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2006 Olympic Class Regatta at Coconut Grove Sailing Club
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**LIHAN DOMINATES U.S. JUNIOR WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP,
WINS LEITER TROPHY**



Above, Sarah Lihan (sail #272) looks over her competition. At right Sarah races for the finish.

At the Houston Yacht Club on July 27, 2006, Sarah Lihan clearly dominated the fleet of 56 boats, winning five out of seven races. But her win may not have been as easy as it sounds, as she was up against sailors like Ann Haeger (Lake Forest, Ill.) and Claire Dennis (Saratoga, Calif.), who finished second and third respectively and both of whom had competed in the event before.

The event was a qualifier for the 2007 US Youth World Team, which represents the USA at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship in Kingston, Ontario in 2007. Unfortunately, Sarah, who just turned 18 recently, will be too old to compete in that event next year. Instead, Ann Haeger will go to Canada next year.



Sarah is a very talented sailor and CGSC is proud to have her on the CGSC community Laser Racing Team. Sarah has had many great sailing accomplishments over the years. This year, at the age of 17, she earned a spot on the US

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 Windsurfers in the Miami Olympic Class
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a nice summer. The club hosted the second annual Commodore's Cup for PHRF boats, Lasers and the Optis on July 29 and August 6, 2006. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the event. It was a pleasure to see all the children in the junior division sailing. The weather cooperated for the juniors but not the PHRF boats. The PHRF boats were able to sail only two legs of the first race due to thunderstorms.



The club fleet of FJ boats has grown to eight now since the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation donated four more boats. The University of Miami's Sailing team uses these boats. This will allow the club to host intercollegiate sailing events. The first four FJ's came from the Naval Academy and the new ones came from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Please check the Sasaki web site ([HTTP://projects.sasaki.com/coconutgrove](http://projects.sasaki.com/coconutgrove)) for news and updates about the Waterfront Master Plan. There should be a public meeting in the next two months, which Sasaki should present suggestions to the public. Please e-mail Sasaki with your ideas and plan to attend the next meeting.

The club has two Flying Scott's which members can join the Flying Scott Sponsorship Program. The member pays for the strip fee and maintains the boat. The boat will occasionally be used for the Adult Learn to Sail program but other times available to the sponsor. Contact the club manager for further details.

Please note the Groves Nest is now open for lunch and dinner on Wednesdays.

David Kurtz, Commodore



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.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

We should be proud of our Club and the property the City allows us to use. Part of our obligation is to maintain the property. One way to accomplish this is through the Annual Work Weekend.

Once again it's time to put the tillers down and pick up a hammer or paint brush. There are a few projects that always need to be done: paint the row boats and oars, spruce up the horse shoe; paint the anchor and the stripes in the parking lot. I hope to add a few projects: repair and touch up the rail, stain the posts on the veranda and lay a new floor in the Trophy Hall. These are all items we can accomplish within our stated budget.

I hope you will join us for some work and some fun afterward (Burgers and beer.)

As always, launch service will not be available because we might be painting it! If you have a suggestion for a weekend project, please let me know: vicecommodore @ cgsc.org there is also a suggestion box in the Groves Nest.

I hope to see there,



Marc Buller, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Moving Forward!

The sailing programs have made a lot of progress in the last month.

We made it through summer camp. Jeanine from the Miami Dade public schools Marine Sciences program, started camp by cleaning up the office and pram storage room. She then motivated our great group of young councilors and camp was underway. Since Jeanine was due to travel during the last two weeks of camp, we found ourselves scrambling for someone to finish out the last two weeks. To the surprise of no one, when asked, Richard Crissler stepped up to the plate like he has for years and ran the camp for the last two weeks.

During a visit to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, I noticed they had replaced their fleet of Flying Juniors. After an inquiry to the Vanguard representative I found the boats could be purchased for a very reasonable price and we were given a one week right of refusal to purchase the boats. The next batter to step up to the plate was the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation. Within 2 days, Beth Hernandez and Penny Tannebaum got the Foundation Board together and they purchased 4 FJ's and paid for the shipping, and they will even be purchasing a trailer so the boats can be moved off the property during a hurricane. The Foundation then donated the boats to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Combined with the 4 FJ's that we already have, we now have a fleet that will allow us to host U of M college regattas as well as get a high school sailing program off the ground. The next goal is to get a proper collegiate format Orange Bowl Regatta in place.

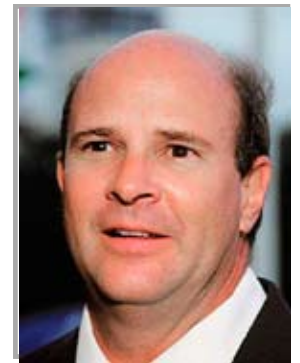
Finally after a lot of work by a hiring committee I am happy to announce that we have made an offer to a new Sailing Director who will come aboard starting August 30th. Nicholas Mansbach is a native Miami sailor, who has worked with the Dade Marine Institute teaching seamanship programs to troubled youths, and he has spent 6 years with the American Red Cross on a program that taught swimming to 180,000 Dade county students. I believe Nick will be able to help us develop

programs that will introduce many new sailors to Biscayne Bay, as well as create a system so that our members can get out on the bay in some of the club's fleet of boats. Congratulations and big thank you goes out to Antonio Bejarano, Jaime Ramon, and the other members of the committee for taking the time to find an individual that I believe will become a great asset to the club.

A major issue is the 2007 Opti Florida State Championships. Some progress has been made with recovering after the loss of our chairwoman, but we need club members to get involved NOW.

Smooth Sailing,

Charlie Rahn., Rear Commodore



Racing Schedule – September – October, 2006

Sat/Sun, Sept 9-10	<u>CGSC Florida State Snipe Junior Champs</u>
Saturday, Sept 9	BBYRA PHRF #9 – MYC
Sat/Sun, Sept 16-17	Lime Cup Regatta – BBYC
Saturday, Sept 30	BBYRA OD #9 - CRYC
Sunday, Oct 1	<u>CGSC Annual Regatta – PHRF</u>
Sat/Sun, Oct 7-8	Columbus Day Regatta
Sat/Sun, Oct 14-15	<u>CGSC Annual Regatta – One-Design</u>
Saturday, Oct 14	Columbus Day Awards - CRYC
Sat/Sun, Oct 21-22	Fall Harvest Regatta - MYC
Sun-Thurs, Oct 22-26	<u>CGSC Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships</u>

Sailing Team, making her the youngest member on the team. By making the US Sailing Team, Sarah was invited to attend various international events representing the United States.

Sarah has been accepted to attend Yale University and she will be leaving for college soon. At Yale, she will be a member of their Sailing Team, a talented and elite group of college sailors. Sarah will be greatly missed by her CGSC team mates. Sarah has sailed at CGSC for the past 4 years and helped build the team to where it is today.

We wish Sarah the best as she starts a new stage in her life. We know that her passion for sailing will always bring her back to the warm waters of Biscayne Bay. Have a great year Sarah and come visit us when you are in town!

The CGSC Laser Team

The entire Single Handed Fleet.



The Start!



The top three finishers at the U.S. Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship: Claire Dennis, Ann Haeger, and champion Sarah Lihan, proudly wearing her new Texas "Leiter Champion" cowboy hat



CGSC home of the University of Miami Sailing Canes

Last year was a great year thanks to all the support from CGSC, the CG sailing foundation, and other UM supporters in the sailing community

who worked hard to create a homeport for the UM Sailing Canes at CGSC. During the 2005-2006 season we held our first ever regatta, were invited to participate in the Rose Bowl regatta (only wish the football team could have been there), and were ranked in SAISA for the first time on the pages of Sailing World. The 2006-2007 season is only days away and it shaping up to be even better than last year. Rumor on the street is that there are several "hot" high school sailors that will be attending UM this fall and we expect the team to grow in both numbers and depth of talent. We hear that the CG Sailing Foundation has recently purchase an additional 4 FJ's bring the fleet of boats up to 8. WOW!!!! what fantastic news. Now both the area high school teams and UM can practice together during the week; sailing against the local kids really enable us to improve our skills. On August 22nd we be recruiting new students at a booth at the annual Canefest in the Bank Atlantic center and will follow up with on off the dock open house at CGSC on Saturday afternoon Aug 26th. Official practice starts August 29th so once again expect to see us on the water Tuesday-Thursday. See ya around the club.

UM Sailing Team

UM Sailing team SCHEDULE (tentative)

Aug 29 First Day of official Practice at CGSC (3-6pm t-w-th)

Regatta Schedule:

- Sep 2-3 SAISA SP-1 regatta at USF
- Sep 9-10 SAISA SP-2 regatta at Eckerd
- Sep 16-17 SAISA SP-3 regatta at Charleston
- Sep 23-24 SAISA SP-4 regatta at Rollins
- Sep 23-24 SAISA Men's Single-Handed Champs Charleston
- 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

Sail-Fishing was “Effortless”

“Effortless” never ceases to amaze us. Who would have thought that she was a fishing boat. We constantly challenge our old boat to adapt to all kinds of sailing and motoring activities. Our August trip was slated to be a fishing tournament. Sailing vessels fishing????!! This idea didn't go over well with most club members. However, I did get a few emails and comments from folks who actually have fished off their boats and caught fish, and enjoyed it.

We left Friday afternoon, motor sailed to Elliot Key, where we rafted up with Ronnie and Patty Romero on “Eclipse” and were later joined by Will, Gail and James Pulsford, “Sweet Lime” to toast the sunset. Mike Horning and his crew Carlos, a first time sailor, on “Makani” arrived well after dark, navigating the shallow waters of the feather beds without running aground.

Saturday dawned calm and flat without mosquitoes. Makani, Eclipse and Effortless motored south, planning to head outside and then to Rodriguez Key. Makani and Eclipse made it through at Caesar's Creek, stopped at Ocean Reef for fuel, and then headed off for their own adventure snorkeling on the reefs.

Effortless decided to not chance the channel at Caesar's Creek and headed for Angelfish Creek North of Pumpkin. We then mistakenly headed into Broad Creek, just north of Angelfish. Fortunately it was high tide and we made it thorough with inches to spare. We motor sailed down to Rodriguez Key, stopping on the way to snorkel at Mosquito Bank. We then rafted up with Ray and Elena Schnell and their guests aboard Wind Shadow, off the north side of Rodriguez Key.

Despite the full moon, we were able to spot a few meteors of the Perseid meteor shower off the bow after midnight. Still no mosquitoes!! Unheard of during the summer in the keys!

At dawn we prepared for an exciting day of

fishing. We headed east, past Molasses Reef, the seas flat clam. Shortly after our turn to the north, with lines in the water, we had our first strike. Our first catch was a fairly large Bonito - a fun fish to catch but not great eating. He went back in the water. I spotted birds and weeds to the west so headed that direction and had another strike. This time we caught a jack of some kind and released him. We adjusted our rigs and headed north, zig zagging in 250 feet of deep blue water. An hour later we had our lucky strike. A black fin tuna. Alyn got him to the boat and we snagged him with our lobster net, and dumped him in our spare cooler of ice to chill. Unfortunately, we didn't hit the school of dolphin that we were hoping for but we had a great trip back. Surprisingly the Gulf Stream was calmer than Biscayne Bay.

Upcoming events: As you know Hurricane season curtails my cruising events. I'm referring to the University of Miami Hurricanes football team activities. I would like to plan a UM dockside / tailgate party at the club to celebrate an away football game and an UM sailing team event. Watch for an email announcing this event.

Please join us in October for the Columbus Day Regatta. You can sign up to participate in the race or sail down and raft up with us at Elliot. Even if you don't race, it's a great day to sail down amongst the beautiful fast boats zig zagging across the bay.

Keep cruising.
Janice Pruett



Our Regatta Time in Abaco Adventure

For those who haven't been there Regatta Time in Abaco is a GREAT time. There are five races and at least eight parties in seven days. They race from Green Turtle to Great Guana, to Hope Town to Marsh Harbor. This year RTIA had 47 boats in six fleets. So when my buddy Al Chapin asked me to help him deliver a Santana 35 and race in RTIA, I immediately said YES if I had my own bunk!

We were to leave 6/29/06, do the RTIA and return 7/15/06. When I got to the boat on the morning of 6/29 to leave I found the boat to be in rough shape. In fact we had to spend all day working on the boat fixing running lights, adding a bow pulpit, etc. to get the boat ready and we didn't leave until the next morning.

It took about 18 hours to get to West End as the wind was mainly on the nose. We anchored out and went in to clear customs the next morning where we met up with John Lowe and his trawler Lowedown. They were to be the support boat for the races. After clearing customs we left before Lowedown and had to go far north to Memory Rock to get on the banks because the boat drew 6'6". Lowedown got held up in West End and thought we were on the banks ahead of them.

When we got on the bank the wind was on the nose so we tried motoring. After five minutes at five knots the engine overheated and we had to motor sail, tacking as we went. On top of that the engine was spitting oil, which lasted the whole trip. We ran through 1 and ½ gallons of oil for the whole trip! It took three more days to get to Green Turtle, stopping at Mangrove key and Alan's Pensacola, tacking into the wind all the way.

The parties and the people were great. The racing was so-so. Even though we had an inexperienced crew we did end up with three 3rd places and third overall in the RTIA (PHRF) class. The worst race was when we went shrimping TWICE with the spinnaker! Carol Ewing was RC with her boat Great Scott. The highlight of the races was when a J-105 caught fire and burned to the waterline as they finished the Guana race. No one was injured but the boat was a total loss. An hour later a storm hit with 60+ knots of wind! We lucked out and were at the fuel dock when it hit.

The trip back was faster, three days, than the trip

over, with the wind on our stern. One bit of excitement was when we came through the Indian Cay channel to West End at night. I was driving following Al's GPS when the batteries died! After a quick battery change we were on the last leg when we hit bottom briefly but got through okay. We met up with Lowedown at West End about 10PM and they had a hot dinner waiting for us.

The last day was a long one to Miami Government Cut, interrupted only by a USCG boarding in the middle of the Gulfstream. As we sailed along, they came along side in a large inflatable and pushed it into the side of our boat, and stepped on board. They were very nice and only gave the boat owner a ticket for having outdated flared and fire extinguishers.

Next trip I'm holding out for a boat with a head and a good engine also.

Whip



From The Manager . . .

Well let's see. Since my arrival here in sunny Miami, the Miami Heat became champions, Fidel seems to be taking an overdue hiatus, we skirted two tropical storms (as of this writing) and I've been told this is a much more mild summer than usual. You folks either gave me one heck of a welcome or I'm pretty darn good! In either case it's a pleasure to be here.

I'd like to announce that some new staff have come aboard and I think you'll be pleased with their performance. Both Ralph and Alex are in the kitchen and Jessica will cover some open bartending shifts. Kevin is also our newest addition to the dock staff. It will take them a little time to learn the ropes (lines) around the club, so say "hi" when you see them. I'd also like to thank Beth Hernandez and her daughter

Laura for the outstanding work they have been doing on the website. Check it often, it's updated weekly, sometimes daily.

That's it for this month. I've had allot of questions to address in my Q&A column and want to save some space.

We'll talk later . . .

Hugh



"Hugh's Q & A"

Lots of questions this month, but little space. So, I'll try to be concise and hit the main ones concerning Hurricane evacuation.

Q) What's Up? I got called telling me to come sign my Mooring's License agreement. I did this three years ago when I joined.

A) A new agreement was approved by the Board of Directors in March of 2006. The original deadline was the end of May. The BOD has patiently granted some time extensions, but time is running out. We require 3 items. 1. Proof of ownership (FI or USCG), 2) Proof and the listing of CGSC as an "Additionally Insured" party on a \$300.K liability policy, 3) your signature stating that you received a copy of the CURRENT Mooring's Agreement.

The office is open daily from 10-6 (weekends included). Come by and we'll be happy to assist.

Q) During the Tropical Storm Season, how far out will the club call me to move my boat.

A) CGSC WILL NOT CALL YOU. We will try to provide a "Heads-Up" on our website. Only you know your schedule and must therefore make the call. Earlier is better than later. Please review your CURRENT Mooring's Agreement. If you do not move your boat out of the mooring's field prior to a storm and the storm hits, you alone will be responsible for any damage caused to your boat, others or club property. You also forfeit mooring rights for one year and may be subject to any fines or penalties imposed by the BOD.

Q) I've already arranged with the dock staff to move my boat if a storm is pending, so I guess I'm covered.

A) NO YOUR NOT! Again review your Mooring's Agreement. In a storm situation, dock staff work exclusively for the club or "ALL" the members. They are on 24/7 standby to assist moving club boats, securing the club

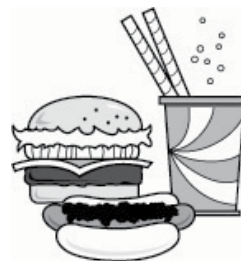
grounds and providing shuttle service to safe harbors. The \$100. or so you may offer them to move your boat is a great enticement, but when the danger is passed, they may be unemployed. Please make other arrangements

Q) Seems like new folks off the street are mooring their boats. I thought this took about 6 months of readings and club member approval.

A) At the yearly General Meeting, a by-laws change was offered and accepted allowing potential new members to moor their boats as soon as they paid their initiation fees. There is now only one required reading. From the time they anchor until their reading and acceptance (about 45 days) they will be charged 1.5 times the regular mooring fees.

Keep those questions coming. If I don't know the answer, I'll find out.

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.



RESULTS

PHRF CLASS

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| 1 | Jammin | Russ & Vicki Horn |
| 2 | Blackbird | Pat Carcase |
| 3 | Goombay | David Kurtz |
| 4 | Dutch Treat | Randy Clee |
| 5 | Hot Air III | David Berg |

ONE DESIGN

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|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Ron Rostorfer | Thistle |
| 2 | Bill Johns | Lightning |
| 3 | Ed Fry | Flying Scot |
| 4 | Susan Walcutt | Flying Scot |
| 5 | Henry Bernstein | Flying Scot |
| 6 | Paco Calvet | Sunfish |

LASER - FULL RIG

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|---|-----------------|
| 1 | David Hernandez |
| 2 | Andrew Fox |

LASER - RADIALS

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| 1 | A. J. McLannan |
| 2 | Simon Lloyd-James |
| 3 | Thomas Merker |

OPTI - DINGHIES

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Laura Hernandez |
| 2 | Patrick Arrington |
| 3 | Brittany Zirulnick |
| 4 | Alex Bejatano |
| 5 | Kristi Townsend |
| 6 | Niki Sacks |
| 7 | Jaime Ramon |

OPTI - GREEN FLEET

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|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Ryan Shellow |
| 2 | Adam Incera |
| 3 | Robert Shellow |
| 4 | Benjamin Incera |
| 5 | Sean Arrington |



2nd ANNUAL CGSC COMMODORE'S CUP REGATTAS

Coconut Grove Sailing Club's 2nd Annual Commodore's Cup Regatta took place over two consecutive Saturday's, July 29 and August 5. The regatta is emblematic of the annual Club Championship for the year, as only CGSC Members are allowed to race. This year, the Regular Members raced PHRF and One Design boats July 29th while the Junior Members raced Lasers and Optimist Dinghies a week later. The Juniors had the better of both the weather and the competition as it turned out.

On the first weekend, the Seniors turned out five PHRF entries and six One Design entries to race under cloudy, threatening skies. The Race Committee set a windward-leeward, twice around course in relatively light winds. In the PHRF fleet, the Evelyn 32 *Jammin* sailed by Russ and Vicki Horn got off to a good start and maintained a narrow lead up the first windward leg in somewhat shifty conditions. Once around the weather mark, they legged it out a bit on the competition. In the meantime, the skies became more threatening, and it appeared very likely that a storm was coming. The Race Committee decided to shorten the race at the first leeward mark. *Jammin* was first to finish, followed by Pat Cacase's *Blackbird* and Commodore David Kurtz's *Goombay*. Randy Clee's *Dutch Treat* and David Berg's *Hot Air* rounded out the fleet.

Meanwhile, the One Designs started five minutes later. Ron Rostorfer's *Thistle* and Bill Johns' *Lightning* led the fleet off the line. Ron led, played the shifts and kept a loose cover on Bill up the windward leg. Then, downwind, Ron continued to lead, followed by Bill, with Ed Fry's, Susan Walcutt's and Henry Bernstein's *Flying Scots* next followed by Paco Calvet's *Sunfish*. They finished in that order.

After the finishes, conditions continued to deteriorate. The Race Committee decided to send the fleet in to await better conditions. Several of the boats enjoyed exciting rides back to the club in storm winds gusting to almost 20 knots. Unfortunately, conditions failed to improve during the next couple of hours, and further races were abandoned. On corrected time, Russ and Vicki Horn on *Jammin* were named the Commodore's Cup PHRF Champions. Pat Cacase on *Blackbird* narrowly took second by about eight seconds over David Kurtz's *Goombay*. while Ron Rostorfer, with wife Dottie and Simon Lloyd-James were the One Design winners by twelve seconds over Bill John's *Lightning*. Ed Fry bested the *Flying Scots* for third place.

The following Saturday, conditions couldn't have been better as five Lasers and 12 Opti's turned out for the Junior Championships. Winds were easterly in the low double digits under beautiful skies. The Lasers and older Opti sailors completed five races, most over a trapezoidal course to keep the two fleets from interfering with one another. One throw-out was allowed. For the youngest, Green Fleet, Opti's, four races were sailed with no throw outs.



Among the Lasers, David Hernandez won every race in the two boat Laser Full Rig fleet, besting Andrew Fox. However, the Commodore's Cup for Lasers was awarded to the winning boat in the three boat Laser Radial fleet. A. J. McLannan won every race, with Simon Lloyd-James second and Thomas Merker third.

In the biggest fleet of the Regatta, the Opti's, it was very close racing. Patrick Arrington started the day with two firsts, followed by two seconds and a throw out third. Meantime, Laura Hernandez scored 2-2-(3)-1-1 in a come-from-behind effort to achieve a tie for the lead with Patrick at 6 points. Laura won the tie-breaker based on scores in the last race, and was named the winner of the Commodore's Cup for Opti's. Brittany Zirulnick was third. In the Green Fleet, Ryan Shellow won all four races followed by Adam Incera with a one point margin over Robert Shellow.

The Race Committees were led by Wil Bourne as PRO for the regular Commodore's Cup and Ron Rostorfer for the Junior Commodore's Cup. There were many Race Committee volunteers who served admirably over the two weekends, including several parents for the Junior Regatta. Special thanks go to Jose Hernandez for his organizational and race management expertise in the Junior Regatta.

Congratulations to all the 2006 Commodore's Cup CGSC Club champions!



CGSC SUMMER SAILFEST WEEKEND

The 2006 edition of CGSC's Annual Summer Sailfest Weekend was an unqualified success, afloat and ashore. Over the August 12-13 weekend, the event included, as usual, the Single Handed Race on Saturday, the Race Committee Party Saturday night, and the Double Handed Race on Sunday.

Single Handed Race

Saturday's forecast was for 5 knots of breeze, so the single handed fleet of 16 boats were happy to see more wind than that before the start, and the breeze built to almost 10 knots during the race. In the eight boat PHRF Class, Mike Catalano's Melges 24 established an early lead over the windward-leeward, twice around course. His *Moving Party* was well ahead at the leeward mark, and went on to a win of almost five minutes over Skeet Perry's Thomas 40 *Echo*. Craig Setzer's Beneteau *Mistral* was third, about a minute and a half back. CGSC's Steve Perry aboard his new C&C 33 II *Pilgrim* was a close fourth.

In the One Designs, the two Etchells Class entrants, Tom Piper and Sharon Bourke blistered the course on elapsed time to finish first and second in that order. CGSC's Bud Price aboard the new to him Flying Scot *Air America* was a close third on corrected time, less than 40 seconds behind. Bud led three other Flying Scots to the finish, the first of which was Philip Messier, followed by Larry Whipple and Henry Bernstein. Another new boat in the CGSC fleet, Cathy Buller's Sunfish was just behind the Scots on corrected time. The boats were rated under the Portsmouth Handicap system.

There was discussion that evening about moving the Etchells boats in Sunday's Double Handed Race to PHRF. The Race Committee did a bit of rating research, and assigned the Etchells to the PHRF fleet on Sunday with a rating of 110, which worked out quite well.

The Party!

One of the great stories of the weekend was the band situation. A very good band had been lined up to play at the party for over two months. Then, the day before the party, they had to cancel due to a death in the band leader's family. With great help from CGSC's Brant Hadaway, who has his own band (which wasn't available) and knows a few others, we were put in touch with "Been There Done That." They were available, they came, and they blew our doors off! They were terrific. There was lots of dancing, singing, hand clapping and general merriment. The party was downstairs, so the atmosphere was casual and relatively cool.

When the band took a break, Ron Rostorfer and Wil Bourne, CGSC's Race Co-Chairmen, presented this year's Race Committee shirts to Committee members who were in attendance. In addition, four special awards were presented. Susan Schultz and Dennis Jansma were named Rookie's of the Year. Jo Ann Mathieu was given the "Ownership Award" for her scoring work. Finally, the MVP award went to Al Chapin for all his work on our equipment as well as Mark Boat Skipper for most of our races. Al was ill and couldn't attend. GET WELL, AL!



Pictures by
Cathy Buller

Double Handed Race

With additional entries in PHRF for Sunday, plus moving the Etchells to that fleet, there were 18 PHRF boats entered, causing the Race Committee to split the fleet into a PHRF 1 start and a PHRF 2 start, with One Design boats in the third start. The wind was a slower to develop than on Saturday, and a 25-minute postponement was necessary to allow the breeze to fill in – from almost the same south east direction as the day before.

Another windward-leeward, twice around course was signaled, but with longer legs than on Saturday. In the PHRF fleet, Tom Seghi's *Melges 24 Group Therapy* did a "horizon job" on the fleet, finishing over six minutes ahead of the Etchells *Victory* sailed by Tim Banks. Saturday's winner, *Moving Party* was third and Robert Bell's Etchells *Fathom This* was fourth. Turning in an outstanding performance among the PHRF 2 boats was Mark Milnes J-24 *Blah, Blah, Blah* to win the class and take 5th overall. Rick Jarchow's J-24 *African Prince* was a close second, and the J-22 *Hot Streak* sailed by Jane Anne and Mark Pincus corrected to third, ahead of Steve Perry's *Pilgrim*.

The One Designs were an all Flying Scot affair, except for Amaury Betancourt's pretty Cape Dory Typhoon. The all CGSC fleet was led by Bud Price again, with second going to Charlie Fowler, followed by Henry Bernstein, Larry Whipple and Ed Fry.

The Race Committee for the weekend consisted of Signal Boat owners Bill Beavers, *Finesse*, and Marc and Cathy Buller, *Otra Cuba Libre*. Ron Rostorfer was PRO. The Signal Boat crews consisted of Susan Schultz, Jo Ann Mathieu, Marvin Schenker and Tricia Reeder. The Mark Boat crew, for the first time in memory, was an all-female team, including Susan Walcutt, Cathy Buller and Dottie Rostorfer. Pin Boat crews were Jaime Ramon, Antonio Bejarano and Bernie Meier. Wil Bourne assisted with scoring on Saturday.



RESULTS

SINGLE HANDED RACE

PHRF:

1	Moving Party	Mike Catalano	Melges 24
2	Echo	Skeet Perry	Thomas 40
3	Mistral	Craig Setzer	Beneteau 35s5
4	Pilgrim	Steve Perry	C&C 33
5	Lickity Split	Albert Ivaldi	Erickson 32
6	Fatal Attraction	Bob Stout	J-24
7	Anastasia	David Wadle	Catalina 250
8	Picadilly Circus	Peter Wendschuh	Beneteau 35

ONE DESIGN

1	Tom Piper	Etchells
2	Sharon Bourke	Etchells
3	Bud Price	Flying Scot
4	Philip Messier	Flying Scot
5	Larry Whipple	Flying Scot
6	Henry Bernstein	Flying Scot
7	Cathy Buller	Sunfish
8	Gary Sisler	Westphal

DOUBLE HANDED RACE

PHRF 1

1	Group Therapy	Tom Seghi	Melges 24
2	Victory	Tim Banks	Etchells
3	Moving Party	Mike Catalano	Melges 24
4	Fathom This	Robert Bell	Etchells
5	Mistral	Craig Setzer	Beneteau 35s5
6	Shadowfax	Oliver Waite	J-29
7	John Deere	Sharon Bourke	Etchells
8	Pipe Dream XIV	Tom Piper	Tripp 33
9	Echo	Skeet Perry	Thomsa 40
10	Dutch Treat	Randy Clee	Evelyn 32

PHRF 2

1	Blah,Blah,Blah	Mark Milnes	J-24
2	African Prince	Rick Jarchow	J-24
3	Hot Streat	Mark Pincus	J-22
4	Pilgrim	Steve Perry	C&C 33
5	Lickety Split	Albert Ivaldi	Erickson 32
6	Blew BaYou	Kerry Gruson	Sonar 23
DNC	Picadilly Circus	Peter Wenschuh	Beneteau 35
DNC	Anasatasia	David Wadle	Catalina 250

ONE DESIGN

1	Bud Price	Flying Scot
2	Charles Fowler	Flying Scot
3	Henry Bernstein	Flying Scot
4	Larry Whipple	Flying Scot
5	Ed Fry	Flying Scot
DNF	Amaury Betancourt	CD Typhoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

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.

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

CGSC RACE COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for the September Race Committee meeting – Tuesday, September 12th right after Social Night.

The big Snipe Class Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships are coming up – Sunday thru Thursday, October 22-26. Contact Ron Rostorfer if you are available to assist on the Race Committee. 954-401-5335, ronsailon@comcast.net

The Sasaki alternative designs presentation for the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master plan is currently scheduled for mid July. 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.

BOOK REVIEW

Many of you CGSC members have long known that "sailing is habit-forming" and I recently read a book that proves this belief.

The book titled "**Caught by The Lure of the Sea**" gives the reader a glimpse of how a family of four bought the sailboat of their dreams in Ft. Lauderdale, and set out to visit the islands of the Caribbean. Author Lona Gray writes daily of her families experience in preparing for their trip, their adventures, and gives us all a short course in Boat Maintenance 101.

This is an easy book to read, and if you want to cruise in the Caribbean, it gives you good information about the anchorages available along the way. Her honest accounts of what went wrong; the spare parts you will need, and where you might find "qualified" boatman to do repairs, will help the cruising sailor. You'll find how they educated two teenager boys, and stayed sane living in small quarters.

If you read this account of the Gray's adventures aboard the sailing vessel Immanuel...you will know why they choose to make a circumnavigation and put 50,000 miles under the keel after doing their "shake down cruise" through the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to Trinidad & Tobago. They met priests and pirates and braved stormy seas to bring you a story you'll never forget.

This book is available through <amazon.com> for \$20.95. I recommend it for new sailors and the "old salts" too!

Deborah Mitchell



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Watch our beloved Canes
away games at the Club
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people you know.....

We will be serving wings and drink specials
during the game

First game is Saturday, September 16th at
3:30 against Louisville
Hope to see you there!

Donate Your Old Sails!

I am collecting unwanted sails to deliver to fishermen on the Northern shore of Haiti. They build their own sailboats and commonly fashion makeshift sails from old flour bags, clothing, and plastic bags. Donated sails in virtually any condition would be useful. The improved materials would 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@umiami.edu



Thank you,
Michael Carcaise
UM Sailing Team Member

It's that time again.... Annual Work Week End!

Dates: Sept. 23-24, 2006

Who: All members and friends of CGSC

What: Painting, Cleaning, Varnishing etc..

(just like a boat, but on land!)

When: 0800-1700 (or the paint runs out)

Wear: Old, comfortable clothes

(like on a boat, but they get dirtier)

Bring: Hammers, Hand tools, rags, ideas

(and a willingness to pitch in)

What's in it for you?

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Suggestions appreciated to the House Committee: vicecommodore@cgsc.org

**Launch service may not be available,
(You should be helping out anyway!)**

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

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.

FOR SALE: CGSC used B & W Lanier 7228 industrial office copier for sale. Great for home or small business. Collates, staples, front & back copies. "Cash and Carry" as is, \$300. OBO. Call Hugh at CGSC

Month 2

FLYING SCOT 4156 FOR SALE; fast hull, competitive sails, well maintained, it has all of the racing upgrades. The vang is adjustable at the helm, the spin halyard is led to the back and has a take up reel, spin sheets are under the seats, jib sheets are lead to seat blocks, and the pole downhaul is under the deck. This is a great boat for racing or just sailing to the sand bar etc. \$5500.00 call Bud Price 786 303 2921.

25' Cape Dory (1982). Excellent condition, sleeps 4, standing headroom, Yanmar diesel, bimini, many upgrades including sail covers, sails, roller furling genoa. Email Mayras1957@aol.com or 305 610 0988. Asking \$12,500.

Commercial Advertising is available for business use by calling the Club Office at (305) 444-4571.

Month 3

KAYAK: Perception Prism, 14'-2" plastic sit-on-top kayak with rudder, 2 storage hatches, Harmony Mariner paddle, adjustable padded seat, and small anchor w/ folding flukes; approx 7 years old; \$400 OBO - call Larry @ 305-663-9836 (evenings / leave message).

SNIPES FOR SALE OR RENT: Miami Snipe Fleet #7 (Chartered in 1932) Fleet is willing to help the new members to get fast and further develop their boat handling,

Classified Advertising Policy Classified advertising is for club members in good standing and is limited to personally owned items that are for sale. Ads will be run for 3 months and then will be dropped from the listing, unless the advertiser notifies the Editor to renew for another 3 months. Classified ads should be sent to cebranning@bellsouth.net. A classified ad can be pulled at any time by calling the Editor at (305) 661-2322 or sending an email to the above address.

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.

Social Membership

is available to City of Miami Residents and City of Miami Employees. This membership is valid Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2006 and is renewable on an annual basis. Please inquire at the club for details or call the office at 305-444-4571

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The initial registration period for the Snipe 2006 Western Hemisphere Championship October 22-26th is now closed. It looks like we are going to have a tremendous regatta. A record number of entries have been received. This will without a doubt be the largest and best WH&O championship in the 75-year history of the Snipe class, a record 9 countries will be participating including 3 women's teams, 3 junior teams as well as the men's champion teams from each of the major continents and island groups in the Western Hemisphere and Orient.

Time is fast approaching and we need your help. The immediate push is for housing. Most of the competitors, judges, and SCRIA representatives have requested housing, I am estimating we will need to find housing for 150 people from October 21-October 26th. Yeks! What did I get myself into—but I know the members of CGSC will come through and graciously open their homes or larger boats on the mooring. Please let me know if you can provide housing? If you have already made commitments to provide housing for anyone in the event, please let

me know that also. (We don't want to be counting on you only to find out that you have already promised a couch or a bed to someone). You can e-mail me at western_housing@bellsouth.net or call me at home 305-662-2370.

We also invite all the club members to come during the event and enjoy the social activities such as the Monday night opening ceremonies or the Wednesday night pig roast (RSVP required). Visit the official WH&O 2006 web page www.snipewho2006.org to see the complete schedule.

Haven't volunteered yet? want to get involved. Come on down and meet some of the top sailors in the world, hang old with and new friends--- I promise you will have fun and support CGSC in it's mission of promoting sailing on this beautiful bay of ours. Contact Lyn Fitzpatrick regatta_chair@bellsouth.net.

Thanks in advance
Kay Voss
Housing Chair



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