



JULY 2008

ADVENTURES IN THE EXUMAS

By Bill Braddon. Editing and photos by Nick Martens

It started slowly. Friday night it was shopping at Publix. Three carts later, filled with steaks, chicken and shrimp, veggies and fruit, water, soda and beer, phase one was completed. Finding a place for everything on board was a challenge. There was some question whether there would be room for people, but all was solved eventually. Then Saturday came and went. Sunday came and went. Finally, with all business problems and weather concerns resolved, the crew arrived Monday morning to board the good ship NAMASTE, a Freedom 45. Nick Martens was captain and Mark Buller, Fritz Muller and I were crew.

It was out the channel, past Key Biscayne and the lighthouse, across a bit of the Biscayne Channel and out to sea. Light winds in the wrong direction forced motoring across the Stream, over North Rocks just north of Bimini and across the Grand Bahama Bank to an anchoring spot just North of the Northwest

Channel marker. Nick cooked wonderful steaks on the grill and Chef Fritz prepared a feast below, featuring a potato and onion dish. It sounded even better as Fritz announced the whole meal in French.

Tuesday morning we went around Northwest Channel marker and headed southwest to Lyford Cay on the northwest corner of New Providence. There we cleared customs. We also found that it was a requirement that all beer brought in be consumed or disposed of within 24 hours of arrival and replenished with Kalik or Saunders, a new Bahamian beer. We complied as quickly as possible and, luckily, we didn't have to dispose of any. Ours was one of



the smaller vessels in the harbor. There were four motor yachts and one sail yacht well in excess of 100 feet. Mike Lovelady arrived by plane. For dinner we finally settled on a small pub in the marina that was definitely for the yachts crews and local help, but not for the owners or

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Cover Photo of Snipe sailors Ernesto Rodriguez and Leandro Spina provided by Fried Elliott.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is my honor to take over the helm as commodore of CGSC. I hope that I can steer a course as steady as Marc Buller has over the last year.

I am very excited about the members that have accepted positions on the bridge and board of directors. They are an excellent representation of the quality of our club members.

Vice Commodore Nick Martens raced lasers at the club as a teenager in the 1970's, went off to school to become a doctor, and returned to CGSC to race one design boats as well enjoy cruising from here to the Bahamas. Dr. Martens has been our fleet surgeon for years, has served on the board and has an excellent relationship with the folks in city hall.

Rear Commodore Alyn Pruett is not only an accomplished cruiser, he is also an Architect with city planning experience and is active in Coconut Grove politics, currently holding commissioner Marc Sarnoff's seat on the Coconut Grove Village Council.

The club should be in good hands for years to come.

So far I have received acceptance by some members that agreed to serve as key committee chairs. Penny Tannenbaum will be Membership Chairwoman - anyone that knows Penny knows we could not ask for a better ambassador or more warm hearted person to welcome new members and persuade potential members to join the club. I know Penny has a personal mission to get more woman members and to get more woman involved with the operation of the club. Doug Hanks has signed on to be Entertainment Chairman – there are few members that have the enthusiasm for sailing that Doug has, and anyone that can be a repeat guest on the morning radio of Paul and young Ron must be able to entertain a crowd.

Ron Rostorfer will serve one more year as Race Chairman – anyone that races a boat on the bay knows how lucky we are to have Ron, and if you don't race, know that CGSC has a reputation that reaches far into the sailing world for having a very professional race committee organization. Ron run one of the only committees at the club that holds regular monthly meetings, and he recruits, encourages and trains new members who join his committee. Richard Crisler will return as Adult Sailing Chairman – If you don't know how much time and energy Richard has spent over the last 17 years or so, teaching newcomers to sail, then you must have been under a rock. The club has gained many many new members over the years, because of the introduction to sailing that Richard has given them. Bill Beavers has agreed to another year as Moorings Chairman – No one knows a mooring field like Bill knows our mooring field, and I would venture to say that we have the most compact field anywhere, and boats hardly ever touch each other. Bill has been dedicated to this task for years.

I feel that in order to gain participation of our membership, we have to have strong committees, so please pick out a committee, contact the chair and get involved.

I will ask the committee chairs to recruit members for their committee, have regular meetings and make a report at the general meeting each month. (Richard Crisler is the only person that has done this religiously.) This will engage those that participate on committees, and help act as a reason for members to attend our general meetings.

We are at an exciting time of the clubs history, we seem to have a very good working relationship with City Government, sailing is in vogue as far as being green, and it certainly is a lot less expensive way to be on the bay compared to running a powerboat.

We have an amazing amount of talent among our members, and I look forward to working with as many members as possible this year to encourage the sport of sailing any way we can.



(Commodore cont.)

On the legal front:

Unfortunately our submerged land issue was postponed from the June 10th State Cabinet agenda. Attorney Amanda Quirke from the firm of Tew Cardenas has informed me that we are now scheduled for July 29. Amanda reports "there is no issue with the CGSC, but we have to work out an issue with the state on some properties on Brickell".

Meanwhile Attorney Bob de la Fuente has been working

with Laura Billberry Director of Public Facilities on the items required for a lease. So far we only need to do a little tweaking to meet all of the standards of a first come, first serve open to the public private club. Items like run adds in the newspaper announcing our open membership and getting all of our minutes of meetings to the city.

The Government clock seems to tick rather slowly, but it does keep on ticking and we are still sailing in the right direction.

Charles A. Rahu, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am pleased and honored to serve as your Vice Commodore for the coming year. As a member of the Board of Directors the last 5 years it was a pleasure to work with the past flag officers and board members in promoting the sailing club to our present position as the premier public sailing venue in Miami. Our adult and youth sailing programs are attracting an ever increasing amount of new sailors from our community and continue to serve as a model for the public school system. This is a club of VOLUNTEERS and each and every member and social member can add in his or her own way something that is unique and will add to the strength and vibrancy of the Coconut Grove Sailing

Club. I challenge you to get involved with YOUR CLUB and help continue to promote the oasis on the bay that is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. I look forward to seeing you at the club and discussing the many ways that we can together continue to foster the art of sailing and good seamanship on beautiful Biscayne Bay.



Nick Martens, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am honored to be able to serve CGSC as Rear Commodore for the coming year. I am also very happy to say that as Rear Commodore I will be working closely with Nick Mansbach and Richard Crisler. The youth and adult sailing programs they run are a major part of our community outreach and engagement. At the recent annual meeting Nick gave an update of both the youth and adult sailing programs. The variety and scope of the programs is, to say the least, very impressive. We all need to congratulate Nick and Richard for their efforts, and support our sailing programs in the coming year.

Among my goals for the year is to, where appropriate and possible with our resources, further expand our sailing programs. Richard and Nick have done a great job this year in finding new ways to teach the many aspects of sailing in fun and interesting formats. The more ways we can find to engage our members and the community at large the stronger our club will become.

In addition I hope to find ways to make our sailing programs more visible to the community at large. The club's educational activities are often overshadowed by the many other aspects of the club's operations. I will seek ways to provide these outstanding programs the additional public notice and credit they deserve.

In addition to working with the sailing programs the rear commodore is responsible for organizing the annual rendezvous. I remember the first annual rendezvous Janice and I attended after joining CGSC in 2003. For us it was one of our first "big trips" down the bay. I remember helping with a fun program of activities for kids, watching sunfish racing, and enjoying a drink at a tiki bar that magically showed up on Elliott Key. It was a memorable weekend. The success of this spring's annual rendezvous suggests that our members are eager for this kind of experience that brings us together on the water. As a result I intend – with a lot of help from Janice and all of you – to make next year's annual rendezvous one of the best ever.



Please feel free to contact me at APruett100@aol.com with any questions or ideas you may have. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Alyn Pruett, Rear Commodore

guests on these fine yachts. There we found some of the best cracked conch ever. That evening a good amount of rum was consumed to meet another requirement that all rum brought in or purchased in the Bahamas be consumed before departing the Bahamas.

Later, Mark, sharing the forward cabin with Mike Lovelady, used his presidential protection training to save Mike. He awoke to find smoke in his cabin. He woke Mike and stood him up to keep his head close to the ceiling and opened the overhead hatch. Unfortunately



the smoke was the same smoke we had smelled earlier coming from brush being burned close by and opening the hatch just added to the smoke. Later a battle ensued over who should have the one fan aboard the vessel. It was a large floor fan. It was taken by the Captain to his cabin. Later, in an act of insurrection, Mark took it back to the forward cabin. Unfortunately, I was sleeping on an air mattress on the sole of the main salon and the fan passed back and forth over me accompanied by heavy feet. Eventually sanity prevailed.

Wednesday morning, Fritz departed by plane. In the afternoon, we roamed the island by car and dropped Mark off at the airport. We were finally ready to go to the Exumas!!!



Thursday, after stocking more beer and ice, we set forth around the west end of New Providence. The wind gods were against us again and we motored to the southeast. The seas were choppy and passing over the White Bank seeing the coral heads was a challenge. It required someone on the bow with keen eyesight for quite a while calling out the location of each corral head. By late afternoon we anchored outside Highbourne Cay.



Friday, it's anchor up and away at dawn, dawn being about 11 a.m. as usual. We sailed past one beautiful cay after another. Finally in the late afternoon we arrived at Warderick Wells Cay, home of the Exuma Land and Sea Park. The Park covers 176 square miles of cays, rocks and reefs from Little Wax Cay to the North and Conch Cay to the South. The inner harbor was filled so we took a mooring near Emerald Rock. It was time for a swim in the azure waters. We then took the dinghy to the headquarters building, but found the building closed at 4 p.m. and it was now about 5 p.m. We saw a notice on the bulletin board that a party

was being held the next day (Saturday) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Park. We knew this was where we had to be, to represent Coconut Grove Sailing Club since we were convinced that no one else from the Club had made it to the Exumas. Nick and Mike decided to go to a beach nearby and climb a hill to catch the sunset. In the bushes they heard a rustling sound. They thought it might be chickens or even wild pigs. Instead they found an animal that looked like a large, hairy rat with a long nose. At the headquarters building the next day, we found out it was a Hudai (Who-Da), an endangered species. Instantly we decided to form the Hudai Preservation Society, with us as Founding Members, with the purpose to "save the Hudai". Stay tuned. Associate Memberships may become available for a reasonable fee.



On Saturday, it was some exploring and snorkeling. No great coral was found, but the water was crystal clear and there were colorful fish under the ledges. Then it was up to

the headquarters building to register and buy a collection of hats, coolies and tee shirts. At 5:30 it was back to the big anniversary party on the beach. Not only were there burgers, chips and beans, but free cold beer was provided by a new brewery, Sanders Beer. There was a good crowd from 15 to 20 boats. We officially represented Coconut Grove Sailing Club with a big burgee. Appropriate pictures were taken with the crowd and the burgee up front. It is amazing what you find when you try meeting new people. Mike found a couple that lived very close to his home in Ormond Beach. I found someone from my hometown of Babylon, Long Island, New York. As a teenager, I had worked in his family's lumberyard and years later he and his wife had sailed on my Dad's Crosby Cat "CHICO". New friends and a great party.

On Sunday it was unfortunately time to turn North. We sailed to Normans Cay, the former headquarters of Carlos Leder, the Columbian drug lord. The docks where drugs were unloaded and loaded were still there, but rotting. Parts of a plane that crashed during the drug wars still sit in the harbor. The well was still there from my last trip complete with a bucket and good water once you got past the frogs. The airstrip is still a working strip and a plane landed there after circling the fleet at about 50 feet. A long trek across the cay was a complex with several villas and a bar called "MacDuff's". The beer was cold but the cracked conch was no match for the conch we had earlier at Lyford Cay.



Monday, with the winds howling from the north, we crossed the Yellow Bank. With the wind the water was rough and there were clouds at times making the coral heads near and in at least one case above the surface hard to see. Again

a bow watch was necessary. That afternoon we pulled into the Nassau Harbor Club. It was a good place for some pool time and convenient for grocery shopping. We also found a Freedom 45, just like Nick's and spent time with the owners on both boats. That evening we all went to dinner together where we



celebrated the owner's birthday and had excellent Chinese cuisine.

Tuesday, it was Northwest under sail and a good breeze to Northwest Channel Marker and then west

across the Grand Bahama Banks until anchoring at about 2:30 a.m. three miles east of Cat Cay. The wind was blasting through the rigging and the water was rough, but we all rested for the final trip home.

Thursday brought a new challenge. After leaving his computer based Nobel Tec chart plotting system to check the weather, Nick was unable to get the Nobel Tec system back on line. Here we were in sight of Cat Cay and could go nowhere. Finally, it was decided to use an ancient system of compass, paper chart and line of sight, aided by an old GPS that gave only current position. Thus we guided ourselves to and around the Gun Cay Cut and out to sea. Using a course adjusted for the Gulf Stream, we started with the winds at 25 knots abaft and the seas confused. We decided to jibe and go further



south for a better ride and sail. Later we jibed again and were right on course for Fowey Rocks and Bug Light. Finally it was up Biscayne Channel and across the bay to home.

It was a wonderful trip. It was far too short to be anything but a taster. A month is good to see a reasonable

portion of the Exumas. Two months is better. What I saw brought back good memories and the urge to get back and see the rest again.



Hugh's Q&A

Q. I got a letter stating my file was missing my moorings agreement, insurance, etc. I'm sure I provided it years ago.

A. You very well may have. Unfortunately, before Lauren came on board in the office, we feel her predecessor preferred "The Circular File" vs. placing needed documents in the member files. As a rule, we review the files of members with moored boats yearly. After much work, I was very disheartened to review the files and find so much missing information. I apologize for this inconvenience, but can report that 90% of the members contacted quickly supplied copies of the needed information. Thanks to those that have and we eagerly await those that haven't responded.

Q) My group has met at the club for the past several years at no cost. Now, when I call I'm told there is a room charge. Why?

A) Whether you see it or not there is always a cost to the club members in the form of set/clean up, labor, AC, lights, etc.

The club is happy to provide civic groups free space for meetings or events. Civic groups are considered schools, police, fire departments, the Coast Guard Aux. town hall meetings or select non profit organizations.

Condo, Apartment or Neighborhood associations tend to be private and do not qualify under our guidelines..

Effective 7/1/08, What we consider as private civic organization will be charged a room usage fee of \$75.00 for their meetings.

Q) I was confronted by an employee several weeks back over my car. I told him, the car belonged to my son and therefore didn't have a decal. Hey, I'm a full member and the dock hand knows me. What's the big deal.

A) I've been criticized for harping on this subject for many months and not towing any cars. I truly prefer not to, but your question simply opens up the whole discussion again. It's a very simple rule.

- If you don't have a decal, your car is subject to tow (approx. \$175. to get it back), regardless of your membership status.

- Regular and Life members and special guest ONLY qualify for parking decals or limited permits - two cars per member family.

- Hand written notes on your dash "I'm a member", "I'm on the race committee (we have passes for that)" or "I'm out sailing" just doesn't cut it for the Regular members who pay higher yearly dues to have an equal shot at a first come, first served parking spot. I don't blame them.

If you're a Regular, Life member or special guest, please get a parking decal or limited permit. Beyond that, you leave your vehicle to the mercy of the towing company. We have 50 spaces, when they are full, there full. Double parking, even though you left your keys with the bar or dock staff, puts the club in violation of fire codes and will not be tolerated.

If you have questions or are not clear on something, please drop a note in the suggestion box in the bar or feel free to email me directly at <Manager@cgsc.org>. Not all questions will be answered in "The Channel", but I will respond to you.

Hugh

FIRST ANNUAL TEAM OPTI SLEEPOVER A SUCCESS !!

Three cheers for Nick Mansbach and Mike McHugh for organizing the First Annual Team Opti Parents & Kids end-of-year Family Fun Day and Sleepover the weekend of May 31st at CGSC. After a great day on the sandbar near Vizcaya where 'fun in the sun' was played out to the fullest, the group headed back to the club to clean up, have snacks and play games. As the sun headed west, the lawn was literally transformed into a campsite complete with group tents, sleeping bags and lawn chairs overlooking the harbor. Emotions ran high during tent-hopping as debates ensued while navigating sleeping bags, air mattresses, blankets and pillows like a matching game of age and gender.

Gracious hosts, Gail and Will Pulsford served tropical refreshments for the adults aboard Sweet Lime and Nick's Fantasia provided the tunes as they teamed up dockside for parents to rest between turns keeping vigil on land.

The highlight of the evening was the much



awaited "Talent Show" which was the parent's choice after winning the famed volleyball match in Clearwater earlier this season. No one left disappointed as parents gathered below along with café/bar onlookers from the upper deck who were entertained by the kids. There were drama, suspense, comedy, dance and musical performances that would make any parent proud. The kids really put their hearts in it! We were all impressed.

Festivities continued well into the night with an ice cream social and a movie. After the last text message cell phone light went out, the kids slumbered safely thanks to all the parents who kept vigil through the night.

A beautiful sunrise illuminated with morning chatter greeted parent, Todd Fisch, who set up a bagel and donut buffet for all complete with coffee, juice and milk.

Thanks to everyone – parents and kids – who made this first event one which we will look forward to again next year. Have a great summer !!

Lorenzo & Sonia Mesa, parents of Bianca & Gabriel



A New Laser Team!

Before we begin, we would like to take a moment in which we would like to thank everyone who believed in our commitment to the love of sailing. We would like to recognize Peter Branning, Nick Mansback, Antonio Bejarano and Juan Torres for their instrumental support in our venture. Last, but not least, special thanks to the race committee that was directed by JoAnn Mathews PRO.

Also lots of thanks to Board Members for supporting our Laser Team. Our team consists of three dedicated and hard working sailors Juan Torres Jr., Giancarlo Caputi and Diego Caputi. After several months of hard training we embarked on our first one design race, the Goombay regatta. After steering behind the stern of the committee boat and checking in we realized there was no turning back. Shortly after we noticed we would be joined by world class sailors.

As the race course was set up, wind strength increased from fifteen to twenty knots. Snipe, Flying Scotts and Lasers were waiting for the race to begin at eleven thirty with plenty of wind. We all had a fair

shot to a clean start without collision or individual recalls. It was time to hike out, bring the main sheet in and start using all the knowledge we were taught. As our hearts were pumping water started filling in over the bow of the boat due to large waves in the bay. This challenge slowed down our performance. Under these conditions we were able to stay with the laser class. Going down wind we experienced very high speeds and the boats became difficult to control. One of our boats broke the lower section of the mast (Split right in half as Diego says) at the end of the race. From the signal boat Juan Torres senior (Timer for the race) could see our team advancing into the fleet.

As we started heading towards the finish line the feeling of joy was lighted up our faces, for we had just finished our first race.

It was a great experience learning first hand what the world of Laser racing is all about. We are looking forward to continuing sailing representing CGSC Laser class. Fair winds and happy sailing!

Written by
Juan Torres
Juan Torres Jr.
Giancarlo Caputi
Diego Caputi



PARTY TIME!!!!

Mark your calendar, for the Race Committee Party for Club Members and Guest to be held on Saturday, July 26th at 5:00 pm. Entertainment provided by that great band, Been There – Done That!! Plan now to attend!!!

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May 13, 2008

Commodore Marc Buller
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Dear Commodore Buller:

As recently discussed, the City of Miami supports a long term relationship and partnership in the activities, events, and regattas that are hosted by both the United States Sailing Center (USSC) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

The latest draft of the Coconut Grove waterfront master plan proposes a regatta park with both sailing clubs housed in new facilities on the waterfront near Dinner Key Marina. This plan expands the area for regattas and special events to improve the sailing events that come to Coconut Grove annually. During large regatta events, the City of Miami intends to allow the use of the Kennedy Park building to supplement waterfront access.

It is the City of Miami's intent that the USSC and CGSC remain in their current building locations until new City of Miami facilities are completed including waterfront access. At such time, we would propose that both organizations be relocated to the new facilities. In the short term, we propose to negotiate an agreement to provide for the CGSC's ability to continue to stay at its current location, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, deed restrictions, and approval by the City Commission.

The City will continue to work with CGSC regarding the mooring of its members' sailboats in both the soon to be constructed outer mooring field and the new inner mooring field, the design of which is mandated by regulatory agencies including, but not limited to, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Consistent with the latest draft of the Coconut Grove waterfront master plan, we are proposing the inner mooring field remain for sailboats only. We recognize the rental payments to the City may require adjustment in the future due to modifications to the configuration and operations of the inner mooring field.

Thank you for promoting sailing activities in Coconut Grove that contributes to a sport which brings people from all over the world to enjoy the benefits of our waterfront.

Sincerely,


Pedro G. Hernandez, P.E.
City Manager

C: Larry Spring, CFO
Lori Billberry, Director, Public Facilities

From the Manager . . .

On July 1st, CGSC began its new fiscal year. This means a new Commodore, Officers and several new Board members. It's also time to renew and pay your yearly membership fees.

The '08/'09 Budget was approved at the Annual General Meeting, held June 6th. There have been some cost increases due to the ever increasing general economic condition that we all our experiencing. (An email blast was sent out immediately after the meeting with the new rates and due dates). However, you still have until August 1st to pay them in full or complete a Credit Card authorization form to pay the club and allow your MC or Visa to break up your payments to them.

The new approved yearly dues are as follows:

- Regular Member \$635. to \$665.
- Life Member None
- Jr. Member \$50. to \$75.
- Social Member \$100. to \$120.
- Initiation of \$1000. remains the same.
- The yearly \$25. Capital assessment remains the same for all Regular and Life members
- The monthly \$10. legal fees assessed to all Regular and Life members shall remain the same, as long as needed.

Supplemental Fees & Cost:

- Mooring fees shall be increased from \$7. to \$8. per foot (LOA)...
- The transient (guest) mooring fee has been increased from \$25. to \$35. p/day.
- Boat repair service launch cost,* \$5. per day, billed to member.
- Strip and rack fees remain the same.

* Many boat repair folks use the services of the launch throughout the day. They will make numerous trips back and forth to a member's boat, because they forgot the right tools, etc. With Marine fuel now hitting almost \$5. a gal. it's imperative that your repairmen understand the situation and use one of the club's dinghies - free of charge.

Payment increases were reflected on your July statement and again you have until August 1st. Beyond that point, we must assume you are dropping your membership and your club services will be suspended until which time as you come into the office and reactivate your account by bringing your account up to date and paying any past due expenses.

Again, as the cost of fuel continues to rise, CGSC is being billed fuel surcharges from every purveyor we currently deal with. As you've probably noted, we had to make price adjustments to our food menu. Most are in the range of .50 cents per item (some less). Not bad considering we've not raised food prices in over three years.

As to increased liquor prices - fear not! I'll do my best to maintain our current prices despite the cost increase the club is currently being subjected to. Since we are not in a South Beach locale commanding \$14.00 for a Mojito or \$9. for a glass of wine, I think we can hold back for another 6-12 months.

Again, I understand your feelings and concerns about price increases. At one time the much accepted goal and belief in joining a private club or association was to get better prices than on the open market. This was achieved since the

purveyors acknowledged that clubs, provide a solid built in market and the purveyors could offer consistent quantity purchasing discounts at long-term locked in prices.

Unfortunately, in today's world of mega suppliers providing for mega concerns, private entities are considered "small potatoes!"

The days of five cent cokes and thirty-two cent gallons of gas are long gone. It's not the club trying to make a profit, it's the club just trying to keep up!

Participation is everything to keep member prices in check. Increased sales volume at lower prices, hurts our cost %, but can bring more cash to the bottom line and that hopefully reduces other member cost increases in the future.

Participate and support the CGSC. The returns will be greater in the long run

We'll talk more next month,
Hugh



WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Launch & Dock Office - 24/7/365

Club Office - M-F, 9 to 5

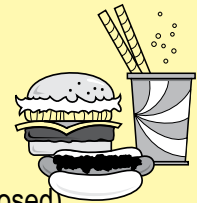
Grove's Nest Bar & Restaurant

Mon - Closed

Tue - 4 -10 (Social Night, Kitchen Closed)

Wed - 12-2 / 4-10 (Kitchen 5 - 8 pm)

Thur thru Sun - 11 am - 10 pm. (Kitchen open 11-8, Thur & Sun and 11-9 Fri & Sat.)



* The GM is generally on property weekends and will try to assist you.

C-Gull Cup Results

C-Gull Cup Regatta		May 3, 2008		
Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	Sail #	Place
PHRF				
SailingForLife	Karen Mitchell	Sonar 23	18	1
BLEW BaYOU	Kerry Gruson	Sonar 23	458	2
AIR AMERICA	Britt Price	Flying Scot	5220	3
GOOMBAY	Anita Hansen	J/27	125	4

ADULT SAILING REPORT

We had another great month with our Adult Sailing Program. Thanks to the support of CGSC officers, the board of directors, our sailing director and the membership your Adult Sailing Program continues to grow and flourish. In the past month we had Learn-to-Sail classes on the Sunfish and Basic Keelboat. We conducted our weekly Thursday Ladies clinic, which continues to grow, and had a number of private sessions for individuals and couples. Private Sessions include preparation for Basic Keelboat Certification testing, just learning to be a better sailor on the individual's personal boat, and skill sessions on our keelboat, PAT.

On June 1, we conducted another of our growing and popular Small Boat Clinics. We had twenty (20) boats and twenty-five (25) sailors for a sail to Matheson Hammock sandbar and return, including a race course (for those wanting to participate) from Matheson Hammock to Middle Ground. In addition to the Sunfish and Lasers, we also had two Flying Scots, a Buccaneer and a Catalina 22 join us for the fun. This is designed to give our new sailors more freedom in sailing and a chance to improve their skills, but it also is intended to attract club members in their own boats to join us for what has turned out to be a great social occasion and chance for new sailors to mingle with and learn from our experienced club members. This is also fertile ground for attracting new members. We hope and expect more members to join us each month. The Small Boat Clinic will be posted on the club bulletin board, plus an email announcement will be sent to the membership. Thanks to Cathy Buller for stepping up with her valuable assistance with this clinic.

We are pleased to see so many couples joining us lately for many of our classes as well as some private coaching. Sailing is a wonderful form of togetherness, and when both partners understand and assist with the sailing, it is definitely more enjoyable for both.

Our Ladies Clinic, which has been meeting weekly for over a year, continues to grow. This fun and learning clinic runs from 4PM until sunset every Thursday afternoon until the time change in the fall, when we switch to 9AM to 1PM. This clinic is actually open to all Sunfish sailors, male or female, though it was started by the ladies and is still attended by more ladies than guys. If interested in joining us when you can, please contact Richard at crisler@mindspring.com or call 305-342-4775.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our classes and clinics. The tasks are fun and easy and you meet lots of new people. Most volunteers are asked not more than quarterly to assist with a class or clinic.

We also want to thank our recent volunteers who help make our classes and clinics workable. Thanks to long-time volunteers Charley Branning and Bob Van Eck as well as Cathy Buller for their continued contribution to our program. Thanks also to member Glenn

Newland, who has been extremely helpful in our clinic events with the speedy and orderly launching, retrieving and storing of boats and equipment.

Whether you are interested in our sailing programs for yourself or someone else, or you'd like to learn more about volunteering your services, please contact Nick at the club at Ext. 11, or Richard at 305-342-4775.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,

Richard Crisler, Adult Sailing Chairman

Couples learning together equals more enjoyable and safer sailing experiences.



Members Ricardo and Maria are all smiles after completing the Basic Keelboat Course.



Briskevening winds make for great sailing for our Thursday afternoon Ladies Clinic.



Once at the sandbar, our safety and support boat becomes the "chuckwagon". Good food, fun and conversation abound.



This private keelboat coaching session included trip planning and handling heavy weather situations

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.

CGSC'S TWO BIG SUMMER RACING WEEKENDS!

Plan now to race and/or attend CGSC's two big summer racing events:

First, on Saturday, July 26, it's the Annual CGSC Commodore's Cup for Adults. This is the CGSC Club Championships for PHRF & OD boats.

See the Notice of Race and Registration Form on the Race Bulletin Board or on the CGSC website.

Then, on Sat-Sun, August 9-10, it's the Annual CGSC Summer Sailfest Weekend, with the Double Handed (Saturday) and Single Handed (Sunday) Races.

But, mainly, it's the Race Committee Party for Club Members and Guest on Saturday at 5:00 pm with that great band, *Been There – Done That!!*

Notice of Race and Registration Form flyer will be mailed out in early July.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Racing Schedule July 2008

Tues-Sat, July 1-12	Regatta Time In Abacos
<u>Sat-Sun, July 26-27</u>	<u>CGSC Commodore's Cup (Adult)</u> <u>PHRF & OD Club Championships</u>
<u>Sat-Sun, August 9-10</u>	<u>GSC Summer Sailfest Weekend,</u> <u>Double Handed (Saturday) and</u> <u>Single Handed (Sunday) Races.</u>
<u>Race Committee Party Saturday at 5:00 pm with that great band, <i>Been There – Done That!!</i></u>	

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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.



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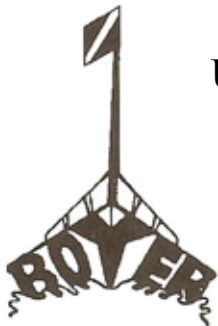
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From a Parent's Perspective

Hi Nick,
(I wanted to write another Parent Perspective article)... but while trying to come up with a story line I remembered that during this school year Oscar Max wrote a few poems and short stories for school that were inspired by his sailing experiences. I looked them up in the computer and after reading some I realized that there is no better way to express the impact that being part of your sailing team had in a kid's life. Below you will find one of the poems Oscar Max wrote (without any help). It doesn't narrate an actual event that happened during the sailing season, but it clearly depicts how sailing at CGSC can influence how a 12 year old looks at life. Here is one of my favorites!

Marlena



Oscar M. Coën

POEM

By Oscar M. Coën

I venture the sea with nothing but glee and a sense of
adventure
I love the dark and the stars of the night
I live a life on sea and land
I never give up no matter what is at hand
I wander the seas and lurk in the dark
I think always of adventure and what to do next
I ride the waves under the clouds
I make most of my life no minute shall be pointless
I wander seemingly aimless but I will always have
purpose
I dream of wandering through islands unknown
I am the one who wanders in the sea at dark ready to
embark on adventures ahead
I will always do what I can
I rise when I fail to succeed
I have learned that the only way to succeed
is to never give up
I venture the sea and lurk in the dark
I wander at land and wander at sea
Not all who wander are lost