



the 2006 Olympic Class Regatta at Coconut Grove Sailing Club
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New from the UM Sailingcanes—Homeport CGSC

by Fred Moffitt, Team Captain

We had a great turnout from this years Canefest recruiting and on Saturday August 26th we had our first practice and training session for new skippers and crews. Over 30+ students came down to CGSC for our first session. With so many students we may even be able to field a women's team to some of the events. Due to the afternoon thunderstorms we spent most of the time with demonstrations of FJ rigging and tuning and sailing right off the dock. New students took turns in the boats while the Sailingcanes Afterguard cooked up Bubba burgers for everyone. Thanks Beth and Kay!

This first practice also gave us the opportunity to get to know our new Head Coach Craig Johnson. Craig recently moved from the Northeast to South Florida and has volunteered to coach the team 1-2 days per week and travel to regattas. Craig's collegiate coaching resume is very impressive: US Coast Guard Sailing,

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SOUTH POINTS #1: OUR FIRST REGATTA WAS A SUCCESS!

We took two teams; a Varsity and a JV. A collegiate regatta is a bit of a bifurcated event, there is a regatta for an A division fleet and a B division fleet, each fleet's point totals count equally toward a team's total scores. JV B division was steered by Dan Nassar, and crewed by Eric Basson. JV A division was steered by Alex Kavanaugh and crewed by Rachel Libby. Varsity B division was skippered by Alex "sizi" Kaplan and crewed by Meaghan Fondiller. Varsity A division was steered by me (Fred Moffitt), with Angela Leffingwell as co-skipper.

It started out very light at USF in St. Petersburg, and quite shifty with streaky pressure. The breeze built throughout the day, and our forecasted rain never materialized. Both A fleet and B fleet sailed 8 races. Everybody demonstrated significant potential. Alex

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*Cover photo taken by Cherie Branning:
Windsurfers in the Miami Olympic Class
Regatta 2006 at Coconut Grove Sailing
Club.*

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

A huge thanks to the members who took their responsibility seriously and moved their boats for Tropical Storm Watch/Hurricane Warning Ernesto. The staff did a superb job of preparing the club for the storm. It was a good drill for everyone to prepare. Fortunately the storm was broken up enough over the mountains of Cuba and not able to gain strength before reaching the greater Miami area. Again, good work everyone!

There has been a barge with a crane and wood chipper on the mole island in front of the club recently. They are removing the non-native trees and shrub.

The Coconut Grove Foundation has donated eight almost new Sunfish boats to the club to be used for the adult sailing programs and racing. A big thanks to the Foundation!

The club will host the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship Regatta October 22 to 26, 2006. If you have some time to volunteer for this event, please contact Hugh (Club Manager) at extension 10. The closing ceremonies and dinner will be on Thursday, Oct. 26. Because of this, the General Membership meeting scheduled for October 26 has been rescheduled to Friday, October 27, 2006 at 7:30.

On a fun note, Ron Rostorfer, the Race Committee Chair, will be holding monthly meetings for the Race Committee to educate volunteers about running quality races. Anyone interested, please contact Ron. Race Committee work is not always easy, but very rewarding. Great opportunity to meet other members and be part of a team! The racers really like and appreciate quality race management. Help make the CGSC one of the best Race Committees on the bay.

The Flying Scott sponsorship program has two boats available. These boats need someone to sponsor them. The club is in the process of refitting these boats. Contact Bud Price, Hugh or me for details.

David Kurtz, Commodore



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to thank those who assisted with the Annual work weekend last month. We accomplished a lot. Keeping our Club ship shape is a team effort that we all share. We do have staff, but as members we still have a responsibility to help out. The house committee has received suggestions on ways to improve our Club, please keep them coming.

I also want to thank those who moved their boats during "Ernesto's visit." Keeping with the Club's mission to promote seamanship, moving your boat when a hurricane threatens is good seamanship. Remember, damage to the moorings

hurts the Club's finances due to lost of revenue. Let's keep your boat safe and this Club the "Sailboat Racing Capital of the World."

See you on the water,

*Marc Buller,
Vice Commodore*



In Loving Memory

*Sheila Burrows
1925 to 2006*

Sheila Burrows, wife of Buzzy Burrows, mother of three sons and life member, passed away on Sunday, August 27th. After many years by Buzzy's side building loving friendships, she passed away within a month of Buzzy. They will both be missed!

Sheila will live in our hearts and memories forever! She was the quintessential "lady" of our club! Sheila was always the instigator in Buzzy's wild tales and was the first to tell her side of a story for chuckles! Sheila graciously followed Buzzy and that cruising bug thru all the years on Mooring's charter boats and their own boats, including "Itzabote".

We will miss you Ms. Sheila! To a wonderful lady with exquisite blue eyes, the love of Buzzy's life, and a heart of gold!
Becky

*Peggy Young Slone
1920 to 2004*

Mrs. Peggy Young Slone, mother of Renny and Skip Young and long-time CGSC member, passed away at the age of 88. Peggy, a Charter member of the CGSC was featured in the September 2004 issue of the Channel which you can see at our web site cgsc.org.

Peggy and her husband were active sailors, restoring and racing an old Star boat and later restoring and cruising in a 1934 John Alden 40 foot ketch, the Antares, which served as the committee boat for the first Columbus day race. Her vibrant personality will be missed by all who knew her.



(UM Racing Team from 1)

Kavanaugh and Rachel had some great races, including a third place finish. Dan and Eric won a race in B division. Sizl and Meaghan kicked some butt making it to the weather mark first in two races, and finished inside the top three a couple of times. My luck and Angela's skill helped us achieve a second place finish in A division for the series. The team as a whole got 4th, which is what we need to qualify for districts. Next qualifying regatta is South Points #2 at Eckerd.



UM Sailing team SCHEDULE (tentative)

Practice at CGSC (3-6pm t-w-th)

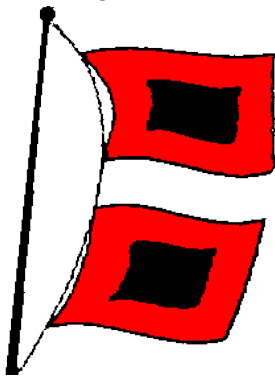
Regatta Schedule:

Sep 30-Oct 1	SAISA Women's Champs at Charleston
Sep 30-Oct 1	TS Stern regatta at Charleston
Oct 7-8	SAISA Sloop Championships at Charleston
Oct 7-8	SAISA SP-5 regatta at Georgia Tech
Oct 28-29	SAISA Dinghy Championships at Eckerd
Nov 4-5	ACC Freshman Championships TBA
Nov 17-19	ICSA Sloop Championships at Charleston
Nov 18-19	SAISA - MAISA regatta at Charleston

(Canes News from 1)

Massachusetts Maritime (2001-2003), University of New Hampshire (1995-1996), Maine Maritime (1992-1995). He is a maritime industry "head-hunter" by profession with a passion for college sailing. THANK YOU CRAIG!! With all the new students we are looking forward to the arrival of the 4 additional FJ's from the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation. At the moment we are practicing in two shifts, 3:30pm and 5:30pm, Monday-Thursday so that everyone can get time in the boats. It's going to be a great fall. Want to help support the team, join the Afterguard, or to find out the latest results check out our web page www.sailingcane.org.

GO Canes! See ya around the club
The UM Sailing Team



Craig Johnson
UM Coach



Volunteers Needed

CGSC is hosting the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships on October 23-27. I am in charge of the measurement of boats and sails for this event, which will take place over the weekend of October 21-22. I am looking for volunteers to help with this process (basically weighing boats, measuring sails, looking for safety equipment) during those two days between 9AM and 5PM. If you have a morning or afternoon (or better both) on that weekend I would appreciate the help. Please e-mail or call 305 662 2370 if you can help.

Thank you

Ken Voss

voss@physics.miami.edu

Regatta information: For the Snipe Class, this regatta alternates years with the Worlds, so is the big event, in the Americas and Orient for this year. The event is invitational (each country is eligible for a certain number of slots), but this year we will have 50 boats sailing, a record, and the maximum amount possible by the regatta Deed of Gift.

The Channel



Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 10th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebranning@bellsouth.net.

Coconut Grove Sailing Club to Host the Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship

How often does any athlete, let alone an athlete from Miami, hold the title of United States Champion, North American Champion, World Master Champion, and World Champion? There is an additional coveted title that Miami's Augie Diaz has to claim this year to accomplish something that no other sailor has ever done.

This October 22nd through 26th, Augie Diaz will compete for the title of Western Hemisphere & Orient Champion on his home waters of Biscayne Bay. For the first time in the regatta's 56-year history, Miami won the bid to host the event. CGSC's Augie Diaz will be among the largest group of sailors from North America, South America, and Asia ever to compete for that title. Fifty, two-person crews, the maximum number allowed, will challenge the defending Western Hemisphere & Orient Champion, Alexandre Paradedda and his crew.

As a member of CGSC, come support your fellow club member, Augie, and the rest of the Snipe Sailors from Southeast Florida who have qualified to represent the United States in this championship. Peter Commette, Morgan Commette, Gonzalo Crivello, Robert Ramirez, Ernesto Rodriguez, and Leandro Spina spend lots of weekends out on Biscayne Bay practicing and competing and it has paid off. Miami's Fleet 7 will have more sailors competing than many of the countries that will be participating!

If you would like to volunteer to help out with check in, measurement, breakfasts, lunches, morning preparations, decorations, security, housing, sponsorship, or something that we haven't thought of, please contact Kay Voss at western_housing@bellsouth.net or Lynn Fitzpatrick at regatta_chair@bellsouth.net.

You can also help support the event by purchasing WH&O merchandise. We have created some very special embroidered and silkscreen apparel. Check it out www.snipewho2006.org under the "About the WH&O menu". Samples can also be seen in the club bar. Place your orders through the web page or by e-mailing who-orders@bellsouth.net



The 2006 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship is just around the corner. Please come and join the competitors, international sailing judges, race committee, and volunteers at the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm. Tuesday night, October 24th members are also invited to a Pig Roast. The Lechon and the band start at 7pm. Cocktails and hors d'ouvres will be served at the opening ceremonies. Call the office for tickets to one or both of the parties. \$18 for the Opening Ceremonies, \$25 for the Lechon. Advanced reservations are required.

ATTENTION STRIP OWNERS during the WH&O

We are kindly asking all strip owners to remove their boats from the strip between October 17th-October 26th during the 2006 Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship. If you don't have a place to keep it we will help you find one. Several club members have offered space in their yards to help you out if needed.

We have never asked this of strip owners before but this a very prestigious event and we want the club to present well. Unlike other regatta's we host, the lawn will be decorated and dressed with flags for the events each afternoon and needs stay open space. The 50 Snipes will be stored in the strip area.



THE 2006 (49TH ANNUAL) FLORIDA STATE SNIPE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Held at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, September 9-10

Sheehan Commette is our 49th Florida State Snipe Junior Champion with 12 Junior Sailors competing for the TROPHY. This championship has been held every year since 1957 when Ken Lippincott Jr. won it. The weather fully cooperated with Northeasterly winds around 10 mph. Looked like widshifts were in the range of 10 to 20 degrees but on Sunday to look for good wind pressure was more important than the windshifts according to Sheehan.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee did a wonderful job running 5 races in perfect windward/leeward courses and having to change weather mark almost in every race in order to adjust to the wind variations. On Saturday we were surrounded by storms, some of them looking very threatening with lightning but the RC kept a good eye on them and held their position to allow us to complete 3 races on that day.

A big thanks goes to the RC staff organized as follows:
Operator/Signal Boat - Charley Branning's UPSIDE.
PRO - Ron Rostorfer
Signal Boat Crew - Susan Schultz, Rick & Ann Stewart, Jeanne Buntan



Mako Crews - Larry Whipple, Susan Walcutt, Henry Bernstein, Dottie Rostorfer, Geoff Sutcliffe
We also thank Peter Commette who organized and trained a contingent of Ft. Lauderdale junior sailors that came strong to win 4 out of the first 6 places.



We continue to successfully run this Junior Championship with some owners of snipes crewing for the juniors. Out of the 12 boats we had 2 boats that had all junior crews: Nick



Voss with Andy Rahn and Enrique Quintero with Alex Swerdloff. Nick and Andy got third and Enrique and Alex got seventh. This arrangement seems unfair at times when you look at boats being crewed by excellent snipe adult



sailors but if you give it some thoughts, it has its merits: Those "all junior crews" mentioned would have placed much better had the rest 13 to 17 year old sailors had to have a junior crew and that in my book would also look unfair. So my points are: First with this arrangement or rules for our junior Florida State championship we increase our junior participation.

Second, we achieve certain balance between 19 year olds and 13 year olds. Third, it will never hurt Nick, Andy, Enrique and Alex to meet this stronger competition! I assure you they will find this kind of competition at the Snipe Junior Worlds! And finally, we had 4 adults crewing for their children. How else can you get that?

Regards,

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. Regatta Chairman



Sail No.	Skipper	Points	Place
30288	Sheehan Commette	9.25	1
30571	Dominique Wright	13.75	2
28814	Nick Voss	17.75	3
29442	Erika Reinke	29.2	4
28812 (DQ)	Vincent Andrews	31	5
29114	Mac Agnese	32.4	6
28812	Enrique Quintero	34	7
2999	Alec Payne	37	8
29992	Marissa Lihan	38.4	9
29963	Alex Sachs	41	10
30236	Kara Voss	56	11
28466	Brandon Cairnes	56.2	12



Rear Commodore Charlie Rahn and "the Old Man" present the winners trophy to Sheehan Commette.

Christmas in September!

The weekend of September 9th & 10th was like a Christmas morning for CGSC sailors.

Santa Claus – better know as the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation – delivered boats a plenty.

On Saturday members of the foundation got up early, traveled in a caravan of cars pulling trailers to the Miami Yacht Club, where they loaded up 8 sunfish sailboats destined for CGSC.

The foundation purchased the boats and donated them to the Sailing Club for use in our sailing programs.

On Sunday afternoon, a 53 foot tractor trailer rolled into Dinner Key with more presents from the Foundation. The truck contained 4 Flying Junior sailboats purchased by the Foundation from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. This time a parade of dollies was pulled from the club to the truck and the presents were unwrapped and off loaded onto the dollies and brought to the club. The U of M sailing team was on hand to step the masts and rig the boats and they will be used by the team to get more students out on the water, and enable us to host proper collegiate regattas.

There are a lot of people to be thanked for the windfall of boats, starting with the generous contributors to the Foundation and some of the folks from the foundation that were a driving force behind these acquisitions: Beth Hernandez, Penny Tannebaum, Kay



Voss, Charley Branning and Charlie Abell.

The sunfish were picked up by Jose & Beth Hernandez, Michael Aronsohn, Penny Tannebaum, and Charlie Abell.

The FJ's were unloaded from the truck by Dr. Nick Martens, Augie Diaz, Nick Voss, Andy Rahn, Kay Voss and some other snipe sailors that had just finished 2 days of racing.

Also a thank you goes out to sailing director Nick Mannsbach and Miami Dade Marine Sciences Academy instructor David Diamond for arranging for the donation of our old sunfish to the city of Miami Parks and Recreation Department, which cleared much needed space for the new sunfish.

Smooth Sailing,
Charlie Rahn,,
Rear Commodore



Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2006 Annual Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

You are cordially invited to join us for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2006 Annual Regatta.

Cruising boats will race on Sunday, October 1st, and we are expecting entries in PHRF 1, 2, 3-4 and J-24. Two races are scheduled, weather permitting. Cruising boats needing a PHRF Certificate should call David Kurtz at 305-460-5333 or e-mail him at goombay2@bellsouth.net.

One-Design boats will race two days on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th. We are expecting entries in the Etchells, Lightning, Snipe, Flying Scot and Laser classes. Lightnings will also be sailing for the Chris Young Memorial Trophy, part of the Florida District "Triple Crown." Flying Scots will also be sailing for the Sally Russell Trophy, and Snipes for the Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz Trophy. A total of five races are scheduled, weather permitting.

GENERAL INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO ALL CLASSES

Sailing Instructions. Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008*, except as modified and supplemented by the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association 2006 General Conditions and Sailing Instructions. No separate Sailing Instructions will be issued.

Registration. BBYRA registered yachts are already registered. The Registration Form on the following page is required for yachts that are **not** registered with BBYRA. This form must be submitted to the CGSC office by 6:00 PM on Saturday, September 30th for PHRF classes. For One Design classes, the Registration Form is due at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 13th at the CGSC office; provided that One-Design boats from fleets other than South Florida fleets may submit their forms up until 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 14th to the Race Committee on the first floor of the CGSC clubhouse. Note: there is no entry fee.

On race day, each yacht must check-in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack prior to the warning signal of the first race in which it will be competing. No check-ins will be accepted during a starting sequence.

Parking. CGSC has limited parking. Public parking is available in the Coconut Grove area across the street at the Sonesta Hotel for \$5.00 per day. Class boats and trailers may be stored on the club lawn or in the boat storage areas. Two electric hoists are available at CGSC. A public boat ramp is located adjacent to the Club property. Two floating docks are available at the Club.

SCHEDULE

Cruising Regatta

SUNDAY, Oct. 1st

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
11:30 AM First Warning Signal
7:00 PM Cookout and
Trophy Presentation
at CGSC

One Design Regatta

SATURDAY Oct.14th

9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
11:30 AM First Warning Signal
6:00 PM Burger Cookout

SUNDAY, Oct.15th

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM First Warning Signal
Trophy Presentation following last race

From The Manager . . .

As everyone knows “Ernesto” spared the Club and the Miami area. Hopefully, at this reading, we’ve not had another scare - or worse. However, I was very impressed with the cooperative effort on the part of the boat owners in evacuating your vessels to “safe harbor” in such a timely, well organized fashion. I’d like to thank the staff for all their hard work along with those members who offered help and pitched in.

For future storms, we will again offer shuttle lunch service to and from both Marine Stadium and the Gables Waterway. There is a one way \$10. per boat charge for

this service and we will post schedules, both at the club and on our website. Should (or when) another storm appears to be looming on the horizon, please monitor the clubs website cgsc.org for the latest advisories.

We’ll talk next month,

Hugh



“Hugh’s Q & A”

Q) Could we not have ice cream available?

A) We all scream for Ice cream . . . Unfortunately, the clubs freezer capacity is very limited and maximized. But, I will inquire of our vending machine company to see if they provide ice cream machines. It would be a great idea.

Q) When I get my monthly statement, sometimes I see charge tips. If I tip I always tip in cash. How does this work?

A) First, you should always review your charge tickets and sign them. Second, if you wish to add a charge tip, now’s the time. Third, if you’d prefer not to tip or wish to do so by cash, “XXX” out the tip line on your charge ticket. If you feel this is a recurring problem, keep you receipts and bring them by the office. With the exception of banquets and private parties, no amount of gratuity is authorized to be automatically added to your bill.

Have a question? Email it to manager@cgsc.org, drop it in the suggestion box in the lounge or speak to me directly. Thanks

Kitchen Hours



**Wednesday, Thursday
and Sunday**

11:00am – 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday

11:00am- 9:00pm

**Thursday Night Special
New York Strip Steak Dinner**

\$12.00 Between 6-8 PM

You need to call ahead to reserve yours.

Sailing Director

First off I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be your new Sailing Director. I have been focusing my efforts on understanding all the different programs and the best and most cost effective way to run them. As a result of my research I think there is still room to grow and expand our programs.



One of the programs that seems to be doing extremely well is the Saturday morning Optimist Green Fleet. To date we have 16 kids registered and are hoping we can top out at 25 before this session ends in December. The adult sailing program has a waiting list of 25 and I’m in the process of working with Dick Crisler with the objective of beginning a class early on in October.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools classes are alive and well, holding classes on site 4 to 5 times a week and Ransom-Everglades Middle School will be sailing here twice a week for the next 12 weeks.

One of the most important things that we seem to be lacking is VOLUNTEERS, we can never have enough and as it stands right now we are very limited in our resource pool, so if ANYONE out there is interested in helping with the sailing programs, we would love to hear from you.

That’s all for now.

Tight Lines

Nick Mansbach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Racing Schedule October - November, 2006

Sunday, October 1	<u>CGSC Annual Regatta – PHRF</u>
Sat/Sun, October 7-8	Columbus Day Regatta
Sat/Sun, October 14-15	<u>CGSC Annual Regatta – One- Design</u>
Saturday, October 14	Columbus Day Regatta Awards - CRYC
Sat/Sun, October 21-22	Fall Harvest Regatta - MYC
Sun-Thurs, October 22-26	CGSC Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships
Saturday, November 4	CRYC Annual Regatta – PHRF
Sunday, November 5	CRYC Annual Regatta – One- Design
Saturday, November 11	KBYC “Round the Island” Race
Thurs-Sun, Nov 16-19	CRYC Star Class North Americans
Sat/Sun, November 18-19	<u>CGSC PHRF SE FL Championship</u>

Donate Your Old Sails!

I am collecting unwanted sails to deliver to fishermen on the Southern coast of Haiti. They build their own sailboats and fashion makeshift sails from old flour bags, clothing, and plastic bags, among other things. Donated sails in virtually any condition are useful. The improved materials allow for less sail maintenance and more efficient fishing. Donations are tax-deductible. Pick-up can be arranged. Call me at (305) 321-8273, or email m.carcaise@gmail.com.

Visit www.sailsforsustenance.org

Thank you,
Michael Carcaise
UM Sailing Team Member



The Sasaki alternative designs presentation for the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master plan is currently scheduled for updates. For further information on scheduling please go to: <http://projects.sasaki.com/coconutgrove>

To review the work in process go to the above website and click on “work-to-date” to view the analysis presentation, the image boards, and the goal statement boards.

Parking: Due to excessive crowding in the parking lot, the club will be towing cars without parking stickers. No exceptions allowed! If you are a regular or life member you are entitled to purchase a parking sticker. Please make a copy of your car’s registration and take it to the office. Social members, non-resident members and youth members are not entitled to purchase parking stickers. Ample public parking is available across the street at the Sonesta Parking lot.

Dog Policy: Please, please, please:
NO DOGS UPSTAIRS

Dogs are welcome downstairs on a leash. Please show courtesy to the kids and sails drying on the lawn by picking up after your dog.

We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

DIRECTORY UPDATE INFO NEEDED!

The Membership Committee is in the process of updating the membership directory. Please look for an insert in your next statement regarding the membership directory. Complete and return the form along with your statement. Alternatively, you can complete the form that will be posted on the CGSC website. As soon as we can get all the information compiled, we will make the new directory available to you.

Thanks
Janice Pruet

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Next year, in May, the CGSC will be hosting the Florida Opti Championship. This is a commitment that all major Sailing Clubs have periodically with the Class. We can show our value as a serious sailing organization to the City, the State, the Nation and the World since this event is published and followed up by thousands of people around the world. WE NEED AT LEAST FIFTY VOLUNTEERS. We have various committee leaders and contributors positions in many areas, such as space logistics, sponsoring, public relations, safety, race committee, food and activities, registration, budgeting and many others. This is an event that will bring around 200 Opti sailors with parents, coaches and friends, so the impact in our community will be great and positive. As you know the difference between positive and negative will probably be having a well organized event or a poorly organized one. This mostly depend of the attitude and number of volunteers we have.

If you feel that this is a great cause and you want to help our Opti racing program, please give us a call. Antonio Bejarano (305-588-0084 Antonio1Bejarano@aol.com) or Hugh Stallings.

I am looking forward to meeting you.
Antonio

CGSC RACING

BBYRA Spring Series One Design Awards for Flying Scots

The 2006 BBYRA Spring Series Awards were held Saturday, 9/9/06, at the Miami Yacht Club. This series runs from January through August and consist of seven races. Most of the races were in 15+ knots of wind and a couple were abandon because of high winds.

The Flying Scot Fleet 90 winners are as follows:

Third - Good Hope, Henry Bernstein and crew
Second - Volee, Phil Messier and Jean Hester
First - Margaritaville, Larry Whipple and Susan Walcutt

The Fall series runs September through December. Winners will be determined by the best three of four races. The One Design sailors consist of Etchells, Lightnings, Snipes, Flying Scots, Lasers and hopefully the new Sunfish fleet will come out and sail with us. All the results can be found at : http://www.bbyra.net/2006/YTD_OD_2006.htm

See you on the bay.

Whip

CGSC RACE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your calendars now for the October Race Committee meeting – Tuesday, October 10th right after Social Night at the Club (about 7:30 pm).

October is a busy month for the CGSC Race Committee with three race days devoted to our Annual Regatta (October 1st, 14th and 15th) plus the big Snipe Class Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships. A large fleet is expected from North & South America, the Caribbean and Japan. If you are not signed up for either Race Committee or shore duty, please contact Ron Rostorfer, 954-401-5335 or ronsailon@comcast.net

Congratulations to our 12 recent graduates of the CGSC RC Support Boat (Mako) Training Program during July and August, and five who attended the Scoring Training Seminar in July. If you're interested in either, let Ron know (handheld GPS preferred for the Mako training).

Ron

Past Commodore Larry Whipple visited the Erie Yacht Club in Pennsylvania this summer and exchanged club burgees. Here Larry is presenting the EYC burgee to Commodore Kurtz.



CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

Month 2

Tartan 34' Sailboat or Sale: "Wind Seeker" has a 4' draft with the center board up and 6.5' with the board down. 30 hp Universal diesel with less than 600 hours. 3 burner propane stove with oven, water heater and ice chest with cold spot 12 volt refrigeration. VHF, stereo cd & am/fm radio. Roller furling foresail and main with reef points in good condition. Good mechanical condition. Needs some cosmetic cleanup. Call 954.723.9403.

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An Interview with ... Katharine "Kerry" Close

~by Ann Medford (reprinted courtesy of SeaTow)

Thirteen-year-old New Jersey native Kerry Close capitalized on her spelling skills when she was crowned before a national audience as the Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion on June 1st. It's the first time in the Bee's history that the event aired live on national television (ABC).

Close clinched the top spot in the 20th round after correctly spelling the word, "ursprache" (meaning: a parent language, especially one reconstructed from the evidence of later languages). She did it just in time, too. This was her fifth and final attempt at "the Bee" as Scripps regulations say that students can't compete beyond 8th grade.

A modest and quite grounded young lady, Close admits being swept away a bit by all the post-Bee publicity, which included stints on Access Hollywood and her personal favorite, a guest appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live. "It was really cool getting to go out to LA, and then being on the set and meeting everyone," said Close.

Of the publicity whirlwind surrounding her crowning as the nation's top speller, she says "I still have a couple of things planned but it's slowing down a lot now," which seems to be just fine with her.

Now, for one of the first times in her young life, Close can breathe a sigh of relief, enjoying her first truly "free" summer. Instead of devoting countless hours to mastering the spelling, diction and dialects of, literally, thousands of words, she's free to redirect her energies to sailing and track; just two of her other passions that have, until now, played second fiddle to her studies.

At the age of eight, Close, a self-proclaimed competitor, turned her mild interest of sailing into a honed skill. "When I started sailing, I had no idea I'd be good at it," Close admits. "I love [sailing] because it teaches you self-reliance and a lot of confidence."

To this day, she still sails the aptly named Optimist (the dinghy of record for young sailors) off the Jersey shore, particularly in and around Barnegat Bay. She's so skilled, in fact, that just last year she qualified for the U.S. national sailing team trials; an avenue she didn't pursue fearing it would take too much time away from her quest for the national "Bee" title.



There's a correlation, she says, between these two passions. "You need to have perseverance." Whether it's going after the national title or trying your hand at a new sport, like sailing, "you're not going to be the best right away. It takes time and a lot of patience."

Close also admits that, while she enjoys team activities, she's personally drawn to one-man sports. "I like my own successes the best. I like to compete against myself."

About Kerry Close: Kerry, the daughter of James and Paula Close, represented the Asbury Park (N.J.) Press/ Home News Tribune in this year's competition. The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest- running educational promotion (www.spellingbee.com).



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