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CGSC HOSTS EXCELLENT ORANGE BOWL

Again this Holiday Season, CGSC played co-host to the annual Orange Bowl Regatta, December 27-30, 2005. This year's event, the 2006 Orange Bowl, attracted a very competitive fleet of 40 boats, which included Lasers, Laser Radials, Lightnings and collegiate 420s. A total of six races were scheduled over three days, and lots of advance planning was done by Regatta Chairman Art Auwaerter to help assure a smooth running event, afloat and ashore.

Tuesday the 27th was registration and practice race day, although racing was hampered by very light winds. Wednesday looked like more of the same, and the 11:00 am time for the first warning signal saw

the AP postponement flag instead. A southeast sea breeze eventually developed, and two relatively short windward-leeward courses were sailed. In



the nine boat Lightning fleet, Joel Humphrey from Michigan got off to a 1-2 start for the regatta, closely followed by Sean Fidler, also from Michigan, with a 3-1. A total of 24 Lasers hit the line. Keith Davids of Annapolis had an excellent 1-2 score for the day, with three boats tied three points back. In the four boat Laser Radial fleet, Kim Witkowski

from Palm Beach County scored a 1-2 for the day. In the 420s, Ornel Cotera from Gainesville and Paul Kleinschrodt from Mobile, Alabama each came away with a first and a second to lead the fleet.

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Cover photo of Nick Voss and Andy Rahn at the U.S. Snipe Nationals by Fried Elliott.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

January is the month when we make our bi-annual report on the status of the club to our landlords, the City of Miami. It has been a busy six months with a lot of turmoil, and also one of many accomplishments. We are very proud that despite four hurricanes the club is in full operation and all our programs are continuing in full force, including our new partnership with the U of Miami Sailing Team. Several new initiatives are being planned. We will be hosting the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship this October. This race will draw over 100 of North America's, South America's and Asia's best sailors to Miami. We are also scheduled to host the Optimist Pram State championships in 2007. In addition to our international racing programs, we are proud that our community sailing programs continue to flourish under the guidance of our sailing director Britt Price.



The CGSC is operated by a mix of volunteers and employees. This enables us to keep costs low and to respond quickly to unusual events. I would like to thank all the members and employees who have pitched in to help keep the club running under the recent difficult times. We weathered four storms and the loss of our manager and are now finally able to return to the more mundane duties of day-to-day management. While many members helped out during this time, I'd like to specifically thank three people who went over and beyond the call of duty these past few months: club members Dr. Phil Kellett, Deborah Mitchell and Jo-An Pszenny. Phil has worked ceaselessly as interim club manager, Deborah has made sure that the club is operated safely, and Jo-An has dealt with all the financial issues ranging from bookkeeping to management.

A search committee is in the final stages of finding a new club manager. Many thanks go to Janice Pruett, Vladimir Stroleny, Jack Hamm, Marc Buller and David Kurtz for volunteering for this difficult and necessary function. They are in the process of selecting someone who successfully combines boating, accounting, facility management and food service experience.

Thank you Karen Young, entertainment committee chair, for organizing an outstanding New Year's Eve party. Parties are an important part of our mission as a club to foster community involvement and friendship and introduce new people to sailing. If you have an idea for a club party please talk to Karen. Better yet, volunteer to help run a party.

Many thanks go to Executive Board member Mary Cacace. Mary has been Recording Secretary for the last twelve months but has now resigned due to increased work commitments. Mary has been an invaluable member of the Executive board and we will miss her positive attitude and logical thinking.

As a result of going through the trauma of four hurricanes, the board has reviewed our moorings procedures. After reading the many letters we received from club members, the board has developed new moorings contracts which must be signed by each individual boat owner. It is important for every boat owner to understand that the CGSC mooring field is not a safe boat harbor during a storm, and that all boats must be evacuated. Boats that do not evacuate during a hurricane must leave the club moorings field for the period of one year. This policy is enforced not just to protect property (like your boat, your neighbor's boat and the club facilities) but to preserve life. A boat can be a dangerous projectile during a hurricane and can travel several miles inland. While we are lucky that Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma caused relatively little damage here in Miami, we must always be prepared for the next hurricane. Preparation does not just mean having adequate insurance, but also having an adequate hurricane plan. The Miami Herald, for example, recently

reported on January 16th that "marine insurers are forcing boaters to take more steps to protect their property if they want their losses covered." The article also stated that "more insurers are requiring boaters to have a plan for how they'll protect their vessels if a storm hits." In view of this, the club will be holding hurricane preparedness seminars to help

educate boaters on how to safely protect their boat during a hurricane. These classes will be free and open to the public, and all members are encouraged to attend.

*Andrea Stringos
Commodore*

Rear Commodore's Report

I hope everyone have been enjoying the great weather we've been having. I finally got the major nicks repaired from the storms and hope to put that chapter away. A fun event approaching is the Annual Rendezvous. The Club will once again sail down to Elliot Key on April 1st. (This is not a gag!) I hope everyone can join us for great food, drink and camaraderie. As always, we need volunteers to pull this off. Please let me know if you can haul supplies down, help cook or plan kid's events.

Another event planned for the future is the Florida State Opti Championships. The Club agreed to host this event in 2007. We can expect a hundred or so Opti Sailors from around the state and I know this Club can host this worthy regatta. If you have any ideas

or plans you would like to share, please contact me and we'll get you on the planning committee.

Until next month, I hope to see you on the Water,

*Marc Buller
Rear Commodore*



Annual Rendezvous in April, Your Club wants YOU to help....

April 1st is the date for the Annual Rendezvous at Elliot Key. If you would like to help, the following is needed:

Boats to haul food and supplies, Cooks to help with the chowder, breakfast and BBQ

Organizers for children's (adult) events: Treasure/Scavenger hunt? Bon fire builders Bon Fire singers, and of course set up and clean up.

We hope that you will join us, it's a lot of fun and one of the Club premier events.

Marc Buller



Kitchen Hours



Thursday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday

11:00am- 9:00pm

Sunday

11:00am – 8:00pm

Thursday Night Special

New York Strip Steak Dinner

\$10.00 Between 6-8 PM

You need to call ahead to reserve yours.

Support the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation thru United Way Contribution

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

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Thursday was another story. The racers were greeted with 15 knot southwesterly winds, which would move toward the west during the day and strengthen to over 20. The Race Committee advised the fleet to be prepared for an on-time start and three races. The RC set an Olympic Course for the first two races, followed by a windward-leeward course for the last race. The fleet planed around the reaching and running legs at very exciting speeds.

The fleets soon became mixed on the course.



first floor of the club. Principal Race Officer Ron Rostorfer announced the winners, who were presented their medals by Lester Johnson of the Orange Bowl Committee

Naturally, there were some Laser capsizes and other problems in the Lightnings and 420s. The RC had to reset the start line and change the course direction to reflect the wind shifting to the right. Sean Fidler



and CGSC Vice Commodore David Kurtz. Since all six races were sailed, the competitors were allowed to drop their worst race from the series score.

In the Lightnings, Sean Fidler won the regatta with a 3-1-1-1-(4)-3 series for nine points, three points ahead of Joel Humphrey. William Hofmeister from Nashville, TN was third. In the Laser fleet, Anthony Boueilh won with a 2-4-2-1-1-(4) series in the 20 boat fleet, with Ernesto Rodriguez of Miami three



420's round the mark.

turned in another excellent performance in the Lightnings, with a 1-1-4 for the day. In the Lasers, Anthony Boueilh of Quebec City, Canada turned in an incredible 2-1-1 performance for the day, and Charlotte Hill of the U.S. Naval Academy sailed her Laser Radial to three bullets on the day. In the 420s, Paul's brother Karl Kleinschrodt recorded a 2-1-1 score for the day. All the boats returned to the dock without needing assistance, even though some had rig damage.

points back, edging Bryan Buffaloe of San Diego by a point. Among the Lasers, 13 of the sailors were "Laser Masters," i.e., age 35 or more. Ernesto also won this series, edging out Keith Davids and Ryan Eric Minth of Miami. In the Laser Radials, Charlotte Hill edged Kim Witkowski by a point for the victory, and Yvette Davids of Annapolis was third. In the 420s, it was Paul Kleinschrodt besting brother Karl by one point, who

The forecast for Friday was not encouraging, with a light north breeze expected to switch to the southeast in the afternoon. Since so many of the competitors were from the snowy north, the RC elected to send the fleet out regardless. After another wind delay, the southeasterly filled in, and the final race of the regatta was sailed in light air, with the breeze increasing as the race went along.

Race Committee counting down for a Laser start. L to R: Marvin Schenker, Ron Rostorfer, Ann Platt (sitting), Vicky Rosenbloom and Bill Braddon.

After the fleet returned to CGSC for the last time, they were treated to an excellent barbecue by the CGSC staff. This was followed by the trophy presentation ceremony on the



Lasers start



in turn finished only one point ahead of Ornel Cotera in third. Finally, the CGSC Orange Bowl Regatta awards a perpetual trophy for the most outstanding performance by a competitor. This year, the award went to Anthony Boueilh for his victory in the 20 boat Laser class.

Race Committee volunteers for the regatta included Signal Boat owner Bill Braddon and "Tondelayo," PRO Ron Rostorfer, Al Chapin, Dottie Rostorfer, Larry Whipple, Marvin Schenker, Ann Platt, Vicki Rosenbloom, Mary Stern, Charley Branning, Jeanne Buntin, John Degan, Bernie Meier, Carl Updyke, Mike Miller and Jo Ann Mathieu.

After all the racing, the barbecue, and the awards ceremony, things were relatively quiet on the first floor of the club. However, no one walking through the area could miss the group of six or eight college-age sailors, boys and girls, all wearing their medals from the regatta around their necks, sitting on a picnic table and engaged in animated conversation about the regatta and sailing in general. That made it all worthwhile.

Waiting for the wind: Race committee members Al Chapin, John Degen, Dottie Rostorfer and Larry Whipple

420 winner Paul Kleinschrods from the University of South Alabama with Lester Johnson and David Kurtz, VC



420s go upwind in light air



Anthony Boueilh, winner of the Laser Class, with Lester Johnson, Dave Kurtz and Ron Rostorfer.

Charlotte Hill won the Laser Radials; shown with Lester Johnson and RC Chairman Ron Rostorfer.



RC Chairman Ron Rostorfer and VC Dave Kurtz with Laser Master winner Ernesto Rodriguez.



Lightning Fleet winner Sean Fidler and crew with Lester Johnson and Dave Kurtz.



Lightnings go downwind.

Back at the Club



420 competitors from UF, U of South Alabama and Ransom Everglades

CGSC's 2005 ANNUAL REGATTA – PHRF/J-24

After being postponed from October due to Hurricane Wilma, CGSC's Annual Regatta for PHRF classes and J-24s finally was sailed on December 18th. Coral Reef Y.C. was faced with the same problem, and had delayed their regatta from the original date in November.

Available race days then remaining in 2005 were severely limited, so both regattas were held on the same day. The first race was the CRYC regatta, and the second was CGSC's. Races were run by Coral Reef's Race Committee, which graciously invited members of our Race Committee to join them for the day. New member Dennis Jansma stepped up and represented CGSC.

Winds were quite light for the entire afternoon that day. After the

CRYC regatta, the CGSC regatta was set as a windward-leeward course. In the J-24 fleet, Gonzalo Diaz in I'll Go finished a close second in the six boat fleet. This followed a first place in the CRYC race.

In the PHRF 1 fleet, CGSC's Randy Clee onboard Dutch Treat finished a close third in a very competitive field of nine boats. In PHRF 2, Pat Cacase and his Blackbird was first by over six minutes. He also won class in the earlier CRYC race, so a great day for a well-sailed boat.

Trophy presentations were at Coral Reef Y.C. that evening. CGSC Rear Commodore Marc Buller presided over the awards for our regatta. Thanks to CRYC for their fine hospitality and courtesy on

Race 1 Results

J/24 PHRF 1 PHRF 2 PHRF 3 PHRF 4

J/24

Start Time 15:43:00 Course Length 2

| Place | Race 1 Pts. | # | Boat Name | Rating | Boat Type | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Delta |
|-------|-------------|------|----------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 3636 | Gotta Go | 171 | J-24 | 16:34:39 | 0:51:39 | 0:45:57 | 0:00:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 1470 | I'll Go | 171 | J-24 | 16:35:44 | 0:52:44 | 0:47:02 | -0:01:05 |
| 3 | 3 | 48 | Blah Blah Blah | 171 | J-24 | 16:36:04 | 0:53:04 | 0:47:22 | -0:01:25 |
| 4 | 4 | 230 | Joe Cool | 171 | J-24 | 16:37:14 | 0:54:14 | 0:48:32 | -0:02:35 |
| 5 | 5 | 3217 | Pick up Sticks | 171 | J-24 | 16:38:49 | 0:55:49 | 0:50:07 | -0:04:10 |
| 6 | 6 | 3696 | Blitzkreig | 171 | J-24 | 16:39:15 | 0:56:15 | 0:50:33 | -0:04:36 |

PHRF 1

Start Time 15:38:00 Course Length 2

| Place | Race 1 Pts. | # | Boat Name | Rating | Boat Type | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Delta |
|-------|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 7-p1 | Thin Ice | 48 | Aerodyne 38 | 16:16:06 | 0:38:06 | 0:36:30 | 0:00:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 118 | Triptease | 81 | Tripp 33 | 16:22:43 | 0:44:43 | 0:42:01 | -0:05:31 |
| 3 | 3 | 40082 | Dutch Treat | 99 | Evelyn 32 | 16:23:44 | 0:45:44 | 0:42:26 | -0:05:56 |
| 4 | 4 | 52458 | Primal Scream | 66 | C&C 115 | 16:25:41 | 0:47:41 | 0:45:29 | -0:08:59 |
| 5 | 5 | 108 | Group Therapy 2 | 96 | Melges 24 | 16:27:45 | 0:49:45 | 0:46:33 | -0:10:03 |
| 6 | 6 | 446 | Melges 446 | 96 | Melges 24 | 16:28:14 | 0:50:14 | 0:47:02 | -0:10:32 |
| 7 | 7 | 185 | Moving Party 4 | 96 | Melges 24 | 16:28:32 | 0:50:32 | 0:47:20 | -0:10:50 |
| 8 | 8 | 43781 | Man-O-War | 81 | Tripp 33 | 16:28:34 | 0:50:34 | 0:47:52 | -0:11:22 |
| 9 | 9 | 123 | Sleeper | 81 | Tripp 33 | 16:30:11 | 0:52:11 | 0:49:29 | -0:12:59 |
| | 11 dnc | 279 | Concepts vs Reality | 84 | J-105 | | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 |

PHRF 2

Start Time 15:38:00 Course Length 2

| Place | Race 1 Pts. | # | Boat Name | Rating | Boat Type | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Delta |
|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 27 | Black Bird | 108 | C&C 99 | 16:22:26 | 0:44:26 | 0:40:50 | 0:00:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 53384 | Shadowfax | 111 | J-29 | 16:28:43 | 0:50:43 | 0:47:01 | -0:06:11 |
| 3 | 3 | 423 | Hot Air III | 135 | J-30 | 16:31:50 | 0:53:50 | 0:49:20 | -0:08:30 |
| | 6 dnc | 005 | Vendaval | 123 | Dufour 34 | | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 |
| | 6 dnc | 52 | Caraluna | 108 | C&C 99 | | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 |

PHRF 3

Start Time 15:48:00 Course Length 2

| Place | Race 1 Pts. | # | Boat Name | Rating | Boat Type | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Delta |
|-------|-------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 18-p3 | Sailing For Life. Org | 171 | Sonar 23 | 16:41:13 | 0:53:13 | 0:47:31 | 0:00:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 458 | Blew BaYou | 171 | Sonar 23 | 16:52:14 | 1:04:14 | 0:58:32 | -0:11:01 |

PHRF 4

Start Time 15:48:00 Course Length 2

| Place | Race 1 Pts. | # | Boat Name | Rating | Boat Type | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Corrected Time | Delta |
|-------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | 1 | 891 | Leprechan | 180 | J-22 | 16:38:20 | 0:50:20 | 0:44:20 | 0:00:00 |
| 2 | 2 | 227 | Just Chillin'Ø | 186 | Holder 20 | 16:38:38 | 0:50:38 | 0:44:26 | -0:00:06 |
| 3 | 3 | 3284 | St. Clair | 183 | Cal 29 | 16:41:08 | 0:53:08 | 0:47:02 | -0:02:42 |
| 4 | 4 | 301 | Finesse | 180 | Tartan 34.4 | 16:53:59 | 1:05:59 | 0:59:59 | -0:15:39 |
| | 6 dnc | 14488 | Channel Maker | 192 | Irwin 30 | | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 | 0:00:00 |

AUGIE DIAZ (AND PAM KELLY) NIGHT AT CGSC

December 6, 2005 was one of those wonderful evenings at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. A large group of members, family and other well-wishers gathered to honor CGSC's Augie Diaz for his second consecutive Snipe Class World Championship. Augie had previously won his first Snipe World's in Sweden, and in 2005, successfully defended his title in Japan this past July with Pam Kelly as crew. The Snipe Class has been one of the largest and most popular one-design sailing classes in the world since its initial development back in the 1930's.

Augie and Pam shared the "stage" as they presented a slide show of photos from the Japan regatta and discussed how the series went. This included an interruption for a typhoon to play through the area! They eventually were able to put together a regatta winning performance over two very well sailed Snipes in hot pursuit, one from Japan and the other from Uruguay, winning by nine points. This was only the second time in Snipe Class history that a woman won the world title.

In spite of his tremendous success in sailing, and being a former Rolex Yachtsman of the Year (following

the victory in Sweden), Augie was his usual humble self. At one point he remarked that when he would think of trying to accomplish something, but was unsure of whether he could succeed, he would walk into his brother Gonzalo's office and ask him. If Gonzo said he could do it, then Augie would know that indeed, he could!

Smiling in the back row were Augie's parents, Gonzalo and Carmen Diaz. There is no finer sailing family at CGSC than theirs. However, to the father went the "spoils" of victory. El Viejo is now the skipper of Augie's world championship Snipe! That may sound great, but from now on it will be hard for Gonzalo to blame the boat when things don't go well on the race course!

Following Augie and Pam's presentation, CGSC Commodore Andrea Stringos addressed the group on behalf of a grateful and honored "home club."



Youth Sailing

Learn to Sail –Weekend

The Month of January was quite cold this year. It put a test to the kids in the weekend classes. The winds were strong, but the kids sailed wonderfully off the dock and outside the club basin. This was a great time to experience heavy wind sailing. The kids had a great time sailing around the spoil island into our channel and back to the dock. We have a couple of our kids from this program that have moved up into the green fleet this session.

M-DCPS

We had a great start to the New Year with our classes starting up again. We had a new school come out, Braddock Middle, along with our schools from last year, Turner Tech, North Miami Beach, and Rivera Middle. Since last month was hit with so many cold fronts, they spent the first half of the month kayaking with sponge tag and exploring the spoil islands including collecting marine life and other sea creatures around the bay. Then at the last week of January, they started sailing in the Prams and Sunfish.



Braddock



Turner Tech



After school Programs- Ransom Middle

This New Year started off with a new group of kids from Ransom Middle. The kids spent their first day learning about the difference between a Pram and a Sunfish. They were moved up to the Sunfish to give them a variety of boats to helm. The will come twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays until spring break. The kids will be learning the basics of racing and participate in fun races against each other during the year to prepare them for the Ransom Everglades racing team when they go to the upper school. Along with this program, they will be helping the St. Stephen's after-school programs on Wednesdays to practice the skills they have been taught.

St. Stephen's

This session the group is a little smaller than last term, so the kids are able to receive more one-on-one coaching from the club. Several of the children who attended this program last year, have continued on with the Ransom program. They will be sailing in the club prams and kayaking to our spoil islands on Wednesdays. I will keep you posted on their progress through the New Year.

Optimist Racing Teams

This past December the team had a very hectic schedule with regattas and practices. The sailors participated in the Fall Harvest Regatta at The Miami Yacht Club "the green fleet's very first regatta". Here are the results for green fleet (50 boats total) Ryan Shellow 14th, Robert Shellow 31st, Jaime Reid 29th, Max Kohrman 23rd, Grant Eckhart 36th. The Blue fleet results are as follows (53 boats total) Alex Bejarano 32nd, Nikki "Pinky" Sacks 35th, D.D. Pedjaro 39th, Saskia Hadaway 42nd, and Andres Rivero 44th. It was a very interesting regatta for all the kids and they had a great time competing against other kids in a different body of water. The coaches for this regatta were Natalie Bellini, for green fleet, and CJ Abell for Blue. They had a three-day clinic with Eric Arohson between Fall Harvest and Orange Bowl Regattas. The kids who participated moved well up the learning curve with the extra practice and experience. The kids did several races, and endurance training.

The Orange Bowl regatta was a very intense race for the kids they had every extreme on the race course over the four days. Natalie Bellini and Maryellen Blanco were coaches for green fleet and CJ coached the Blue. The kids results were as follows: Green Fleet (out of 73 boats) Ryan S. - 45, Robert S. - 49th, Jaime R. - 53rd, and Carla R. - 70th. Blue Fleet (out of 95 boats) Alex B. - 32, Nikki "Pinky" S. -87 and Saskia H. -94th. This regatta was a challenge for all our racers. This was our Blue fleets first race since moving up from the green fleet last year. For our new session, we will have a regatta every month except January and I will keep you posted on their progress with the team.



Green Fleet working out together in Peacock Park.

Britt Price



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – A FITTING WELCOME TO 2006!

The Annual New Year's Eve party was attended by more than 100 members and their guests. It was a beautiful balmy evening. The partygoers arrived in formal gowns, sport coats, and at least one member arrived in Bermuda shorts and deck shoes. Anything goes at the CGSC!

Rick Rahm and wife Jane Snedaker drove down from Hobe Sound to be with their sailing friends to ring in 2006. Former Commodores Charlie Branning and wife Cherie, Larry Whipple and his special gal Susan Walcutt were part of the crowd. L.B. Carpenter arrived with more guests than anyone else did - this year and I overheard him telling the sad tale of his boat lost during Hurricane Wilma at the Marine Stadium. We also shared the evening with Social Members Jason Jason and his guests, and everyone complimented my Committee and their work.

My thanks go out to Chef Sonia and her Kitchen Crew, for the many tasty appetizers during cocktails. The dinner was Roast Prime Rib of Beef or Stuffed Chicken, with salad greens, and vegetables, finished off with some Key Lime Pie. We toasted the Board members and Executive Officers present and another toast was made to the Bar and Kitchen Staff for going the extra mile for a great evening.

After much indulging it was time to Boogie. The band "The Fit" including CGSC member Brent Hadaway cranked up the volume and played favorite dance tunes for those with the energy to work off dinner. Some of the folks seen on the dance floor were Randy Clee and Loretta Dawson, Don Palmer and wife, Ross Young and his date Geri, Charlie and Cherie Branning, and breakdancers Jack Hamm and Marc Buller.

Those who preferred to hang out in the Bar or on the Veranda were treated to a

fireworks display over the City at the stroke of midnight. The evening ended with our own rendition of "Auld Lang Syne", champagne toasts, and lots of hugging and kissing. If you were not able to join us, we missed YOU!

I want to thank my Entertainment Committee consisting of Deborah Pepper, and Denise Schneider for their help decorating for the evening. Many thanks go to Deborah Mitchell and Wilna Hemperly for their decorating advice, and for picking up the balloons at the last minute, to Kit Temple, my sailing partner, for arranging the balloons in the center of each table. Also, thanks to CGSC Staff for their help with set-up and clean-up that went on till 4AM.

Karen Ryan-Young,
Chairman
Entertainment Committee



Happy New Year from the Laser Team!!!

I hope everyone had a great time over the Holidays.

Orange Bowl Regatta

Another attendance record was set at this year's Orange Bowl Regatta. Over 680 youth sailors, including 116 Laser Radials, 45 Laser Full Rigs and 32 Laser 4.7's, participated in this year's event -- that's almost 200 total Laser sailors (up from last year's 174 Laser Sailors and 2003's 113 Laser Sailors)!!!!

This year's Orange Bowl Regatta proved to be a challenge for the Race Committees. The wind was light to non-existent on 3 out of the 4 days of racing. The one day we had wind (3rd day of the regatta), we had great wind in the 12 to 20 knot range.

As a recap, the first day only the Laser 4.7s got a race in (with not all sailors finishing in the 15 minute time limit after the first sailor finished).

Day 2 - again light and spotty winds. Laser Full rigs and Laser 4.7s got 2 races in on day 2, but the Radials only got 1 race in.

Day 3 - Great sailing day. Plenty of wind (12 to 20 knots). Laser Radials and Laser Full Rigs both got 4 races off and completed. Laser 4.7s only got 2 races completed when the Race Committee decided to send them in due to the strong winds.

Day 4 - Short day. Sailing Instructions called for no races to start after 1:00 pm. Unfortunately, the see breeze did not fill in until after the 1:00 pm time limit, so no racing on day 4 for all 3 Laser Classes.

Only the Laser Full rigs had enough races (6 races) completed for one throw-out. The Radial and 4.7 fleets completed 5 races each, 1 race short to allow for a throw-out.

Congratulations to all those that participated in this year's event. Our group had great participation and results!!!! Special Congratulations to the following sailors from our group:

Laser Full Rigs (45 boats):

Luke Lawrence - 1st Place!!!

Aaron Rackoff - 39th Place

Laser Radials (116 boats):

Sarah Lihan - 3rd Place

David Hernandez - 4th Place

Andrew Fox - 9th Place

Caroline Wright - 13th Place

Zack Kelchner - 21st Place

Colin Smith - 24th Place

Philip Alley - 40th Place

Alaina Bussell - 45th Place

Paul Lloyd-James - 65th Place

AJ McGlannan - 78th Place

Laser 4.7s (32 boats):

Arielle deLisser - 6th Place

Simon Lloyd-James - 26th Place

Full regatta results can be found at CRYC's web site at http://www.coralreefyachtclub.org/index.cfm?content=dcms&option=Orange_Bowl_Regatta&option2=bulletleft&edit_id=13827

Lauderdale Yacht Club's (LYC) Boomerang Regatta:

Saturday started off with cold temperatures (in the low 50's - cold for South Florida standards) and strong Northwest winds in the 12 to 17 knot range with higher gusts. Half way through Saturday's second race, the wind started to die off quickly. By the 4th race, the wind was very light and patchy. On the positive side, the diminished wind reduced the wind chill factor and with air temperatures in the low 60's with sunny skies made it fairly warm for much of the day. Luckily, the wind picked up again into the 5 to 8 knot range for Saturday's race 5 and 6. Sunday morning brought a little warmer air temperatures, clear blue skies and light winds. Sunday's 1st race was started in about a 5 knot Northerly breeze. The change in wind pressure during the race made it a challenge for the sailors. The wind picked up and was more stable for the 2nd (and last race) of the day. A total of 8 races were run for the event.

Lauderdale Yacht Club's (LYC) 2006 Boomerang Results can be found at <http://lycsailing.org/Bommerang%202006%20Results.pdf>. Congratulations to all those that participated in this year's event.

Jose Hernandez



Caroline Wright - 13th Place



LYC Boomerang Regatta Laser start



David Hernandez - 4th place in the OB Regatta.



Luke Lawrence - 1st Place Laser Full Rig



Andrew Fox - 9th Place in the OB Regatta.



Sarah Lihan - 3rd Place overall Radial Fleet, 1st Woman in Radial Fleet



Some of the Laser Fleet that competed at the Orange Bowl Regatta.



Laser Fleet on the grass at Coral Reef for the Orange Bowl Regatta.

BBYRA One-Design Race Number 1

Due to forecasted winds in the 20+ range with gusts in the GALE Force range, the Race Committee wisely chose to cancel the first BBYRA one-design race of the new year. However, six of our Laser sailors, along with guest coach Martin Kirketerp from Denmark and Peter Skipp on a second chase boat, headed out into the bay for a short, very high wind, very exciting practice. Miraculously, they all came back without any broken spars.

CGSC Laser Program Continues to grow and expand

We have several new sailors that have joined the group this session. In addition, we have expanded practices to include Saturdays as well as Sundays. The Sunday practices will continue to be coached by the high level Laser coaches (such as Brad Funk, Zach Railey, Ed Wright, etc). The Saturday sessions will be coached by the older, more experienced youth Laser sailors with assistance from some of the more advanced younger Laser sailors. Peter Skipp and Kent Fox (Laser parents) have "stepped up to the plate" to coordinate the new Laser activities.

Cruising and Rendezvous

First off a moment of silence for the loss of the beloved "Compleat Angler Bar and Hotel" in Bimini Bahamas. You may not remember your last drink there but you surely remember your first. Let's hope that the future of Chalks airlines will not suffer a similar fate. Our first trip to the Bahamas was on one of these glorious airships, our most recent was to once again visit the Compleat Angler.

Speaking of the Bahamas, our next major **Cruising** trip is scheduled to begin the second week of May. The planned departure date is Saturday, May 13th late evening, with a return on or about June 3 - a total of three weeks. At our last Abacos trip planning meeting - January 13, Jaime Ramon presented a wealth of information - gleaned from his many trips to the Abacos - from the best anchorages to how many "C" batteries to bring. I especially want to try out the anchorage at Manjack Cay - pronounced of course "Mahn Jahk". And of course it is "Key", not really "Cay" - important tips as we don't want to appear to be newbies.

He along with Jack Hamm recommend that we all buy the Abacos Cruising Guide, an excellent resource guide that contains every waypoint that you will need to navigate the Abacos waters safely. Remember - no marks and lights to guide you. He also provided us with several websites for information regarding places to stay, weather, and general questions that you may have. They include www.oldbahamabay.com - which includes information about the marina / resort at West End Grand Bahama (and which also includes digital files of those pesky - hard to obtain immigration and customs forms). Also included among valuable web sites are:

<http://www.wspress.com> - source for D'book

www.coconuttelegraph.net - you heard it through the grapevine

www.barometerbob.com - highs, lows and strong blows

www.drralph.net - your source for information on the dreaded sea lice and other medical mysteries that seem to go with cruising

All in all Jaime was a virtual cornucopia of information - my favorite was learning the names and locations of the best bars and parties - tip - Stranded Naked Party - first week of July. Jaime even provided copies of his cruising stores list from his many trips. Keeping in mind that Jaime likes to be completely self-sufficient when he cruises the Abacos, and that he has two kids along, can anyone guess how many hot dogs and hamburgers he takes for a three week cruise?

(Send your guess to jbpmmom@aol.com - Answer will appear in the article next month)

As we are getting closer to the departure time we plan to pick up our meeting schedule so keep a lookout for notices at the club or send us your email address to get exclusive cruising and rendezvous info. Our typical meeting time is 7 pm on a Friday night. Among our next meetings we will be talking about "Preparation - Personal Safety, Seaworthiness of your boat, and Maintenance", as well as "Navigation", including anticipated routes to and from the Bahamas - you remember what a "vector" is don't you? As Jaime pointed out transiting to West End is not exactly the same as crossing the Gulf Stream directly as we will be traveling Northward in the shipping lanes, not E-W. Those of us that are relatively new to cruising the Bahamas certainly hope our more experienced captains - Jaime Ramon Jack Hamm along with Raymond Schnell and Dudley Clark will continue to provide their expert advice and join us on the trip.

One of our featured sessions will be "How to speak Bahamian like a native" - with a special "native" mystery guest speaker. We also want to have a session on "Tips for fishing in the Bahamas" - including how to spear fish and most importantly how to catch and clean conch - do you know how hard it is to catch those things? - they're so fast I can never even see them!

More immediately - coming in February will be our Valentines Day Dockside Rendezvous. Bring the one you love, along with your wife or significant other to dockside Saturday February 11th for a bit of Cupid's magic elixir (you know what).

Upcoming in March will be the progressive dinner. This event is held in the mooring field, with CGSC launches providing transportation as we all travel to one another's boats to enjoy a wonderful four course meal. Last year's event was a real gourmet treat for all - and look - no need to commission the dinghy and other time consuming chores required for a long weekend cruise. We extend a special invitation to social members to come to this event - it is one meant for everyone to relax and better get to know those of us at the club. Enjoy!

Of course the Annual CGSC Rendezvous is scheduled for March 31 - April 2. Consider this a tune up of all your systems for the trip to the Abacos! We hope the weather is fair, with smooth sailing!

Janice and Alyn Pruett

Gulf Yachting Association Rebuilds After

The Gulf Yachting Association consists of Sailing and Yacht Clubs along the Gulf Coast from Texas to the Florida panhandle. I recently spoke with the Commodore Mimi Parker of the Pass Christian, MS Yacht Club. Their Club was completely washed away. They will soon have a mobile home as a temporary facility and plan to rebuild the main club house.

They are seeking help from other Clubs during this process. They are looking boat sails and spars. They saved some of the fleet: Flying Scots and 420's, but lost the rigs and sails. Commodore Parker asks for any donations to get the fleet back on the water. They are

also accepting gift cards to help rebuild the Club and member's homes. They are also looking for burgees to decorate their Club House. A CGSC burgee is already en route. If you have a burgee from other Clubs, please feel free to send them along. Their Club web site is www.pcyg-gya.org .

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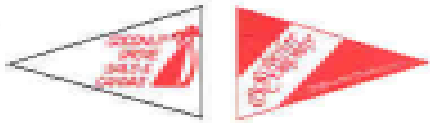
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Karen



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