



AUGUST 2007

## Summer Kid Stuff

Summer sailing camp is well underway at CGSC, with packed sessions, a few new boats, some friendly faces and even more new ones. We are midway through our third session, with two more to go after this. Returning for another salty summer are instructors Michael Abell, Katie Abell, Carla Aronsohn, Eva Cantillo, Wendy Gans and Ariel Zirulnick and CITs (counselors-in-training) Patrick Arrington, Alex Bejarano, Laura Hernandez, Andres Rivero, Lauren South, Kristi Townsend, Nick Saks and Brittany Zirulnick. Natalie Bellini and Tatiana Mejia, green fleet coaches during the school year, have also joined us for their first summer at the camp, along with CITs Kara Voss and Alec Baldwin.



summer camp on Mondays and Wednesdays and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' summer program, HMS Crew Marine Science and Water Sports Academy, every weekday. With 75 kids plus instructors it has made for a crowded dock and lawn, but the various groups have worked well side-by-side. Over 300 kids will have been on the water by the end of summer.

Campers are split up into groups based on the boat they sail that session—prams, Sunfish, or Optimists. Beginning sailors between the ages of 8 and 11 are assigned to prams, while those between the ages of 12 and 15 are assigned to Sunfish. Returning campers have the chance to choose

This summer, the camp is working alongside St. Stephens Episcopal Day School's between Sunfish and Optimists and some choose to take a turn on each during the session.

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*Cover Photo Lightning fleet racing downwind at CGSC during an Orange Bowl Regatta. By Cherie Branning*

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Last month, I had an opportunity to meet with the Commissioner's staff. The bad news is Commissioner Sarnoff was not present due to a true emergency\*. The good news is our meeting with Ron Nelson, his senior staff, was much longer than the fifteen minutes originally allotted. Past Commodore Andrea Stringos and I met with Mr. Nelson for about an hour and a half. We discussed the Waterfront Master Plan and its impact on the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. We explained our Club's desire to stay in its present location and presented sound reasons.



The Commissioner's office was receptive to our concerns and assured us the plan was not a blue print. He stated changes may be made to the plan and we should keep the Office apprised of our needs and desires. Two important points were addressed during this meeting. The most important was that the Club would not move until its new home was built. The other point that was stressed, was "equal or better," any move will be to an "equal or better" facility. I am NOT using quotation marks for emphasis. While it is hard to argue these points, it's equally important for us to follow the developments of the Master Plan and ensure our Club's input into the plan.

Other ideas about the Plan were discussed. We both brought up questions to some of the details, the biggest one being: How to pay for it! As with all projects, the devil is in the details. At this time, there is no plan to pay for these developments. This means we need to continue to pay attention to this Master Plan. As meetings are held, our Club representatives will be there following the developments and reporting to you. If you want to help your Club, please volunteer to attend these meetings. We may ask for your attendance, and when the call comes, I'm confident of a large representation.

In other news, summer is here. If you visit during the week, you will see Miami-Dade students looking through microscopes in the ball room. We truly host a Marine Science Academy! These students are working for extra credits during the summer; of course they still find time to get out on the water for sailing, kayaking and other activities.

I hope you find time to visit the Club, we'll be here all summer and I hope to see you enjoying your Club. If I haven't met you, I will introduce myself. If you see me or another member you do not know, feel free to introduce yourself.

Till then, see you on the Bay,

*Marc Buller - Commodore*

\* A few days later, I met with Commissioner Sarnoff at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration; he assured our Club will be well represented during the Master Plan development.

# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was forty years ago in a grammar school civics class when we were given an assignment to write a term paper on Citizen Involvement. The impetus for the assignment was a news story from nearby Elizabeth, NJ where in the middle of a sunny afternoon on a busy street a young girl was stabbed and bled to death on the sidewalk.

One of the key words we learned from that assignment was apathy. An on line dictionary defines the word: Apathy – (noun), Absence or suppression of passion, emotion, enthusiasm or excitement.

Over the last four years I have spent many hours in meetings involving all aspects of the club. Unfortunately these dozens of meetings have had one thing in common. The participants have always been from the same pool of 25 to 30 club members.

We have almost 400 regular and life members and yet less than 10% participate on a regular basis when it comes to shaping the programs and policies of the club.

One of my main goals as Vice Commodore is to fight the disease of apathy which slowly bleeds the life out of the club.

Over the years the club has seen some very dedicated individuals who have worked tirelessly for the good of the club. We need to have more of our long time members as well as new members get involved.

We have one new member that has raised my enthusiasm level, and should get all of our members excited.

As you hopefully know, the future development committee was tasked with hiring a law firm to represent the club in regard to the State of Florida submerged land lease as pertaining to our mooring field.

During our search, new member Roman Gastesi told me he might be able to help. Roman is the Governmental Affairs Director at the Law firm of Tew Cardenas. The firm is very well respected throughout all branches of Florida government, including a close working relationship with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. During our initial meeting at the firms office Roman made it clear that his lobbying efforts on behalf of Coconut Grove Sailing Club would be *pro-bono* ! Roman wants this to be his contribution to the club, he has a sailboat and young children, and he wants to help preserve CGSC. The club was also given very favorable rates for the Legal work that will be required.

The wealth of knowledge and expertise that our membership possess is limitless, and I hope you all will consider what you can do for the betterment of the club.

So contact a committee chair and get involved, we cannot let the club bleed to death while we slowly sail by. When you sail by Roman aboard his boat Risque, be sure to tip your cap.

Charles A. Rahn  
Vice Commodore



# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Nick, the sailing director, continues to do an excellent job with the junior programs including the summer camp.

Dick Crisler has held several US Sailing keel boat certification classes which will help bring in more adult sailors with US Sailing qualifications. He is using one of the old Ensigns that is need of a little TLC and refurbishment, if anyone wants to volunteer to help work on the boat the Club will be very grateful.

We are developing some more advanced sailing classes for adult members which include: classes in spinnaker handling, both symmetric and asymmetric, racing clinics and an off-shore sailing course that will help members prepare themselves and their boats to go blue water sailing. If you are interested in any of the new courses please e-mail me.

The hurricane classes were very well attended with a total of 45 members attending both the theory and the on-the-water demonstrations. Please get your boats and heavy anchors ready for the next big one and if there is anyone that needs a short refresher course just e-mail or telephone me and I will be happy to give you a two hour shortened hurricane preparedness course.

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## Simple Reminders

Monthly meetings have been moved to the 4th FRIDAY of the month (7:30 PM.) Bar service will be restricted to the veranda window, during the meeting. New members are welcomed and lots of information is passed at these meetings. We hope you will attend.

All members are reminded to lower the oar locks on the prams when not in use. (Don't forget to return the oars to the rack!!!)

Members are also reminded to help keep the docks clear. After loading and unloading, please move back to your mooring. This is especially important on weekends and during races, when many members would like to use the dock. Please be considerate of your fellow Club members and minimize your time tied up. If you need to stay longer, please contact the dock staff.

This is your Club! Let us know how we are doing and what we can do better. A suggestion box is in the Grove Nest. Just remember, I ask that you also bring a solution to the problem!!!

Thanks,  
- Commodore -



## CGSC HOSTS BBYRA ONE DESIGN #8 REGATTA

The forecast seemed problematic for Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that also proved to be the case, but for a very different reason. Winds were expected to be west, going to south during the day, and light – five knots. However, when the Snipe and Flying Scot racers got to CGSC that morning, things were more promising. The wind was already out of the south, and although light, held promise of strengthening.

CGSC's Race Committee was on station SSW of Donovan's in plenty of time, and the wind strengthened to 5-6 knots from 150 degrees by race time at 11:30. However, due to late arrivals among the racing fleet, the RC signaled a postponement that put the first start off by some 12 minutes. Even with that, only one Etchells was present. Others were trapped on shore by the low tide at race time.

So, the fleet was off slightly late for a windward-leeward twice around course. The one Etchells, sailed by Sharon Bourke from CRYC, was followed by late starter Steve Horwitz. Then, there were 11 Snipes and 5 Flying Scots, all from CGSC. The Snipes were an aggressive bunch, with current World Champion Augie Diaz, multiple champ Peter Commette and former US Champ Ernesto Rodriguez in the fleet. They earned Individual Recall flags in two of the three races. Besides Sharon, Race 1 winners were Enrique Quintero beating the big boys in Snipes, and Bud Price in the Scots.

For the second race, the wind had increased and shifted right five degrees, so the RC lengthened the course, adjusted the bearing and sent the fleet off again. This time, four Etchells were racing. The RC set a leeward gate for Race 2 and 3 which added to the quality of the racing. Race 2 winners were Steve Horwitz in Etchells, Peter Commette in Snipes and Bud Price again in the Scots.

It was turning out to be a great day for racing, with the third race commencing just after 1400 hours with the course shifted another five degrees to the right with the wind continuing to strengthen and dark clouds present at various points around the horizon. It was still a nice day near the Start-Finish line as the fleet beat their way to the windward marks (long for Etchells, shorter for the rest). However, Geoff Sutcliffe and Carolyn Rahn on the weather mark boat reported winds strengthening even more and shifting to south in a rain squall.

By this time, most of the fleet was around the first weather mark and starting the run back to the leeward gate. The RC contemplated a course change for the second lap, but as they watched the fleet coming downwind, the clouds were

darkening and a large bolt of lightning appeared behind the boats. That was it! The pin boat crew of skipper Phil Kellett and Jim Waldron sprang into action in their Club Mako. They motored up to the gate, threw down the anchor, raised the Sierra flag (Shorten Course), sounded two horns and took finishes as the fleet passed thru the gate. The fleet sailed on to shore without a mishap as the wind strengthened and the rains came.

So, it was a pretty exciting end to a great day of racing on Biscayne Bay. Steve Horwitz won the Etchells Race 3 and the regatta, Augie Diaz won Race 3 in the Snipes, but Peter Commette took the regatta with a 3-1-2 series, and Bud Price swept the Scots.

CGSC's Race Committee turned in another excellent performance. The Signal Boat was Charley Branning's "Upside," with Ron Rostorfer as PRO, Bill Stites as PRO understudy, timer Marvin Schenker, flag signalers Vicki Rosenbloom and Cherie Branning and recorders and organizers Jo Ann Mathieu and Sally Duddey. The support boat crews were identified earlier in this story. Thanks to all for a great job.

Ron



## BBYRA One-Design Results

| Sail No      | Skipper              | Place |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|
| ETCHELLS     |                      |       |
| 1239         | Steve Horowitz       | 1     |
| 1094         | Sharon Bourke        | 2     |
| 1145         | P.J. Keenan          | 3     |
| 808          | John Greevan         | 4     |
| SNIPES       |                      |       |
| 30571        | Peter Commette       | 1     |
| 30288        | Augie Diaz           | 2     |
| 28810        | Enrique Quintero, Jr | 3     |
| 3            | Ernesto Rodriguez    | 4     |
| 30336        | Gonzalo Diaz, Sr     | 5     |
| 29995        | Gonzalo Diaz, Jr     | 6     |
| 30236        | Ken Voss             | 7     |
| 3023         | Raphael Jarauta      | 8     |
| 29782        | Gabriel Porzecanski  | 9     |
| 25455        | Gonzalo Crivello     | 10    |
| 29992        | Lucas Diaz           | 11    |
| FLYING SCOTS |                      |       |
| 5220         | Bud Price            | 1     |
| 4595         | Vlad Stroleny        | 2     |
| 5672         | Jean Hester          | 3     |
| 5321         | Henry Bernstein      | 4     |
| 5399         | Larry Whipple        | 5     |

## Racing Schedule August, 2007

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Sat-Sun, Aug. 11-12         | SinglehandedDoublehanded<br>Races, Race Committe Party,<br>Summer Sailfest Weekend<br>- CGSC |
| Saturday, August 25         | Full MOON Regatta  |
| Saturday, Sept. 8           | BBYRA PHRF #9 – Miami YC   |
| Sat-Sun, Sept 15-16         | Lime Cup – Biscayne Bay YC   |
| <u>Sat-Sun, Sept. 22-23</u> | <u>FL State Snipe Junior Champs</u><br>- CGSC  |
| Saturday, Sept. 29          | BBYRA OD#9 – Coral Reef YC   |
| <u>Sunday, Sept. 30</u>     | <u>Junior Commodore's Cup</u><br>- (CGSC Club Championship                                   |

## CGSC's Race Committee Has Banner Year

CGSC's Race Committee closed out the Club's fiscal year ending June 30 with a great BBYRA One Design Regatta on June 23 (see story elsewhere in this issue). The RC achieved several milestones during the year that are a credit to our RC members and to the Club.

CGSC ran two of the largest, most prestigious regattas in Club history this year – the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships (the defacto off-year world's championships) back in October, and then the 140-boat Opti Florida State Championships in April. While many observers said neither regatta could or should be hosted by CGSC, the Club persevered and brought home two excellent regattas, with great on shore and on the water regatta and race management.

The Race Committee also instituted monthly RC meetings for the first time, with a variety of entertaining (author John Kretschmer), instructional (Protest Committees with Rob Quinlivan) and social (Holiday Party in December) activities.

Further, our ranks have swelled to the point of needing three typewritten single spaced pages to list all our members. Also, our training and personnel quality have increased substantially, with many support boat operators who are GPS proficient, and several members who have stepped up to be in the CGSC Principal Race Officer (PRO) Class of 2007. Hopefully, several of these will go on to become US Sailing Assn. certified Club Race Officers.

In the meantime, the RC will award some 70 Race Committee embroidered shirts to our active members at the upcoming Summer Sailfest Weekend Race Committee Party on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, following the annual Singlehanded Race. But mainly, the **Al Chapin Award** will be presented for the first time to the outstanding member of the CGSC Race Committee for the year. In addition, Rookie of the Year awards will also be presented. The great band "Been There – Done That," which rocked the place last year will be back again!

Finally, our equipment is in excellent shape with some new inflatable marks and improved ground tackle for our race marks. Thanks to CGSC and the Board for their support.

Ron

## Thursday is Steak Night!

Let Chefs Carlos 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

## Steve Perry and Jim Bigham in the Bermuda 1-2

Following your dream is never something that comes easy. Steve Perry knew this as he set his sights on the Bermuda 1-2 race, and began a year and a half endeavour that started by finding the best boat for the 635-mile ocean race from Newport, RI to Bermuda. After about a 6-month search, they purchased a solid C&C 33 from Lake Lanier and had it trucked from Georgia to Ft. Lauderdale. Steve and his wife, Marie, purchased their boat and began the huge preparations on March 19th, 2006. Three days later, another turning point occurred when Marie was diagnosed with Stage III Breast Cancer. They appropriately named the boat "Pilgrim", as the Perry's are from New England originally and both approach life like an exciting first voyage to be conquered. As Steve puts it, they were on a Pilgrimage to new land.

Steve and Marie, being very driven characters, took on their specific tasks, each supporting each other and making as many trips to Baptist Hospital as to West Marine and Sailing Services. By opening up to friends and supporters, they were moving forward one day at a time. Jim Bigham jumped on board as the second man in the second part of the race. The Bermuda 1-2 consists of one man, Steve, sailing single-handed on the first leg and meeting up with crew, Jim, in Bermuda to sail the course



back to Newport. The two had a lot of work to detail safety equipment and rigging for the trip. Anyone who knows Steve will think of dedication and perfection put forth, when taking on a project. Tom Bremen of Bremen Sails worked with Steve designing sails optimized for the offshore race, the safety requirements, and PHRF of Narragansett Bay. Brooks Jones and Mark Levine from Sailing Services provided expertise for all running and standing rigging. Ron Rostorfer was valuable in aiding in the navigation and gulf stream strategy. Mark Buller, CGSC commodore and his wife, Cathy, made the lee clothes and provided ground club support. Andy Cool, of Explorer Satellite Communications, provided satellite communications. Mike Lovelady designed the graphics for Pilgrim. Paco Calvet contributed to magnificent team "Pilgrim" shirts, worn with pride. Karen Hansen from Viking Life-Saving Equipment provided offshore safety gear.

In honour of Marie's battle, Steve worked with Anson Mulder of North Sails to design an asymmetrical spinnaker with the pink ribbon representing the ongoing fight for a breast cancer cure. The spinnaker was launched in Biscayne Bay. Pilgrim was packed and travelled to Newport where Steve and Jim and support crew, Marie, and Jeanie and Bobby Cullen (Connecticut Force Five sailors and long time friends) did the final organization. Casey Cullen also joined forces for a crueing weekend of bottom polish, while Jim charted the navigation system based on the latest winds and currents. On June 9th, a cold, rainy foggy Saturday morning, everyone

followed Steve to the line. Sennet Duttonhofer and his wife, Ann, graciously hosted Steve and Jim on their arrival to Newport at their home in Jamestown, and provided truck and manpower, and some fine home-cooking. They also provided storage of all the boat's extra gear while at sea. They were also kind enough to bring the Pilgrim Pride team out to watch the start of the race aboard their Dyer motor yacht.

The second night, while entering the Gulf Stream, Steve lost his autopilot in following seas and heavy winds. The coastal cruising autopilot didn't hold up to the elements. While trying to make repairs, the boom vang and traveller were also compromised and broke. Steve brought down the sails and repaired all while losing several boats but covered the rest of the race with no major catastrophes. He slept only minutes at times, some while standing at the wheel and sometimes never aware of how long he dozed.

Marie was waiting in Bermuda with their dear friend Jane from Maine as the welcoming committee. A tired, but successful Steve made it to Bermuda in a little over 4 days. Steve arrived in the St. George's Dinghy Club with an unbelievable friendly welcome from all, and all sailors involved celebrated a right of passage and commradery that was far beyond what was expected. It became apparent that Steve was a part of something much bigger than how you placed, but an accomplishment that was as deep of a soul searching experience than anyone's wild imagination.

While in Bermuda, dear friends, Ray and Rhonda Spedding, joined the Steve and Marie to celebrate this incredible accomplishment. Several days prior to leaving Bermuda



for the return trip, Cathy and Jim Bigham and their daughter Julianna, met the Perry's in Bermuda for a few days of fun and sightseeing and were invaluable in preparing the final leg.

Beyond the detailed weather briefing given at the skippers meeting and the many gracious parties and gatherings of the club, there was a mad scramble to get a 4-6 day weather



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projection of what the sailors could expect from the wind gods and the almighty Gulf Stream.

The start in St. George's Harbour looked as relaxed as the start of a local Wednesday night race, as 42 boats many with spinnakers flying, made their way out the narrow inlet to the open sea.

Steve and Jim while being experienced dingy racers, knew they were in waters quite over their heads as ocean racers in the cold Atlantic waters. Jim kept saying to himself, "We are sprinters not marathon runners. We better get clever if we are going to bring Pilgrim any Pride".

In the first night as the winds eased the boys continued to sail hard. The boats that had disappeared over the horizon in the previous daylight of the race were quickly moving to Pilgrim's stern. The next morning survival was the only game as the winds approached just under 30 knots and seas reached 8 to 10 feet. Now this was true ocean racing and only occasionally could others boats be seen.

Onlookers, supporters and family could be involved with the race through a website called [lboatrack.com](http://lboatrack.com) which tracked the boaters and their standings, winds, and waters. Many hours went by with no wind at all and Jim actually jumped overboard



for a swim. Whales passed and dolphins swam along side the boat in groups of 60 to 100! Winds shifted and came and went and currents worked their magic or curse depending on which route was taken. In a final burst, they had a screaming spinnaker run that lasted close to three hours. An adrenalin rush that two Force Five racers could appreciate.

All in all, it was a celebrated, unforgettable experience for both sailors of Pilgrim. A happy ending as they arrived safely to the foggy Newport Harbour about midnight of their 5th night, tired and pleased with themselves. They collected a 2nd in class trophy and a 4th place in fleet trophy and toasted to many nights through the coming week. The celebrations in Miami continue on! So the final question is, "What's next, Pilgrim?"

Steve and Marie purchased a mooring at Handy Boat in Falmouth, Maine and plan to enjoy another dream, sailing in New England, at long last!



We have also had the chance to try out a new boat called the Open Bic. A local water sports dealer, Water Play Miami, graciously offered us the use of these boats for a day at the end of first session and a whole week during third session. The boats resemble a high performance 29er in design, but they are meant to be single-handed boats and have plastic hulls, rendering them much less fragile than their more famous inspiration. During the first session, the more experienced sailors had the opportunity to take them for a spin on their own while beginners took turns with a CIT or instructor on board. Campers have had the opportunity to use them for more extended periods of time during third session.

Beginners in both prams and Sunfish learn all the fundamentals of sailing during the two-week sessions: nomenclature, knots, points of sail, capsizing recovery and basic courses. They made regular trips to a sandbar sandwiched between the Dinner Key and Coral Reef Yacht Club channels and occasionally ventured to sandbars just offshore of the Vizcaya museum and Key Biscayne. Those sailing the Optimists learn racing fundamentals and the finer points of sailing and rigging while venturing farther out onto Biscayne Bay. Aside from a few stormy days, both counselors and campers have been fortunate enough to spend several hours on the water every day, honing skills and having fun in equal amounts.

Ariel Zirulnick







*Summer Sailing Continued*



## **Adult Sailing Report Basic Keelboat Classes**

The weekend of June 16 - 17 proved to be no different from preceding days of rain, wind, no-wind, foggy conditions and more, however, we were able to conduct a Basic Keelboat Course which was full at three (3) students. We changed our itinerary of class vs. on-water schedules to accommodate the fickle weather. Sunday we had to send our students home after class work due to what was equivalent to "less" than no wind. True to form, the winds filled in about an hour after the class was released, however, about an hour after that we had some serious weather with an enormous amount of rain.

Fortunately, we finished the class on Monday, June 18, in the afternoon with two of the three students available. These students are now ready for testing for their US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification, as both did extremely well in the final day of drills. Wind direction and weather have been extremely challenging for some of our recent Adult Sailing classes, but the students have been up to the task.

What makes CGSC great is all of our programs and the volunteers that run or assist with them. If you would like to get involved with helping out in our Adult Sailing program, especially the Learn-to-Sail classes, please contact Nick Mansbach at the club at extension #11.

Thanks for your support.... Fair Winds and Safe Sailing:

Richard Crisler  
Adult Training  
Chairman





# HMS CREW MARINE SCIENCE and WATER SPORTS ACADEMY

For the third consecutive year, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club has graciously accepted to house the Miami- Dade County Public Schools, HMS CREW MARINE SCIENCE and WATER SPORTS ACADEMY. Our students now have a wonderful opportunity to study the ecosystems of Biscayne Bay including many of the spoil islands surrounding the CGSC. This hands on experience literally brings the living world into our classroom. This instructional program emphasizes both marine science studies and water sports development. The students will be conducting various field studies, researching and comparing the indigenous marine life, vegetation and living sea grass beds of the spoil islands.

In addition, all of the HMS CREW students will have the incredible opportunity to learn and practice canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and snorkeling techniques. They will be

introduced to proper water safety procedures including self rescue skills which can be utilized in and around a marine environment.

This highly successful program can be directly attributed to the strong partnership between the CGSC and M-DCPS

David Diamond  
Miami - Dade County Public Schools  
Outdoor Water Sports Education / Learn to Swim Teacher







*Dade Schools Continued*



**St. Stephen's Summer Camp**

As Day Camp and After School Director at St. Stephen's Episcopal Day School I feel fortunate to have the Coconut Grove Sailing Club located right at our back door!. For the past four years, the CGSC and St. Stephen's After School Program have partnered together by offering our students Learn to Sail classes and Science related educational programs.

The enthusiasm of students enrolled in these programs was enough for the St. Stephen's School and Home Association to grant funds for St. Stephen's very own fleet of sail boats. The 10 pram sail boats were christened appropriately in May with Chaplain Jose McLoughlin blessing the fleet. The students in our after school sailing program raised their sparkling apple juice flutes high into the air and toasted in unison, "To the Sea, To the Sea and the SS Larrauri." The fleet was named in honor of our Head of School, Silvia Larrauri. St. Stephen's Day Campers are already enjoying sailing lessons at the club. We have explored the

nearby islands by kayak and found seahorses, crabs, and fish in the shallows. What a great experience for children learning to sail all while exploring the wonders of Biscayne Bay!

St. Stephen's is grateful to CGSC Board Members and Sailing Director Nick Mansbach for its commitment to SSEDs youth sailing program!

Kit Wills  
St. Stephen's  
Day Camp Director





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS

As a reminder to all Social members, the \$50 cost for the last 6 months was only for the transitional period of Jan 1st - June 30th, bringing everyone in line with our fiscal calendar. Beginning July 1st, Social membership dues will be \$100.00 for one year. Those current members not renewing by July 31st will have their membership cancelled. Please contact the office now if you wish to renew. IT WILL NOT BE DONE AUTOMATICALLY. Further we do not prorate Social Dues.

## AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT

Several months ago we have undergone a staff transition in the office and the list of members on our "Auto-Pay" system disappeared. Unfortunately, this unfairly placed many members in arrears. If you have previously been paying your monthly statement by credit card on auto pay and have noticed either late charge on your bill or no payments to CGSC on your credit card statement, please contact Linda in the office to re-establish this service. We will credit your account for any charged "late fees" during this period.

## SOCIAL NIGHT

We welcome and appreciate those members who take the time and trouble to host a Tuesday Social Night. This can be something that's fun for all, but we want to make sure you're properly compensated.

- 1) If interested, please pick a date on the sign-up sheet in the bar and clearly print your name.
- 2) If possible, receipts are appreciated for bookkeeping purposes (give them to the bartender that night), but your name will suffice.
- 3) Regular / Life members will receive a \$50. credit on their house account. Social members will have a \$50, check sent to them.
- 4) Social Night should consist of a one dish item that would feed approximately 20-25 adults. We'll provide flatware, chaffers, sterno, serving utensils, napkins, plates and/or bowls at our cost, plus access to the kitchen to heat up any item.
- 5) Social Night Dinner should be ready to serve no later than 7:15 pm. Please insure all attendees get fed before heading for seconds!
- 6) Refrigeration space is limited, but the kitchen may be used to warm or assemble items.
- 7) House products, i.e.: salad dressings, salad contents, bread, butter, etc. cannot be contributed from the kitchen inventories.
- 8) Please restore the kitchen to the condition you found it after completion of your meal.

9) If you wish to create a theme night around your contribution, that's great! Consider appropriate music or decor. We'll assist where we can.

## WHEN TO MOVE THE BOATS?

Of course we're talking Hurricanes. The Board has approved the Commodore to form an ad-hoc committee in the face of a potential hurricane or tropical storm. Through a consensus of this committee, CGSC will announce when it's time to vacate the moorings.

During a storm threat, we will use every avenue to inform the moorings and strip occupants, but it shall be your responsibility to monitor the weather, MONITOR OUR WEBSITE, review your moorings agreement and contact the club with your questions.

No evacuation will be issued lightly. But, if one is, you shall be the sole person of responsibility to ensure the removal of your vessel. Due to the needs of the club; the dock hands may not be able to assist you. If you employ a private individual to handle your concerns, you will also be accountable for their actions, or lack of.

To assist in the evacuation of your vessel, we will run limited launch service to Marine Stadium and the Gables waterway until which time as the GM deems it no longer safe for staff to be on the water.

If time and staff allows, we will assist in everyway possible.

Please understand, we desire all members to secure their boats and give great consideration to their personal safety, however, we must consider the safety of the staff and families and release them to attend to their concerns. So please do not wait until the last minute.

## Sandbar Party



The Flying Scot Fleet 90 held a 50th Anniversary Party at the Vizcaya shoal on Saturday, July 14, 2007. There were representatives from the Etchell and the Sunfish One Design fleets also attending. The day was beautiful with temps around 90 and a five to ten knot breeze to keep everyone cool. Everyone brought refreshments and shared with everyone else. Susan Walcutt led the snorkeling tour for the kids. See everyone at the next race!

Larry Whipple  
Fleet 90 Capitan

# From the Manager . .

Greetings! It's August and our pristine weather has boiled down to heat waves, and afternoon storms, but hopefully none of the big "H's". I guess this is the Florida Summer Doldrums. So what ya go'n do?

My solution is to come on down to the club, grab a cool cocktail, sit on the deck below a ceiling fan and witness all hell breaking loose from the sky (What fun!). It's really a great show and cost nothing.

But, nothing is free in Miami and you know I have to make a pitch.

While your watching the clouds swirl above, give some thought to how we could better this wonderful isle of repose on Biscayne Bay.

Surely, in these quiet moments you've thought of ideas - "need more plants on the deck, need better/more seating, like to hear some music, lower lighting levels, raise lighting levels. more ceiling fans, more table service". Geeze, this gives me goose bumps just thinking about all the possibilities!

But, we need to hear ideas from you along with suggestions to assist in the cost to make these changes a reality. Many times it's just not a question of money (although always welcome). It may only involve some great ideas and a little swet equity to pull it off.

SO HERE'S MY CHALLENGE TO YOU:

This is the off season and the time to make improvements is now. If you and some friends have an idea to improve a certain aspect of the club - bar, main room, kitchen, dock/mooring facilities, etc. gather your forces and come see me. Bring me a plan, goal and financial suggestions and I'll assist in getting your ideas and dreams fulfilled.

This club was founded on a volunteer basis. We've slipped a bit over the years and maybe gotten a little lazy in some areas. But, from talking to many members, the drive and desire is still very much there. It just needs to be harnessed.

So come on down, take a look around, come up with an idea and help make it happen. The possibilities are endless.

I look forward to hearing from Regular and Social members alike.

Well talk later, Hugh



## SUMMER SAILFEST WEEKEND

**AT YOUR COCONUT GROVE  
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**SINGLEHANDED RACE ON SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**DOUBLEHANDED RACE ON SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**BUT, MAINLY...**

**THE ANNUAL CGSC RACE COMMITTEE  
PARTY ON SATURDAY NIGHT,  
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**DON'T MISS IT!!**



**CGSC's Transpac Race Connection** - CGSC has two connections with this year's Transpac Race from Los Angeles to Honolulu which started July 9th through the 15th. Chris Branning, on left in the photo above, was selected from over 600 young applicants to be on the "Morning Light" crew for a Disney movie coming out next spring. Chris is the Navigator on the boat, a Transpac 52, and is the son of Peter Branning who is moving back to Miami and rejoining the club. CGSC Race Chair Ron Rostorfer, on the right, is Watch Captain on the Santa Cruz 50 "Stags' Leap Winery."

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Month 1

**2 OZ DACRON ASYMETRIC SPINNAKER FOR 33-36' SAILBOAT**, used but in good condition, Luff 44.1', Leech 40', Foot 22.7', 485 sqft. \$350. Call 305.546.6727.

**ANCHORS FOR SALE - RIGGED AND READY:** 18# US Anchor (Danforth type) - \$90; 20# Danforth type - \$100. Call 305.546.6727

**12 foot Calypso** (by AB) RIB inflatable with 2002 25hp Yamaha 2 stoke outboard. Engine used very little and is in good shape. \$2300 call Jose Hernandez at 305-271-0148 for more information.

**1997 HUNTER 340 SAILBOAT** "Leilani" currently on CGSC mooring. 4.5' shallow draft, Loaded with A/C, water heater, AB refrigeration, flat screen TV & DVD player, cable TV & phone hookups, chart plotter, microwave, 2 burner stove+oven, double-sink, Shade Tree umbrella system, electric flushing head w/ macerator, 4 AGM battery bank, inverter, 27hp Yanmar w/fresh water cooling, 30 gal. diesel, 70 gal water, 30 gal. holding, 2 propane tanks. Selling due to job relocation. Firm \$59,995 if you get it now before I hand over to yacht broker. Call 954-649-0245.

**MAKANI**, Ranger 29 for sale: On mooring at CGSC. Single reef-point main, furling genoa, hank-on storm jib, hank-on drifter, symmetrical spinnaker w/pole (and 'tacker') in an ATN sleeve, and, when needed, a 23 horse Universal diesel. 2-burner alcohol stove, Magma grill on stern rail, Groco marine head, Garmin chart plotter GPS w/bluechart software, Raymarine ST-2000+ auto pilot, and ICOM IC-M88 handheld & ICOM M402 in-cabin VHF, stand-up Bimini, with side and aft zip-in sunbrella curtains, and cockpit cushions. Photos: makani.myphotoalbum.com A solid & beautiful boat for a good price - \$12,500. Call Mike @ 954-437-7339

**27 ft. 1982 Catalina For Sale.** New sails, Harken furling rigging, Sail cover, Tiller cover, Bimini top, VHF Antenna, 9.9 Honda engine with electric start. Navico Tillerpilot TP300C Autopilot, Depth sounder, Gar4min 128 GPS, 3 anchors, chains and lines, Boat fenders, Compass, VHF radio, Everything that you need to sail. \$10,000 Call Ben at 305-215-0204

## Month 2

**Flying Scot 952** (1967) light green, Galvanized Trailer (1998), 2001 North Sails (main and jib), Extra Main (cut short for heavy weather), Spinnaker, Mooring cover and boarding ladder, Centerboard faired and painted '06, Dry sailed, in CGSC yard, ready to sail.: \$1,900 or Best Offer. (732)



895-0688 or email: d-jansma@comcast.net,

## Month 3

**FOR SALE BAYFIELD 25 sailboat, 1977**, Yanmar Inboard, white, 2.9 foot draft, now on CGSC mooring, Owner going overseas, Reuced to \$3,995. Call 305.546.6727.

**For sale new (still in box) tripp-lite inverter**, model pv 1200fc, 1200 watts continuous, 2400 watts peak, \$100. Call 305.546.6727

**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, tactical and boat tuning skills. It is a boat for young and old! Call Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and join the Miami Snipe Fleet. 305-667-0492 (best 8-10PM) Work: 305-702-8526 (best 4-6PM)

## ATTENTION

New mooring rules are available in the dock or main office. These rules supersede any past rules or regulations you may have. We advise all boat owners to secure a copy since failure to do so will not make you exempt of the changes.

**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](mailto: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.

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

## WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

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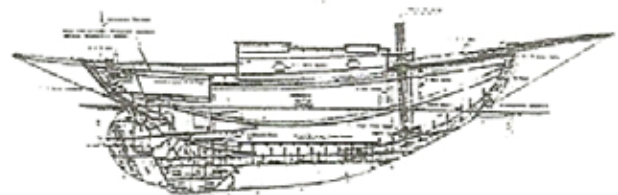
**TUESDAY** Lounge opens at 4 pm

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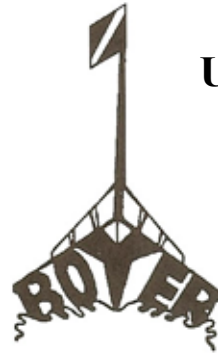


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## **Future Development Directions at CGSC**

The Future Development Committee has been very active. Members of the Committee interviewed three different firms before choosing Tew Cardenas as our law firm. All three firms stated that the first step in the mooring field process is to get a waiver from the State regarding the Submerged Land Deed Restrictions which currently restricts usage of the mooring fields to first come first served public entities. We have a strong argument in favor of this waiver due to the public nature of our activities. If a waiver is granted the CGSC would be able to participate in some way with the improved mooring fields, either as a managing entity, or as a launch boat delivery service. Without the waiver we have been told that we can have no participation with the new mooring field.

The Club has also communicated to the City Manager and the Commissioners that the Club's first preference is to remain where we are. However, as Ron Nelson from Commissioner Sarnoff's office pointed out, we should start working on "Plan B" so that we are not caught by surprise. Thus the Committee members have also been researching various aspects involved in the Master plan process. Past Commodore Bud Price is in charge of financial analysis, and I'm sure he would appreciate help

from club members. Jim Bigham has been researching Sail Newport facilities. Commodore Marc Buller and Vice Commodore Charlie Rahn have spent hours working in general on our future. Penny Tannenbaum Aronsohn has been very helpful with legal issues. Anne Platt, with her knowledge of Coconut Grove, has been invaluable. Alyn Pruett, with his specialized professional experience in Planning and Design has been a significant help to the Club. Advice on strategy and overview has come from all of the above, plus Antonio Bejarano, Past Commodore David Kurtz, Doug Hanks and Rear Commodore Phil Kellett. On a separate front, Stuart Sorg from the Waterfront Advisory Board and the County Manager's Office has been working very hard to ensure that the CGSC remains in its present location.

Although the exact future of the Club is uncertain, and we may have to change our structure and some of the ways that we do business, we feel sure that we will continue to be a vital part of the Coconut Grove Waterfront for the next 60 years.

Andrea Stringos  
Future Development Chair