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## FUN IN THE SUN

By Katie Abell

Life jacket, sunscreen, mast, daggerboard, rudder, knots, launching, points of sail, courses, water, smiles, and FUN! If you have been around the club this summer, you have probably heard many of these words being spoken by campers, CIT's (counselors in training), and sailing instructors. Everyone has had a great time learning, whether it's beginners who learn parts of a boat, knots, basic courses, and sailing tactics, or returning campers who were able to perfect their skills.

Campers are organized into different groups—prams, Optimists, and Sunfish. Beginners between the ages of 8 and 11 are sailing prams and 12 to

14 year olds are sailing Sunfish. Those who are returning campers get to pick to sail either Optimist or Sunfish.

We will have a total of 5 sessions this summer, each session being two weeks long. Three days a week, campers sail courses and do instructional work including upwind sailing, reaching, or working on their downwind sailing. Once a week, we go to an island located off Dinner Key and explore for half a day, which many kids love to do. Every Thursday is FUN day for CGSC campers where they enjoy a leisurely sail to Vizcaya Sandbar. Whether



it's flying kites, playing football, having water gun fights, or just enjoying the day out in the sun, all

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# COMMODORE'S REPORT



It is no secret that south Florida and the entire country are in some tough economic times. Newspaper and Television stories are conjuring up words we have not heard for decades, like “cocooning” and “stay-cations”.

What better “stay-cation” can you have than a sail on the bay! If you are lucky enough to own a boat that you keep on a club mooring, or the strip or even a rack, make sure you get the most out of your club membership and storage fees by coming down and using your asset. Don't forget about our members boat use program, check with sailing director Nick for the rules and availability.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July party was a super example of members young and old coming down to enjoy the club. Free hotdogs and beer drew about 200 folks and the numbers may have even been higher had the rain not set in. Our vantage point from the edge of the veranda and just under the lower deck, kept everyone mostly dry with an up close view of the great fireworks display.

If you find yourself taking your vacation and using the time to catch up on projects around the house use one or two of the days to go out for a sail, you will feel like you have gone away on a trip.

Don't forget, a day out sailing can be accomplished without burning any fuel.

So when you get tired of being in your cocoon come on down to the sailing club and enjoy a prepaid “stay-cation”.

*Charles A. Rahn, Commodore*



There is a new movie out that you would love to see but know there is no way your husband/significant other would darken the theatre doorway and take you.

Join us, the ladies of CGSC and friends, for an informal evening at the movies. If you have nothing to do on the First Thursday of each month, come on down to the CGSC Bar between 6:30 and 7 pm for a libation and conversation.

We will have a listing of all the current Cocowalk movies and their start times and, depending on our choice for the evening's viewing, we will walk up to the movies between 7 and 7:30 pm. Most of us have to work on Friday so it won't be a late evening.

*Jean Anne Davis and Susan Walcutt*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Summer has arrived! With the start of summer comes hurricane season. All members should have a written hurricane plan for their boats on the moorings. A written hurricane plan must be on file for your boat with the club manager including contact phone numbers of persons willing to help move your boat if you can not do so for whatever reason. Please submit this ASAP if you have not done so.

I attended the waterfront board meeting on the July 7 at city hall. The final Sesaki waterfront master plan was approved by the W.A.B. There will be final presentation for approval to the city commissioners at the end of the month. Closing comments included Chairman Stuart Sorg recommending that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club not be moved from its present location. The final plans are available online for review.

I am meeting with the appropriate staff members to review procedures regarding the kitchen, grounds and dock master responsibilities. A review of the building and any needed new repair work will be scheduled.

Enjoy the summer with your family and go sailing! I hope to see you at the oasis on the bay that is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.



*Nick Martens, Vice Commodore*

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

For those of us – me included - who sail boats with fixed keels and two or more sails, we often think how easy it must be to sail a sunfish. After all how hard can it be to sail a boat that is some 14 feet long, with one sail and a draft of less than 3 feet? I know from very limited personal experience that sunfish are very easy to put in irons, and can be somewhat tricky to get moving again, not to mention that they can fairly easily be tipped over!

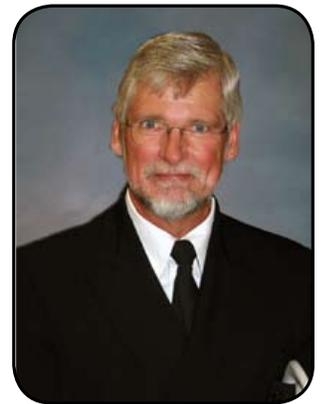
To watch both new and experienced sailors on this popular boat I tagged along in a safety boat on Richard Crisler's small boat clinic last month. I was truly impressed how well even the less experienced sailors – those who had only recently completed Richard's small boat sailing class – were able to control their boats. It was also a great outing on the bay that included a trip to the Matheson Hammock sandbar for lunch and sailing stories and then a spirited race back to the middle ground mark. Some of those sailors could make those boats fly!

Based on my experience observing the small boat clinic I plan to enroll in Richard's next small boat sailing class to improve my skills on this fun-to-sail boat, and highly recommend Richard's classes and clinics to anyone looking for a fun way to get started sailing or try out a different type of sailing than you might be familiar with.

In other news Nick has been busy with summer camp which is in full swing in July. Although we continue to have great participation in this event, both Nick and I have been working to expand our relationships with community organizations in Village West to create opportunities for kids in the Grove to participate in this exciting activity.

In addition, we are also working on ways to improve our "member boat use program". I personally think this offers a great opportunity for our members – particularly social members - to get out on the water. We are working on ways to make this program easier for our members to use and for our staff to manage.

As always, if you have any ideas for sailing programs you would like to see the club pursue please let me know at [APruett100@aol.com](mailto:APruett100@aol.com). See you around the club!



*Alyn Pruett, Rear Commodore*

# SAILING REGATTA AND COOKOUT

By Bill Braddon

On Tuesday, June 17, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted a cookout for the Mettler Toledo Corporation, an international company manufacturing precision measuring instruments. The feast of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and cold slaw plus beer, wine and soda was enjoyed by all. I am sure the upstairs crew at the Tuesday Night Social was curious about the event. Perhaps some even participated.

The real news was that not only was the event an example of what the Club can do representing Coconut Grove and Miami as a site for corporate conventions. It was the wrap up to a day when 69 employees from 13 countries plus the US climbed aboard 12 charter sailboats ranging in size from 35 to 45 feet for a regatta on Biscayne Bay. Represented were China, India, Canada, Spain, United Kingdom, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. The racing crowd at the Club that sometimes has to take

on crew with limited racing experience can appreciate the problems of getting 6 people on each boat with little or no sailing experience and many with limited English to pull together as a team in a race..

The day began on a wet note. Heavy rain, thunder and lightning prevailed for the morning and early afternoon. The group was scheduled to start at 2 p.m. but it was about 3 before conditions cleared enough to safely go out. The day was saved! Crews climbed on 12 boats, most of which were owned and operated by Regular, Life and Social CGSC members.

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The crews were learning all the parts of the boat and points of sail you can learn in 20 minutes. Then came the start which was not of Americas Cup quality but everyone was reasonably close to the line, no boats collided and no one was hurt. It was a downwind course in light air but the winds increased in as



we approached Marker 69. It was around the mark and upwind in squalls until things eased off near the finish.

The finish was surprising. Vintage Charlie Branning, a long time member, in his vintage Morgan 35

Upside took honors. I suspect this was why he wanted me to write this article, but us old timers have to grab fame any way we can. Nick Martens, our new Vice Commodore, took second in Namaste, a Freedom 45. Kyle Logue, sailing a Trintella 42 based at #inner Key Marina was a close third. Dave Holland, another member, in Swan, a Hunter 38 was fourth. I was way back but my crew from 5 countries had fun.

Events such as this show what the sailing charter fleet based at Dinner Key Marina and the Club can do to draw people from around the World to sailing here on Biscayne Bay. I can only hope the City of Miami realizes what the Club and the Fleet bring to the City in the form of millions of dollars from tourists and corporate convention groups. All this plus promoting Coconut Grove and Miami as a center of sailing.



A start-finish line was set by Atlantic Coast Boating, organizers of the event. It was between Donovans Mark and the end of Dinner Key Channel and the Committee Boat. The course was down to Marker 69 near the Key Biscayne Bridge and back.



Photos provided by Atlantic Coast Boating [www.corporate-team-building.com](http://www.corporate-team-building.com)

## **GREAT JOB!!!**

Hi,

My name is Ingrid Solomon and I just finished the adult 2-day sailing course with Richard Crisler (June 21-22). At the end of it I really feel that I should convey to the club what a gem you have in Richard.

The class comprised me and another lady, Lisa Rafkin and we had each taken separate sailing classes before and were both disappointed with our previous instructors/teachings. This made us both really appreciate the excellent teaching that Richard delivered. He was professional, punctual, patient, well-prepared and extremely knowledgeable. The information he delivered was clear and fluent and he always made sure that the knowledge delivered was understood prior to moving on to the next topic. He has also inspired us both to keep up with the sailing and has pointed us in the right direction as to how to go about doing it.

Richard is a class-act and is unquestionably an asset to your organization/club and I want you all to know this.

Best Regards,

Ingrid Solomon

## **SOMETHING NEW FOR SOCIAL NIGHT**

Beginning in August, Social Night will change. Instead of the club depending on member participation or the continued club expense to provide pizza, pasta, Po-boys, etc. free of charge, the following will be implemented.

From 7-10 PM on Tuesdays, the club will offer "Dollar Dogs" (\$1.00 p/hotdog) with all the fix'ins along with discounted Pitchers of Draft beer. Should you wish to contribute a salad or some sides for your group - feel free.

Hope to see you here.

## **JOIN the CGSC RACE COMMITTEE**

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**SERIOUS FUN!**  
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## **Racing Schedule August 2008**

Sat-Sun, August 9-10CGSC

Double Handed (Saturday) and

Summer Sailfest Weekend,

Single Handed (Sunday) Races.

Race Committee Party Saturday at

5:00 pm with that great band, *Been There – Done That!!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Sat-Sun, September 6-7  
Championship – CGSC

FL State Junior Snipe

Saturday, September 13

BBYRA PHRF #9 – Miami YC

Sunday, September 14

BBYRA OD #9 – Coral Reef YC

Sat-Sun, September 20-21  
Biscayne Bay YC

Avocado-Mango-Lime Cup –

Saturday, September 27  
(Club Junior Championship)

CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup

## Our Sea Scouts Start the Summer with a Bang

Sea Scout Ship 1946 has started the summer with a bang. Although several of our members have gone off to Boy Scout Summer Camp in Georgia, our Ship was well represented at this year's Sea Scout Southern Region Commodore's Cup Regatta. This regatta was held during the weekend of June 13<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>, at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Sunrise Florida – and it included Sea Scout Ships from throughout the State of Florida.

Upon their arrival, the Sea Scouts were organized into crews of four persons each – there were a total of ten crews who participated in the competition. Since SSS-1946 had eight members at the event, we had two crews – 'Alpha Crew' (Patrick Arrington, David Czerwinski, Joe Spiegel, and Kevin Warger), and "Bravo Crew" (Zoe Fried, Daniel Gerlach, Holly Moynahan, and Daniel Rodriguez).

Competitive events included Knots, Piloting, Relative Bearing, Mariners Quiz, First Aid, Heaving Line, Ring Buoy Toss, Sailboat Identification, Rules of the Road, Communications, Canoe Race, and Sailing – and per the rules, ALL of the Sea Scouts had to participate in ALL of the events. The Mariner's Quiz is the US Power Squadron ABC Course, and at this year's Cup was administered by Commander Ernie Rodriguez of the Miami Power Squadron. It should be noted that 88% of the Sea Scouts from Ship 1946 passed this test, and were awarded their certificates during the event. This certificate allows the youth to legally pilot water craft in the State of Florida, and even more importantly indicates the success of the program in educating the youth to be safe and considerate boaters.

For our fledgling Ship, this was our very first Sea Scouting competition. But our Sea Scouts were not about to be

intimidated by the other more seasoned units – they were at this event to have fun, but they also have a strong desire to win. Finishing in Fourth Place Overall was our very own 'Bravo Crew', which took first place in the Marine Communications event and tied for first in the Sailboat Identification event. Their second place finish in the Heaving Line event and third place in the Sailing event, along with their points from the other events allowed them to amass a total of 80 points – good enough for fourth place overall. For a bunch of first-timers, finishing in fourth place overall is an amazing accomplishment, and all of our Sea Scouts deserve to be proud of themselves.

But that's not all that our Sea Scouts accomplished. The Alpha Crew took first place in the Sailing, Ring Buoy Toss, and Sailboat Identification events, and second in the Canoe Race, Knots, and Marine Communication events – as a result of their stellar performance, 'Alpha Crew' amassed a total of 95 points, and they took First Place Overall. As a result of the win, the unit's name will be engraved on the Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy, which will be on display at the BSA South Florida Council Headquarters office in Miami Lakes, Florida.

So, to put this event into perspective – CGSC's very own Sea Scout Ship 1946 just took First Place AND Fourth Place in the Southern Region Commodore's Cup Regatta. Not bad for a bunch of beginners. We plan to present our take home trophies (PLURAL) to CGSC in the near future, and we hope that they will be displayed in the trophy case with pride.

Larry Arrington, Committee Chair



*Alpha Trophies*



*Bravo Trophies*

## ADULT TRAINING REPORT

We don't want to sound like a "broken record" (remember those), but once again we have had another great month of activities and successes with your Adult Training Program at CGSC. We measure success in at least two ways... First, active participation of adults from the community as well as from within our own membership, and....Second, continued strong support from our club officers, club staff and the membership in general.

In the past month, we conducted activities from each of our established programs (Sunfish Learn-to-Sail, Ladies Sunfish Clinic, Basic Keelboat Classes, Basic Keelboat Certification, and our monthly Small Boat Clinic). In addition, we conducted private keelboat classes and private coaching on member's boats.

Our Monthly Small Boat Clinic is one way that many members with their own dinghies, small keelboats and centerboard boats can get involved, have fun on the Bay, meet our students and potential new members, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from a group sailing together as well as socializing. Watch for our announcements and invitations near the end of each month. Most small boat clinics are scheduled on the fourth (4th) Sunday of each month. Come and join us

in your Flying Scot, Snipe, Laser, Lightning, or any dinghy or shallow draft boat. If you are qualified, you may use a club Sunfish for a small fee, but act soon as most are reserved by recent students.

Thanks again to those faithful volunteers who regularly assist with our classes and activities. We were especially pleased to have Rear Commodore Alyn and wife Janice join us in a safety boat for our last small boat clinic. Thanks also to Charles Branning, Bob Van Eck, Cathy Buller and to Glenn Newland, a real regular at our clinics who always offers a smiling assist with the on-shore boat handling.

Interested in classes for yourself, family or others? Interested in getting involved as a volunteer? Interested in becoming a certified Instructor or Coach? Contact Nick at CGSC, ext. 11, or Richard at 305-342-4775 or [crisler@mindspring.com](mailto:crisler@mindspring.com).

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,  
Richard Crisler, Adult Training Chairman



*Learn-to-Sail class is all smiles before their first group sail.*

*Single-handing training - Private or Group Basic Keelboat Classes*



*Good Action at the Start Line - Ladies Clinic*

*Right, Rigging PAT for a dock departure. Basic Keelboat Course.*



*A sandbar break for lunch and socializing at the "chuckwagon". Monthly Small Boat Clinic.*



*"Prepare to Heave-To" Keelboat Certification Testing*

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the kids have a great time and look forward to these Sandbar Days. After sailing on Fridays, everyone pitches in and scrubs the boats, puts them on racks, and clean up around the club, preparing for the next week.

During the second session, much to our surprise, we were visited by one of the camper's (Emily) father who came out on a Miami Dade County Fire Rescue boat and used its hose to squirt all of the campers which resulted in many laughs and smiling faces from both campers and instructors.

Along with our summer sailing program, St. Stephens Episcopal Day School has joined us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. We are very happy to have them with us and hope they are enjoying us as much as we enjoy them.

Kudos to all of the CIT's who have volunteered in helping us with our programs, to the sailing instructors, Brittany Zirulnick, Carla Aronsohn, Catie Skipp, CJ Abell, Eva Cantillo, Katie Abell, Mike McHugh, and Wendy Gans for running a fun, safe, learning environment for the campers and a special thanks to our Sailing Director, Nick Mansbach for providing the campers and counselors with a fun filled summer and memories that will last a lifetime.

These experiences are why we call Coconut Grove Sailing Club "Home". We hope to see many of the same faces throughout the year and summers to come.



# Summer Fun in the Sun



# From the Manager . . .

It's been a relatively slow month, but we've had a few spikes.

The Summer Sailing Camp has initiated several hundred children into the world of sailing. Even with all the bad weather, Nick and his staff kept the kids entertained and busy.

The new Board of Directors took over July 1st and appears to have a lot of ideas and plans to keep CGSC on a straight course. Unfortunately, they came aboard as the economy crashed, but they are reviewing every opportunity to keep cost low at the club.

The first shot at this was our July 4th party! Entertainment Chairmen Doug Hanks suggested some free watermelon. He and I decided to go a bit further with free Hot Dogs, Watermelon and a free keg.

The result was close to 200 members showing up to watch the fireworks, have a hot dog or two and enjoy the celebration. It cost the members nothing and the club little. Hopefully, members will again enjoy coming to the club for a good time.

The next event will be the change in our Social Night program. The original idea was to gather members together for a pot luck meal and get to know each other. Over the last 3 years, it's developed into the same 12-15 members showing

up each Tuesday for free pizza.

Beginning in August, we will offer "Dollar Dogs and Pitcher Draft Beer" on Tuesday nights from 7-10. Hot dogs with all the fix'ins will be \$1 each and pitchers of draft beer will be \$18. for domestic and \$24. for imported. If you and your friends wish to bring a side item or two (beans, potato salad, dessert) to enhance your hot dog feast - feel free to do so at no additional charge.

The new Board is also interested in signing up volunteers for various committees. If you'd like to participate with your club, please contact me directly at 305-444-4571, ext 18 or email at <[manager@cgsc.org](mailto:manager@cgsc.org)> We'd be happy to have your help and you'll have fun contributing.

We'll talk more next month.  
Hugh



## Hugh's Q&A

Q, I got my bill for dues. Can't I break this down into monthly payments?

A. In short NO. Dues for all levels of membership are due July 1st. As with all statements, we allow you 30 days to make payment.

However, with the economy taking a nose dive, you do have the option to contact the Treasurer and request terms.

Q. I understand that the club has boats available for members to use. I tried to get one and was told there was a policy for this. What's the deal?

A. All members may use club boats after they have been:

- 1) Checked out by the club's designated sailing instructor.
- 2) Make prior reservations (many boats are reserved for teaching),
- 3) Complete all necessary paperwork through the dock office.
- 4) Submit their credit card number to cover any damage, prior to their sail.

CGSC does not rent boats. Any cost requested is provided for the up-keep and maintenance of the boat. Our website has more information.

Q. I'd like to use the main room for a party, but was told there is a rental cost. Is there not a discount for club members?

A. NO. Technically only members can rent the main room and the price offered is for members. The current cost is \$150. for four hours Mon-Thur and \$300, for Fri-Sun, When the room is used, the club and its members assume the expense of set-up, break down, cleaning, additional staff, AC and electricity. This must be passed along to whoever rents the room.

Have more questions? Please submit your questions directly to myself or use the comment card box in the lounge.

# JULY 4TH!

The skies were threatening, but America (and free hot dogs) called. Some 300 members and their friends arrived for our Fourth of July cookout, featuring brilliant fireworks launched next door in Peacock Park.

The rains came just before the show, sending the crowd for shelter. Some headed straight for the dinghy dock, staying dry under the boat canopies. Others, including Past Commodore Marc Buller, opted just to get soaked and enjoy their close-up views on the water.

With Hugh out sick (and emailing instructions not long after leaving a hospital emergency room!) that left Nick to take charge, and the kitchen staff to hustle enough dogs, buns, mustard, relish, watermelon and marshmallows to keep up with the pace. At one point, the food line stretched back to the ice machine.

Fireworks and free beer, of course, don't come along everyday. But the Entertainment Committee hopes to keep the crowds coming this year. A top priority: boosting fun at the bar Look for Dollar Dogs specials (so cheap, they're almost free!), Friday Night Face Offs, sailing videos, live

music, Miami Hurricanes hoopla, raw bars and more.

And when I say more, I mean: please send your ideas to [dhanks@barguments.com](mailto:dhanks@barguments.com) <<mailto:dhanks@barguments.com>> .

Doug Hanks, Entertainment Chairman



## Do you feel lucky?

Thought of the day: **"Luck is where opportunity and preparation come together"**. Unknown source



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# A Cruise to Newport, RI

On June 27<sup>th</sup> I jumped on a 57' catamaran named "Flyer" to help sail it to Newport, Rhode Island. It was my first open ocean delivery which meant I had a lot to learn. Aboard was Captain Bruce, Daniel Otter, Jim Blythe and I. We began sailing out of Key Biscayne towards the center of the Gulf Stream.

I began getting lessons from Jim on ice management. Lesson 1- Know what you want before you open the cooler. Lesson 2- Do not open the cooler for any longer than you have to. Lesson 3- Make sure the cooler is shut. Lesson 4- Before anything warm enters the cooler it must be cooled down by the water that is drained from the cooler. No later than being told the lessons did I learn that it was best if I just didn't open the cooler.

We soon were well on our way and set fishing poles for the long sail ahead of us. After a half a day's sail I found myself doing chores that seemed to never end. Check and fill the gas tanks to make sure they were full, drain the water out of the coolers to ensure the ice lasted as long as possible, clean the dishes, and the most prevailing chore of them all... mopping and organizing every time a wave made a mess of the cockpit.

After our first day's sail the sun began to set as the ocean swells began to grow behind us as well as the wind. I could tell it was just about to get interesting. We were all given a two hour night shift. CJ: 9-11pm, Jim: 11-1am, Daniel: 1-3am, Bruce: 3-5am. Just before my shift began the main halyard chafed away and the main sail fell. We all quickly jumped up and tied the sail down leaving us with just the jib for the remainder of the trip. During my night shift we were sailing on a run with about 12 foot swells coming from our

stern which made it crucial to watch for the jibe along with the radar to keep our distance from cargo ships and tankers until my shift was up.

After a very long night of lying on a cot, I woke up to a bright sky and the fishing line screaming at 5:15am. It was a small Dolphin that was destined to become dinner that night. Soon after filleting the fish we began our morning chores of mopping the deck, filling the gas tanks, organizing the cockpit all over again.

Early morning the third day we passed Cape Hatteras with the wind and waves still coming from behind us and a front that was soon to meet us with a line of squalls. We prepped the boat for a stormy afternoon of fronts all to find ourselves slipping through the cracks of the storms without a single drop. The third night I had the 3-5am shift which I found to be the most enjoyable due to the sunrise. Later on that morning the fishing lines were screaming again and this time it was my turn to reel in what turned out to be a 20 minute fight with a 30-40 pound albacore tuna. The fight was fun but the dinner to come was even better.

Eventually we found ourselves 20 miles from Rhode Island at Block Island in a thick fog that wouldn't allow us to see 50 feet in front of us. Soon after working our way around crab trap buoys and boats we made it to the docks of Newport Harbor to end a 5 day 1.5 hour journey from Miami that will never be forgotten.

You can check out the "Flyer" at [www.flyercatamaran.com](http://www.flyercatamaran.com).

CJ Abell



## Reflections on Summer Camp

Every summer at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club youth sailing summer camp, countless young sailors come and leave as better sailors. Two brothers that attended this summer did that, plus much more.

Two adopted teenagers from Russia visited with family members while volunteering at the camp as CIT's (Counselors in Training). At first, they were hesitant about the job because of their lack of sailing skills. But after the first week, they were already sailing and engaging the tropical



Miami weather.

For the boys, it was a great vacation from their group home, Second Chance, in Atlanta, Georgia. I would like to thank the CGSC and the summer sailing program for making their experience the best it could have been.

Carol Dawson  
Past Commodore



## A Classic Friendship Sloop

Dave Westphall, best known around the Sailing Club for his popular Westphall Day Sailors, owns and operates the Manatee Bay Marina Boat yard in Key Largo. In his spare time, Dave, now in his 70's, has built a beautiful wooden 24 foot classic Friendship sloop.

Friendship Sloops evolved in the 1800's from the fishing and lobstermen on the Maine coast. The early boats were 21 to 50 footers. The basic design was scaled up or down and followed a pre-set formula. All had an elliptical stern, and most, a clipper bow, and were gaffed rigged. The pre-set formula included such measurements as: the beam equaled one third the overall length, and the length of the mast should

equal the length overall plus half the draft, etc.

An old lobsterman was once asked about the difficulties of hauling and baiting traps while managing a huge sail and keeping a boat off the rocks said, "Lead out the sheet of the mains'l quite a way and trim the jib taught while you're hauling. The sloop will lay good then."

The Friendship Sloop's fishing career has given way to progress, but her charm will live forever in the many that are still sailing including this new beauty in Key Largo.



# CLASSIFIEDS

## Month 1

1982 34' Oday Sloop, New Standing Rigging, New Bimini, New Electronics, Engine Rebuilt, Very Good Condition, Fast, and Points like a Champ. Moored at D-9; Coconut Grove Sailing Club. \$23,900. Owner Must Sell! All offers considered! Please contact Michael Marks (305) 495-2633

## Month 2

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**1995 BMW K75** motorcycle for sale. 750cc, 29,000 miles. Fuel injection. Electronic ignition. BMW luggage bags and windshield. Everything in working condition. Color, graphite. Asking price \$3,400. Call me anytime at 305-588-0084. There are pictures available if you send me your email address.

**1978 Hunter 30'** sailboat "Surya Bai" in the mooring field (K4). Yanmar 27 hp diesel engine, roller furling jib, refrigeration, autopilot, hurricane anchors, bimini. \$7000 or BO. Call David Kuhn at 305-469-7934.

## Month 3

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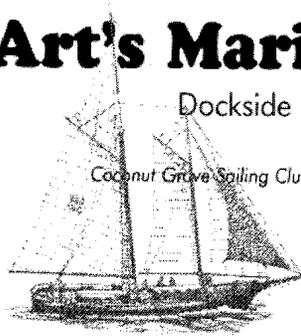
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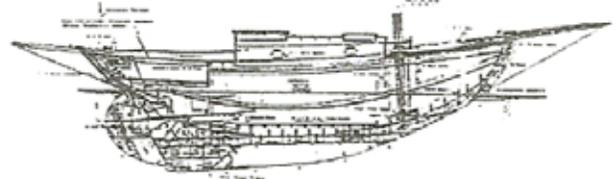
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## RACE COMMITTEE

### TWO GREAT CGSC RC WEEKENDS UPCOMING!

Come and join your Race Committee team at one or both of CGSC's two great summer weekends that are fast approaching!

First, the **CGSC Commodore's Cup Regatta is Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is the annual Club Championship Regatta for PHRF and One Design boats. If you can race, then please do so. If not, then please join the RC that day and help make it a great Club Championship. See the CGSC website for the Notice of Race and Entry Form. Please let our PRO, Ron Giachetti, know if you can assist. His e-mail is [giachetr@fiu.edu](mailto:giachetr@fiu.edu). (FYI - the 2008 Junior Commodore's Cup is September 27<sup>th</sup>.)

Then, on the weekend of August 9-10, it's our annual summer bash, "**Summer Sailfest Weekend, including the Double handed Race on Saturday, the Race Committee Party and BBQ at 5:00 pm, and the Singlehanded Race on Sunday**." At the Party, the Al Chapin Trophy will be presented to the outstanding member of our Race Committee over the Club's past fiscal year, and other awards will be presented. In addition, CGSC Race Committee shirts will also be awarded to qualifying individuals. The Notice of Race flyer is available on the [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net) web site (but

the party time is incorrectly stated as 7:00 - the party starts at 5:00 pm).

Again this year, we're happy to have that great band, *Been There – Done That*, back at the Party. They can really "rock the Club!" As above, if you can race, we'll see you out there sailing. If not, please join the Race Committee for either or both days. PRO for Saturday's Double handed Race is Jaime Ramon, [itsnoontide@yahoo.com](mailto:itsnoontide@yahoo.com). For Sunday's Singlehanded Race, our PRO is Art Auwaerter, [samuraiprimo@aol.com](mailto:samuraiprimo@aol.com). Please let them know if you can assist.

### Congratulations!

Congrats to Art Auwaerter, CGSC's newest US Sailing Certified Club Race Officer. Don't look now, Art - but Jaime Ramon, Susan Walcutt and Ron Giachetti are right on your heels and should be certified in August. Along with Jo Ann Mathieu and yours truly, we will soon have six US Sailing Certified Club Race Officers on our RC Team! Thanks to all for your hard work and dedication. Remember, this was the "CGSC PRO Class of 2007." Here we are over half way thru 2008, and we're still not done.

Ron Rostorfer, CGSC Race Chair