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David Hernandez Wins the Cressy Cup!!!!

David Hernandez has won the 2008 ISSA High School Single-handed National Championship (Cressy Cup) in the Laser Full Rig Division.

David has worked hard for this achievement, qualifying to sail at the National Championships all 4 years of his high school sailing career. Over the years he has always been near the top, while competing in Minnesota, Hawaii, Connecticut and this year Seattle, Washington. David's name will join some of the top sailors such as Brad Funk, Andrew Campbell, Chris Branning and Paige Railey on the Cressy Cup Trophy.

Full Rig Laser sailor, Luke Lawrence, a former CGSC laser team member, tied for 2nd place point-wise, but the tie breaker placed Luke in third place.

Nick Voss, a long time CGSC member, qualified in Clearwater at the SAISA district qualifier to

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CGSC Sailors and Coaches Shine at the US Olympic Trials

The US Laser and Radial Olympic trials were held October 3rd through 15th in Newport, Rhode Island. Only sailors who earned a slot by qualify at previous events were eligible compete in the event. Upon approval from the US Olympic Committee (USOC), the athletes who win the Trials will be named to the U.S. Olympic Team and will represent the USA at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

CGSC was fortunate to have several of these top sailors coach the Laser team at CGSC over the past several years. Coach Zach Railey, who coached at CGSC while completing his degree at the University of Miami, won first place at the US Olympic Trials in Balboa, CA, and will be representing the US in the Finn class in Beijing. Anna Tunnicliffe was the top sailor in the Laser Radial class and will be representing the US

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Cover Photo Flying Scots racing
downwind at CGSC during a Regatta.
By Cherie Branning

COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope everyone has been enjoying the Bay. The weather has been great, little rain, great winds and lower temperatures. While we have this great weather, it's time to get out there and introduce others to sailing. Cathy and I recently took the Sea Scouts out on a weekend sail. We sailed all points of sail, rafted up with other boats, anchored and lived aboard for the entire weekend. The kids are great and learned a lot. It was very satisfying to be part of this experience.



Other opportunities allow us to introduce others to sailing. Ask a neighbor or family member to join you. Invite other Club members who may not have a boat or have a dinghy to sail for the afternoon. Finally, our Sailing Director has a list for volunteers willing to take a Service Man / Woman sailing. Members of the military do so much and sacrifice much to keep us free to enjoy our sport. I hope you will sign up to thank those who serve.

I wish we had news on the Master Plan. At this time, there is little to report. I will keep you apprised of any changes as they affect our Club.

During this Holiday Season, the Club wishes you the best. I hope all your wishes come true and you have a safe and fun New Years. Speaking of New Years, the Club will host a New Years Eve Party. The band has been hired and the fun will ensue... I hope to see you there.

See you on the Bay,

Marc Buller - Commodore

In Memory... Jake Branum

I am sure that you have heard about the captain that was murdered at sea on his charter boat the "Joe Cool". I don't know if you know that he was a past employee and fellow Sailor.

I met Jake Branum when he was 15 years old; He was dating my daughter and came with us on a Wednesday night race on my J 27. He was very quiet that night but very interested in racing and learning about crewing on a boat. He raced with us for several years (the quietness went away by the next race) before he went on to race Mum 30's and other hot boats around the country. He was a natural on foredeck, agile, strong and fearless.

He worked at the club a while driving the launch and diving the moorings where he probably met most of you. Later, he was a working captain first with tow companies, then finally as a fishing charter captain, which was his first love and where he was the happiest. It is a shame to see someone so full of life and so young end there life so early and even more tragic when it is a violent, senseless death. His wife was killed with him and that left his baby without parents compounding the tragedy.

With all of that being said and understood, it can be said that he led a full life if short, and he died doing what he loved to do. Any of you that knew him will know that he certainly did not want to die so young or leave behind a child. You will also know that he enjoyed a bit of danger and drama. If those who are gone get to see what happens after, you can be sure that he is getting a small measure of enjoyment that his story will be one that lives on as a tale of high seas mystery and intrigue. .

Bud Price,
Past Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

THANK YOU !!

The 2007 Annual Work Weekend was a booming success.

The range of people that participated in sprucing up the club and the amount of work that was accomplished was phenomenal. At one point Saturday afternoon I counted 100 folks working together in an effort to make the club better for all.

It was great to see that Nick had so many young sailors working away with a positive attitude, scrubbing and waxing all of the club owned sunfish, lasers and prams. The cleaning crew was made up of the opti fleet, beginning sailors, Sea Scouts, and Boy Scouts. Even the UM sailing team made it down to clean up the FJ's.

Some of the chores that were accomplished included beautifully varnished hand rails and doors by Janice, Alyn and their helpers. The upstairs railings were all painted by Larry, Laura, Kara and a few other folks that grabbed a brush. The outside bar was custom cut and repaired by Stephan and Ken. Picnic tables were varnished, Bill did his usual bearing and wheel maintenance on all the dock carts. Richard varnished dozens of sunfish rudders and tillers. Doug got the oars painted with the help of a small pirate from Scotland. The rowboats were all hauled, (man they are heavy), with the bottoms pressure cleaned and repainted. Jamie somehow persuaded a member to get a keg of beer, just in case someone was thirsty before the 4pm time of the promised keg

When the rented pressure washer broke down, Phillip went home and got his washer, and the entire main dock was cleaned and sealed by a few new members with assistance from little Diego.

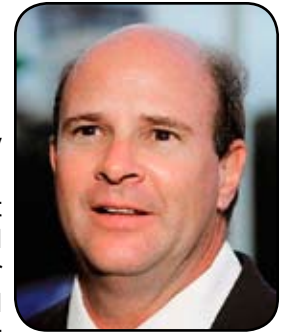
Marc and Cathy repaired tile work in the ladies room, and were still working with Jack and Clare and a few friends to polish the bar foot rails at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening. The upstairs men's and ladies rooms were painted.

The smartest committee chair was Ron, who got all of the race committee marks, anchors, chain and flags cleaned and repaired and stored in the cleanest locker ever. A couple of his helpers were Carolyn and Jo Anne, and the rest worked too hard behind the scenes for me to catch their names.

As usual we had a few members that came down without knowing it was work weekend, and when they found out they couldn't get a launch ride to their boat, they hoped in the car and headed home. Then we had the family who had out of town guests that they were prepared to take for a sail. When they found out it was work weekend they put all their gear back in the car, and proceeded to jump in on a few projects, including the guests that thought they were going for a sail!

A special thanks goes to the club staff who really stepped up and put in a hard weekend of work.

Lee and Enrique spent two days at the top of the cherry picker



running chain saws, (well two cherry pickers, after the first one was worn out), starting work at 7am on Sunday, so that the coconuts over parking spaces could be cleared to have enough parking for members. Every tree got trimmed, and the flag pole was painted. Hugh spent quite a few hours sawing branches with the pole saw. Dwight made sure that there was a constant procession of members hauling tree cuttings as fast as they hit the ground.

Cesar and Richard cleaned the galley, and Chef Charlie kept us all in hot dogs for two days.

All in all the weekend was a perfect example of what the club is all about. Members pitching in to help keep the costs down, and instill a sense of pride. At times I felt a little like Huckleberry Finn as boxes of paintbrushes found eager hands.

I apologize for the dozens of people who's names I didn't mention, but one thing I can say "It was definitely a weekend that made me proud to be a member of CGSC"

Charles A. Rahn
Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

We appear to have dodged the 2007 hurricane bullet and everyone that stripped their boat for the recent non-tropical storm is to be congratulated as are those that helped with the boats of people out of town. The hurricane preparedness course will be repeated in April for new members and this we will open the course to non-members.



The formal sailing programs continue to flourish under Nick and Dick and 10 members have taken part in informal spinnaker and man-overboard sessions.

In Spring we will organize a long weekend rendezvous in Bimini if there is sufficient interest and we are planning a trip to Nassau for those that want to advance their blue water skills. Anyone interested please e-mail me at DrPKellett@aol.com

Phil Kellet, Rear Commodore

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compete at this year's Nationals in the Radial Rig. This year's SAISA Cressy qualifier attracted the largest number of Radial sailors in ISSA history, with over 60 boats vying for the 3 SAISA spots at the Nationals in Seattle. Nick finished 7th in Seattle.

The 3 top Laser Full Rig and 2 of the top 3 Laser Radial winners were all from Florida (the SAISA district), demonstrating the high caliber of youth sailing in Florida. More information and photos on this event are available at <http://www.highschoolsailingusa.org/>.



Nick Voss and David Hernandez



David receives his trophy at the Cressy Awards.

THE BIRDS ARE BACK, BUT DON'T DESPAIR

Friends, on the bird situation there are three small things that significantly improve on the problem: 1) Run heavy monofilament line from the spreader bolt to two inches up on the upper shrouds to deprive them of a comfy place to sit; the line is really out of sight and lasts for years. 2) Place a small windmill with one blade shorter than the other(s), with a small flag on a stick, hoisted on a halyard with a down-tag line to above the masthead (Birds fear getting et by things that "shake in the day and night"). These two things generally solve the problem for practical purposes: however, if still not happy, contact www.bird-x.com (1.800.860.0473), purchase bird repellent, and rub it on wherever birds sit: masthead, backstay, top roller-furl spool, shrouds, triatics, etc. THIS WILL FIX IT!!! However, if really fired up, bird-x sells balloon funny faces, fake owls, hawks, snakes, possums and other critters. All this will surely be entertaining, but for a fact the first three things are all that's needed.

Several things, for a fact are no help whatever: 1) Concluding that the birds are "out to get you", and that other members and management are "herding" them onto your boat by use of sneaky devices and enticements. 2) Complaining mightily to whoever will listen, particularly the hired-help, some of whom are so bored with it they're in total denial!!! Believe me; the hired help are not in charge of birds at the CGSC. 3) Collecting great poundages of bird doo, folded carefully in a tarp, to sail around with on the boat; aspirators are needed for this to thwart disease, and 4) Conning the "old lady" or whomever into scrubbing the hide off the boat using powerful chemicals. Three years and the newest gel coat is down to the fibers. Trust me; all this is ho-hum and unnecessary. Just dissolve and wash off the bulk and let the sun bleach it. You may wish to "perfect" your windmill/flag as the season goes along, develop ideas, and save your stuff for next year. That should do it.

Please don't let the birds get in the way of your sailing. Ours are sailboats after all, not bird roosts. Good luck on it. See you at the Club.

Bill Beavers/Dr. Phil Kellett – Moorings Committee

CGSC has team in the Race for the Cure

The "CGSC CocoaNUTS" proudly wore their screaming yellow club T-Shirts in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure. The free pink Energizer Bunny ears were irresistible. Members included Becky Butler, Garie Blackwell, Cathy Buller, JeanAnne Davis, Nell Kellett, Daisy Lenit (a survivor and friend of Garie's), Dottie Rostorfer and Susan Walcutt. Everyone finished their events and the Team more than tripled their fund raising goal for a total of \$744 thanks to additional contributions from Suze Fry, Marie Perry and Melinda Smith.

Susan Walcutt



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in Beijing. After graduating from Old Dominion University, Anna moved to Plantation Florida, to be close to her fiancé, Brad Funk, and coached at CGSC several times. Sarah Lihan, CGSC Laser Team alumnus who is currently attending college at Yale, placed 3rd at the Trials.

Competition in the Laser Full Rig class kept race-watchers on the edge of their seats. The intense competition between the two top Laser sailors, Brad Funk and Andrew Campbell, came down to the very last race. Both sailors ended the 16 race event tied on points with Andrew Campbell winning the US Laser berth on the tie-breaker.

When his training schedule allowed, Brad has been the key Laser coach at CGSC for the past 3 years. Through his coaching, the Laser group has gotten to their current level, competing in many top national and international events, including the US Olympic Trials, US Youth Championships, the Cressy Nationals and Laser Worlds. We have been very fortunate to have Brad coach the Laser Team at CGSC.

Other CGSC sailors that qualified and participated in the Trials were Chris Branning, Michelle Davis, David Hernandez, Luke Lawrence, Alec Payne and Caroline Wright.



Anna Tunnicliffe shows why she was on top in Laser Radials.



Competitors fight for position during a race.



David and his dad, Jose at the Trials. The CGSC is indebted to Jose, who more than anyone is responsible for the success of the Miami Laser program. Jose's organizational skills, leadership and continuing effort has produced a great fleet of talented sailors.

Brad Funk races upwind during one of many races.



From the Manager . .

Over the last month allot of questions were brought forth by members. Therefore, I've decided to shorten this entry in favor of Hugh's Q&A. I hope a question or concern you may have had is answered to your satisfaction.. We'll Talk Again Next Month,
Hugh



Hugh's Q&A

Q: DuringtheweekendofOctober27/28,Iwastoldtherewasno launch servicetomyboatandtheloungewasclosed. Whatwasthisallabout?

A: Proudly, CGSC is very much a "Member Volunteer" club and has been so for over 60 years. Because of this, we can keep both cost and dues low. The weekend in question was the CGSC's annual "Work Weekend". At that time we asked members to contribute a few hours sanding, painting, cleaning and landscaping around the club grounds - many did. To assist with this, regular club services were suspended so the staff could assist. The dates of this event were announced in the Channel, on the monthly calendar, by posted flyers and by email.

Q: I've asked the office to bill my credit card, then they tell me I'm behind several months in payments and my services and charging ability is cut off.

A: Up to now, here's how this has worked. There has really been no such thing as Auto-Pay for almost two years. This only works when charges are automatically addressed and billed monthly.

After the financial hardships to many members caused by H. Wilma & H. Katrina, it was decided that yearly dues could temporarily be broken into installment payments. Our Auto-Pay system was not capable of handling partial payments and was turned off to avoid the full dues from being billed monthly on your credit cards and additional late charges. Since that time, as a service, Credit Card payments have been handled manually by the office clerk. Unfortunately that allows for human error.

Now that dues are again payable in full on July 1st of each year, we have made arrangements to reactivate the Auto-Pay credit card system through our server.

However, it is your responsibility to notify the club with your current CC numbers and expiration dates (I'd recommend only by phone or in person).. Updated phone numbers, addresses and email addresses can be done on line.

Q: Not commonly heard, but this does come up. "I never received a bill for the last 3 months, etc. So, I see no reason why I should be held responsible for it now?"

A: To many, that may sound like fair reasoning and a good question. I could spend many sentences answering this one but my best response would be - try your response with "American Express", your bank or landlord. We can negotiate late fees, but your charges are yours.

Q: I reviewed my bill and found "gratuity" charges on some items I did not authorize. Is gratuity automatic? Why should I pay it if no one assisted me?

A: FIRST, other than on banquet charges, gratuity is never automatically added. SECOND, when presented with a check, you may write in any tip you wish to leave or draw a line through it if you choose not to tip or have left cash for the server. We maintain the white copies and can research your questions to protect your interest. THIRD, If you charge food, drinks and possibly clothing apparel on the same ticket and then leave a tip,

our registers will automatically disperse that gratuity over all the various categories. On you monthly statement it will show a portion of the overall tip attached to each category.

Q: Why are late charges posted to my bill before I even get my statement?

A: Should you come into the office and inquire about your bill, the first screen on the computer you'll see is current to that date. Should it be mid-month, it will list late fees for that month (that are pending), but not the period you actually owe for. As long as payments are made within the prescribed time allotment, the computer system will recognize this and automatically remove any late fees.

Q: Many times the beginning of the month comes along and I have not received my "Channel" newsletter. Why not?

A: The "Channels" are delivered to the post office fairly quickly after we receive them at the club, usually about the third week of the prior month. However, Bulk Rate mail allows for up to a 10 day period before they are sent out from the Post Office, then add actual delivery time - Go Figure! However, we generally have the latest copies in the lounge and they are on our website by the last week of the prior month.

I hope I have provided answers to many of your questions. Should you prefer more clarification, please call or stop by the office, M-F, 9am - 5pm..

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A Word About Tropical Storms & Hurricanes:

We've been very lucky this season in escaping the usual run of tropical disturbances, but don't let your guard down. When a disturbance begins to loom, please begin to closely monitor the CGSC website and call the club Ext #20 for the latest information on preparations and boat evacuations.

There is merit to our madness! When TS Noel appeared to be heading in our general direction, we requested that boat owners furl their sails and lower their Biminies and Dodgers. 40 mph winds don't sound all that bad and are not, if your boat is prepared. However, any additional open or unfurled canvas can add to the movement of a moored boat. Add to that, the higher tide, in turn reducing the slack on your mooring line and your inviting the strong possibility of your boat beginning to pull it's mooring and drift. I think we all know what outcome that could render.

To those of you that heeded our warning's and request - we thank you! To those that did not, I hope you will thank Dock master Duane & Rear Commodore Phil for pulling together some teams of member/staff volunteers and taking it upon themselves to better secure your boats

This was done out of necessity to insure the safety of the mooring field and all member boats. but please do not anticipate or expect this to become the norm.

Thank you

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Sailing Committee is as active as ever. In addition to offering five different Adult Sailing Programs (Basic Learn-to-Sail, Monthly Sunfish Clinic, Weekly Ladies Sunfish Clinic, Basic Keelboat, and Keelboat Certification), we have recently provided a learning / sailing experience for the Boy Scout Merit Badge program, a Learn-to-Sail program for University of Miami students, and we have been selected for an NPRA (National Park Recreational Association) event designed to teach future Level 1 instructors the basics of sailing as the first step. This came about through the sponsorship of the Miami Dade County Public School (M-DPCS) program where we are the host club for sail and kayak training for youth.

Our activities for this past month include the following:

U of M - Thanks to the efforts of member Kay Kilpatrick, CGSC's Adult Training Program is offering our two-day Learn-to-Sail program to UM students through their recreational club. Three group classes were scheduled and the first was held the first weekend of November. We were assisted with this active, successful class by our newest certified instructor staff member Mike McHugh who related well with the students. We were very impressed with how quickly these students caught on and their enthusiasm to continue with some of the sailing programs we offer.

Ladies Sunfish Clinic - This weekly clinic continues to be successful and popular with both members and non-members. The ladies meet from 9AM until 1AM every Thursday for a short class then it's on the water for practice and some fun, which also includes racing for skill-building and measurement of progress. This is a close-knit group, always helping each other and looking for more ladies to join. Cost is low, and requirements are simple to attain. If interested, call the office, extension #11.

Learn-to-Sail - CGSC has been teaching basic sailing to member and non-member adults for many decades. Since

1996, our base boat has been the Sunfish. This is a Level 1 US Sailing course, taught by certified instructors. Our October class was unable to finish the second day due to high winds, so we invited them to join the November class, completed November 11. This was a very diverse class and weather conditions didn't always cooperate, however, the final session on Sunday afternoon offered perfect winds for training. We finished with lots of smiles and inquiries about how they could continue their sailing "adventure". Special THANKS to Charles Branning for assisting with the course. Charlie stepped up to a last minute request, and his experience, knowledge and patience were major factors in the success of this monthly class.

Work Day - Thanks to the representatives and the Sea Scouts of Ship 1946, our entire fleet of Sunfish was scrubbed clean and waxed. The scouts and a few members finished all the boats in one day. Other members sanded and varnished all the rudder-tiller assemblies and assisted with various minor repairs. The fleet has never looked so good or been in such good shape. Thanks to all who participated.

New at CGSC? Get involved and volunteer your services to help the club. One of the most enjoyable volunteer activities is working with the Adult Sailing Program. Meet new people, spend time on the water and help your club. Contact the office, ext. 11.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,
Adult Sailing Committee



Nine Sunfish made ready for the UM students morning sailing session



Learn-to-Sail class is all smiles before their first group sail on the Bay



Ladies practicing at the start line during the weekly clinic.



WORK WEEKEND





CGSC HOSTS GREAT 2007 ANNUAL REGATTAS!

The CGSC Annual Regattas for 2007 were a great success – on the water and ashore. First came the Annual Regatta for PHRF boats on Sunday, October 14th, followed the next weekend by the One Design Annual on Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21.

PHRF Annual Regatta

The PHRF Regatta was sailed under (yet again this year) very windy conditions on Biscayne Bay. Winds were in the 20 knot range, gusting to 30 knots. Some 16 competing boats braved the elements to race in our Regatta. Under these conditions, it's not just the racing boats that are tested, but our Race Committee boats and equipment as well. The fleet was distributed among PHRF 1-3 and J-24 classes.

The CGSC Signal Boat, Juan Torres' Beneteau 42 Sono III stuck its anchor on the first try, and the race day was on. The two Club Mako support boats, skippered by Art Auwaerter and Carolyn Rahn, used two anchors on each of their deployed race marks, all of which also held on the first try. So, the first of two windward-leeward, twice around courses was started on time at 1130 Hours.

In PHRF 1, it was Tom Piper's Pipe Dream XIV besting CGSC's Concept vs. Reality, and saving its time on the faster rated Thin Ice for the win. CGSC's Jammin, sailed by Russ and Vicki Horn won PHRF 2. Deadline, sailed by Gerald Marston was victorious in PHRF 3, and Pick Up Styx won in the J-24's.

After a minimal delay between races in the still heavy air, the second race was started. This provided an interesting contest, when the faster rated Aerodyne 38 Thin Ice had a late start, and, instead of leading the fleet around the course, found itself overlapped with Pipe Dream XIV at the leeward mark rounding. It was exciting sailing to watch, but the handwriting was on the wall, as Pipe Dream XIV raced to another corrected time first and the PHRF 1 victory.

In PHRF 2, Past Commodore David Kurtz's Goombay was first, after a third in Race 1, thus setting up a three way tie for first in class with Jammin and Blackbird, sailed by CGSC's Pat Cacase, which finished 2nd in both races. On the tie-break, it was Goombay first, followed by Jammin and then Blackbird. Pretty competitive racing among the CGSC PHRF fleet!

In PHRF 3, Race 1 winner Deadline failed to finish, setting up a two way tie between Stalker, the Able Pointin 24 and Stuart Sorg's Ranger 28 Special Warfare, which was won by Stalker on the tie-break. Pick Up Styx scored another first to sweep the J-24 Class in a convincing manner on a tough day.

After the second race, the fleet was sent home due to the conditions, in spite of the relatively early hour. Since sailors like to swap sea stories borne of tough conditions, a very large crowd of tired, happy and relieved racers gathered at the Club afterwards for trophies and the traditional CGSC Annual Regatta cookout. They were boisterous, and very appreciative of the efforts of our Race Committee.

One Design Annual Regatta

The following Saturday morning dawned with an ominous weather forecast of very light winds and a 70% chance of rain with thunderstorms likely. However, the sky turned a nice

blue, the wind built to seven knots, and the regatta was on. A very good One Design fleet of eight Etchells, five Snipes and 12 Flying Scots appeared in the starting area to contest the regatta. Again, excellent race management by our RC saw the first race started on time, and two additional races sailed, amid relatively light and somewhat shifty conditions. All were windward-leeward, twice around courses with a leeward gate.

At the end of the day, the Etchells Class saw some strange results as Chris Lanza was over the line early in Race 1 and still won the race, while Ken Batzer's new boat was quite late for the start of Race 2 and recovered to a second place finish. By day's end, Chris led with five points, with Ken in 2nd at eight points and Steve Horwitz in 3rd with 10. In the Snipes, it was Carolina Palacios showing the way in all three races followed by Gonzalo Diaz, Jr. In the hotly contested Flying Scot Class, visitor Ron Pletsch led with a hard-to-beat 1-2-1 series, followed by Mike Douglas with a 2-3-2. Bud Price led our local Scot fleet, but they were in for their annual drubbing by the visitors from other Scot fleets in Florida and nearby states.

Sunday dawned with more wind and a much reduced chance of showers. The Race Committee scheduled two more races to complete the series, which would allow for one dropped race from each boat's series score. The Etchells Fleet played give-away, with Chris Lanza finishing 4th and 2nd for the day, Ken Batzer, with Tom Lihan at the helm, finishing 5th and then winning Race 5, while Steve Horwitz won Race 4, but followed by a 4th in the finale. When the spray cleared and the throw-outs considered, Chris won by two points over Ken Batzer/Tom Lihan, with Steve Horwitz in 3rd.

With the stronger breeze, the Snipes and Scots were sent on a triangle-windward-leeward course for Sunday's races. It was fun to see these boats planing on the reaching legs. Among the Snipes, Carolina Palacios continued her mastery of the fleet, recording a clean sweep of the regatta. Gonzalo Jr. was five points back in 2nd, and Robin Baker was 3rd. In the Scots, Mike Douglas came from behind with two wins on Sunday, forcing a tie-break with Ron Pletsch. They each had two firsts and two seconds, forcing the decision to the best finish in Race 5, which was Mike. Jim Egan was 3rd. Bud Price was 5th to top the locals.

Again, there was a very good crowd at the Saturday evening cookout, and also for the Sunday afternoon trophy presentation. There were many compliments paid to our CGSC Race Committee, for, frankly, an excellent regatta.

Speaking of such, CGSC's fine Race Committee for the two Annual Regattas consisted of Juan Torres and his Signal Boat Sono III for the PHRF Regatta, and Jack and Sue David's Giggling Dolphins for the One Designs. CGSC Race Chair Ron Rostorfer was PRO for both events. Mako Skippers and Crews included Art Auwaerter, Rear Commodore Phil Kellett, Carolyn Rahn, Dennis Jansma, Susan Walcutt, Nell and Lindon Kellett, Dottie Rostorfer, Mark Lowell, Susan Schultz, and newcomers Mike Rehr and David Coffey. Signal Boat crews included Susan Schultz (again!), Marvin Schenker, Jim Waldron, Sandra Carey, Vicki Rosenbloom, JoAnn Mathieu as "Tokyo Rose" and "Radar," and out-of-town guest "Z" Flower. Ken Batzer, one of the great Race Chairs and PRO's in South

Florida, also assisted our Committee with placement of the gybe mark for the Snipes and Scots on Sunday aboard his power boat. Special thanks go to Anita Hansen for a great job on the trophies.!

Bottom line: nothing transpired that should diminish the racing fleets for next year's CGSC Annual Regattas!



HOLIDAY PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

The CGSC Race Committee's Second Annual Holiday Party will be **Tuesday, December 4th**. What's new this year is that the **entire CGSC membership is invited to attend**. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Starts at 7:00 pm. Cash bar.

This will be the occasion for the first presentation and awarding of the new **Al Chapin Perpetual Trophy**. Plan to attend!

An Invitation to the CGSC West Christmas Party

Join us for our Annual CGSC West Christmas gathering Saturday, December 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Fred Hutchinson II, 602 Bayside Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

Mark the date to join us to reminisce and catch up. We would love to hear from you all! Please RSVP 239 489-4302 or e-mail: irenehut@embarqmail.com for directions.

Irene Hutchinson

Racing Schedule –December, 2007 – January, 2008

Saturday, December 1	BBYRA OD#12 – BBYC
Sunday, December	BBYRA PHRF#12 - KBYC
Friday, December 7	Palm Beach Race – Sailfish Club (PB)
Thurs-Sun, December 27-30	Orange Bowl Regatta – CGSC
Friday, January 4	BBYRA Annual Meeting & Registration – CGSC
Saturday, January 12	BBYRA OD#1 – Miami YC
Sunday, January 13	BBYRA PHRF#1 – CGSC
Wednesday, January 16	Ft. Lauderdale – Key West Race Ft. Lauderdale YC/Storm Trysail Club
Mon-Fri, Jan 21-25	Key West Race Week – Premier Racing
Mon-Sat, Jan 28-Feb 2	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta

CGSC ANNUAL REGATTA RESULTS

CGSC Annual	One Design	
Etchells Class		
Sail No.	Skipper	Place
1055	Chris Lanza	1
1305	Ken Batzer	2
1239	Steve Horwitz	3
1371	Tom Piper	4
1145	P. J. Keenan	5
1202	Jonah Pruitt III	6
808	John Greevan	7
1094	Sharon Bourke	8
Snipe Class		
Sail No.	Skipper	Place
30362	Carolina Palacios	1
29995	Gonzalo Diaz, Jr.	2
28466	Robin Baker	3
30336	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.	4
3023	Raphael Jarauta	5
Flying Scot Class		
Sail No.	Skipper	Place
4305	Mike Douglas	1
341	Ron Pletsch	2
600	Jim Egan	3
5577	John Domogala	4
5220	Bud Price	5
5339	Chris Erichsen	6
4595	Vlad Stroleny	7
5672	Jean Hester	8
5399	Larry Whipple	9
5629	Dick Starita	10
2496	Charlie Fowler	11
5321	Henry Bernstein	12

CGSC Annual Regatta	PHRF #11	
Yacht	Skipper	Place
PHRF 1		
PIPE DREAM XIV	Scott Piper/Tom Piper	1
THIN ICE	Stuart Hebb	2
MAN-O-WAR	Sennett Duttenhofer	3
CONCEPT VS. REALITY	Steven Alexander	4
MOVING PARTY 4	Mike Catalano	5
PHRF 2		
GOOMBAY	David Kurtz	1
JAMMIN'	Russ and Vicky Horn	2
BLACKBIRD	Pat Cacace	3
PHRF 3		
STALKER	Alexei Vasiliev	1
SPECIAL WARFARE	Stuart Sorg	2
DEADLINE	Gerald Marston	3
FREEBIRD	Kenneth Ellis	4
J-24		
PICK UP STYX	Jonathan Luscomb	1
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH	Mark Milnes	2
JOE COOL	Lionel Baugh	3
FATAL ATTRACTION	Bob Stout	4

Race Committee Members Work to Progress

Five intrepid CGSC Race Committee members made their way to the Palm Beach Sailing Club on Saturday, November 3, 2007, to attend a Race Management Seminar. The all day class and test is another step for the group towards becoming Club PROs for the CGSC Race Committee. Attendees included Liz Gabay, Ron Giachetti, Jaime Ramon, Susan Walcutt and Larry Whipple.

Susan Walcutt



Social Membership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



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CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

8 HP Yamaha 2 stroke outboard, tank and hose. Old but never failed with Avon 9 Foot Dinghy (Old). Both for \$175. Henry Mustin 561 702 6103 or 305 604 8484.

2005 Laser Radial Rig with Sail and sail bag, Blades and Aquata blade bag, Bottom boat cover and Dolly. Asking \$3,400. Please contact Wendy Gans @ (305)-582-2834 or wgans5401@hotmail.com

Month 2

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

Month 3

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)

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.

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.

Commercial Advertising is available for business use by calling the Club Office at (305) 444-4571 to receive a copy of the rates and a contract.

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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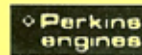
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Announcing the New Year's Eve Celebration

Reserve now to attend the CGSC New Years Eve party for a waterfront celebration at your sailing club. Manager Hugh is taking reservations for our celebration to ring in the New Year in Florida Tropical style.



Back by popular demand, the band "**Been There, Done That**" has been reserved for the CGSC New Years Eve party. We had to invite them back after all the rave reviews and praise for the band. We are confident you will enjoy their return to the Veranda. They are very excited to join us again, also.

Dinner Menu is a blend of many tastes, also back by popular demand. There

*Happy
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will be a buffet menu to dazzle and delight your pallet, while you enjoy the tastes of Southern and Tropical cuisine. Dinner includes Seafood hors d'oeuvres, Caribbean salad, three main courses of tropic tastes, vegetables with island-influenced spices, to be topped off with a South American dessert and gourmet coffee.

Wrapping up the evening at the midnight champagne toast when Year 2008 rolls in, witness the Downtown Miami skyline light up with fireworks, celebrating a New Year arrival.

You are invited to bring your boat to the dock for New Year Dockside Rendezvous. Captains are encouraged to bring their boats to the dock for staying the remainder of the night. Across the street at Sonesta Bayfront Hotel Coconut Grove rooms are available for the night, should you choose to stay in The Grove for the entire weekend or just for the night. Call the Reservation Desk at 305-529-2828 or reserve rooms online at <http://www.sonesta.com/CoconutGrove/> Please state you are a guest of CGSC for any applicable discounts offered by Sonesta.

Contact Club Office, 305-444-4571 ext. 10 for reservations, questions, and suggestions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

