mooring field, and to their boat and the boats of others that they hit and ultimately to our reputation as a club. Those whose boats were involved have been assessed a \$1,000 to repair the mooring field. Our reputation as good seaman and a club that can manage its mooring field is not so easily repaired.

Although we were pleased that for Hurricane Rita only 29 boats did not leave the mooring field, we need to have 100% of the boats off the moorings.

From now on, we will be enforcing in its entirety the Mooring Agreement that you signed. This means that you must use your good Seamanship judgment and your Corinthian spirit as a Coconut Grove member and move your boat in a timely manner when a Hurricane Warning is on its way. It is not up to the club, its officers or the staff, to tell you when to move. It is up to you as a boat owner to decide.

One of the great parts of being a member of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is that there is camaraderie and people who are willing to help. If you are unfamiliar with what to do in a hurricane, let us know and we will hook you up with someone who can teach you. Go to our website www.cgsc.org, or read the Channel where articles have been written about what equipment you need and where to go.

Our volunteers and staff often are here to help ferry people back and forth to the various harbors. Give the club a call to find out if the launch is making trips and if so, what times the launches are running.

If you are someone who travels, then you need to make arrangements with a professional or friend to move your boat. You need to do what ever it takes to be sure your boat off the mooring.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

From now on, any boats left on their mooring when a Hurricane Watch occurs, will loose their privilege to rent a mooring for a year. If any damage occurs from your boat being left on a mooring, damages will be assessed as well.

We look forward to have you support us in rebuilding the reputation of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club as good seaman, capable of managing their mooring field and being a vital part of the Miami community as a club.

Sincerely,
Marty Ward
Membership Chair

PS: Be aware that insurance companies are now looking into boats on moorings and what policies are in effect in regards to storms. They are threatening to not pay out to people who did not follow the club's rule.

In Memory of Vaughn F. Stibitz

CGSC Life Member, Vaughn Stibitz, of Lake Wales, Fla. passed away on July 8. He was 73. He and his wife, Marie came to Miami in 1956 and later moved to Lakes Wales in 1986.

He became a member of the Sailing club in 1967 and served as the Pram chairman and later served as Commodore in 1971. He served in the Korean War, in the Navy. He was a craftsman for AT&T Co. He was a Board member of River Ranch Owners Association, a member of the NRA, VFW, American Legion and Moose Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Marie, son, Eric V. Stibitz, his wife Marie, and two grandchildren, Heidi and Kristofer.

Marie Stibitz



SummerYouth Sailing

by Britt Price

Learn to Sail –Weekends

The clubs learn to sail program on weekends is growing! The kids are taking full advantage of the great weather and sailing all around Biscayne Bay. The morning class is level 1 which is first time sailors. They are taught the sailing circle, how to rig a boat, capsize drill and more. The classes are offered on Saturday mornings from 9:00am – 12:00pm for three weekends in a row. The level 2 classes are in the afternoon from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and provide the kids with more on water time and drills. The kids will sail to several different locations on the bay to practice all points of sail. The schedule is as follows:

Level 1 (Beginner)

November 5th, 12th, & 19th
9:00am- 12:00pm

December 3rd, 10th & 17th
9:00am – 12:00pm

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

Level 2 (intermediate)

November 5th, 12th, & 19th
1:00pm – 4:00pm

December 3rd, 10th, & 17th
1:00pm- 4:00pm

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

Afternoon learn to sail.



Learn to sail classes.

St. Stephen's After school Program

The afterschool program with St. Stephens is growing by the month. We have a great group of kids who are learning to sail and kayak every Wednesday until December. The kids are able to sail reaching and upwind downwind courses. They will be sailing to several different islands around the bay to explore them. This program is made up of mostly 1st and 2nd graders. We have a couple kids who have come back from last year to advance their skills and have fun. They are working hard on their upwind sailing and proper position in their boats.

Ransom Middle Afterschool

Our Ransom Middle afterschool program is going smoothly. The kids are here twice a week and are learning to sail in all types of wind. Some days winds were blowing strong out of the south and other days they were light winds. The kids are having a blast sailing prams and some kids are almost ready to start sailing our club optimists. This program will run until December. These kids also have been kayaking to the islands and exploring them like St. Stephens'.

Green and Advanced Fleets

The club has had a great start with the beginning of our new season of kids racing. I would like to thank the parents

and our new Racing Chair Antonio Bejarano for all their help and support. The kids have practice every Saturday and at least once a month on Sundays. The green fleet will have attended their first regatta on the 22nd of October. The Fall Harvest Regatta at the Miami Yacht Club is always a great regatta for them. I will give you an update on their results in next months channel article. The kids have a variety of coaching styles from our guest coaches. We have a total of 16 kids, 11 kids in green fleet (beginning) and 5 in our advanced fleet. If you would like to get involved in these programs please let the sailing director or the racing chair know. We are always looking for enthusiastic members to volunteer to work with our future sailors.

*Green Fleet
Chalk talk.*



Miami- Dade County Public Schools

This month has been a great start to the kick off for the MDCPS programs. The kids who have come out to the club has been having a great time and learning so much about our Bay. The kids are now having classroom time during their visits to learn more about our waters and local marine life. We have not only been learning to sail, but kayaking out to some of our local islands to clean up and snorkel. While snorkeling, they have been catching local life and observing them. This program is for all public schools in Dade County. If you would like your child's' school to be involved please contact the sailing director for more information.



A teacher and a student from our Miami Dade County Public School Program.



Sailing Director Britt Price with the help of fellow sailor Nick Voss explaining the different types of boats and parts.



Green fleet practice.



CGSC Hosts UM South Points SAISA Regatta

CGSC hosted the first University of Miami South Points South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SAISA) regatta on a beautiful South Florida Saturday, Sept 24th. After a short skippers meeting we went out for a long day of short course racing, starting at 10:30 with a beautiful 10-12 knot wind from the east. This wind held almost all day, but had strong 10-15 degree oscillations occurring from each side to test the sailors. The college format is short races, averaging 20 minutes. There were 8 teams

participating and there are two divisions, A and B. The racing took place in our 4 club FJ's, augmented by 4 FJ's which USF kindly lent us. The college format requires rotation through the boats, so each team gets to sail each boat an equal number of times. Thus the goal is to get 16 races in during the day. We were able to borrow Ransom Everglades HS's floating dock, and towed this out to the course. This gave a spot for coaches and teams to hang out while waiting for rotations. It was a long day out on the water, as we started at 10:30 and had races continuously until 6PM. Fortunately Biscayne Bay helped with a typical situation of relative stable wind direction (at least on a 5 minute average) and wind speed. The courses were all Windward leeward once around, so action was fairly fast. With Kay Voss anchored at the pin, and Charlie Rahn/Bill

Johns/Bruce Schneider taking turns in the two Makos moving marks or ferrying team members in for facility breaks, things kept running very efficiently. Thanks also go to Jose Hernandez and Penny Arohnson who helped out on the RC boat, keeping me straight and blowing whistles (Jose). The starts are all

done without flags, only 3 minute whistle starts, so 16 races means 352 whistles (before recalls)...more breath than I have. After racing Beth Hernandez cooked the students hamburgers (donated by Kay and myself) to help them on their drive home.

The college format for these points regattas simply adds the points for the A and B division to find the overall winner. While UM (Fred Moffatt and Mike Carcaise) won the A division handily, the overall winner was USF (with Kim Witkowski, an ex-CGSC laser sailor, skippering). The final regatta results were: USF, Eckerd, Miami, UF, Rollins, FSU, Embry-Riddle, then FAU. Everyone had a good time and looked forward to coming back to CGSC for the next event.

Ken Voss



Great Breeze for GGSC Annual One-Design Regatta

by Ron Rostorfer

The Summer Doldrums are over!! Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted its Annual Regatta for One-Design boats on Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2 with a big fleet of 33 boats racing on Biscayne Bay in plenty of wind.

Saturday's races were sailed in 15+ knots with the planned three races completed. On Sunday, the wind started out in the same range, even with an hour earlier start. By the second race Sunday, winds were well over 20 knots. Overall, some great racing was witnessed, and the competitors went home with lots of racing memories.

Five classes sailed the regatta, starting with four Etchells, then six Lightnings, four Snipes, 13 Flying Scots and seven Lasers, divided into Radials and 4.7's. Among the five classes, three were won by boats with clean sweeps over the rest of their fleets. This included the Etchells Class, where Buddy Cribb won all five races, the Flying Scots, where Fred Strammer from Sarasota won all the races, and CGSC's David Hernandez who won all the races in the Laser Radials over a strong performance by Sarah Lihan scoring a 2-2-3-2-2 series. Kudos to all the Laser kids who sailed the entire regatta including Sunday's heavy air. This includes Austin McGlannan who won the Laser 4.7 fleet.

In the Lightning Class, CGSC's Frank Atkinson held a one-point lead going into the final race on Sunday in the heavy air. Unfortunately, he experienced a gear failure and was forced to retire, handing the win to Jim Alman. In the Snipe Class, Dad Ken Voss scored a 2-1-2 series on Saturday to win the regatta by one point over son Nick Voss with a 3-2-1. The Snipes did not go out in Sunday's windy conditions. Ken Voss ably stepped up in the CGSC Fishmaster when one of the

CGSC Mako support boats developed bilge pump problems on Sunday and had to return to shore.

Also being contested were three perpetual trophies, the Chris Young Memorial Trophy for the Lightning Class was won by Jim Alman; the Sally Russell Trophy for the Flying Scots was won by Fred Strammer, and the Gonzalo "Old Man" Snipe Trophy was won by Ken Voss.

The trophy presentation on Sunday afternoon was a happy time, with the winners being proud of their heavy air accomplishments, and the rest of the fleet being impressed with the level of sailing performance demonstrated by the tops of the fleets. Trophy presentations were made by CGSC Rear Commodore Marc Buller, ably assisted by wife, Cathy. The Perpetual Trophies were presented by Past Commodore Mike Weber for the Lightnings, Charlie Fowler for the Scots, and Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. for the Snipes.

Serving on the Race Committee for this regatta were: Signal Boat owners Cathy and Rear Commodore Marc Buller aboard their Beneteau 35 "Otra Cuba Libre," Principal Race Officer Ron Rostorfer, Signal Boat Crew Susan Schultz, Deborah Pepper, Jo Ann Mattieu and Jeanne Bunten; Mark Boat crew Al Chapin and Dottie Rostorfer; and Pin Boat Crew Jose Hernandez, Karen Young, Carl

Updyke and Julie McLannan. Again, special thanks to Ken Voss and crew on the Fishmaster for stepping up on Sunday when the Pin Boat had to return to port.



CGSC Annual Regatta One Design Results

Etchell Class

- 1 Buddy Cribb
- 2 Jeff Nehms
- 3 Eamonn Delisser
- 4 Sharon & Gerry Bourke

Flying Scot Class

- 1 Fred Strammer
- 2 Nick Martens
- 3 Vlad Stroleny
- 4 Dave Thinel
- 5 Charlie Fowler
- 6 Marsh & Lainie Pardey
- 7 Michael Roberts
- 8 Ron Pletsch
- 9 Larry Whipple
- 10 Dave Ortmayer
- 11 Pepe
- 12 Bud Price
- 13 Darlene Miller

Lightning Class

- 1 Jim Alman
- 2 Frank Atkinson
- 3 Bill Mauk
- 4 Stephen Horwitz
- 5 Bill Johns
- 6 Jonathan Ruykhaver

Snipe Class

- 1 Ken Voss
- 2 Greg Saldana
- 3 Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
- 4 Robin Baker

Laser Class

Radials

- 1 David Hernandez
- 2 Sarah Lihan
- 3 Zack Kelchner
- 4 Simon Lloyd-James

Laser 4.7

- 1 Austin McGlannan
- 2 CGSC
- 3 CGSC



Line Dancin' You all

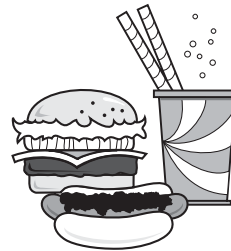
Line Dancing continues from 7 to 8

Thursday, November 3 and

Monday, November 14th.

**We will be learning the "Boot
scootin boogie". Bring a friend
and get in line.**

Kitchen Hours



Thursday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday

11:00am- 9:00pm

Sunday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Social Membership

City of Miami Residents and
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Please inquire at the club for details
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Movie Night

**"Master and Commander: Far side of
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**Wednesday, November
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Laser Sailings

We had a great time at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Annual Regatta/BBYRA one-design series (race number 9). Eight Laser Sailors participated in the regatta along with the other one-design fleets. We had a windy weekend, especially for Sunday's races. Saturday's weather brought 12 to 15 knots of wind, with the occasional gusts to 20+ knots. Luckily, most of the rain avoided the race course. We just had a short light sprinkle for a few minutes. Sunday brought stronger winds in the 20 knot range with gusts near 30 knots. Results are shown in the Regatta Article.

The Clearwater Championships/Laser District 13 Championships hosted by the Clearwater Yacht Club had the same strong wind conditions for their event, in the 12 to 20 knot range. The regatta was well attended by the Laser Fleets, with 39 Laser Sailors participating in the event (11 Full Rigs, 21 Radials and 7 Laser 4.7's). Race results are already posted on their web site at <http://www.clwyc.org/ClwChamps05>

This was followed with a Sunday Laser practice at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) with Coach Gonzalo. We had another great turnout, with a total of 16 Laser Sailors on 15 Lasers participated in the practice, including special guests Paige Railey (currently ranked number 1 in

the ISAF World Sailing Rankings - Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial) from Clearwater and Jen Spalding (currently ranked number 4 in the ISAF World Sailing Rankings - Women's One Person Dinghy - Laser Radial) from Canada joining the group for practice! The weather was great, with a nice breeze and partly cloudy skies with no rain or storms!!!

The next 2 weekends we are off to attend a couple of regattas. The Fort Myers River Romp October 15 and 16, which this year will also be the Florida State Laser Championships and the Laser Gulf Coast Championships. That regatta is followed by the Miami Yacht Club's Fall Harvest Regatta Oct 22 and 23.

As always, if you know any other Laser (4.7, Radial or Full Rig) Sailors that would like to join our group, please let me know.

Jose Hernandez
305 322-2701 cell phone
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305 569-7285 work phone



CGSC-WEST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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



If any of these past events bring a smile to your face or jog a distant memory, then you won't want to miss the CGSC-**WEST** annual Christmas party on Pine Island, Saturday, December 10, 2005, at 6:00 PM. It will be a great opportunity to see and get caught up with old friends. Hope you will be able to join in our festivities!

Call (239) 283-1362 or (239) 283-0403 or e-mail at JJ DAG@AOL.com to RSVP and for directions.
Judy D'Agostino

Attention CGSC Members and Guests:

November's General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, commencing at 7:00 pm. Following the meeting, the Disney-produced 2005 TransPac Race video will be shown - it's approximately 20 minutes in length, and covers the setting of a new record finish for this 100 year-old ocean race from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Don't miss it!

? Where'd that Come from

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.



COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB located on the Beautiful, Warm Waters of Biscayne Bay in Miami FLORIDA, would like to turn back the clock to the 1970's & 80's and get the nations college sailors back to the ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

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DECEMBER 27 – 30 2005

THE LASER FLEET RACING WILL BE OPEN TO ALL
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Sailing the Grenadines

by Bernie Meier

It was finally happening. After much planning and scheduling I was at last on my way to the Island of Canouan after changing planes in San Juan, Puerto Rico to meet with Tito and Roberta on their sailboat and home "Alleluia".

Tito picked me up with the dinghy from the hotel dock. To stay in shape he does not like to use his engine but prefers to row, so I felt quite pampered and royal. Upon seeing "Alleluia" I realized that the boat looks just as pristine and beautiful as when she left our dock in Dinner Key more than 2 years ago. Roberta was waiting on deck for our arrival and we all had a lot of hugging to do before the welcome drinks started coming out.

We decided early on that this was going to be a relaxing vacation, no racing or meeting schedules, just bumming around, exploring and enjoying the various islands and doing a lot of snorkeling in the crystal clear waters.

Nevertheless, there are routines on board that have to be kept to keep ship and crew in good and safe condition. The initial morning drill, with a cup of coffee for Roberta and Tito was to listen to the area's weather forecast, alerting us to depressions moving in and about us, ensuring our preparedness for upcoming weather challenges. Fortunately, given that we were in May, nothing serious developed but I was amazed at the number of disturbances that constantly threatened us. For me, this was highly unusual for May.

By mid-afternoon, the "captains" (Tito and Roberta), were listening to the "Safety Line", a ham operated program which alerted sailors to particular trouble spots in the Caribbean, mostly pertaining to theft of property. By Happy Hour, later in the afternoon, it was back to the weather again.

Anyway, Roberta had to get her laundry done so we had to move out of Canouan over to Bequia, a pleasant 4 hour sail at about 5 to 6 knots. After a brief period of setting the anchor in Admiralty Bay, we took the Dinghy ashore to have some lunch, meet some sailing friends, check our e-mails in the Internet Café and replenish our pockets with local currency to buy some beer and less important provisions. Dinner was savored at a beautiful spot overlooking the island and watching the sunset. Back on the boat we settled in for some Mexican Domino games with the help of some Cuba Libres. I did not do too well, I could tell Tito and Roberta spent more time on this game than I ever had.

Next morning I was picked up by Bequia Divers from "Alleluia" to do a two tank dive to a dive site called Boulders. I felt like a king, I was the only paying diver so I could move

around the underwater scenery at about 60 ft with the dive master, with no pressure to exit or wait for other divers. We drifted underwater, the boat would keep track of us from above and we could surface where ever we felt. The corals

(mostly finger corals and some elkhorn) looked quite healthy and one could see that the area was not heavily dived. I saw some big lobsters, a spotted moray eel, a shufflenose lobster, a nurse shark and plenty of cleaner shrimps. All together a very satisfying event. Being dropped off at the "Alleluia", I realized that

the laundry had been punctually delivered in the morning, clean and folded. I now understand why this is Roberta's favorite laundry stop.

In the meantime, Tito had been on the radio to set up another game of Mexican Domino on a friend's boat close by. It seems time was flying too fast - go to bed, dream of our next stop, the Tobago Cays, a paradise of 5 islands named Baradal, Petit Rameau, Petit Bateau, Jamesby and Petit Tabac.

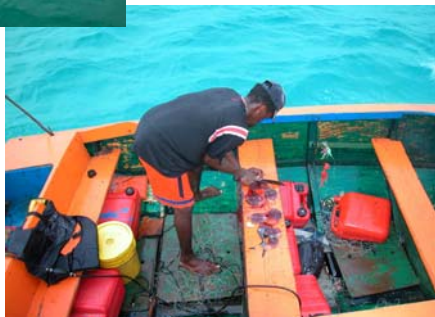
Arriving around noon we anchored in good holding ground of sand and some seagrass behind the huge horseshoe reef protecting the islands. Given the strong winds of about 20 knots and narrow passage way, we motored into the anchorage area with the help of our big 63 hp engine.

The next couple of days were all about relaxing, sitting on deck trying to catch up with our reading, taking out the dinghy

to explore the outside and inside of the reef in beautiful clear waters, equipped with mask and snorkel trying to catch a glimpse of the fascinating world around us. The reef on the open ocean side looked very pretty with several big brain corals and a fair number of pinnacle corals. The cays

around us also provided ample opportunity to stretch our legs by climbing up the low lying mountain tops of these islands. Nothing serious, all you need is a pair of Teva's. The rewards are incredible views from the tops, seeing the different reef structures surrounding the cays in a kaleidoscope of colors.





You did not need to starve here, in the morning boats would come by offering freshly baked bread and in the afternoon fisherman would stop to offer some of their recent catch. One day flowed into the other, it could not get more relaxing.

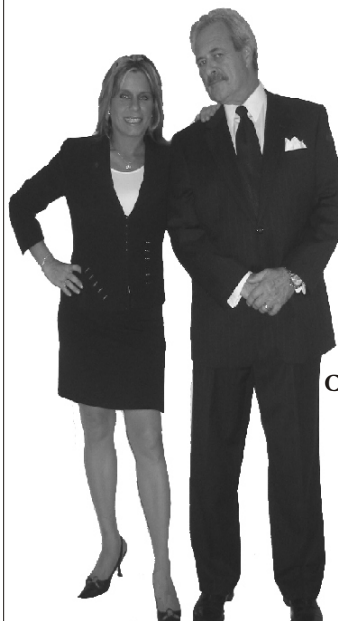
Well, nothing good lasts forever. We eventually hoisted anchor to prepare to go to Saline Bay on Mayreau. Wind and current conditions were such that we decided to motor into Mayreau. Passing Saltwhistle Bay, a very picturesque location but crowded with boats, mostly catamarans, made us appreciate the quiet of Saltwater Bay which we shared with two other boats. After securing the boat we headed across the island to check out the beach bar at the Saltwhistle Club and then headed for dinner at Denny's Hideaway with lots of rum punch. Denny's also has an internet café, so we caught up with our latest messages. The next day saw us exploring the reefs on the north end of the island. Another overnight stay and then back to Canouan for catching my return flight back to Miami the following morning.

On the plane I reflected what a great time we all had but also realized the amount of preparation, alertness and preventive care and maintenance that is required to make cruising a safe and enjoyable sport.



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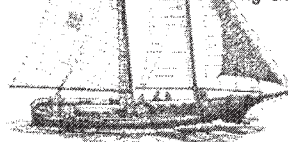
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CRUISING AND RENDEZVOUS

by Janice Pruett

Fall Rendezvous Scheduling Rattles 27 year marriage:

Janice: "Hurricane season always puts a dent in cruising and rendezvous activities at our house. It's difficult to plan outings that our family can agree on. Alyn wants to plan sailing rendezvous and snorkel trips to Key Biscayne, races to Elliott Key and planning meetings for the Bahamas. I want to cruise the interstate and Dixie Highway to Tallahassee and the Orange Bowl and rendezvous with friends in Philadelphia and South Carolina. Before I can make any kind of social commitment I have to check the calendar and scan the sports page. You see, I'm a Miami Hurricane Football fan. Until I joined the sailing club, preparing for hurricane season meant going to All Sports to get a new T-shirt and flag for the car, making sure my pocket radio had new batteries and that my headphones worked. I checked the weather report to see if I needed to take my foul weather gear or portable mister fan for the noon games. Most important though was making sure I had the right provisions and travel plans. Extra food, enough drinks and ice to get us through the game, accommodations with cable TV and a designated driver to get us safely to and from the Stadium. Preparing for hurricane season as a football fan and seaman has many similarities. The biggest difference is that the sailor wants mild hurricanes and a short season and the Miami football fan wants their hurricanes to be dominating and extend the season until January."

Alyn: "I am a Hurricane football fan. I just think a better way to enjoy the game is in a nice anchorage, securely on the hook, with the wind gently rocking the boat, and a cool drink in hand, listening to the game on the radio. That's what I call "multitasking" !!"

We did compromise and plan a rendezvous activity to Key Biscayne to the wreck of the Half Moon for Saturday, October 15. For those who don't know the Half Moon is a schooner that was sunk right offshore of Key Biscayne in about 10 feet of water. We planned a snorkel trip and following a raft up at

Nixon's. The weather was predicted to be sunny after the cool front came through to make the evening delightful. The Hurricanes were scheduled to play Temple in Philadelphia, not a critical game. I planned to listen to the game on my radio. (I did this last year at the New Year's Eve raft up at Marine Stadium when the Canes beat the Gators in the Peach Bowl.) Alas, the front stalled and the weather forced us to cancel the snorkel trip and raft up. However, the hurricane party went on as planned. Canes 34 - Temple 3. The snorkel trip will be rescheduled - keep an eye on email and posted notices at the club. Since this one involves an outside trip around Key Biscayne we want to make sure the seas are calm.

Our next rendezvous is scheduled for Veteran's Day Weekend. Friday, November 11th is the holiday so we plan to sail down to Jew Point (just south of Pumpkin) and anchor north of the Card Sound Bridge. Jew Point is a great place because if the wind blows out of the North we'll swing around into Barnes Sound for good protection from a north wind. Saturday morning we will dingy into Steamboat Creek to do some exploring and fishing. (Bring your fishing poles and lobster gear!) In the afternoon we'll motor / dinghy over to "Alabama Jacks" for afternoon drinks and snacks - maybe even dinner. If you don't want to sail down you can take your Land Cruiser out of the old slip and meet us there. We'll sail back home Sunday morning. If you were wondering about me missing the football game, it's an open date. No conflicts.

Our first Abacos planning meeting is Friday, October 21, 7:00 at the club. We will be deciding dates of travel and general itinerary. Anyone wanting to rent a house should start checking availability now. I have a lead on a nifty two bedroom house in Hope Town - right on the harbor.

For more info on cruising and rendezvous or to get on my email list contact me at jbpmom@aol.com