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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
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## Coconut Grove: A Club With Spirit

**G**o ahead. Name the sailing capital of the world. Valencia, Spain? San Diego? Newport, Rhode Island? Annapolis, Maryland? To the more than 10,000 people who've learned to sail here, hands down, it's Florida's Biscayne Bay, thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Besides a range of courses in sailing instruction for children and adults, and competitive events, the Grove is also ideal for its peace and quiet. Cruisers aboard monohulls up to 41 feet long can rent a mooring 100 or so yards offshore and avail themselves of 24/7 launch service year-round. Once ashore, plenty of community open up.

Discover the history of greater Miami by taking a stroll to the Barnacle, Commodore

Ralph Munroe's home; Miami City Hall; and Viscaya, the early 20th-century winter home of industrialist James Deering. A free trolley runs through the Grove, and bus service takes visitors into downtown Miami or to the Metro Rail. The Club invites guests to share in the effort to preserve its existence, as well as its mooring field, as it negotiates its land lease with Miami officials. For details, log on to the club website ([www.CGSC.org](http://www.CGSC.org)).

Lynn Fitzpatrick

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

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

The year is off to a running start. The Adult Orange Bowl was a huge success! I was out with the Committee Boat one day and the sailing was fast and the wind steady. As I always say, the race committee is always looking for help, no experience needed! I also encourage you to get out and race. If not on your boat, others are looking for crew and will "show you the ropes." There are also cruising and sail training opportunities available. This is your Club, be sure to enjoy it! The best way to ensure our future is to be active with the Club and show the City we plan to be here a long time.



I have been in communication with Commissioner Sarnoff's office. I floated the idea of a short term management agreement while the Waterfront Master Plan is implemented. While no answer is immediately forthcoming, the Commissioner's staff continues to say the Club will be here and not move until a new Club house is built. While this is less than an ideal situation, I ask for you all to be patient and support our efforts in the Master Plan.

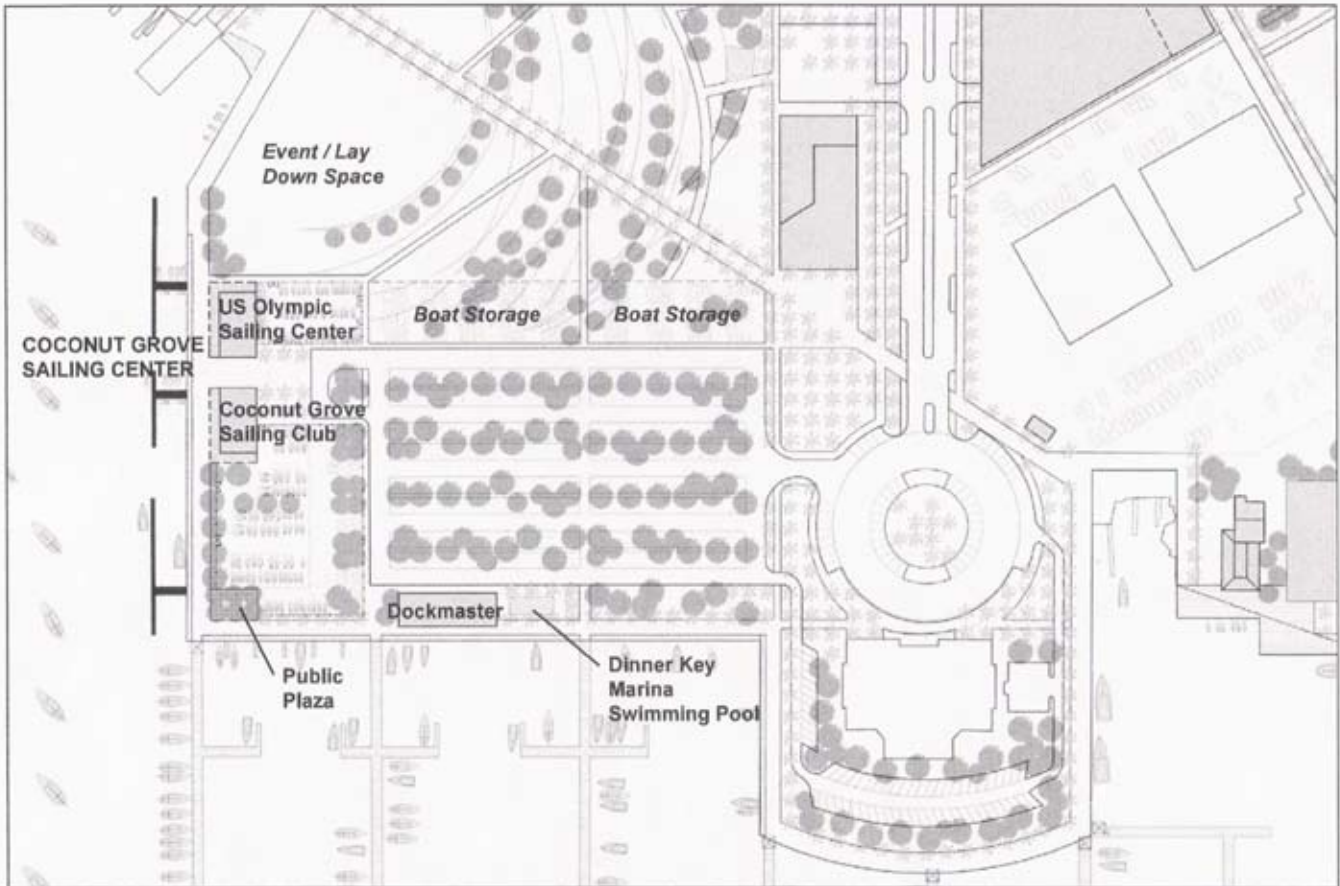
Speaking of the Master Plan, some details are available. There will be conference calls and discussions between the Sasaki Group, Miami Parks Department and us. Part of the plan moves the Club to pier seven of Dinner Key Marina. The area is designed to "grow" during regattas, with addition temporary boat storage available when needed.

We continue to be a part of this plan and will to work to make Coconut Grove the "Sailboat Racing Capital of the Americas!"

I hope to see you at the Club and on the Bay,

*Marc Buller - Commodore*





**Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan**  
 Dinner Key Area Detail *Regatta Season Overlay* - DRAFT

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Details of the Master Plan:  
 Images of the Dinner Key Area as proposed by the Waterfront Master Plan

## King Mango Strut Parade



*Our spoof float depicted CGSC kids falling off the Pram only to be steamrolled by the city steamroller. After being "rolled" a flattened suit of clothes remained behind.*

# REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The junior and adult sailing programs continue to grow and succeed spectacularly under the guidance of Nick, Dick, Peter and all their helpers...Congratulations to all concerned and special congratulations to all the junior sailors winning competitions like David Hernandez who are keeping Coconut Grove Sailing Club at the forefront of competitive sailing.

I am writing this report in Christiansted Harbor in St Croix aboard Nell's boat 'Upside Down' (we have not yet quite managed to change the name to 'Moon Dancer'). She is a Tayana 55 fully rigged for cruising and offshore passages and has civilized accommodation for 6 and can sleep 8 by using the main salon. Our crew this week is a mix of Club members, friends and Pete Maxwell, the Club's former dock master, and his wife Tanya.

I am sitting here planning the Club's offshore sailing opportunities for the next year. There will be two Club regattas in April and May.

1) April a long weekend in Bimini, dates as yet fluid. We will have a meeting in February for anyone interesting in going over either in their own boat or as crew. I will be taking a Beneteau as a 'mother ship' and will be able to take 2-3 people as crew. If you do not have sailing experience it would be very beneficial, but not mandatory, for you to take Dick Crisler's adult sailing classes. If you can sail but have not been out in the 'big blue water' I will give an informal prep class.

2) April or May Janice Pruitt's trip to the Exumas, please contact Janice via the Manager if you are interested in going in your own boat or as crew

3) Moon Dancer's schedule is:

\***February** a trip from Fajardo PR to St Martin

\***March** a trip from Fajardo PR to Aruba.

\***April** a trip down island to Martinique.(the above three trips might get reversed...depends on the wind direction)

\***May** a trip down island to Trinidad and Venezuela.

\***June** running north to Bermuda and Halifax Nova Scotia where we will spend hurricane season cruising New England and the Maritimes.

\***November** a return trip to Puerto Rico from New England. December start the Caribbean trips again until May 2009 when we will cross the Atlantic

While we will have time ashore in lovely locations these trips are sailing trips and you should expect to do overnight passages and we will average 500 sea miles a week. She is a 200 miles/day boat under sail or motor.

Nell and I truly enjoy sailing with others aboard and berths for the trips are filling up quickly so if you are interested please e-mail me at [DrPKellett@aol.com](mailto:DrPKellett@aol.com) with a cc to Nell at [GalPalNel@aol.com](mailto:GalPalNel@aol.com).

*Phil Kellet, Rear Commodore*



"Member Marco Fuxa helms as Capt'n Nell Sleeps."



# **There Is No Smile Like A Sailing Smile.**

Caution: Kids sailing can cause permanent smiling to all family members.

As most working parents, we faced the challenge of finding a place that could teach our son the necessary skills to become avid in a team sport. Many community centers offer great programs where kids can join a baseball, basketball, or football team. However, unless the kid has a natural talent, it is very difficult for him to receive the proper training to learn the necessary skills required to "make the cut" once they enter middle school.

At our son's middle school, sailing is not a "cut sport" which means that all you need to know is how to swim and be willing to give it a try. A year ago, at the age of 11, he started participating in a sailing program offered by his school where at least once a week they go to CGSC to learn how to sail. After attending a handful of sailing lessons our son became passionate about everything and anything related to sailing.

Was it easy? Depends how you see it. In his second practice he forgot to wear a life jacket so the Sailing director at CGSC made him take it home and wear it all weekend. After only a few lessons he decided to participate in his first regatta. Weather conditions were pretty rough and his boat capsized about 10 times. Soon thereafter, during sailing summer camp, he got bitten by some kind of marine life animal. Did he get upset, sad or wanted to quit? Not even once.

As an "over attentive" mother, have I ever questioned our decision to let our son participate in sailing? Not even once.

The main reason being that I frequently stay at the practices and can clearly assess how the CGSC sailing program is run by a team of professionals under the management of Mr. Nick Mansbach, its sailing director. They have an incredible ability to teach kids not only how to be responsible sailors but to have lots of fun yet be disciplined, respectful and comply with a set of strict rules.

It is amazing how quickly kids participating in CGSC programs learn how to sail and how much physical strength they can develop doing it. To our surprise, kids don't even need to own a boat to join the program. Today, our 12 year old son continues to sail once a week with his school, helps as a "junior sailing coach" twice a week, participates in the CGSC kids Saturday program, and is a member of the CGSC sailing team.

Once we started taking our son to the regattas we realized that even though we thought we were doing it for him, we were also having a great time. We have found a sport that brings us closer as a family and allows us to spend more quality time with our son. What's next? My husband and I decided to take the adult weekend sailing clinic, also offered by the CGSC so that we can go sailing together as a family for many years to come.

Marlena Coën

## **The Ransom Everglades Sailing Program**

Once again, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is partnering with Ransom Everglades Middle School to help students in sixth through eighth grades learn how to sail. CGSC and Ransom Everglades have been working together in the After School Sailing program for five years now, and the partnership continues to strengthen and expand. This season saw record numbers of RE students who signed up for the program, a trend which can be largely attributed to the efforts of Nick Mansbach, CGSC's Sailing Director. Nick has streamlined the After School program to not only teach young beginners the basics of sailing, but also to introduce competitive racing techniques, which have enabled several RE students to join CGSC's Green Fleet and help teach other youngsters. Most importantly, the Learn to Sail Program is helping to instill a genuine, lifelong love of sailing in these young sailors, as well as an appreciation, respect, and responsibility for our unique South Florida ecosystems and aquatic lifestyle.

Leslie Morris  
Science teacher/sailing coach  
Ransom-Everglades Middle School

### **U.S. Sailing Level 1 Instructor Course**

The CGSC will be hosting a US Sailing level 1 instructor course on Saturday & Sunday, March 8th & 9th and Saturday & Sunday, March 15th & 16th. This is an intensive 40 hour course taught over the two weekends mentioned above. Past Commodore Bud Price will be the trainer/instructor. If interested please visit the US Sailing website at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org) to register.

Thanks

Nick Mansbach  
Sailing Director



# From the Manager . .

To make the February deadline, I'm writing this on January 5th. You know, the week we actually did have frost on the pumpkins - so I'm a happy camper! There's also the remotest possibility that the USPS will actually deliver the Channels on time again this month. That being the case, I'll refrain from making glorious comments such as "the New Year's Eve party was great!" (which it was) and having that appear in the Channel, via your mailbox on December 28th. But, I will add that the new cooks Rodney and Cesar, through their demonstrated improvements in speed and quality gave me a very secure feeling in the outcome of the event prior to its happening. They did not disappoint!

By the time you read this, another event may have transpired or is about to. From the street it may appear that Barnum & Bailey have taken over the club grounds. I love a good flea circus, but in our case, the stars are termites burrowing into the very heart and soul of the club house. Before their antics "bring the house down", the entire building facility will be/has been tented and fumigated. This will be done over a 72 hour period (Mon, Tue & Wed) preferably not after a regatta weekend and when it will cause the least interference to our school programs. All food items and open liquor will have to be removed and we will run a reduced menu the prior weekend to limit food purchases. Launch service will continue throughout, via temporary facilities on the lawn. However, access to the building in any way, shape or form during the 72 hour period will be expressly denied to all members and staff alike. This is an expensive undertaking and we cannot have the effect jeopardized.

Three final notes:

1st) Many members assume I'm just crying "wolf" over the possibility of towing cars without parking stickers. Ironically, many of the members who complain also bring in 3rd and 4th cars without stickers. When we are fortunate enough to have a parking attendant, I hear "I've been a member for 10 years. You know me." Yes we do, but we also assume that after 10 years, one would know the rules. Therefore, after months of warnings, be advised - **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PARKING DECAL, YOU PARK ON THE LOT AT YOUR OWN RISK. EXPECT YOUR CAR TO BE TOWED.**

2nd) The main pier is for the benefit of all members, free water and pump out services are provided. However, this is not a facility for prolonged boat maintenance. Miami



has several maintenance marinas for this purpose. On weekends, your pier time is limited to 30 min. The dock hands don't carry stop watches, but the main pier is not the place to tie up, leisurely wash your vessel, have lunch and walk the Grove for 3 hrs. When a dock hand says it's time to move your boat - it's time to move your boat.

3rd) Launch service is provided 24/7/365. The original concept was to get members to their boats before they sail and return them to shore upon completion of their outing. If you're simply tooling around and doing maintenance on your vessel, at no charge, self-powered dinghies are available. and suggested.

Oil has hit the \$100. a barrel mark and we all see the cost at the pumps continue to climb. To those of you that feel it necessary to use the lunch multiple times a day, please considered that the added fuel cost the club endures is split over all the members. Please plan your trips to your vessel. Take the right tools & equipment, gather your belongings and secure your vessels before departing them.

Remember, as a member owned facility, the actions and cost of one are felt and absorbed by the many.

We'll talk again next month.  
Hugh

## WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

<b>MONDAY</b>	Club Closed - Office is open 9-5.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Lounge opens at 4 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Lounge opens for cocktails only, from noon - 2 pm then again at 4 pm. Dinner menu available at 5 pm.
<b>THUR/FRI/SAT/SUN</b>	Lounge w/ food & Beverage service opens at 11 am.

**Launch service is available 24/7.**

# CGSC KICKS OFF 2008 REGATTA SEASON

Coconut Grove Sailing Club kicked off the 2008 regatta season by hosting the first PHRF races of the year on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. It turned out to be a great day for racing on Biscayne Bay, even though the forecast hardly indicated that would be the case. With a front approaching, light southerly winds were forecast, steadily shifting toward the west.

Out on the Bay well before the 11:30 am first Warning Signal, the racers and our Race Committee did find a 6 knot breeze from 165 degrees, which worked its way to 185 degrees. The forecast was on track. However, there it stopped – totally. The cloudy skies cleared. The 21 boat racing fleet was treated to three races without a significant wind shift, as the wind built to just over 13 knots. It was a terrific day to be racing, or just out on the Bay. The fleet was sent on three windward-leeward, twice around courses.

Six boats sailed in the PHRF 1 Class, another six in PHRF 2, four in PHRF 3 and there were five J-24's sailing one design. The racing was quite competitive in all classes, and it was fun to watch the action at the starts and around the marks. In PHRF 1, Scott Piper's Tripp 33 Pipe Dream XIV sailed to a 1-2-1 series. That was barely good enough to best Primal Scream, the C&C 115 sailed by Steven Stollman, which had a 2-1-2 record. Another Tripp 33, Sennett Duttenhofer's Man-O-War had a 3-3-3 series, and wound up, well, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In PHRF 2, CGSC's Russ and Vicki Horn continued their hot streak aboard the Evelyn 32, Jammin'. They swept the class with three bullets. CGSC's Pat Cacase was second, sailing his C&C 99 Blackbird to a 3-2-2 series. Tiburon sailed by Eduardo Luaces was third.

PHRF 3 saw another one point margin of victory. Stuart Sorg's Ranger 28, Special Warfare sailed a 1-3-1 regatta for the win over Gerry Marston's Hunter 29.5, Deadline. Only another point back in third was Richard Hall's Cal 29, St. Clair.

In the five boat J-24's, it was Lionel Baugh's well sailed Joe Cool which swept the fleet for a three-point win over CGSC's Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and his I'll Go. Mark Pincus was third.

CGSC's Race Committee did an excellent job running the regatta, beginning with an on-time start for Race 1. The steady winds resulted in no course changes throughout the day. CGSC's Principal Race Officer Susan Walcutt was in charge of the racing, on board Bill Braddon's Tondelayo. The Signal Boat crew included veterans Carolyn Rahn, Karen Young, Kit Temple, Helene and Marvin Schenker and Jeanne

Bunten. On board the Mako support boats, it was Ron Giachetti and Dottie Rostorfer up to windward, while Ron and Debby Rostorfer were onboard the Pin Boat.

Racing was finished up by a little after 3:00 pm. The sailors congregated at CGSC afterwards for race stories and the trophy presentation, handled by Susan Walcutt and BBYRA President David Kurtz. Sure enough, just as the trophy presentation began, it started to rain! We all led a charmed life this day.

Ron Rostorfer

## RESULTS

BBYRA PHRF#1 January 13, 2008 Hosted by CGSC		
Yacht	Skipper	Place
PHRF 1		
PRIMAL SCREAM	Steven Stollman	2
PIPE DREAM XIV	Scott/Tom Piper	1
SWALLOW	Bob Stout	6
CONCEPT VS. REALITY	Steven Alexander	5
MAN-O-WAR	Sennett Duttenhofer	3
MOVING PARTY 4	Mike Catalano	4
PHRF 2		
DUTCH TREAT	Randy Clee	4
JAMMIN'	Russ and Vicky Horn	1
BLACKBIRD	Pat Cacace	3
TIBURON	Eduardo Luaces	2
GOOMBAY	David Kurtz	6
HOT AIR III	David Berg	5
PHRF 3		
FINESSE	Bill Beavers	4
ST. CLAIR	Richard Hall	3
SPECIAL WARFARE	Stuart Sorg	1
DEADLINE	Gerry Marston	2
J-24/SONAR		
I'LL GO	Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.	2
	Mark Pincus	3
JOE COOL	Lionel Baugh	1
FATSO	Gerd Petersen	5
	Jack King	4

A very heartfelt THANK YOU to the members of the CGSC Race Committee who volunteered as crew for the first BBYRA PHRF race of the 2008 Season last Sunday, January 13, 2008. As usual, the weather forecast bore no resemblance to reality, we had steady, moderate winds out of the south, and we were able to run 3 races.

**Signal Boat and Captain** – Bill Brandon, Tandaleo

**Race Committee Crew**

Jeanne Bunten	Debbie Rostorfer
Ron Giachetti	Karen Ryan-Young
Carolyn Rahn	Helene & Marvin Schenker
Vicky Rosenbloom	Kit Temple
Ron Rostorfer & Dotti Rostorfer	Susan Walcutt, PRO

## SAILING DIRECTOR REPORT

Hello all... Here's what's happening in the clubs sailing world:

I want to start with our victory at the Jr. Olympics Festival in Jensen Beach Fl. Our very own Danielle Valdes-Pages took a first place out of 88 boats! and the majority of our Green Fleeters placed in the top ten. As I write this we are once again loading up our Opti trailer to attend the Boomerang regatta at the Lauderdale Yacht club the weekend of the 12th & 13th of January, stay tuned to next months channel for all the details. We continue to work with St. Stephens Episcopal Day School as they are beginning an intermediate program to compliment their very successful learn to sail program. We are also starting our winter session with Ransom-Everglades Middle School attending classes two times a week. Last but not least, MDCPS is still attending four days a week with regular and special needs kids enjoying sailing, kayaking and science programs. Our relaunch of the Laser program is now in full swing with the help of Peter Branning, Andres Cano, Antonio Bejarano and Juan Torres. If anyone is interested in helping or joining the Laser team feel free to contact me for more info.





Richard Crisler continues to do an exceptional job with our adult programs and of course his favorite, the "Thursday Ladies Sunfish Clinic" is a big hit and it continues to grow.

In February we will be having a visitor in our mooring field, it's a 21 foot prototype boat that will be competing in the 2009 Mini-Transat race. The owners name is Jesse Rowse and he will be training out of our club until the end of March. And, joining us for about a week in February to meet Jesse and get caught up with us here at CGSC, you guessed it, Clay Burkhalter! Hopefully we can rope him into sharing his experience of the 2008 Mini-Transat race at one of our social nights.

That's all for now  
Nick



# Orange Bowl Regatta

Very warm temperatures greeted the sailors participating in the 2007 Orange Bowl Regatta but not a lot of wind. The Regatta was definitely dominated by light air; only on the last day did the wind get over 10 knots. The Lightning class was dominated for the first two days by local sailor Bill Mauk who won all 5 races conducted on Friday and Saturday. When the wind picked up on Sunday David Helmick from Longwood, FL finished first in both races but Bill Mauk with a second and third held onto the lead to win. The Laser Master class featured a battle between local sailor Augie Diaz and Gary Knapp from Syosset, New York. Gary beat Augie in four of the seven races and finished with a three point advantage to win the Masters division and finish second in the open Laser class as well. Zack Marks from St. Petersburg won the first four races and finished with a third and two second places to win the Laser open division. Jyrui Taiminen a masters sailor from Finland came on very strong at the end and had the best combined score for the last four races but unfortunately missed the first three. The "Outstanding Sailor" award was given to Zack since the Laser open division was substantially larger than the Lightning fleet. Following the last race on Sunday an outstanding buffet was served by Hugh.

Donating their time and effort to make this a successful regatta was Bill Braddon and his Morgan 41 who also helped call the line, Ron Rostorfer who ran the pin boat and did the final scoring, Marvin Schenker who did all the timing, Vicki Rosenbloom raised signal flags, Jeanne Bunten did registration and recording, Larry Whipple did the practice races and weather mark boat, Susan Walcutt did the weather mark boat, Liz Gabay did the pin boat and recording, Jo Ann Mathieu did the scoring and recording, Susan Sanders did the weather mark boat, JoAn Pzenny did signal flags, Bernie Meier did registration and the practice races, Dottie Rostorfer did the pin boat, Marc Buller did signal flags, Michael Miller did the weather mark boat and David Duresky did the weather mark boat. Thank you everybody for a great job.

Reported by Art Auwaerter  
Orange Bowl Regatta Chairman.

Orange Bowl Regatta - Dec. 28 - 30, 2007		
Lasers		
Sail No.	Skipper	Place
181131	Azack Marks	1
1	Gary Knapp *	2
172975	Augie Diaz *	3
176078	Rick Strilky *	4
183891	Roman Pluenko	5
180079	Leigh Savage *	6
175905	Justin Ahearn	7
181836	David Hartman *	8
191572	Syrui Taiminen *	9
181839	Michelle Davis *	10
190309	John McNally *	11
181165	Andrew Renshaw *	12
179175	Terry Callahan *	13
175529	Paul Wurtzebach *	14
172972	Adrian Diaz	15
189788	Matthew Doherty *	16
9	William Hofmeister *	17
150962	David Wagner *	18
178063	Simo Mykkanen *	19
168356	Mandy Hofmeister *	20
3 or 0	Lucas Hofmeister	21
169352	Tony Hubbard *	22
179131	George Jerman	23
7	Cody McCoun	24
0 or 3	Rebecca Hofmeister	25
	* Indicates Master sailor	
Lightning		
Sail No.	Skipper	Place
14866	Bill Mauk	1
15143	David Helmick	2
14684	Bill Johns	3
15083	Allison Jolly	4
14930	Stephen Horwitz	5

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Social Night

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

- 1) If interested, please pick a date on the sign-up sheet in the bar and clearly print your name.
- 2) If possible, receipts are appreciated for bookkeeping purposes (give them to the bartender that night), but your name will suffice.
- 3) Regular / Life members will receive a \$50. credit on their house account. Social members will have a \$50, check sent to them.
- 4) Social Night should consist of a one dish item that would feed approximately 20-25 adults. We'll provide flatware, chaffers, sterno, serving utensils, napkins, plates and/or bowls at our cost, plus access to the kitchen to heat up any item.
- 5) Social Night Dinner should be ready to serve no later than 7:15 pm. Please insure all attendees get fed before heading for seconds!

6) Refrigeration space is limited, but the kitchen may be used to warm or assemble items.

7) House products, i.e.: salad dressings, salad contents, bread, butter, etc. cannot be contributed from the kitchen inventories.

8) Please restore the kitchen to the condition you found it after completion of your meal.

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

## Automatic Bill Payment

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

## Seamanship Section

### GPS vs. the Number One Eyeball

To a great extent I am anti technology this attitude developed when I practiced very high risk pediatric medicine and the staff would spend more time playing with the technology rather than looking at the sick child. GPS is a very valuable aid to navigation but it is no more than that...an aid.

There is a cruising website that allows cruisers to ask advice and share experiences...recently someone wrote to the Editor with the following query:

"I recently went to the Greenwich Maritime Museum where the zero latitude line is represented by a brass line in the ground. When I switched on my GPS there was an 800 ft discrepancy between the brass line and my GPS...WHY?"

The Editor replied:

"I am very disappointed that the staff at the Royal Observatory has not addressed this problem. There are lots of charts where Caribbean islands are in the wrong place and the people responsible should address this problem so that our GPS's are always right!"

In 1880's Great Britain, who had the largest naval fleet, drew a line in the sand and said this is where we all will measure latitude from. I have stood astride that

line and my position on the earth has been fixed...one foot in the eastern hemisphere and one in the western hemisphere...and my eyes, the "number one eyeball navigating instrument" confirmed my position.

A few years ago 5,000 GPS's, all the same model, had a previously unknown software glitch and at precisely the same second all 5000, irrespective of their position on the globe, shut themselves down and could not be restarted! In all probability less than 10% of the people out on the water had put a mark on a paper chart during the previous 4 hours. A few years before that a cruise ship ran aground...it had 3 GPS's but they all were fed by the same defective aerial. For 24 hours the ship got further off course and even though it was close to shore and passed 3 lighthouse not a single fix was taken by traditional methods...the result was a million dollar grounding that could also have been a tragic loss of life. The nautical literature abounds with such incidents and all of them emphasize the fact that the GPS is an aid and not the ultimate solution...

I am not arguing that we should not use GPS's but that we should always keep in mind their limitations and trust our eyes and human skills in preference to electronic ones.

Phil Kellett



## RACE COMMITTEE PLANNED MONTHLY MEETING TOPICS

All meetings are held on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted – topics subject to change. Come for the Social Night food offering at 7:00 pm and stay for the meeting.

February 5, 2008

The Complete Guide to Life on the Signal Boat!

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Special "Field Trip" – Watch and Listen In to an 80+ Boat Etchells Class Midwinter Championship Race on Biscayne Bay. Depart CGSC aboard Susan Walcutt's Contender 27 at 0945. (Obviously, Space is Limited)

March 4, 2008

The Complete Guide to Life on a Mako Support Boat!

April 1, 2008

PHRF Handicaps – PHRF & One Design Scoring  
– IMPORTANT – no fooling!

May 6, 2008

The Complete Guide to Pursuit Racing!

Followed by Summer Vac

### ADULT SAILING REPORT

Thanks to the support of your officers, board of directors, club volunteers and your dedicated Sailing Director, your Adult Sailing Committee remains active and healthy with multiple programs offered to regular members, social members and the adult public. These programs include Adult Learn-to-Sail classes at both the dinghy and keelboat levels, monthly SunFish sailing clinics, US Sailing Basic Keelboat certification testing, and our popular weekly Ladies Sunfish Sailing Clinic. In addition, unique programs have been made available to universities and government interests.

In the past, both before, during and after the holidays, our programs went into a "holding" mode, due to lack of interest of the public as well as a lowering of priority at our club level. Not so this year for our adult programs. During the holiday period we conducted four different activities.

Most recently, a Learn-to-Sail weekend class on the SunFish was conducted. Thanks to Brittany Zirulnik who stepped in to assist as coach. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and cooperation helped make this a successful class under some trying conditions. Thanks also to member, Glenn Newland, for serving as an assistant coach. Glenn, a teacher by trade, has a very patient, reassuring way of working with learning situations. We look forward to his help in the future.

Finally, our weekly Ladies SunFish Clinic continued through the holidays. This is a really fun, cohesive group that enjoys learning and sailing, and they are looking for more ladies to join them on Thursday mornings. If you are entry level, it doesn't matter. You will get the coaching needed to bring you up to speed with the rest of the group. The clinics consist of some chalk talk, practice on the water, moderate racing to improve and measure skills, and more. If you have taken our basic Learn-to-Sail course or have some usable experience, then you are ready to take part in this fun group. For the Ladies group, please contact Richard Crisler direct at 305-342-4775. For all other adult programs or to offer your assistance as a volunteer coach, contact Nick Mansbach at the club, extension 11.  
Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,

Richard Crisler, Adult Sailing Chairman

*Ladies  
approaching  
a course  
mark.*



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

**Racing Schedule  
Late February - March, 2008**

Mon-Sat, Jan 28-Feb 2  
Miami Olympic Classes Regatta

Sunday, February 3  
BBYRA OD#2 – BBYC

Sat-Sun, Feb. 9-10  
Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta –CGSC

Thurs-Mon, Feb 14-18  
Miami Boat Show

Saturday, February 16  
BBYRA PHRF#2, MYC

Saturday, February 23  
MYC Annual Regatta – BBYRA OD#3

Sunday, February 24  
MYC Annual Regatta – BBYRA PHRF#3

**Saturday, March 15**  
**Coral Cup Regatta (Women) -**  
**CGSC**

**Saturday, March 29**  
**BBYRA PHRF#4 – CGSC**

Sunday, March 30  
BBYRA OD#4 - CRYC

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**2003 Laser Radial**, Excellent condition, Bought October 2003, barely sailed for the past 2 years. Hull & deck covers and blade bag. Seitech dolly, Sail # 177021, asking price \$3000. Contact pipmilne@bellsouth.net. Tel 305 567 3104 or 786 546 3920.

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## Month 2

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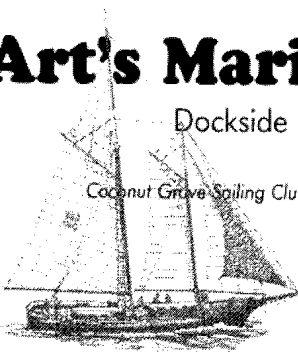
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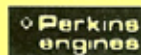
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## Holiday Concert a Great Success



*Thanks to Dominic Lamberti and the Miamians for providing, once again, a wonderful concert for the Sailing Clubs Holiday Party.*



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