



COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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APRIL 2007

CORAL CUP WOMEN'S REGATTA

C GSC again hosted the annual Coral Cup Regatta for women skippers, this year on Sunday, March 4th. Coming on the morning following a cold front, the weather forecast was less than stellar – 30% rain chance, 70% cloud cover, cool, and 15-20 knots of North wind in the afternoon. Luckily, it didn't work out that way. It was sunny to partly cloudy, warm, and winds were generally in the 7-14 knot range. All in all, it was a great regatta.



Ten boats came out to contest this year's event. This included six PHRF boats, three Etchells and a Flying Scot – a pretty good turnout. The PHRF and one-design fleets were each split in two due to the

great speed differences across both fleets. Faster PHRF boats and the Etchells sailed the longer windward-leeward course, while the slower PHRF boats and the Flying Scot sailed the short course. All three races were twice around.

CGSC boats in the regatta included Goombay, the J-27 sailed by Regatta Chair and Biscayne Bay women's racing sparkplug Anita Hansen, Finesse, the Tartan 34 sailed by Audrey James, Clare Hamm sailed their Morgan 34 Hammertime, and Margaritaville, the Flying Scot, was sailed by

Susan Walcutt.

In the PHRF fast boat division, Gold Fleet "A," Cindy Saunders in Moving Party, a Melges 24, won the first two races over Goombay, but the winning

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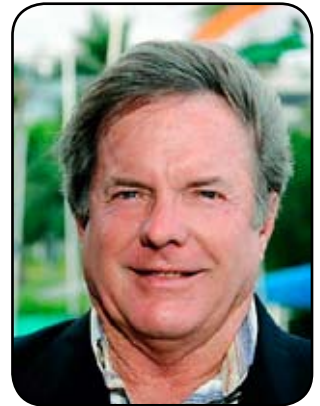
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Cover photo by Charlie Rahn; the UM sailing team competing in a collegiate regatta at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Marc Sarnoff, City of Miami District Two Commissioner, has been in touch to discuss the future of the club. As details evolve, the club will post them on the website and/or send out e-mail to the membership. The Board of Directors has selected the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Marc Buller, and the Public Relations Chairman, Alyn Pruett, to represent the club in discussions with Commissioner Sarnoff and the city of Miami. As of March 11, 2007, a follow up meeting had been scheduled, but was cancelled and has not yet been rescheduled.



The coming months are important for the future of the club. The Board of Directors will select the members for the nominating committee. This committee will nominate the Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and three new members for the Board. Anyone interested in serving in the coming year (July to June), being a member of a committee, or chairing a committee, please contact the club. We currently have a good Board and Bridge. Let's keep the leadership strong and responsive to the membership and the community.

The finance committee will start building the new budget for 2007-08 in early March. If you have anything that needs funding, please contact the Treasurer.

There are some fun races to participate in coming in May. CGSC will host the 37th C-Gull Cup on Saturday, May 5. Originally exclusively for women sailors, for the past few years the only requirement is a female be on the helm. The rest of the crew can be any mix of males and females. This is a great opportunity for the ladies to come out and tell the men what to do!! Check the website at <http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-coralcup> or contact Anita Hansen at coralcup@bellsouth.net for details. There will be a fun Race on May 19, 2007, to benefit youth sailing programs. Details to follow.

Volunteers will be needed for the Florida State Opti Championship April 14 and 15. Contact the Club Manager (manager@CGSC.org) for more information. Parking at the club that weekend will be limited, since there could be up to 175 children sailing in this regatta.

No word yet on the property tax appeal. We will keep you informed.

The pump out station on the main dock has been repaired and is available to service your needs.

If you have not been down to the club recently to have lunch or dinner, make a point to do so. Our new chef, Peter, is doing a great job of putting out varied and quality meals. Yummy!

David Kurtz, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we come to the end of the Club's fiscal year, there is business to be finished. Next month, the finance committee will prepare the budget for next year. I look forward to presenting a budget that meets the goals of our Club.

The nominating committee will also begin their meetings. Anyone who is interested in serving as an officer or board member, please make your intent known to the Board: (board@cgsc.org)

I am just about finished updating the 5 year plan. This set of guidelines is the blue print for the Club's future. A copy will be available for your review prior to the Annual meeting. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Speaking of plans, the waterfront master plan continues its process. There has been a lot of input from all the stakeholders, as part of the waterfront community; we look forward to working with the City. The Commodore has recently met with City Commissioner Sarnoff. He says the meeting went well, but is just the beginning to any long term plans.



*Marc Buller,
Vice Commodore*

U.S. SAILING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

For the 7th year in a row the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is hosting a U.S. Sailing Instructor Certification course. US Sailing is the national governing body for sailing and provides training for all levels of instruction.

While the driving purpose for having the course here is to train our club instructors without having to make them travel, many club members have taken the opportunity to increase their knowledge. People come from all over the US to take the course. We have had them from as far as Wyoming and the State of Washington.

The course will be taught here at the club on 2 consecutive weekends, March 31, April 1, 7 and 8. It is a dynamic 40 hour course. Candidates must show their skills sailing small centerboard boats and handling a motor boat. While there is instruction and some time to polish your skills you must be reasonably competent at both of these skills to do well in the course. The course also covers knot tying and basic seamanship. There is a lot of time spent covering teaching and coaching techniques. Students who study before the course do the best.

When I took it I found that I learned a lot about sailing and tremendous amounts about the skill of teaching and coaching. I highly recommend it.

You sign up directly with US Sailing on line, not here at the club. If you have any questions please contact the Sailing Director, Nick, or myself.

Bud Price

EASTER EGG HUNT AND COOKOUT

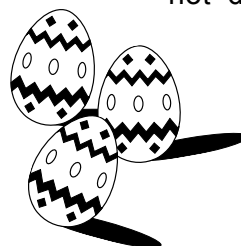
The Easter Bunny told me he'll be hiding some eggs all around the club for a Children's Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 7th.

He also said he'll allow the children age 5 and below a 10 min. head start before the older children get to take to the lawn in search of their treasures.

The Egg hunt will start precisely at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 7th (the day before Easter) with eggs hidden on the lawn and below decks. I even hear the Easter Bunny himself may make an appearance!

Reservations are not required, but donated dyed eggs or candy filled plastic eggs are requested the Thursday before. Mr. Bunny recommends a doz. for each child attending.

The event will be followed by an informal (kid friendly) hot dog / hamburger BBQ below decks for only \$3.95 p/meal.



Please call the club office for more information or details.



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margin decreased each time. Finally, in the third race, Goombay was substantially closer to the faster rated Melges, and when the spray settled, the two boats tied on corrected time – right to the second!

In Gold Fleet “B,” Tamsin Maund in Hot Streak, a J-22, put on an absolute clinic, winning each race by a large margin, both on elapsed and corrected time. Audrey James and Finesse posted a 3-2-2 series for second place, and Kerry Gruson’s Sonar bested Hammertime by a point for third.

In the Silver Fleet “A” group, the three Etchells enjoyed very close racing all day long. It was spectacular to watch. Angie Vernon eventually won the class with a 1-1-3 series. Pat Stadel had a consistent 2-2-2 series to finish one point behind Angie, and Sharon Bourke was only one point back of Pat.

Margaritaville, as the only Silver “B” boat, and the only center boarder in the fleet, sailed the

short course with no competition in class, but Susan Walcutt and crew sailed the boat very well, and likely would have prevailed over other boats had there been any. In



fact, her corrected times would have put the Scot in either a second or close third among the Gold “B” fleet, which sailed the same course.

The Coral Cup Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Gold Fleet boat with the lowest combined corrected time. This year, because of the Gold “A” and “B” classes, the Trophy was awarded jointly



Leeward mark rounding.

Susan Walcutt and Jean Anne Davis, Silver B First Place

to Cindy Saunders for the “A” division, and Tamsin Maund for the “B” division.

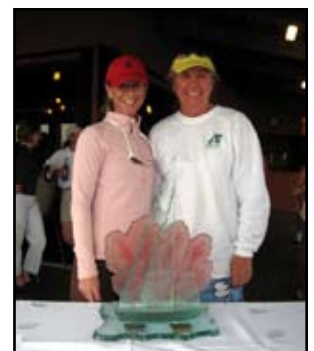
The CGSC Race Committee had to contend with very substantial wind shifts in the wake of the cold front.

What started out at about 330 degrees worked all the way around to about 070, and then back to 035 as the day wore on. Course changes were signaled in two of the three races to keep the course as square as possible to the shifting breeze.

The RC did a fine job getting quality races off on schedule, and got a big round of applause at the trophy presentation upstairs at the Club that afternoon. The Signal Boat for the regatta was Bill Stites’ Nonsuch 30. Joining Bill on board were PRO Ron Rostorfer, ace recorder and scorer Jo Ann Mathieu, a new talent – nautical author Hewitt Schlereth, Jose Torres, Sally Duddy and 12 year old Eilika Podack, whose family are new members of the Club. Up to weather it was Geoff Sutcliffe and Dottie Rostorfer. The Pin Boat crew was Jaime Ramon and Jim Waldron. Thanks to all for a great job!



Angie Vernon, Silver A First Place



Tasmin Maund and Cindy Saunders, Gold Fleet and Coral Cup Perpetual Winners

CORAL CUP RESULTS

GOLD FLEET A	PLACE	YACHT	SKIPPER	BOAT TYPE
	1	Moving Party	Cindy Saunders	Melges 24
	2	Goombay	Anita Hansen	J27
GOLD FLEET B				
	1	Hot Streak	Tamsin Haund	J22
	2	Finesse	Audrey James	artan
	3	Blew BaYOU	Kerry Gruson	Sonar 23 (NS)
	4	Hammertime	Clare Hamm	Morgan 34
SILVER FLEET A				
	1	USA 1065	Angie Vernon	Etchells
	2	Triskaidekaphobia	Pat Stadel	Etchells
	3	John Deere	Sharon Bourke	Etchells
SILBER FLEET B				
	1	Margaritaville	Susan Walcutt	Flying Scot

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Effective December 31, 2006, all Social Memberships expired. The Finance Committee announced it would be increasing the cost from \$50. to \$100. per year to have this coincide with the Fiscal Year, which all other club accounts are on.

To make for a smoother transition for the members, it was decided that \$50. would be charged from Jan. 1, 2007 until June 30, 2007 (6 months). On July 1, 2007, CGSC would charge a \$100. fee, good for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 (1 year) - renewable yearly by July 1st.

CGSC offered the month of January as a grace period and many social members have already renewed. However, if you have not, your privileges have been suspended until which time you contact the office and renew your membership. This can only be done during regular office business hours. The bartenders are not empowered to renew your membership.

What do you get as a Social Member?

- Access to the club's lounge and food services.
- Ability to rent club facilities for private functions - meetings, parties, BBQ's.
- Ability to bring and entertain guest at the club.
- May attend any, and all club social events.
- Delivery by mail of our monthly newsletter "The Channel".
- Discounts on sailing classes.
- Membership in a premier sailing club in a premier sailing location.

Your only limitation is water usage - boat mooring, dry boat storage or launching and parking. If you desire a waterfront location with a great view, good food and a fun relaxed staff - renew now and encourage your friends to join as well

Sea Scout Ship 1946 - Monthly Update

Sea Scout Ship 1946 is up and running – we've been busy introducing prospective members to the adventure of Sea Scouting, we are planning for upcoming events, and occasionally we get to go sailing. We're also working with the South Florida Council's long range planning committee, to establish a goal of having a SoFla team win the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup.

The Sea Scout Cup is an international biennial regatta in which Sea Scouts compete in double-handed dinghy racing – it's the premier event in Sea Scouting, with a trophy to match. In July 2008, Sea Scouts from around the world will be heading to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis - the host for the Fourth Annual William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. This five-day, youth sailing regatta is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are actively registered in the Sea Scout program. Teams from the United States and 20 countries will test their seamanship and leadership skills as they race Vanguard 420's.

The 2008 Sea Scout Cup regatta will be held at the Naval Academy's Robert Crown Sailing Center. It's a wonderful opportunity, and it will probably bring out some of the best young sailors in the country. The Naval Academy has consistently produced one of the best intercollegiate sailing programs in the country, with a long history of turning out collegiate All-Americans, College Sailors of the Year, Olympians, and America's Cup sailors.

We've already started working toward our goal of bringing that beautiful trophy home to the "Sailboat Racing Capital of America". Of course, training for the Sea Scout Cup regatta will require a lot of work by Sea Scouts who set their sights on going to Annapolis. That sounds like a long time from now, but the regional qualifier regatta is only 8 months away – so, the heat is on to get our SoFla teams ready.

For more information about the Sea Scout Cup, go to <https://seascoutcup.org/asp/Home.asp>. And, if you know someone who might be interested in joining Sea Scouts, please contact me.

Larry Arrington
ufgators4ever@bellsouth.net

2007 PINEAPPLE CUP MONTEGO BAY RACE

Ft. Lauderdale to Jamaica

This year's Pineapple Cup Race to Montego Bay, Jamaica got underway on Friday, February 16th under overcast skies with occasional light showers. This biennial 811 mile classic passes through the Bahamas, south past "Mira Por Vos" to the Windward Passage between Haiti and Cuba, and then downwind in the trades to Jamaica. It is frequently called "ocean racing's most complete test."

Going back to 1961, some of the most famous ocean racing boats in history have been associated with this race. These include *Escapade*, *Kialoa*, *Tenacious*, *Ticonderoga* and *Windward Passage*, to name a few. Boats from Biscayne Bay have known success here, including overall wins by Sennett Duttenhofer's *Man-O-War* from BBYC in 1985, and Stuart Hebb's *Thin Ice* from CRYC in the last race – 2005. In fact, *Thin Ice* holds the overall corrected time record for the race.

There were no CGSC boats in this year's race, but several have sailed in the past. These include Bill Beavers' *Finesse*, Art Auwaerter's *Samurai*, and John Martin's *Scirocco*. Maybe next time!

This year's fleet was small in number, with 20 entrants, but large in boat size. IRC Class A consisted of seven boats at 66 feet or longer. IRC Class B included two Transpac 52's, *IMP*, the well known old IOR boat, and *The Cone of Silence*, smallest boat in the fleet by far at just 30 feet, but rating in mid-class. Now that's fast! Finally, there was the seven boat PHRF fleet which again included *Thin Ice* from up the street.

No records were set this year, but it was still a great race. The overall winner of the Pineapple Cup was the J-120 *Carinthia*, with *The Cone of Silence* less than 30 minutes back after over three and a half days of racing. *Captivity*, a 76 foot custom sloop was dismasted in heavy air and put into Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Ron Rostorfer

Got Crew?? - the Reichel/Pugh 66 foot Blue Yankee prepares to start. The off-watch was sleeping below!



Queen of the Fleet! Bon Bon, at 81 feet, the biggest boat in the race. Is that an ant on the foredeck or a guy? She was sailed by a crew from Mass. Maritime Academy.



Blue, an ID 48 shows good speed off the starting line.



You can buy the boat, but you can't buy a good spinnaker set! Harrier, the 77 foot Reichel/Pugh design, tears their chute just after the start.

Sailing Director

Hello All,

Here's what's going on in the clubs sailing world. By the time this gets to you we will have said our goodbyes to Clay Burkhalter and his trusted steed Acadia (his J boat). Clay has made arrangements to have his boat shipped to France to begin practicing for his upcoming races, the biggest being the Mini-Transat which starts in September. Clay has expressed to me how much he has appreciated the hospitality of CGSC and all the people he has met as well as all the support we've given him over the past 6 weeks. I hope everyone was able to attend his lecture/ presentation that he gave back in February for it was great, both informative and fun. CGSC has also arranged to do a small fundraiser for him in March to help him with his campaign. If anyone is interested in following Team Acadia's progress you may do so by going to his website at www.teamacadia.org.

The Rotary Club of Coconut Grove will be having their spring break camp during the first week of April. The dates of that are April 2nd, 3rd and 4th with the regatta on the 5th. So far we have 3 different private schools participating, Ransom-Everglades, St. Stephens and Carrolton as well as our own Green Fleet (my money is on them to take a first overall). Ron Rostorfer

and his renowned race committee will be overseeing the final day of races and will provide all scoring and logistical support (thanks Ron) for the event. All participants will receive some type of award and be treated to a post race barbeque when all is said and done.

All of our other programs, MDCPS, Ransom-Everglades, Saint Stephens, Youth learn to sail, Green Fleet and adult programs are still plugging along and doing extremely well.

Last but not least, let's not forget about the Florida State Optimist Championships to be hosted here at CGSC. It should prove to be a wonderful event that should generate lots of activity and fun. In case you are wondering when? They are the 14th and 15th of April

OOps, don't forget that past commodore Bud price is offering A US Sailing level 1 instructor course the first two weekends in April, you can go to US Sailings website for more information or to register at www.ussailing.org.

That's all for now

Tight Lines

NickMansbach
Sailing Director

Upcoming Cruising and Rendezvous Events

**Friday, April 20th Potluck Dinner
and Cruising & Rendezvous Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Bring a Dish to Share

Rum Punch Provided

Spend the night at the dock or on your mooring



Saturday, Sunday April 28th and 29th

**Elliot Key "Traditional" Rendezvous
hosted by JoAn Pszenny and Karen Young**

Sail down, motor down, bring someone without a boat,

Camping available on the key.

Bean Soup, Shrimp Boil Rum Punch Provided

For more info contact jbpmom@aol.com or 786-564-5937.

Saturday May 13th

**Annual Rendezvous at the Club
hosted by Rear Commodore Charlie Rahn**

More details to follow

ROLEX MIAMI OCR FOLLOW-UP

For the Rolex Miami Olympic Classes Regatta (reported last month), CGSC ran Course Bravo for the RS:X Olympic Sailboards, and also hosted this fleet at the Club.

It's important to note that scores for each race were communicated directly from our on-the-water Signal Boat to OCR headquarters via wireless phone cards donated by Sprint Wireless. A total of seven free wireless cards were provided free of charge by Sprint Wireless. This is the future of the scoring aspects of race management on the Bay and elsewhere.

Biscayne National Park Discovery Series at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

April 11, 2007 Reef Fish: Here and There, Then and Now

Presented by Todd Kellison, National Marine Fisheries Service

We've all heard old timers talking about the way things used to be, those stories about what fishing was like in the "good old days," and how much better the fishing was here or there. Is there any truth to those stories, or are they just whale tales? Join Dr. Todd Kellison, a NOAA Research Fishery Biologist, for a look at changing fish populations in Biscayne National Park and nearby areas.

Cruising and Rendezvous Report

Pot lucks are making a comeback at the club. We've had some great dinners prepared by members of the club on Tuesday Social nights (sign up at the bar to bring your favorite dish to share) and our March C&R meeting included a potluck/planning session which fueled some great discussion and helped us finalize our departure date for the Abacos and our Elliot Key Rendezvous. It carried over into a dockside rendezvous and nightcap potluck with beef stew and homemade bread provided by late arrivals Richard and Jeanne Trent.

First off, Jo-An Pszeny and Karen Young have volunteered to host the Elliot Key Rendezvous on April 28th and 29th. We will be celebrating some of the traditions of previous Annual Rendezvous that the club has celebrated in the past including 15 (or is it 20!) Bean Soup, Shrimp Boil, bonfire and camping on the island. We are looking for volunteers to take people who don't have boats but want to sail down and camp out. Bring meat and veggies to grill, we'll provide the shrimp, beans and rum punch! Also members who own power boats and are willing to carry extra goods or provide launch service to non dinghy owners are more than welcome.

Our departure date for the Abacos has been set for on or about May 19th. Hopefully we can coordinate staggered departure times so that folks can travel together on the long crossings. This proved to be an asset in the past crossings. It's always nice to have a visible sail or light to keep you company in the middle of the night and a familiar voice on the radio. Our ever popular Nipper's Rendezvous on Guana will be held Sunday, May 27th, at their weekly pig roast. Consider flying over for the weekend to join us! Other popular stops will include Powell Cay, Allens Pennsacola (bring an article or sign to leave behind), Miss Emily's Blue Bee Bar (queen of the goombay smash) and Hopetown Harbor. I'm sure this year we'll add a few more spots to add to our list of favorites.

On Saturday, March 10th we had a light downwind sail to Gilbert's in Key Largo. Richard and Audrey on A Needa Margarita made their first voyage through the Card Sound Bridge and brought lots of attention to the dock at Gilbert's. Espirit docked behind them, followed up by Island Dream. Intuition held court in the anchorage and provided a backdrop for our sunset pictures over Blackwater Sound. Social members Jan and Roger Treese arrived by land and joined us for a brainwashing session on the values of owning another sailboat. It took them almost as long to drive as it did for us to sail. We had another dockside potluck barbecue and then headed for the Tiki bar to dance. The band was actually pretty good and we got everyone up on their feet to dance. Sunday morning dawned with a northeast wind so you know what that means. On the nose most of the way





back. The discussion of the day on Effortless was, how can we install a dodger on this boat! Cathy Buller, who was traveling with us, provided some helpful information. In all it was a great trip. We met several NonSuch boats along the way home, who apparently were returning from a Northern Rendezvous and were on their way back to Upper keys Sailing club.

Our next C&R meeting will be Friday, April 20th. Again, it will be a potluck, so bring a dish and cruising story to share and plan to spend the night on your boat! In preparation for this meeting we are all working up our own itinerary for the Abacos trip to start to coordinate groups who may want to visit certain areas. Look for emails with more information during the month.

See you on the water or at the club
Janice and Alyn



Moorings Committee

We were down to 150+ moored boats after the 2006 storms and their associated problems, but are now back up to 180 and growing; this surely helps pay bills.

The Moorings Regulation and Lease Agreement have recently undergone some changes which we all need to be familiar with and then sign the new Lease Agreement. COPIES MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE.

1) Both documents are very explicit concerning what happens if boats are left at the moorings after evacuations are called: **THE OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO RELINQUISH THEIR MOORINGS FOR ONE (1) YEAR.**
2) Reference is made to an ad hoc Moorings Evacuation Committee headed by the Commodore and to include the Vice Commodore, Manager, Dock Master (ex officio), Moorings Chairman and Weather Advisers. This committee will assess approaching storms/hurricanes and publicize when Moorings Evacuations will take place and the Club secured for potential storm/hurricane threats. This process is much the same as that used by other Biscayne Bay clubs and is necessitated by NOAA having changed their procedure whereby they now sometimes declare a storm a hurricane, or hurricane threat, before it becomes one. This contrasts to the old way of progressing from Watch to Warning, then to a Hurricane. We know of no better way to do this, but know that we cannot leave boats at the CGSC during hurricanes.

These changes were put in place to insure the survival of the CGSC, its boats, building, property and reputation with the City, and to limit insurance cancellations and problems. The one-year mooring relinquishment is actually not that different time-wise from what has historically happened to boats left on the moorings during hurricanes, i.e., the probability of such boats being severely damaged is very high and many never return, after a year or otherwise. There is really no excuse for leaving boats in danger here in the eye of hurricane threats as there are much more safer places to go; it requires planning, preparation and implementation, is simply part of keeping a boat on the water here, and is not that difficult.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE HURRICANE PLANS FOR YOUR BOAT, including lining up help, acquiring ground tackle (three (3) large anchors are needed - NO WIMPY ANCHORS PLEASE), and becoming familiar with the safe harbor sites. PLEASE DO NOT GET CAUGHT UNAWARE AND UNPREPARED. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO, OR HAVE DONE, AND HOW TO GET IT ACCOMPLISHED. Again, there is really no excuse for arguing with or ignoring hurricanes; it's much like walking in front of trains or large trucks, etc. It is necessary to visit the sites with your boat to know how to get there easily, depth and type holding ground, anchors to use, etc. Some folks make plans to have their boats up the Miami River, in protected canal spots behind houses, Indiantown, home on trailers, etc.; however, for most of us it comes to four local sites:

1) West of Star Island: 3 bridges N of CGSC: Rickenbacker,

Dodge Island, McArthur, then right past the Miami Yacht Club to the Flagler Memorial and right. Use three (3) anchors 120 degrees apart off the bow with 10:1 maximum scope.

2) Marine Stadium: Thru Rickenbacker and right to out from the stadium bleachers and Rowing Club. Use three (3) anchors 120 degrees apart off the bow with 10:1 maximum scope.

3) No Name Harbor - Key Biscayne - Bill Baggs State Park.

4) Coral Gables Waterway mangroves: S past Four Way Channel and into the Waterway: 1st left to the end. This is a preferred spot for many, but it pays to go early as it gets crowded; **FOUR RULES APPLY:** 1- Do not anchor nor attach lines across canals unless they are COMPLETELY weighted (kelleted) to the bottom. 2- Do not tie up to private property. 3- Do not attach to mangrove trunks, but walking anchors well into the mangrove roots is O.K. 4- Everyone is responsible for damages they cause. Method: nose the boat near the mangroves but afloat, walk anchors into the mangroves, then angle crossed stern anchors to hold the boat out from the mangroves in case of surge. **Note: These canals are scoured clean by tidal current and offer poor holding. Heavy kellets and large stern anchors are needed.**

The CGSC will endeavor to provide transport to and from the sites as needed; we will need volunteers. More specifics on all this next time but please make arrangements with helpful friends for hurricane season. **Hurricane Preparedness Classes will be announced soon.** Please make sure your boat tanks, fuel and filters are clean and the engine is reliable. This means that it must be run at least monthly, the battery kept up and the propeller clean.

Please ask the Moorings Committee questions if you need to. The Dock Masters have their own chores, now and at hurricane time, so let them be and direct questions, e-mails, calls or see us at the CGSC. It gets easier once we get into it.

Sail often friends,
Bill Beavers, Dr. Phil Kellett, Vladimir Stroleny -
Moorings Committee



USSailing Race Officer Training & Certification Program

Basic Race Management Seminar

Hosted by: Shake A Leg Miami and Flat Earth Racing
At
Shake A Leg Miami
2620 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

Saturday, March 31, 2007

This seminar is hosted by Shake A Leg Miami and Flat Earth Racing and is for people with some race management who wish to become certified by USSailing as race officers.

The lead instructor for this seminar is Jack King. He is a USSailing Regional Race Officer and Judge, and is a certified instructor.

To prepare for the seminar each participant should answer the Basic Study Questions, which are available on the USSailing web site at:
www.ussailing.org/racemgt/race_officer_prog/course_materials.asp

At the seminar you will need your own copy of the current *Racing Rules Of Sailing*.

The Club Race Officer Certification test will be given at the conclusion of the seminar. Taking the test is optional. However, in order to be certified as a USSailing Club Race Officer, you must attend a complete seminar and pass the test. You also must be a member of USSailing, own a copy of the current USSailing Race Management Handbook and meet the program's other criteria..

The seminar fee is \$40. for USSailing members and \$70. for non members, and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. You may register online at www.ussailing.org/calendar/schedule.

The seminar starts at 0800 and will be in the second floor classroom at Shake A Leg Miami.

For more information contact Jack King at 305.975.4701 or saintjack45@hotmail.com.



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Contact: Cliff Harrison, 305-301-9034 or Sheldon Dobkin, 305-666-6024 for additional information and registration, or check Website: www.flotilla65.org. There is a nominal charge for the program which includes:

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Boat highway signs	Rules of the road	Inland boating
Weather for boating	Navigation intro	Powering your boat
Boat's radio	Knot tying	And much more!

Racing Schedule – March - April 2007

Sunday, March 4	<u>Coral Cup Regatta – CGSC</u>
Thurs-Sun, March 8-11	Miami Race Week, Miami Beach Marina – Premiere Racing
Fri-Sun, March 16-18	<u>Snipe Don Q Regatta – CGSC</u>
Saturday, March 24	<u>BBYRA PHRF #4 – CGSC</u>
Sunday, March 25 – BBYC	BBYRA OD #4
Mon-Thurs, April 2-5	<u>Rotary Club Spring Break Regatta-CGSC</u>
Sat-Sun, April 14-15	<u>Florida State Opti Championships –CGSC</u>
Saturday, April 28	BBYRA PHRF#5 – BBYC Sunburn Regatta
Sunday, April 29	BBYRA OD#5 – BBYC Sunburn Regatta
Saturday, May 5	<u>C-Gull Cup Regatta - CGSC</u>

ADULT SAILING REPORT

On the weekend of March 10-11, we conducted a very successful Adult Learn-to-Sail course, which is a US Sailing Level 1 dinghy course, taught on our updated SunFish fleet. Thanks to our new sailing director, Nick Mansbach our Adult Learn-to-Sail program is once again alive and healthy. Special thanks to the two coaches that served during this course which were Bob Van Eck (Saturday) and Charles Branning (Sunday). Not only did they operate our safety boats they also provided valuable coaching and teaching assistance during the class.

Weather conditions for this class were OK on Saturday, but very borderline on Sunday due to increased windspeeds. This class was really challenged by the wind conditions but came through with smiles and wanting to know what the next step was that we could offer them. They were also a very cohesive class that had fun together and worked closely to de-rig, clean and store the boats and equipment after an exhaustive day on the water.

If you have interest in helping with our Adult Program as a coach, please contact Nick Mansbach at the club at extension 11. Thanks for everyone's support of our important community effort to provide sailing lessons to adults.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Your Adult Training Committee



Thursday is Steak Night!

Let Chefs Peter and Charlie prepare you a
8 oz New York Strip Cooked to Order
served with
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and
Vegetable DuJour.

**Only \$12.00 plus tax
while they last**

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

Whether at the Club's Landside Rendezvous or just
a free spirit.

Join us
for a Mother's Day Luncheon Buffet
Sunday, May 13th at 12 noon.

A selection of salads, entrees and desserts will be
offered.

Limited Seating and Reservations / Cancellations
Required by May 9th to avoid an automatic charge.

Cost shall be \$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 for children
between 3 and 12, children under 3 free.

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MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Monday, May 28th (1-5 pm)

BBQ Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and
Watermelon. We'll throw in a free keg of Beer.

All below decks, offering games for the kids.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

Only \$11.95 p/adult
Children under 12- \$5.9
Children under 3 - free

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On the weekend of April 13-15, CGSC will host the Florida
State Opti Championship. We anticipate between 150-200
boats [powered by wind, sail and 9 year olds!]

Between participants, parents and siblings we anticipate
250-400 attendees that we will entertain, feed and offer a
great weekend time on Biscayne Bay.

This is a state championship that we're honored to host.
If you can lend a few hours, here and there to make this a
great success for both CGSC and the kids involved, we'd
love to hear from you.

Please call the club office and tell us how you can help
with registration, landside organization, first aid, canteen
service, parking control, etc. We're not asking for a lifetime
commitment, just an hour or so over the weekend.

If you can't give time as a volunteer, come on down and
cheer for the kids.

From the Manager . .

Over the last year, I've promised changes in our menu. It's easy for me to sit down and write up a list of new selections. But, it's more important that we have the staff that can consistently produce these selections. I now feel we've reached that point and I apologize for the long delay.



Over the last few months, the kitchen has offered various specials, at reduced introductory prices to determine the likes of the members, I.e.: French Onion soup, homemade Crab Cakes (Fantastic!), more substantial

burgers. The response has been great! We now have a great culinary team lead by Chef Peter and Charlie and it's time to formalize the selections into a new menu. The new menu will appear mid April and I think you'll like the changes.

HUGH'S Q&A

Q. Why doesn't CGSC rent boats? Where can I go to rent one.

A. Currently, our lease does not allow the renting of boats. Further, our insurance may not cover independent boat rentals since we are a private entity catering to club members who own their own vessels. I don't think any venue will offer sailboats for lease unless you can prove or demonstrate your sailing ability. You might inquire at "Shake-A-Leg" or "Castle Harbor". They may be able to assist you.

Q, I remember when the club use to have monthly or holiday parties or specials - Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, etc. Now nothing! Why not?

A. Regretfully, I'll have to take credit for allot of this. The first year is always the hardest for a new manager, not knowing what the club's history is. The club's entertainment chairperson changes yearly as well. The Board has asked me to get more involved in yearly club activities - and I will. Please look for announcements in the "Channel" and posters on property. If you have some insight on past holidays and traditions we should continue, please let me know.

If you have concerns, issues or suggestions please see me or leave your comments in the suggestion box in the lounge. Thanks

Hugh

However, there's always catch. It's been over two years since CGSC has raised food and liquor prices to the members. Unfortunately, our suppliers have increased cost considerably over this time and we've absorbed them.

I promise to keep prices within reason and where possible cheaper than on the open market, but please anticipate some increases. The only other option would be to lower our standards or restrict the menu down to burgers, hotdogs and Pizza (Yuk!) and I don't think that would appeal to anyone.

On the bar side, We will soon be beginning weekly drink specials. So look for those as well.

I hope you like and enjoy the changes.

We'll talk again next month.

Hugh



DID YOU KNOW?

- Every Tuesday is Social Night! Volunteer members prepare and bring in a light one course dinner. The only cost for the meal is good ole sailing club comraderier. Bring a friend or make new ones every Tuesday. If you'd like to display your culinary skills and contribute, sign up in the lounge.

- Wednesdays have become "Movie Night". Our Bartender Lisa selects a DVD to entertain you and offers wonderful dinner and bar service.

- Every Thursday night we offer a limited menu boasting a special 8oz NY Strip streak (cooked to order) served with a potato and vegetable for only \$12.00 - What a Deal!

- Friday nights are humming at the club. Each week the crowds get bigger filling the bar and deck in anticipation of our weekend specials - both in food and cocktails. Hector and Samantha (Sam) will take care of your weekend needs to insure your weekend gets off to a great start!

Utilize the services of the club and if you have suggestions on how we might improve, let us know.

Americas Cup on TV

Versus (formerly the Outdoor Life Network OLD) will set sail Apr 16 on linear and online coverage of the America's Cup yachting competition.

VERSUS.com will provide fans with 24-hour access to race information, including video clips and sailing features.

CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

2005 CATALINA 25', 250k wing keel, bimini, gps, vhf, compass, 9.8hp, sleeps 4, cushion pkg, canvas pkg, roller furling, enclosed head, enclosed poptop, stove, davidwadle@hotmail.com, reduced \$26,500, 305-989-0063.

For Sale 2007 21' Com-pac Yacht sailing sloop "eclipse sl" custom trailer - spare tire - red spinnaker - 5 hp 4 cycle honda outboard engine - centerboard - kickup rudder - great for biscayne bay - custom bimini top - 2 coats pettit bottom paint - mast raising kit - lifting rings - new condition - must move in may - \$24,747 - save thousands from new - tom - cell 617 257 0195

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Month 2

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Month 3

Meade 90mm (3.5") Altazimuth Refracting Telescope, Model 390, excellent condition, lense F=1000, D=90mm, f11, for astronomical or terrestrial use, mount and tripod included, asking \$350.00. Call 305-979-1955

For Sale - U-Line Wine Captain (34 1/8"H x 24"W x 23 1/4 D), Model ULN-75BWC-00 holds 48 bottles and has 3 temperature zones for red, white and sparkling wines. Interior light. Black trim. Canted wine racks. Stand alone or under-counter use. Owner's manual. Approx. 115 lbs. Perfect condition. price \$600 (50% off the original price of \$1,200) call 305-979-1955

SAILBOAT EQUIPMENT FOR SALE from s/v Rainbow, lost in Wilma. Ratheon Radar and leveler mount. Still in Box, never installed 1/2 price. New Bimini Top and frame, 72 inches wide; 25# CQR, 25# Danforth type anchor; #32 Barriant and Lewmar winches; 4 almost new marine deep cycle house batteries (kept on charger). Isolation transformer, SSB Radio, teak, & more. Call 305-661-7729 or e-mail LBBeatsIRS@aol.com
Wanted - I'm also looking to buy a two-person kayak.

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

WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY Club Closed - Office is open 9-5.

TUESDAY Lounge opens at 4 pm

WEDNESDAY Lounge opens for cocktails only,
from noon - 2 pm then again at 4 pm.

Dinner menu available at 5 pm.

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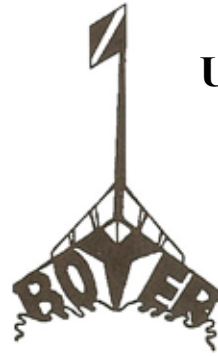


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International Sailor Clay Burkhalter

Coconut Grove Sailing Club was proud to extend our hospitality to an international sailor who came to Miami to train in the nations top sailing waters. Clay Burkhalter will soon to take part in the 2007 Mini-Transat, racing his 21 foot mono-hull, solo from France to Brazil.

Clay spoke to members and guest on Tuesday, February 20 following a traditional CGSC Social Night dinner of New Orleans style Jambalaya prepared by the club... He shared some of his experiences with CGSC members and the local sailing community with a 45 min. presentation followed by questions and answers. He brought with him stories and insights to his solo voyages and what's involved in this sport. His boat, named the Acadia, was designed by his uncle, Rod Johnson (the designer of the family of J boats) and built by Dodson Boatyard in Stonington, CT. She is 21 foot long, with canting keel and water ballast, twin rudders and built of carbon fiber weighing only 1700 pounds.

There are numerous articles and pictures on the internet if you Google his name.



Thank You CGSC

Hard to believe that my stay here at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is coming to a close. On Monday, March 19th, Acadia will be hauled out of the water for preparations to be loaded on a ship in Ft. Lauderdale on March 24. The boat will arrive in Europe two weeks after that and then I will scramble to get ready for the first race on April 25th, a 500 mile solo race.

Key Biscayne has been a perfect place to train... excellent wind conditions and easy to get from the mooring out to the sailing area. Basically, I have been testing gear and sails and working on my boat handling skills.

I have truly enjoyed the hospitality provided by the Club and would like to thank all of the staff and members. The dock/launch crew has been fantastic at towing my boat on and off the dock and Nick Mansbach not only initiated the invitation for me to come but also has helped with everything since I have been here, including accommodations. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is a great place and I hope to visit again in the near future.

Clay Burkhalter