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ORANGE BOWL OPEN REGATTA

From a competitors perspective
by Dave Ellis, Participant

The 2006 Coconut Grove Sailing Club Open Orange Bowl Regatta was an event that the club should be proud to have staged. While the annual fete for junior sailors is ongoing up the bay, this regatta gives dads and other family members and friends to race on beautiful Biscayne Bay instead of moping around a crowded parking lot waiting for the kids to return.



not easy to find a place to put a race course with over 600 boats in the Junior Orange Bowl spread all over the water.

Thursday's racing was held far across the bay toward the end of the Key. The wind tended to go to the right, especially at the windward end of the race course. Some top Laser sailors got caught on the left in the first race and a couple of

the slower sailors had their best race by being on the right. By the second heat, the top sailors had figured out the bent wind. Three races were held that first day.

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

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Another holiday season is history. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed themselves and started the New Year off on the right foot. Not a lot happens in the way of board activities and club business over the holidays.

Thank you to Claire Hamm and the Entertainment Committee for a superb New Year's Eve bash. The tropical theme lent itself to great food and many Hawaiian print clothes...just my style! With over 140 in attendance, the turnout was very good.

The club property taxes are being appealed by a member who is a property tax attorney. As of January 10, 2007, we have not been assigned a hearing date.

On December 11 and 12 there were public presentations by Sasaki about the Waterfront Master Plan. I hope you were able to attend. Thank you to the many members who were present, and voiced their concerns and opinions about accessibility to the waterfront. We must continue to be involved in the process.

There are still some boat owners who have not completed their moorings agreement. Please stop by the office to take care of this soon.

The club hosted the Orange Bowl Regatta for the Lightning and Laser classes. Participation was slightly down from previous years, but a good time was had by all. We hope to see participation grow in coming years. Club members who have eligible boats should make an effort to race in this prestigious regatta. It is a great opportunity to meet many fine sailors from around the country. A big thank you to Art Auwaerter, Principal Race Officer (PRO), and all who volunteered on Race Committee.

The Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) annual awards party was held at BBYC on January 5. CGSC had good participation throughout the year and those who qualified in their classes did very well. Members walked away with many trophies, including conch shell horns, which could be heard at the post-party revelry in the Grove's Nest. Congratulations to Pat Cacace for the special award he received for participating in all scheduled 2006 BBYRA races! We look forward to another great year of racing in 2007.

David Kurtz, Commodore



Congratulations to Cynthia Gross Taylor



who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Cynthia was a founding member and wife of Past Commodore Fred Grosse, She now lives in Punta Gorda and plays golf almost every day.
Renny Young

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope you have been enjoying your Club as much as I have! In addition to the cooler weather and good sailing, there have been many other events happening around the Club. Besides the New Year's party, the Mango Strut took place earlier that day. It was a great time to show off the Club and present our needs to the community. Although it was a parody parade, the folks on the street asked about our lack of a lease and showed support for our desire to stay in the Grove. Our new District 2 Commissioner even autographed one of our signs!

Other recent events were a rendezvous at Nixon's anchorage and a lively and informative book presentation at social night. Members are now bringing a dish for social night and I hope you plan to participate. Please feel free to sign up in the Grove's Nest Bar.

As some are sailing to Key West in a race, the Olympic Class regatta is in town. We are hosting the One Design Board sailors. They have come from around the country and world; please make them feel welcomed.

Finally, I want to remind you of the monthly meetings. They are held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Lots of information is passed and I'd like more members to join us. Until then, I'll see you on the Bay,

*Marc Buller,
Vice Commodore*



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Who Are We?

In December, the Miami Waterfront Advisory Board was presented with the Sasaki Master Plan proposals.

There were 3 "Schemes" presented: A – The Regatta Scheme, B – The Garden Scheme, C – The Clipper Scheme.

The good news is that CGSC was shown in our present location on the plans for all three schemes, (some had a boardwalk around us, and some through us). The Clipper Scheme was billed as the most aggressive and costly of the three, and it centered around bringing back the heritage of the old Pan Am Clipper hanger area. This plan showed the relocation of Shake –A – Leg placed between CGSC and Dinner Key, sharing property with CGSC.

During Mark Dawson's excellent presentation he consistently referred to CGSC as the "Sailing Center". At the end of the presentation CGSC board member Doug Hanks had the good sense to ask the Sasaki group if this was a simple misquote. Doug was informed that the City instructed them to refer to us on the plans as the "Coconut Grove Sailing Center", changing the word "Club".

It is great that the city has acknowledged us as an integral part of the Master Plan, however I personally do not understand why they have a problem with us remaining as a "Club". City property is utilized by the "Miami Yacht Club", and "Miami Rowing Club".

So who are we? Our Bylaws state "The purpose of this Club shall be to encourage the amateur sport of sailing, seamanship,

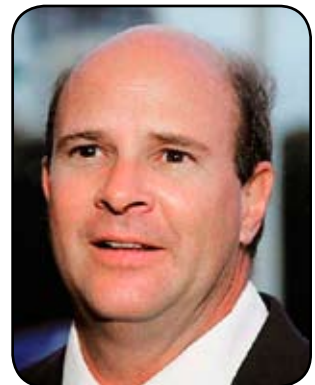
instruction, racing and cruising".

I believe we certainly accomplish all of these goals. Our programs include, learn to sail for adults and children, hosting Miami Dade County School systems Marine Sciences Academy, a nationally known Laser racing team, lectures by Biscayne National Parks personnel and authors like John Kretschmer, hosting the U of M sailing team, sailing programs for Ransom Everglades and St. Stephens schools, hosting a multitude of regattas and our latest additions of a Keel Boat certification course, and a Sea Scout ship. Cruising is well represented by the work of Janice Pruett and the Cruising and Rendezvous committee.

We need to continue to show the city that we are not just a place to moor your sailboat. In recent years our mooring field has seen an increase in size of the vessels. It is probably not too far of a reach to assume that these larger boats represent a more "affluent" club member than in years gone by. One area of improvement needed is to have more of our newer members with larger boats get involved with our programs and committees!

As a "Club" we are a fraternity of sailors that love what Biscayne Bay has to offer and we welcome any sailors that share that vision to become members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

*Charles A. Rahn
Rear Commodore*



Orange Bowl from 1

Friday promised to be windier. Some Laser sailors who were of sufficient vintage to be in the Masters category opted to change to the smaller Radial sail. The wind, however, never got much above 12 knots for the three races held nearer the west side of the bay.

Saturday produced the best wind of the regatta, with long gusts to around 18. Several Lasers and two Lightning's opted out of racing for the day. The competing sailors enjoyed great breezes with short, steep chop and enough wind shifting to make racing interesting.

The Lightning's got antsy and had individual boats over the starting line early in both Saturday starts, while the Lasers had their one and only general recall when all the hot-shots wanted to start at the pin end and pushed each other over. Principal Race Officer Art simply had the pin end moved downwind twenty feet to induce the sailors to spread out over the starting line. Off they went cleanly.

Visitors to the area won both fleets. Skip Dieball and crew Mike Stark and Karl Felger hail from Toledo, Ohio. Skip is an accomplished racing sailor and well known sail maker. The Laser winner was 22 year-old Clay Johnson of Toms River, NJ. Some may remember him as a winning Optimist Dinghy sailor of a few years ago. He is a very tall and fit fellow, as are all Laser sailors vying for the Olympic slot in the Laser for the 2008 Games.

This writer was sailing a Laser regatta for the first time in almost a decade. It was a good way to be re-introduced



to the boat. The middle of the fleet had as much friendly competition as the top boats. The races were started with no undue delay. It used to be easier to sit around in a little cockpit waiting than it is now. Thanks for getting on with the show.

After Saturday's racing a fine banquet was spread for the racers by the CGSC staff and promptly devoured. The trophy presentation was done with dignity and humor. We plan to return



Coconut Grove Sailing Club

**will present
Coral Cup 2007**



**a regatta for women skippers on Biscayne Bay
Sunday, March 4, 2007**

**See the Coral Cup website for details:
[http://home.bellouth.net/p/PWP-coral cup](http://home.bellouth.net/p/PWP-coral%20cup)**

King Mango Strut

As can be seen in the photo CGSC was well represented in the 25th King Mango Strut - political satire parade.

The photo of the crosswalk is somewhat reminiscent of the Abbey Road album cover - and our theme was "All we are sailing is give lease a chance" Sung to the tune of John Lennon's "Give peace a chance" the best renditions led by Richard Crisler came during the 1 hour plus wait to get started. After that the Hare Krishna's pulled up behind us and drowned us out with finger symbols & drums. After an hour of that I was ready to join if they would just stop playing.

We had about 20 marchers, (better than most general meetings), 6 gay-ly rigged prams, fishing poles with a Lease as bait - A big lease that all the kids in the crowd wanted to sign, and a banner declaring Coconut Grove the sailboat capital of America.

Charlie Rahn

Alyn getting lease signed by local kids.



CGSC RACE COMMITTEE

SERIOUS FUN!

Contact Ron Rostorfer

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Next Race Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 6th

Right After Social Night

**"Changing and Shortening the
Course"**

Social Night at 7:00 pm

RC Meeting at 7:30 pm

Please plan to attend!

RACE SCHEDULE

Sun., Jan. 28	BBYRA #2- MYC
Sat.-Sun., Feb. 3-4	Commodore Rasco Snipe Regatta-CGSC
Sat., February 10	BBYRA OD #2 - BBYC
Fri., Feb. 16	Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race
Sat., Feb. 24	MYC Annual - BBYRA OD #3
Sun., Feb. 25	MYC Annual - BBYRA PHRF#3
Thurs-Sun, March 8-11	Miami Race Week - Miami Beach Marina
Fri-Sun, March 16-18	Snipe Don Q Regatta - CGSC
Sat., March 24	BBYRA PHRF #4 - CGSC
Sun., March 25	BBYRA OD#4 - BBYC

John Kretschmer Presentation

Over 100 members and guests crowded the Main Room at CGSC on Tuesday night, January 9th for a presentation by noted sailing author, John Kretschmer. The program followed the traditional CGSC Tuesday Social Night, featuring Vice Commodore Marc and Cathy Buller's famous New Orleans jambalaya, accompanied by a nice salad.

John is a professional sailor and author with about 250,000 miles of offshore experience. He described the writing of his most recent release, *At the Mercy of the Seas* which describes the fateful ordeal of his friend Carl Wake and three others aboard three boats in the teeth of 1999's "wrong-way" Hurricane Lenny. John had gone to considerable lengths to research the characters whose drama was played out that terrible Caribbean November night. The audience was spell-bound.

John's presentation was followed by a book signing in which all the available books were sold in a few minutes. All in all, it was a great night at CGSC.

Over 100 club members and guests filled the meeting room for the guest speaker.



Ron Rorstorfer introduces the evening's speaker on Social Night.



Sailing author John Kretschmer speaks about his new book At the Mercy of the Seas.

In Memoriam...

George Crawford

Life long Miamian and CGSC Charter Member George Crawford died peacefully at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his wife Nell in 2002. George is survived by a son two daughters, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. George was known for his love of sailing and his dog and for serving others: the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis Club, United Way, Shake a Leg and the United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. As an employee of FPL he was president of the local IBEW and later a valued member of the management team. He could bring a smile to anyone's face and his ability to make people comfortable was a mark of his character.



George V. Crawford, Sr.
December 24, 1911 – January 5, 2007

BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR AT CGSC





Cruising and Rendezvous

January always brings a certain amount of "holiday fatigue" what with all the parties in December. However, January is also the start of "rendezvous season" for us and a chance to get back out on the water after all the shore side parties during the holidays. So we quickly announced the "Waning Gibbous Moon Rendezvous" which was held on Saturday and Sunday January 6 and 7, 2007. This was a first for us – normally we like to have a full moon rendezvous, but having just missed the full moon which fell in the middle of the week we had to settle for waning gibbous!

About 5 pm we sailed into Nixon's and rafted up with Gerry and Wanda Giudici who were already anchored up on Meditation. We were glad to see them as they had been traveling and out of touch since our trip to the Abaco's last spring. Later we were joined by Jennifer Wirth aboard Sunday Morning, Marc Buller and Cathy Peak aboard Otro Cuba Libre, and our friends Adrienne, and Pat Peters and Leslie Jones aboard their Hurricane (powerboat) Wine Down. We had a brief visit with Russ and Susan Newman and Jay and Rosemary Jones aboard Jay's cabin cruiser/trawler.

We shared great hors d'oeuvres provided by all, and meatball sandwiches and salad prepared by Janice and Adrienne. I think everyone was very happy to be out on the water. It was a beautiful evening, although the waning gibbous moon failed to show as it was mostly cloudy! However, we did enjoy a great fireworks display. Suddenly out of the dark a huge shape appeared off our stern. I thought it was a pirate ship coming along side to board us! However it turned out to be

Nick - CGSC sailing director and his wife who had sailed over to join us. With five boats then hanging on one anchor he decided not to raft up and headed back to Dinner Key. We were happy to see him out there and hope we hook up on another outing! Later the anchor did start to drag, so we all split up, with Meditation, Otro Cuba Libre, Sunday Morning and Effortless all spending the night.

On Sunday morning – the day not the boat – we rafted up with Sunday Morning - the sailboat not the day, and Otro Cuba Libre for champagne Mimosas served by Jennifer. Many thanks to her for that great treat! I think Mimosas are going to become a regular part of the C+R routine. We were entertained by dolphins, stingrays, pelicans and racers as they cavorted in the bay right off our stern.

Coming up in February we are planning a rendezvous to Marine Stadium. The plan is to raft up in the Stadium and have hors d'oeuvres on the boats. Then we'll dinghy in to the Bayside Hut bar/restaurant for dinner. Social members and folks who don't want to sail over or spend the night can join us for dinner onshore. For those who haven't been, this is sort of the North Bay equivalent of the Caribbean Club in Key Largo. Sunday morning – you guessed it - Mimosas! And breakfast. Mark the date – February 3rd and 4th.

Planning is ongoing for our trip to the Abacos/Exumas. Contact Janice at jbpmom@aol.com for more info.

Janice Pruett

Flying Scot Fleet News

BBYRA had their Annual Awards party at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Friday, January 5, 2007. Awards were given out for the Fall series and the 2006 Annual winners.

For the Fall series the Flying Scot winners were:

1st Place	Air America	Bud Price
2nd Place	Slime	Nick Martens
3rd Place	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple

The trophies for this award were conch shell horns and the crowd had a great time testing their horn blowing abilities.

For the 2006 Annual Awards the winners were:

1st Place	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple
2nd Place	Air America	Bud Price
3rd Place	Volee	Phil Messier & Jean Hester
4th Place	Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein

Also the Flying Scot Fleet 90 awarded Henry Bernstein, Lady Hope, Most Improved Flying Scot Sailor of the Year! The Most Improved Sailor Perpetual trophy is the Lighthouse in the CGSC bar and will have Henry's name added to it.

See you all for the next race on 1/13/07 and smooth sailing in 2007.

Larry Whipple
Captain Flying Scot Fleet 90



Biscayne National Park Discovery Series at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Biscayne National Park will once again be presenting monthly lectures on the park's diverse resources. The Discovery Series, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at 2990 South Bayshore Drive, takes place at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month from January through April 2007. The series is free and open to the public. Topics for this 7th year of the popular series are:

February 14, 2007 **Managing Coral Reefs: A Community Experience**

Presented by Richard Curry, Biscayne National Park
Biscayne National Park protects the northern reaches of the world's third-longest coral reef. With coral reefs in decline around the world, join the park's Chief Scientist Richard Curry for a look at the park's coral reef nursery project, an innovative effort utilizing researchers and community volunteers to help save coral reefs.

March 14, 2007 **Rare and Endangered Reptiles of Florida**

Presented by Joe Wasilewski, Natural Selections
Florida's climate and diverse habitats make it a haven for a wide variety of snakes, lizards and turtles. With South Florida ranking near the top in the number of imported exotic reptiles, many of these unique animals are becoming even harder to find. Wildlife biologist Joe Wasilewski shares insights from his work with American crocodiles, Eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, diamondback terrapins and more.

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.

Details of Discovery Series lectures and other events sponsored by the park, including glass bottom boat and snorkeling trips, excursions to Elliott and Boca Chita Key, and monthly Family Fun Fests, are available by clicking on the Events Calendar link on the park's website at www.nps.gov/bisc/, or by calling the park's visitor center at 305-230-7275, extension 0.

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The Channel

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

From the Manager . .

Well, I just can't seem to beat the system. The last few months, I've told you of great accomplishments only to have them appear on-line before they happen. Then again, I'm just pretty optimistic!



However, one accomplishment truly obtained was our Polynesian Themed New Year's Eve Party.

The band was great, the food very good and the relaxed theme worked wonderfully.

Another accomplishment is the addition of Peter as our new head cook. If you haven't stopped in for a meal for a while, give us another try. I think you'll like the quality, consistency and great improvements coming from the boys in the kitchen.

Finally, another change that took place in January was the return to member participation Social Night. The kitchen is no longer open on Tuesdays so we turn to the members to provide snacks, hors d'oeuvres, one-plate dinners, casseroles, etc. The club will credit your account for \$50. to cover your expense. Food is available about 7:00 pm and is strictly first come, first served. Members contributing to this event should plan for roughly 25 people and we will provide plates, cutlery, napkins, etc. Please see the sign up sheet in the lounge and watch for announcements of future theme nights.

Well talk next month.

Hugh

HUGH'S Q&A

Q) I've come in and placed an order only to be told my name is not in the system. At off hours, the office is closed and no one can assist me. What's the problem?

A) We are on a computerized register system linked directly to your account. If the computer discovers you are 60 days in arrears with your payment or your current credit card of record has an expired expiration date, your account will be kicked into the inactive category and locked until the correction has been made. The bartender cannot bypass this. If you'd like to avoid future problems, please call Sarah in the main office and have a VISA or MC listed on your account and your credit card will be automatically debited.

Q) A while back, I sent a friend over to have a drink on my tab and he was refused why?
A) Although we do offer many classes, events and space for civic organizations to the general public, CGSC is primarily a private club restricted to members. To protect the members, the member must accompany guest on property.

Have a question or issue? Let me know or drop it in the club suggestion bar.

Green Fleet Orange Bowl Regatta

After a heavy attendance and well organized regatta in Naples, 2006 culminated with the golden Orange Bowl regatta. Organized by our neighbors, CRYC, and closing the calendar year with the high level of sailing energy that Biscayne Bay deserves. We had participants from fourteen countries and thirty two states in various One Design classes such as Lasers, 420, 29rs, and of course Optis. Our club was represented by five skippers in total. In a way, this is a small group, considering that we have around fifteen active sailors, however, there were many parents traveling out-of-town for the holidays. This small team positioned our club in the upper middle group's position.

The Orange Bowl regatta, helped by great weather, was just magnificent. Our Green Fleet is growing, but still very young. In summary, skippers and coaches had a great time and, we all survived the four day regatta.

Congratulations to our coaches Natalie and Tatiana, who raced in two Optis from the CRYC to the CGSC dock, demonstrating not only their skills, but also the long lasting value of having been in the Opti team years ago. Also, thanks to our Sailing Director, who organized the logistics and made things a lot easier by being available for the length of the event. Thanks to Ken Reid, Jamie's dad, who helped coaching the kids and maintained everybody under control.

Your Opti Chairperson
Antonio Bejarano



Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race

It was a rough and tumble start for the 2007 Key West Race off Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades Inlet on Wednesday, January 10th. Winds were northeast at 15-20 knots in the second day of the cold front that hit south Florida in mid-week.

There were four, count'em four CGSC entries in the race: Bill Beavers' "Finesse," Steve Perry's "Pilgrim," Wilfredo Paredes' "Sun Quest," and Enrique Riquelme's "Zephyrus," all in the PHRF D Class.

It was a fast race, with virtually all finishers in Key West by mid-day the following day. Reaching and running conditions in strong winds prevailed throughout. For the CGSC fleet, "Zephyrus" finished 2nd in Class D, followed by "Sun Quest" in 4th, "Finesse" in 5th and "Pilgrim" in 6th.

Ron Rostorfer

Bill Beavers' "Finesse" deals with steep seas heading south from the Key West Race start off Ft. Lauderdale.



Steve Perry's "Pilgrim" blasts away from the start line under asymmetrical spinnaker.

CGSC Race Committee

The OB Regatta was a great three days of racing. Thanks to Lester Johnson and the Orange Bowl Committee for providing the medals and shirts for the competitors and to Lester personally for adding to the awards program. The race committee personnel who all did a great job were Ron Rostorfer, Dottie Rostorfer, Larry Whipple, David Holland, Carl Updike, Jo Ann Pzenny, Jeannie Bunten, Charley Branning, Cherie Branning, Bill Braddon, Vicki Rosenbloom, John Degan, Bernie Meier, Jo Ann Mathieu, Euan Black, Mark Evans, Mary Stein, Wilfredo Paredes, Beth Hoopes, and Liz Sumpton. Also a special thanks to Bill Braddon for the use of Tondelayo for the signal boat.

Art Auwaerter

Take People Sailing

Just over a year ago we put a crew list section on the website and my boat, Shadowfax the Corsair F31 trimaran, was the first boat on the list asking for crew. It has been the best thing I ever did for enhancing my sailing pleasure.

A total of 25 sailors, male, female, young, old, experienced and inexperienced have sailed with me on a total of about 75 sailing days. There has been a trip down the Keys to visit Pete Maxwell our ex Dock Master and a sailing diving trip to the Bahamas. On each of the trips the new crew navigated and ran the boat including a night crossing from the Bahamas without the GPS being switched on. We have had days when we drifted hardly filling the spinnaker and days when we put in the third reef to keep the boat speed below 20 knots. We even had one day when we went through Stiltsville overtaking the power boats!

Greg and Elizabeth Kaufman who sailed on my boat and Marco Fuxa's Beneteau are now the owners of a lovely new Beneteau 32 footer...For some unknown reason they decided that comfort was more important than sailing at 15-20 knots on a tri.

Not only have I gained crew I have made some very good friends who are now part of the Kellett's extended family. Heike, a delightful German lady with a PhD in marine chemistry has sailed with me for over 30 days and she brought her mother over from Germany for Christmas and they spent two weeks at our home.

Other notables are Sam a UM law student who sailed down the Keys with me and Lenei a delightful Pilipino lady who with Heike made the Bahamas trip, both have sailed over 30 days with me. Lenei and Heike also helped with the evacuation and recovery for this season's non-hurricane, not only on my boat but on other member's boats most notably Marco Fuxa's and Larry and Anita Freedman's

I encourage any member with a boat to put their boat on the Crew Opportunities section of www.CGSC.org not only does it enhance your sailing pleasure and make it easier to sail

more but it encourages new club membership and activities. Extra crew are also invaluable when it is time to evacuate for the hurricanes.

In April I have chartered a 44 ft boat in England and with my wife Nell and a crew of Marco Fuxa, Lenei Jimenez, Larry Whipple and Emi Martinez and we are sailing to St Malo on the Brittany Coast of France. The round trip is about 400 nautical miles through some of the most treacherous tidal waters in Europe. The tidal heights are 30 ft plus and we will be going through the Aldernay Race, a 20 mile, rock strewn passage where the tidal streams flow at 5-9 knots. I plan to make this trip an annual event so if anyone is interested for Spring 2008 please contact me at DrPKellett@aol.com. The cost for the boat is about \$650 per person and airfares to the UK can be found as cheaply as \$600.

In a similar vein I must congratulate Effortless' owners Alyn and Janice Pruitt for organizing the rendezvous' in the Bahamas. They are making major contributions to the sailing and cruising skills at the Club but perhaps more importantly they are making major contributions to the camaraderie that is so essential to a successful club. However, I must warn you that if you help with the hurricane evacuation don't offer to pull up Alyn's biggest anchor...I think he got it second hand off a cruise ship!!!!

This brings me to the subject of hurricane preparedness... We will be teaching a day-long course on hurricane preparedness at the end of April and the beginning of May. The course takes a full Saturday and includes a PowerPoint presentation on the theory of hurricanes, anchoring and keeping your boat safe when the hurricanes come and a boat trip to Marine Stadium and the mangroves with practical demonstrations on how to anchor and tie-up. Alyn Pruitt may again bring his 'cruise ship' anchor to show what it really takes to anchor in 100 knots of wind.

Phil Kellett



CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

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

Wanted - I'm also looking to buy a two-person kayak.

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

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 LBBearsIRS@aol.com

Month 2

FOR SALE 1977 Choy Lee Clipper Ketch. Luders design, 33 foot, 4 foot draft, loaded. \$32,000. 305 903 1300 or biminilee@aol.com.

Month 3

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

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Youth Sailing

Happy New Year to All!

My new year's resolution... GET MORE PEOPLE SAILING! and so far it seems to be working. Now that the holidays have passed we can once again focus our efforts on the goal of program expansion. The responses I've been receiving from people (youth & adults) have been amazing. Our ever present MDCPS program is growing by the day and by the time we get to March we will be hosting them 3 times a week. The adult sailing programs are scheduled through all of '07 and are filling up quickly. The keelboat certification program has been approved by the board of directors and we should have approval from US Sailing by the end of January (I hope so because we already have a waiting list) with many thanks to Richard Crisler, for without whose efforts this would not have been possible.

The youth sailing programs are almost full to capacity with the majority of the learn to sail kids evolving into our Green Fleet. We are welcoming back St. Stephens Episcopal School back this session with approximately 8 kids every Wed. from 3:30 to 5:30. And let's not forget our Ransom-Everglades middle who are still attending 2 times a week with about 12 kids per session.

We have something pretty special coming in February and that would be a visit from Clay Burkhalter sailing in the Mini-Transat race this year. We will be hosting him for approximately 6 weeks beginning Feb 1 through the middle of March when he will then have his boat shipped

to France to begin his long single-handed voyage to Brazil. We have made arrangements with Clay to keep his boat here at CGSC on a mooring while he trains and practices here in Miami. For those of you not familiar with this race and the boat used, it is a 21 foot rocket ship! The boat weighs less than 2000 lbs and was designed by the Johnstones (the J in J boats) for this particular event. Clay has agreed to share some of his experiences with all of us here at CGSC in the form of lecture or clinic or both, so stay tuned for dates on that. With all that said we need to start looking toward summer and of course that goes hand in hand with summer camp, so parents if you are interested in having your child in this year's camp or if they would like to apply as a counselor contact me so we can make necessary arrangements. Past Commodore Bud Price (trainer for US Sailing) has agreed to teach a level 1 instructor course here at CGSC, so if you or anyone you know is interested please contact me ASAP.



That's all for now
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