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MAY 2007

2007 (XLI ANNUAL) DON Q RUM KEG \$NIPE REGATTA

ifty-two (52) Snipes from 6 countries (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Mexico, Bahamas and USA) came to the City of Miami and Biscayne Bay to race in the 41st Annual Don Q Rum Keg Snipe

Regatta. The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Miami Snipe Fleet 7 and is sponsored annually by the Don Q Rum, Destileria Serralles, Inc. from Puerto Rico. The competition was tremendous with five different first place winners in five races and the winner never won a race. WHAT A FLEET!

Sheehan Commette.

Saturday was another beautiful day in Miami. The winds were lighter (10 to 12 K, puffy), out of the

Northwest, as the winds clocked after the front passed and there was tough sailing with difficult wind shifts. There were lots of opportunities to fall back and catch up. Augie Diaz and Pam Kelly won the 3rd race. Race 4 (2nd of the day) was won by the team of Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Tocke. After the day's racing there were 5 teams that

could win, setting up a Sunday of hard sailing to win the regatta. Saturday was capped with the traditional DON Q daiquiris and a delicious Cuban dinner.



On Friday March 16, two (2) races were sailed in winds from the south at 15-18K. The first race was won by Jorge Murrieta and Manuel Avila of Mexico.

The second race was won by Peter and

Sunday gave the sailors winds out of the North at 12 continued on page 4





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Lightning fleet racing downwind at CGSC during an Orange Bowl Regatta.

CGSC during an Orange Bowl Regatta.
Photo By Cherie Branning

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sasaki presented their final draft plan for the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan to the Waterfront Advisory Board on Tuesday, April 10, 2007. The presentation, discussion, questions and answers lasted for two and a half hours. The proposed draft plan moves the club to the proximity of the shrimp boats on the bulkhead of Dinner Key. The convention center would be torn down, and a new building constructed. Our current site would become green space. With this plan, there are lots of questions concerning details. The public process has not yet proceeded to the point where all answers can be provided. The next public meeting will be in about 45 days.



Members of the club met with the City Manager, Pete Hernandez, Department of Public Facilities, Lori Billberry and Mr. Bogner to discuss the mooring field. The State of Florida has been in touch with the City concerning the leasing of the mooring field to a private club. The City is seeking a waiver from the State so the City and the Club will be able to continue the current agreement. For information, go to the City's Planning Department website (http://www.miamigov.com/planning).

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

The finance committee is building the new budget for 2007-08. If you have anything that needs funding, please contact the Treasurer.

The property tax appeal is still on the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) agenda; we will keep you informed.

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

David Kurtz, Commodore

Thursday is Steak Night!

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

Only \$12.00 plus tax while they last

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Last month members of the Club attended the Waterfront Advisory Board meeting, when the Sasaki Group presented revisions to the Waterfront Master Plan. To those members in attendance, the Board and I thank you.

It is worthy to note that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is still on the map! Although we are moved to the other side of Seminole dock, that is now a "Regatta Plaza" dedicated to sailboat racing.

Though change is often resisted, I want all members to keep an open mind to the Master Plan process. Director Mark Dawson of the Sasaki Group feels our Club belongs in the Grove and on the waterfront. He has told the City that and has encouraged the City to "Lock us in." We have come a long way since four or five years ago when our Club was slated for many changes less desirable.

Once again, I ask you to keep an open mind to the process and learn about the Master Plan yourself:

The City website for the Master Plan is: http://www.miamigov.com/planning/pages/urban_design/CoconutGrove.asp

(This is located under the "Planning Department" found on the City's main page.)

Sasaki has a website dedicated to the Master Plan as well: http://projects.sasaki.com/coconutgrove/

The Waterfront Advisory Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM at City Hall. We promote the Club by updating the Board of

Club activities at these meetings. These meetings are open to the public and our presence is appreciated.

Keep a positive attitude and I'll see you on the Bay,

Marc Buller, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The INTANGIBLE ASSET to OUR COMMUNITY

In a March 16th, 2007 letter sent by the Florida Department of Environmental Protect (DEP) to Miami City Manager Peter Hernandez discussing City of Miami Board of Trustees Deeds, the following sentence was included:

"In the case of Brickell Place Phase I and II and Coconut Grove Sailing Club, it is recommended that because these private facilities will never be consistent with the "public purpose" of the deeded lands, the City should quit claim deed the submerged bottom back to state ownership."

Hopefully everyone's first reaction will be – how does the State lump us into the same category as Brickell Place Marina?

Surely CGSC can show many tangible ways that we serve a public purpose. Offering over 15 sailing programs that are open to the public, civic groups like the Sierra Club, USCG Auxiliary and the Rotary Club regularly hold meetings at the club. The club is even utilized by a private marine education company to hold classes. Dues paid by the members and fees collected from the moorings help finance the operation of the club so that all of these programs have a "home" which in turn benefits the public.

However I believe the real reason all of these programs and activities function is because we are a "club" with a mission of fostering the enchant art of sailing. The fellowship and camaraderie of our members in a very important intangible asset to Coconut Grove and the city of Miami.

As an example. as I write this article, the final planning for the Florida State Optimist Championship is being concluded. The regatta is 3 days away, (when you are reading this it will be part of our club history). About 10 or 11 months ago the folks that started planning the regatta felt that CGSC could not handle such a large event at our location. I was able to

convince the board of directors that CGSC was in fact capable of handling the event. Over the many months we have had some very dedicated volunteers spend countless hours working to organize the event, there have been about 3 or 4 different chairmen, as well as a core of about 10-12 people that have worked very hard to make the regatta a reality.

As it came down to crunch time we have received help, offers of help and cooperation from members of CRYC, Shake -A-Leg, KBYC, the Miami parks department, the Woman's club, our teenage laser sailors, the sea scouts and even Diner Key Marina as well as many individuals. I write this article knowing the regatta will be a success.

The efforts, enthusiasm and camaraderie of our members have pulled together participants from many local organizations to host an event for over 125 sailors aged 15 and under from as far away as New Jersey, Louisiana and Milwaukee.

The intangible assets provided by the membership of our not for profit "club" must be recognized by State and City officials as serving an important "public purpose".

As an effort to grow our sense of camaraderie and family please be sure to attend our 2007 Annual Rendezvous which will be held at the club this year on May 12 & 13, so that we can get as many members, (regular, life, junior and social), to participate. We are entering a critical stage in the history of CGSC and it is very important that we get to know each other better, and discuss our future during a weekend of fun. Even if you don't stay aboard your boat overnight, (guaranteed you won't drag your anchor), come by during the day to enjoy the company of your fellow members.

Charlie Rahn, Rear Commodore (from page 1)

to 15 knots. There was a lot of yelling around marks and several 720s, but no protests. Andy Pimentel and Julia Langford did a great job and won the race. After a much contested race, San Diego's George Szabo and Alan Capellin were

the regatta winners by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point over Miami's Ernesto Rodriguez and Kathleen Tocke.

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the volunteers in the Race Committee. What a SUPER JOB they did! One of the best Don Q ever! RC as follows: PRO Ron Rostorfer, Signal

Boat owner Bill Braddon, Signal Boat Crew Marvin Schenker, Kay Voss, Vicki Rosenbloom, Jeanne Bunten and SCIRA Class Rep. Brainard Cooper. Mark Boat crews Susan Walcutt, Ken Batzer, David Kurtz, David Brown, Karen Young and Anita Hansen. Pin Boat Crews Bruce Schneider, Juan Torres and Bill Stites. Gate/Gybe Mark Boat

Crews Ron Giachetti and Carolyn Rahn. Safety

Boat Skipper Dr. Phil Kellett. Protest/Redress Committee Jane Anne Pincus, Chair; Rob Quinlivan and Vlad Stroleny.

Gonzalo Diaz













Photos by Fried Elliott

Don Q Results

	Bow/Sail	Skipper/Crew	1	<u>2</u>	3	<u>4</u>		Total 20.00	Pos
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33 34 35 36	51/ 30593 18/ 30551 47/ 30304 36/ 25125	Michelle Dunkley, Robert/Seppe, Shane Hackbarth, Don/Andersen, Linda Townsend, Tom/Townsend, Bill Merino, Martin/Valdespino,	22 35 40 36	28 42/DNF 31 33	45/DNF 36 30 38	48/DNS 15 37 35	23 39 37 36	166.00 167.00 175.00 178.00	33 34 35 36
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CGSC HOSTS BBYRA PHRF #4 REGATTA

Saturday, March 24th arrived breezy, sunny, and with a "zero" percent chance of rain. Oh well, two out of three isn't bad!

Anice fleet of 15 PHRF boats arrived in the starting area prior to the 1130 first warning signal. The first race got off without a hitch in the ENE wind of 13-18 knots. In all, three races were sailed, all windward-leeward courses. PHRF 1 was sent on a longer course than PHRF 2 and 3. The breeze was pretty well behaved, as expected from that direction. Slight course direction changes were made from one race to the next, but no changes were required during any of the races.

In the first race, Gordon Ettie's *Sazerac* bested Kevin Lawrie's *Spider* by the closest of margins, one second to take PHRF 1 on corrected time. In PHRF 2, it was CGSC's own Russ and Vicki Horn's *Jammin'* with a 10 second corrected time margin over Kai Svensen's *Caraluna*. CGSC's Pat Cacase in *Blackbird* was third. In PHRF 3, Lionel Baugh's J-24, the only J-24 present, sailed with this class and crossed the finish line first, but didn't count as an official competitor since virtually none of the J-24's are registered with PHRF. Jack King's J-22 got the first, with CGSC's Bill Beavers in second.

For Race 2, *Sazerac* won by a comfortable margin this time. The Horn's again took PHRF 2 over Oliver Waite's *Shadowfax* and *Blackbird*, while in PHRF 3 it was a repeat of Race 1. Meanwhile, as the race went on, dark clouds began appearing upwind. It wasn't long before a steady rain and slightly increased wind were upon us, in spite of the forecast. One of the newer members on CGSC's Race Committee team asked, "Do we wait for the rain to stop before starting the third race?" Answer: "Why would we do that?"

Actually, the PHRF 3 fleet had been falling behind as the

day went on, causing the CGSC Race Committee to start PHRF 1 and 2 while still waiting for the smaller boats to finish. In order to compensate for Race 3, the RC sent PHRF 1 and 2 on the same Course C as the first two races (windward-leeward twice around), but shortened PHRF 3 to Course B (just a windward-leeward, but to the long weather mark rather than the short one.

In Race 3, it was again *Sazerac* in PHRF 1 by yet another one second margin over *Spider*, giving the winner a 1-1-1 series, but two wins were really squeakers! In PHRF 2, it was again *Jammin'* over *Shadowfax* and *Caraluna*. In PHRF 3, it was again the J-22 over Richard Hall's *St. Clair* and *Finesse*.

Final results for the day are presented below. A good sized crowd of mostly happy racers gathered upstairs at CGSC after the racing for the trophy presentation. Stories were told, and lies were swapped.

CGSC's Race Committee did an excellent job, and received several kudos by e-mail the following day from the competitors. Our RC included Signal Boat owner Mike Castleberry and his very nice Tartan 372 *Imagine*. Joining Mike on board were PRO Charles Green, timer Susan Schultz, recorders Jo Ann Mathieu and Sally Duddey, flag signaller Vicki Rosenbloom, and scorer Ron Rostorfer.

Up to weather was Susan Walcutt's super Contender with Dottie Rostorfer as navigator and Jim Waldron as co-boat operator and mark handler. The Pin Boat was skippered by Ron Giachetti with Sharon Denaro crewing. In addition, we provided a Safety Boat (the 2nd Mako) with Skipper Juan Torres and crew Sandra Carey.

Ron Rostorfer

Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	Sail #	Place
P H R F 1				
SAZERAC	Gordon Ettie	Swan 40	50403	1
SPIDER	Kevin Lawrie	Sydney 36	3636	2
MAN-O-WAR	Sennett Duttenhofer	Tripp 33	43781	3
P H R F 2				
JAMMIN'	Russ and Vicky Horn	Evelyn 32	32204	1
SHADOWFAX	Olilver Waite	J-29	53384	2
CARALUNA	Kai Svendsen	C&C 99	52	3
BLACKBIRD	Pat Cacace	C&C 99	27	4
DUTCH TREAT	Randy Clee	Evelyn 32	40082	5
GOOMBAY	David Kurtz	J-27	125	6
P H R F 3				
HOT STREAK	Jack King	J-22	532	1
JOE $COOL$	Lionel Baugh	J-24	230	2
FINESSE	William Beavers	Tartan	301	3
ST. CLAIR	Richard Hall	Cal	3284	4
SPECIAL WARFARE	Stuart Sorg	Ranger 28	132A	5
LICKETY SPLIT	Al Ivaldi	Erickson	17A	6

CGSC **RACE COMMITTEE**

SERIOUS FUN!

Contact Ron Rostorfer 954-401-5335 ronsailon@comcast.net

Next Race Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 1st **Right After Social Night**

"Protest Committees and Becoming a US Sailing **Certified Judge"** (Rob Quinlivan and Past Commodore Mike Weber)

> Social Night at 7:00 pm RC Meeting at 7:30 pm

Please plan to attend!

Racing Schedule – May – June, 2007

Saturday, April 28

Sunburn Regatta

Sunday, April 29

Saturday, May 5

Sunday, May 6

Saturday, May 12

Saturday, May 19 Sunday, May 20

Sat-Sun, May 26-27

Thursday, May 31

Saturday, June 2

Sunday, June 3

Saturday, June 16

Saturday, June 23

Saturday, June 30

BBYRA PHRF #5 - BBYC

BBYRA OD#5 - BBYC

Sunburn Regatta

C-Gull Cup Regatta - CGSC

BBYRA PHRF #6 - KBYC

Ron Payne Memorial Snipe

Ocean Race-Lauderdale YC

Hospice Regatta-Lauderdale YC

BBYRA OD #6 - CRYC

Goombay Regatta - CGSC

BLUE MOON

KBYC Annual Regatta - BBYRA

PHRF #7

KBYC Annual Regatta - BBYRA

OD #7

BBYRA PHRF #8 - CRYC

BBYRA OD #8 - CGSC

Full MOON Regatta

USCGA Sailing Practice

Coach Mark Zagol and 10 of the members of his United States Coast Guard Academy intercollegiate sailing team spent their spring break sailing at CGSC.

The day the team left campus in New London, CT they were watching the ice float down the Thames River. Upon sailing out to Biscayne Bay aboard the club FJ's, their major concern was if they applied enough sun screen.

The cadets had a great 5 days of sailing, as well as nights of dinners and sight seeing in Coconut Grove and south beach. All while staying at the US Coast Guard Station on Miami Beach.

Don't underestimate the power of offering such a wonderful week to students that will be graduating as early as this May. The experience of sailing in such a great place will certainly influence their request for assignment locations when they enter service as Coast Guard officers. We may end up with young club members sooner than you think from this extension of our hospitality.

Sailing director Nick reports the members of the team were a pleasure to have around.

Charlie Rahn

USCG Academy coach Mark Zagol during a debriefing after practice Sunday March 11.



MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

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

Join us for a

Mother's Day Luncheon Buffet Sunday, May 13th at 12 noon.

A selection of salads, entrees

and desserts will be offered.

Limited Seating and Reservations / Cancellations Required by May 9th to avoid an automatic charge. Cost shall be \$25.00 per adult / \$12.50 for children between 3 and 12, children under 3 free.

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Monday, May 28th (1-5 pm)

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

All below decks, offering games for the kids.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

Only \$11.95 p/adult

Children under 12-\$5.

Children under 3 - free

Sailing Director

WHEW! It's been a busy April in the clubs sailing world. We started this month off with the first annual "Rotary Club Spring Break Regatta" and it was a true success. The regatta raised approximately \$10,000 for kids who could not otherwise afford to learn to sail. This money will be spent on local kids and families to introduce them to sailing on beautiful Biscayne Bay. The whole theme of the regatta was kids giving back to kids. We had 10 participants in the regatta which lasted 4 days (3 days practice, and 1 day racing) and all involved did a fabulous job. Our renowned race committee (starring Ron Rostorfer) was at the helm for scoring and judging, and as usual didn't miss a beat. The overall winner was Alex Valdes-Pages, one of our Green Fleet members. Second place was Samantha Kassner, another Green Fleeter (my money was on Green Fleet to win), and finally for third place we added a twist. We wanted this to be for the "Most Improved Sailor" this honor went to a Ransom-Everglades student, Oscar Coen, who at the beginning of the regatta had never sailed in an Opti but truly showed himself competing with the "Big Boys" to finish both races. The Rotary Club provided breakfast from Fresh Market, lunch, which consisted of a barbeque and sodas after the race. The Rotary Club also provided all the kids with t-shirts and individual awards in the form of medals, not to mention the beautiful 1st, 2nd and "Most Improved" trophies. After speaking with the president, Bob Black and others the buzz was that they are going to start planning for next year. These guys were great so if you happen to run into any of them, give 'em a pat on the back for a job well done for a great cause.

Immediately after the regatta on Thursday, it was time to load up the Opti trailer and head for the Southeast Dinghy Championships hosted by the Key Biscayne Yacht Club beginning Friday morning. The first day started off ok but the wind was not cooperating and the races were cancelled for that day. There was a significant improvement for the second day and they managed to get off two races. CGSC had 7 Green Fleeters participate and the majority finished in the top third of the fleet. Thanks to our Green Fleet coaches, Natalie Bellini and Tatiana Mejia (who was also featured on the cover of the Neighbors section of the Miami Herald on Sunday 4/8 for her coaching of The Rotary Club Regatta) for a magnificent job with the kids. We also had a couple of parents help out with coaching, so many thanks to Jorge Valdes-Pages and Marc Tucker for all their help. (Next time you see Jorge ask him how the water was at Key Biscayne, he went for an accidental dip on Saturday).

We are gearing up for The Florida State Optimist Championships hosted by CGSC on the 14th and 15th of April. As of today we have about 115 kids registered for the event so this seems to be like it's going to be quite a success, more on that next month.

The adult sailing committee completed another Keelboat class with three participants, and all three want to get their certifications, so that will also be a first for CGSC since becoming a Keelboat Certification School with US Sailing.

We also sponsored a US Sailing level 1 instructor course led by former commodore Bud Price (thanks Bud)















with 8 participants who I heard all did very well. Finally some new instructor blood, congratulations to all.

All of our youth programs are plugging along with Miami-Dade Public Schools visiting 3 to 4 times a week, Ransom-Everglades 2 times a week, St. Stephens is starting a new session on April 10th. Our community youth learn to sail is every Saturday and we are up to 14 participants for that, and last but not least, our Green Fleet practices every Saturday.

Our adult programs both learn to sail and keelboat are doing very well with waiting lists for both classes. Beth Hernandez and her beautiful "Biscayne Bay Sailing Babes" have been seen out doing their thing on the bay with mid-week learn to sail class being put together as you read this article. Please don't forget that those of you who have taken the adult learn to sail class are eligible to participate in our monthly Sunfish Clinics with Rob Quinlivan, sailor extraordinaire. This is a great social event as well as a wonderful way to keep your sailing skills honed.

Finally, yes it's that time, SUMMER CAMP!!! The schedule for summer camp is as follows:

- * Session 1 June 4th-15th
- * Session 2 June 18th-29th
- * Session 3 July 2nd -13th (no camp on the 4th)
- * Session 4 July 16th-27th
- * Session 5 July 30th-Aug 10th

The cost for the two week sessions are \$400 for members and \$500 for non members.

Camp is held daily, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4 pm regardless of weather. There are a maximum number of children that we can accommodate, so please register early as these sessions fill up guickly.

That's all for now

Tight Line Nick Mansbach, Sailing Director

ROTARY SPRING BREAK REGATTA					
Coconut Grove Sailing Club					
Thursday, April 5, 2007					
Opti Class					
Skipper	Boat	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Place
Alex Valdes-Pages	Interspace Design Group	3	2	5	1
Samantha Kassner	Black Ink Association	2	4	6	2
Danielle Valdes-Pages	Coconut Grove Bank	4	5	9	3
Harrison Tucker	John Kenny Company	8	3	11	4
Harrison Kaplan	Butler, Buckley & Deets	5	6	11	5
Oscar Coen*	Wellbaum Guernsey	7	7	14	6
Tiago Lopez	Pierce, Peddy & Family	6	8	14	7
Sofia Lopez	Fresh Market	9	9	18	8
Tatiana Mejia	Lones Gemologist & Appraiser	DNC	DNC	22	9
Eilika Podack	Steve & Candy Gauter	DNC	DNC	22	10
* Most Improved Sailor					

Cruising and Rendezvous

There are signs that an adventure rendezvous is upon us. New dinghies are arriving, old ones are being patched or repaired. Auto helms are being purchased for the long crossings. Time to tune up those engines and change the oil and filters. Order a new custom's sticker. Where did I put those jack lines and the dinghy anchor? It's time to go through your safety gear and emergency equipment to make sure it's up to date and in good working condition. This is true of everyone, not just those going for a long trip. When's the last time your checked your fire extinguishers and flares?

May 19th is our target departure date for the Abacos, weather permitting. Sunday May 27th is the CGSC Rendezvous at Nippers on Great Guana Cay. The beach is spectacular and the pig roast is awesome! Fly over for the weekend if you don't have time to cruise. It's a great place to spend the day at the bar and in the water so bring your bathing suit. Alyn has come up with a hot new design for this year's Abacos T-shirt. "Kick Back and Enjoy the View" Contact Janice at ibpmom@aol.com to place your order or pick up a form in the bar. Quantities are limited.

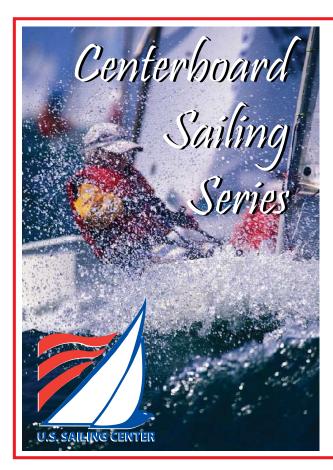
The Abacos trip is my last official rendezvous as Cruising and Rendezvous Chairman. I'm stepping down after three years of planning and great fun, and hopeful that the next chairperson will take on even better events. Ideas we have talked about include a rendezvous to snorkel the sunken ships along Hawk Channel; a rendezvous to Fort Lauderdale to

enjoy the New River waterfront activities; another rendezvous to Alabama Jacks on Card Sound Road; a CGSC fishing tournament rendezvous and a number of others. If you want to be considered for C+R chairperson please contact Marc Buller. Alyn and I have met so many great people through the activities that we have organized and gone to places that we had only dreamed of going to before. Thank you all for participating. We will not be disappearing however - we will continue to enjoy the rendezvous', we just won't be planning them!

If you're staying closer to home this May check out Charlie Rahn's Annual Rendezvous to be held dockside at the sailing club May 12th and 13th. Raft up at the dock, pitch a tent on the lawn. He has lots of activities planned for the whole family. Kayak and pram races, a treasure hunt and games for the kids. 20 minute sails on member's boats, the lasers and Flying Scots. Of course there will be lots of food.

Thanks to Jo-An Pzenny and Karen Young for planing the April 28-29 Elliot Key Rendezvous. As this article had to go to press before this event. I'll report on it next month along with a recap of some of the highlights of the last three years of cruising events.

See you out there - on the Bay and beyond Janice and Alyn Pruett



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Then?
Meet us back at the Center after racing for soft drinks and hot dogs \$5.00 per person

Trade stories, meet new friends, and still get home by dark!

Questions?
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305-854-1058

From the Manager . .

So where were you Easter Saturday when the Easter Bunny made an appearance at CGSC to usher in Spring joy and disperse decorated eggs to the munchkins? Mr. Bunny and myself were afraid of a slight turnout, but we had over 250 eggs just in case. Actually, we had only



one, count 'em, one, couple and their son arrive for the festivities. We were able to persuade Mr. Bunny to hang around so we could include the "Learn To Sail" kids and that brought up the Easter Egg Hunters to about 15. (Thanks, Nick). Point is, they had a great time gathering eggs and woofing down hotdogs afterward. I'm just sorry more famlies didn't bring out the kids and have a great time. Also to Mr. Bunny, you and your assistant were great. Thanks!

Over Mother's Day weekend, we will be hosting the Annual Rendezvous (this year, landside on the club grounds). This is not an attempt to break the tradition of cursing to Elliot Key for the weekend. Look at it more as a "commercial" for the fun to be had and how it could be magnified next year with a return to Elliot Key. But, we appreciate that not all members have a boat and if this event is successful, it may simply become a yearly landside weekend party in addition to the Elliot Key rendezvous. So make plans now to share some of the weekend with your friends, (regular, social members and guest). Plus, we will offer a casual Mother's Day Buffet on Sunday - What a deal!

We'll talk next month. Hugh

<u>Sea Scout Ship 1946 —</u> Citizens in the Community

When I tell folks about Sea Scouts, I am often asked, "What do Sea Scouts do?" After rattling off a few maritime activities such as sailing, marlinspike and navigation, I generally mention that Sea Scouts are also committed to community service. During this year's Spring Break, CGSC's Sea Scout Ship was presented with just such an opportunity – the Coconut Grove Rotary Club was hosting its First Annual Coconut Grove Rotary Youth Regatta, and Sea Scout Ship 1946 was privileged to be able to help out a bit.

This first Rotary Club Regatta was a beautiful project that was designed to teach young kids how to sail, and to raise some scholarship money which will be used to send disadvantaged kids to CGSC's summer sailing camp. In keeping with Rotary's motto "Service Above Self", Sea Scout Ship 1946 assisted the organizers in running the event on two of the four days that this event took place.

This project was a success on so many levels, and I am so pleased that our Sea Scout Ship was able to contribute a little bit toward that success. In my opinion (for what it's worth), everyone involved had a wonderful time — and the Rotary Club will be able to send to CGSC's summer sailing camp, a bunch of kids who might otherwise never have been able to share that experience. More importantly, I think that this project will only get better next year and every year thereafter — it's a really good project for Rotary, for CGSC, and for the community.

Community service – it's a part of Sea Scouting, and it helps to shape citizens who will make this a better place for all of us.

Larry Arrington

HUGH'S Q&A

Q. I have a small boat and would like to keep it on the "Strip". How do I do that? A. First, to store boats whether on the strip or on a mooring, you must be a "Regular" Club Member. Boat storage on the strip is restricted to accepted BBYRA "One Design" craft. If space allows we will accommodate a trailer or non One Design vessels on a temporary basis. However, you will be asked to remove your boat in favor of an accepted One Design if space is required.

Q, I understand that a new moorings agreement has been drawn up and I need to sign it.

A. From last months Channel article, several members have already stopped by to sign a new moorings package. The package consist of two parts, the moorings "rules" and the "License Agreement". The rules section has a few "qualifying" statements. Your license, insurance papers and registration documents will still be in effect. We will notify everyone by mass email when the amended rules are ready for review and signature.

Q. I've thought about having a party or reception at the club, but your costare a budget buster! Don't member sget special rates? A. Whether your a member or a sponsored quest of a member, the club's cost for labor, food and beverage remains the same. Our purveyors do not grant us discounts because we are a private club. If Bennigan's pays \$3.75 a pound for ground meat, so do we. If Flannigan's pays \$93.00 for a keg of Miller Lite, so do we.

But, we will allow you to shop the market and get the best price you can for your function. Here's how it works We charge a room rental of \$150.00 (4 hours) Mon - Thur. Fri / Sat/Sun \$300,00. We must furnish and dispense any and all liquors due to our liquor license. However, you may provide your own Hors d'ourves or snacks at your cost and avoid the added tax and gratuity charges. Please contact the GM if your planning an event and we'll do everything we can to insure a great time for your guest at the lowest cost to you. That's it .

Thanks, Hugh

ADULT SAILING REPORT

In addition to a Sunfish Learn-to-Sail class in March, we also held our first weekend Keelboat Learn-to-Sail class. This two day class, currently planned for one weekend each month, covers rigging and de-rigging, departure and return under sail only, points of sail, basic maneuvers, heaving to, overboard recovery, sailing in the groove, sailing by the lee, and more. If the student wishes to become US Sailing Certified, an additional one day of class and testing, both on the water and written, is required. With the successful completion, the student will receive the US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification. Experienced sailors, desiring certification who don't feel they need the class, may challenge the certification by taking the one day of testing. Successful completion of both the onwater and written testing (80 questions) will earn the Basic Keelboat Certification. It is recommended that those wishing to challenge the system should purchase the US Sailing Basic Keelboat textbook. The textbooks are available at www. ussailing.org or can be purchased from the CGSC Sailing Director. Anyone wishing further information about this new course now being offered at CGSC should contact Nick Mansbach, 305-444-4571 Ext. 11.

Thanks for your support,

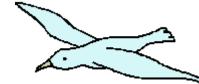
Adult Training Committee

Attention Summer Camp Staff

There will be a mandatory staff meeting on Friday June 1st at 10am, for all those working with summer camp. A First Aid, CPR, AED course will follow immediately after. The cost of the course is \$60 and must be paid by the participant that day. All costs will be reimbursed at end of camp. If interested, please fill out a web contact form so that I can acquire the necessary texts and equipment (Go to CGSC.org, click Sailing Programs, then click First Aid and CPR and fill in the blanks)

Nick Mansbach

Coconut Grove Sailing Club presents the 37th Annual C-Gull Cup



a regatta for women skippers on Biscayne Bay Saturday, May 5, 2007

See the website for details: http://home.bellsouth.net/p/PWP-coralcup



CG\$C Introduces a Ladies Community Sunfish Program

Welcome to the Ladies of Biscayne Bay

CGSC is starting a "weekday" ladies Sunfish group. The initial kick off for the group will be women's sunfish learn to sail clinics offered in April.

Another woman's Sunfish learn to sail clinic will be offered in the fall for those that are not available in April. If you already sail, this basic level clinic is not a waste of time. People who already sail Sunfish find they learn a lot. The clinic covers proper hand and body positioning, capsizing, pointing into the wind, maneuvering a course, practical tips about wind and tide in Biscayne Bay, etc. The instructor takes turns following each person around on his coach boat so he can individually instruct each person at his or her level.

After the clinic, the sailors can continue in a ladies weekly weekday sunfish program. An instructor will continue to work with the group to improve boat handling skills and introduce racing basics.

Several Florida Clubs have lady Sunfish groups with cool names such as the Luffing Lassies (Sarasota), Day Sailing Divas (Venice) and Dinghy Dames (Davis Island). These groups sail during the week and some groups even attend some local regattas. The CGSC group is the "Biscayne Sailing Babes". Many already own Sunfish and sail on the weekend. If you can not sail during the week and are interested in joining our group, weekend Sunfish learn to sail classes and intermediate clinics are taught every month. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Richard Crisler at crisler@mindspring.com. This clinic and program is also open to the community so spread the word.

Beth Hernandez

Bimini Race

Two CGSC boats entered the KBYC Bimini Race last month. Steve Perry is tuning up for the Bermuda One-Two this summer; he will race single handed from Newport RI to Bermuda and the race with Jimmy Bigham in the double handed race back to Newport. His crew to Bimini was Marie Perry, Jack Hamm, Cathy Buller and Mike Lovelady, The other CGSC participant was Bill Beavers with prolific authors aboard. The

following is Finesse's account

of the race.

Although short notice was given to "resurrect" this race in March instead of the summer, 11 boats of good variety registered. We had a full crew of six, all from the CGSC, and the start was for 8PM Friday March 16, but had one 5-minute delay.

After having warm (74 degree overnight evening temperatures for more than a week and a half) start day brought a cold front thru. Fortunately though, not much rain – just high wind and cool temps. The winds were from the WSW at around

18 K, with gusts exceeding 24 K. Skies were overcast and dark - barely a star - and certainly no moon. The W seas interacting with the Gulfstream were rough, washing machine like and relentless. We kept FINESSE just S of the rhumb line to maximize velocity made good thru the night, and flew along with speed to 8.5K. We tried the spinnaker, but the wash-boarding was too much, so we were back to the 155 jib. It was a dark, wild ride which put all helmspersons to the test, but we knew it was a fast trip.

We crossed the GPS finish line at 4:01A on Saturday March

17. We radioed the Race Committee, which had retired, then had the so-called choice of anchoring or loitering until daylight as we were not familiar with the new, marked, cut into Bimini Channel. The seas never let up, and the one anchored boat was jumping wildly: that looked risky and uncomfortable so we motor-sailed N and S in 30+ feet near the entrance until sunrise. One of the red marks had no light, but we could have "spotted" it had we been familiar with the cut. We motored thru the new cut, across the channel, thru the Bimini Sands entrance and to the dock at about 6:45A. The final entrance is about

60 foot wide and the spray was flying from the rocks all over from the rough W waves. It looked worse and smaller than it really was, but was still intimidating in those conditions. Some boats being more familiar with the new cut and entrance has gone in fine in the dark.

The Bimini Sands is a lovely, protected spot, with good dockage and office, friendly staff, clean public washrooms and showers and a great breakfast restaurant: "The Healing Hole". At least one of the crew of FINESSE needed this healing and will need it for another week or so!! (Remember, what happens on FINESSE, stays on FINESSE!) It had been arranged for the Customs people to be at the office for us too.

Saturday was a beautiful, clear, warm (about 80) day, but the high winds continued. We met with friends from the mainland and had a relaxing time. We took the water taxi across to the north island and reminisced about our last party at "The Compleat Angler", which is no more than it's burned out lot; very sad indeed. One of the locals told

us it will be re-built within 9 months. We had lunch and refreshments at the Blue Water Marina, then returned to

the south island.

We all just relaxed, some napped, some walked, until time for the awards ceremony, where a local band played, and dinner and cocktails were served. The MC, Javier Rodriguez from KBYC, made the presentations and FINESSE took 2nd! The trophy is beautiful and

will be engraved and returned to the Skipper, Bill

Beavers.

Saturday night really found the Finesse crew tired and worn out, so we all laid our heads down relatively early because we had to get going the next day. Saturday night the temp. dipped to a chilly 55 degrees, but by Sunday when we left (9:30A) it had warmed up considerably.

The return skies were clear and amazingly (some say oncein-a-lifetime) the wind shifted 180 degrees in the night to ENE and with similar velocity as on the way over. The seas now had 8 foot E rollers and we roared back nearly as fast as we came, but with full vision. Again we stayed just S of the rhumb line. Our preparation, strategy, navigation, sail-handling and trim, helming and luck were all good. It was a breathtaking experience and a great passage over and back.

Complete results of the Bimini Race are on www.bbyra.

net and are interesting. Let's hope we do as well next year! Warm, clear skies and rolling seas for evervone.

> Pepper, Finesse Crew Member





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Month 1

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Month 3

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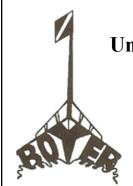
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Treasure hunt for kids, coloring contest, volley ball, badminton, horse shoes, ping pong, foose ball, kayak races, adult pram races and movies at night

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