



SEPTEMBER 2008

## **Patrick Arrington Wins 2008 International Sea Scout Cup Regatta**

**C** GSC's own Sea Scout Ship 1946 is making news – again. The team of skipper Patrick Arrington (Boatswain, SSS-1946) and crew Sam Walker (Southern Region Boatswain, SSS-512) have won the 2008 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup Regatta!!!

The WI Koch International Sea Scout Cup is an international competitive sailing event that has been held every two years since 2002, and is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who actively belong to a Sea Scout Ship. Crews compete in collegiate double-handed racing dinghies (e.g., FJ and 420), to determine the top Sea Scout sailors in

the world. However, this year's event had special significance - this was the first time in the Cup's history that it has been won by a team from somewhere other than Southern California.



This 'invitation only' event is limited to a total of 40 crews. In order to earn an invitation, each U.S. Sea Scout crew had to qualify by finishing in one of the top positions in a regional qualifying regatta. During fall 2007, official Regional/Area

Qualifier(s) were held in each of the four regions (Northeast, Central, Western and Southern). In addition, U.S. Sea Scouts must have earned the rank of 'Apprentice' or higher. For the 2008 Sea

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**Cover Photo** of Coconut Grove Sailing Club at sunrise taken by Tom Reese.

# COMMODORE'S REPORT



Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> turned out to be one wonderful day! The Commodores Cup Regatta was a whole lot of fun. How often do you get to round a leeward mark and see Sunfish coming downwind in between spinnakers flown on 30 foot PHRF boats?

The race committee headed by PRO Ron Giachetti did a great job to set a course that allowed starts for PHRF boats, Flying Scots and Lasers sailing under Portsmouth handicap and after a last minute request to Ron Rostorfer by the commodore there was a 10 boat Sunfish fleet.

Nick Mansbach got his camp counselors excited enough to come out on their day off and race in the club Sunfish, and to top it off he was out on the water in the inflatable to keep our lunch dry and supply us with nice cold water.

It was also a great day because my wife Carolyn and son Andy were also racing Sunfish. I thought as commodore I was supposed to be allowed to win the sunfish class, but CJ Abel showed us that being away at college hasn't hurt his boat speed at all. Actually after three races I was tied with CJ on points, but I lost the tie breaker, (thanks to Katie Skip sailing a great final beat). By the time I got back to the club I convinced myself I did okay since the wind never got up to 10 knots and I was giving over 40 pounds and more than 30 years to the winner.

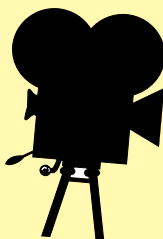
The day was a great reminder that we participate in a sport that someone in their 50's can still go out and mix it up with the college kids. The fleet of racers ranged in age from 16 to 75.

Upon returning to shore, Hugh was out in the hot sun barbequing burgers for the hungry sailors and there was quite a collection of happy folks by the time trophies were presented.

In great fashion the PHRF fleet and Portsmouth fleet were won by Past Commodores, David Kurtz and Bud Price respectively. I guess I will just have to wait until I am a Past Commodore to win the Commodores Cup.

*Charles A. Rahn, Commodore*

## CGSC LADIES NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



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 Walcott*

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I trust everyone is enjoying the summer sailing on beautiful Biscayne Bay – the time for the sandbar get togethers and diving adventures. As the summer winds down and school starts for the kids it is time to review YOUR HURRICANE PREPARATION PLAN.

Please review all pertinent safety equipment, anchors and line you will need to move your boat if needed this year. Please review your contact information with Hugh in the office as soon as possible. You will need to answer 3 important questions:

1. Where do you plan to move your boat and who will help you with this process. You should tell whoever will help you that they are "ON CALL" to help move your boat if needed.

2. Where is all my safety equipment i.e. anchors, line, etc. It needs to be on your boat available and preferably on your boat NOW not on the marine store shelves when a hurricane warning is called. Avoid that last minute rush; I am sure you will have other things to do.

3. Is my boat in working condition to move to another location i.e. motor needs to be in good working condition NOW today! If not you need to have it repaired as soon as possible. The CGSC is not responsible for moving anyone's boat nor do we have the equipment or manpower to do so. Remember the penalty for not moving your boat is loss of your mooring rights effective immediately after the storm!

I am sure all of you have YOUR HURRICANE PREPARATION PLAN in order, if not, Bill Beavers our moorings chairman will certainly help point you in the right direction. Please contact him through the office, if any of you have any

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am writing this report having just completed Richard Crisler's learn-to-sail class. As I mentioned in last month's Channel, this class is available the second weekend of every month. It is a two-day course and participants learn to sail on the popular sunfish sailboat. We had a total of eight sailors in our class, some of whom had some sailing, or windsurfing, experience and others who did not have any experience on a sailboat. While the weather was not the best – shifting, light winds – the instruction was great and those in our class – myself included – all made noticeable improvement in our skills over the two days. The most telling testimonial to the success of these classes is that virtually all our sailors ended the second day excited and ready to come back for more sailing. Personally I came away much more confident in my ability to sail a dinghy, which is not nearly as forgiving a boat to sail as my own! For a fun and informative two days at the club and on the water I highly recommend this class!

By the time this article is published our last summer camp session will have been completed. Thanks to Nick Mansbach our Sailing Director and all our volunteers who made this the best year yet! I am happy to report that our attendance for this year's camp was a total of 213 sailors in five sessions running from June 9–August 15. Maximum attendance per session was 41 sailors. This compares to last year's camp which had a total attendance of 159 sailors. Both numbers include participants in St. Stephens's summer camp program, which uses the

questions regarding preparation or when you need to move your boat.

Claire Hamm has graciously agreed to run our CGSC store again! We thank her very much! We can expect new and exciting fashion statements with the CGSC logo to be available in the very near future as the new orders have been placed. Look for "CGSC STORE" On-Line Shopping on our web site shortly.

The staff continues to work hard to keep the CGSC looking great. The kitchen facility has been upgraded and polished and the back entrance is undergoing a "refit" in order to continue to serve all our members and those with special needs in the best manner possible. The docks have undergone repair and will continue to do so as needed at this time until hurricane season is over then we will reassess for any major repairs. The "dumpster monument" will be getting a facelift with a new enclosure, estimates are currently being reviewed. Nick our sailing director is improving our metal racks with the help of some welding work to begin shortly.

Work weekend will be scheduled November 22 and 23, 2008 in order for us to collect all possible bumps and bruises and not repeat work twice in case of a late season storm. A to do list is being organized and reviewed weekly.

I will see you around the club. Continue to have fun and enjoy your time at the CGSC, OUR OASIS ON THE BAY!

*Nick Martens, Vice Commodore*



CGSC facilities for their half – day summer programs. This represents an increase of approximately 34 percent in one year, which is quite an accomplishment. According to Nick an increase in the number of volunteer support allowed us to increase our participation numbers while maintaining the proper ratio between participants and counselors. Many thanks again to all our volunteers for making this a great summer season!

With school starting Nick and I have been meeting with potential program partners in the Village West. While we were not able to connect with the various groups for this year's summer camp sessions we believe we will get commitments from at least two groups to participate in the club's after school programs one or two days a week. Organizing these partnerships is proving to be a challenge, but we are intent on making it work and will keep you posted on our progress.

As always, ideas for improvements or additions to our sailing programs are welcomed and encouraged. You can contact me at [apruett100@aol.com](mailto:apruett100@aol.com), or look for me at the club.

See you around on the Bay or around the club!

*Alynn Pruett, Rear Commodore*



## ADULT TRAINING REPORT

Thanks to the support of our club officers, staff, members and volunteer instructors and coaches, the word continues to get out and we had another great month with our Adult Training Programs. Our monthly Small Boat Clinic was cancelled due to weather, but classes were held for the Sunfish Learn-to-Sail and Basic Keelboat. We are getting more and more inquiries through our website and classes are near capacity.

Our August Sunfish Learn-to-Sail course had a couple of "special" students. First, Rear Commodore Alyn Pruett participated in the class to audit our procedures and tune up his own small boat skills. Secondly, dock staff member Ruth Higgins also joined our class on her days off. It was fun and a pleasure to work with both of them.

We want to remind and continue to invite members with their own dinghies, small keelboats and even motorized dinghies to join us each fourth (4th) Sunday of the month for our Small Boat Clinic / Rendezvous. This is a fun event for new Sunfish sailors to work on their skills, sail to a sandbar destination, enjoy lunch, mix with club members and more experienced small boat sailors, socialize and even participate in a "race" back to the club. Watch for the announcements

on our website and via email. We have had 20 or more boats at two of our last events. There is no cost to members with their own boats.

Finally, your Adult Sailing Committee is very involved in the Club's new Member Boat Usage program. We have taken steps to assure that unlike previous programs, this program can be a success and equipment retained in good, safe condition. You may contact Sailing Director Nick or Richard for details. Certain requirements can be easily met by experienced sailors. This program currently includes club kayaks, designated Sunfish and our Ensign keelboat with more to follow. Boats must be reserved in advance and there is a small maintenance fee for usage. Regular and Social members may qualify for this program.

We greatly appreciate our recent volunteers who assist us with our adult activities. These include Bob Van Eck, Charles Branning, Cathy Buller, Glenn Newland and more. Want to have fun and help out with our adult activities? Just contact Nick at Ext. 11 or Richard at 305-342-4775.

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

*Ready for the first sail is the August Sunfish class.*



*The swim and capsize drill is part of every Sunfish Learn-to-Sail Course*



*Javier reaching.*



## CGSC Race Committee Monthly Meetings Fall 2008

Normally, the CGSC Race Committee meets in the Main Room of the Clubhouse on the first Tuesday of each month, October thru May. These are Social Nights at the Club. We meet at 7:30 pm, right after the Social Night food offering. Please attend if you are a member of, or would like to join, the CGSC Race Committee. Below is the schedule for Fall, 2008 meetings

- Tuesday, October 7 - 7:30 pm - Refresher and Scoring - please bring your laptop!
- Tuesday, November 4 - No Meeting - Election Night!
- Friday, December 12 - 7:00 pm - Special Night - CGSC Race Committee Holiday Party. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share! Entire CGSC Membership is invited to attend and do the same!
- January - May 2009 meeting schedule and subjects TBA!

JOIN the  
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RACE COMMITTEE

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SERIOUS FUN!  
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## An impromptu rendezvous at Elliott



## 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.

## Racing Schedule –September - October, 2008

Sat-Sun, September 6-7

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

Sat-Sun, September 20-21

Saturday, September 27

Sat-Sun, October 4-5

Sat-Sun, October 11-12

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19

Thurs-Wed, October 23-29

Saturday, October 18

Saturday, October 25

FL State Junior Snipe Championship – CGSC

BBYRA PHRF #9 – Miami YC

BBYRA OD #9 – Coral Reef YC

Avocado-Mango-Lime Cup – Biscayne Bay YC

CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup (Club Junior Championship)

CGSC Annual Regatta – OD #10

Columbus Day Regatta

Columbus Day Awards

CGSC Annual Regatta – PHRF #10

Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show

Race Management Seminar – MYC

The Hughes Regatta - Nielsen, Virgin, & Morin Cups

## WHATTA REGATTA!

It was another incredible, sunny, blue sky with poofy white clouds summer day on Biscayne Bay July 26<sup>th</sup>, when 23 boats came out to contest CGSC's 2008 Commodore's Cup Regatta. This is our annual Club Championship regatta, so Skippers must be CGSC members. All together, there were four PHRF boats, five Flying Scots, four Lasers, and a fine fleet of ten Sunfish, continuing on from their initial appearance in this regatta last year. By the way, there is a separate Junior Commodore's Cup for Lasers and Optis scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> when they're all back in school.

CGSC's Race Committee, under Principal Race Officer Ron Giachetti, got the first race off with an on-time starting sequence at 11:30 am. The breeze was a somewhat shifty easterly in the 7-9 knot range, and a windward-leeward twice around course was signaled. The four PHRF boats started first followed five minutes later by the Scots and Lasers racing together under the Portsmouth Handicap system. The Sunfish started last, but sailed the shortest course, while the PHRF boats sailed the furthest with the Scots/Lasers in between.

The forecast was for the wind to go to the right, and sure enough, amid the oscillations, the RC signaled a course change at the leeward mark of Race 1, sending the fleet off at 100 degrees for the second lap vs. the original bearing of 085 degrees. Past Commodore David Kurtz's J-27 Goombay led the PHRF boats to a convincing four minute win, followed by Russ Horn's Evelyn 32 Jammin, Eduardo Luaces Lindenberg 28 Tiburon, and Pat Cacase's C&C 99 Blackbird, sailing with a short crew.

In the Scot/Laser fleet, it was Past Commodore Bud Price's Flying Scot Air America winning comfortably over Ed and Suze Fry's Scot Mad Dog. Diego Caputi in his Laser corrected to third, with Philip Messier's Scot Volee fourth. Amid close racing in the Sunfish Class, Commodore Charlie Rahn led the way for a first, followed by Carla Aronsohn, Katie Abell and CJ Abell.

For Race 2, while the wind continued to oscillate, it pretty well stopped migrating to the right, so the wind bearing remained at 100 degrees, and otherwise the same course was signaled. Goombay again showed the way in the PHRF fleet, once more followed by Jammin and Tiburon. In the Scot/Laser

fleet, the Scots won out with Mad Dog leading the way this time – the Fry's were always up on the start line ready to race. Air America came second with Volee in third. New CGSC Treasurer Antonio Bejarano led the Lasers. In the Sunfish Class, CJ Abell took the win, followed by Charlie Rahn and Catie Skipp – an order that foretold the future!

So it came down to the third and final race to determine our Club Champions for 2008. Goombay again had a convincing win to sweep the regatta in the PHRF Class. Tiburon bested Jammin by ten seconds to keep it close for second. In the Scots/Lasers, it was Air America back on top in a very tight three-boat finish. Volee steadily improved throughout the day to take second and Mad Dog was nipping at their heels in third. In the Laser fleet, Juan Torres, Jr. recovered from a DNF gear failure in Race 1 and a low finish in Race 2 to beat the fleet in the finale. It was also close racing in the Sunfish. CJ Abell again claimed the win, and Catie Skipp came out of nowhere to nip Charlie Rahn for second.

When the results were figured, the adult Commodore's Cup winners for 2008 were David Kurtz's Goombay with the sweep in PHRF, and Bud Price's Air America in the Scots/Lasers.



Diego Caputi was the highest finishing Laser for the regatta with a fourth place overall. However, things were knotted up in the Sunfish. CJ Abell's 4-1-1 series tied with Charlie Rahn's 1-2-3 record at six points apiece. CJ won the tie-breaker to take first in the Sunfish. Catie Skipp was third.

Ron Giachetti's Race Committee did a fine job, and Ron is now qualified to apply for his USSailing Club Race Officer Certification. Special thanks go to Bill Braddon for volunteering himself and his Morgan 41 Tondelayo as Signal Boat. The Club Mako Mark Boat was very busy, tending to three windward marks, and in the first race, an additional three change marks. Dennis Jansma was skipper, Dottie Rostorfer navigator, while Rear Commodore Alyn Pruet handled the marks and Doug Hanks shot video of the racing action and also helped with the marks. Doug's videos were shown on the bar TV after the racing and drew a huge crowd!

The Pin Boat was skippered by Mark Lowell with Susan Schultz crewing. In Race 1, Susan was observed being a

CGSC 2008 Commodore's Cup		RESULTS	
The Club Cham- pionship July 26, 2008			
Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	
PHRF			
GOOMBAY	David Kurtz	J-27	1
JAMMIN	Russ Horn	Evelyn 32	2
TIBURON	Eduardo Luaces	Linden- berg 28	3
BLACKBIRD	Pat Ca- cace	C&C 99	4
ONE-DESIGN			
AIR AMERICA	Bud Price	Flying Scot	1
MAD DOG	Ed & Suze Fry	Flying Scot	2
VOLEE	Philip Messier	Flying Scot	3
	Diego Caputi	Laser	4
LADY HOPE	Henry Bern- stein	Flying Scot	5
	Antonio Bejarano	Laser	6
	Giancar- lo Caputi	Laser	7
	Juan Torres, Jr.	Laser	8
MARGARITA- VILLE	Larry Whipple	Flying Scot	9



one-person course change signaler, standing in the bow holding the "Charlie" flag and the course board while blowing the whistle at the same time! The balance of the RC onboard Tondelayo included timer Marvin Schenker, flag signalers Vicki Rosenbloom and Sergio Hernandez, recorder Juan Torres and scorer Ron Rostorfer. Special thanks go to CGSC Sailing Director Nick Mansbach for operating a Safety Boat, and for getting many of our Laser and Sunfish sailors entered and out there racing.

Back on shore, CGSC Manager Hugh Stallings had the BBQ grill going when the sailors arrived, and the burgers were soon flying off the grill. The trophy presentation was handled by Commodore Charlie Rahn and PRO Ron Giachetti, with keeper trophies presented and the Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy prominently displayed. Another special thanks goes to Anita Hansen for the trophies. P/C David Kurtz commented that we had a bigger turnout of racers than is frequently seen in the BBYRA races.

Ron Rostorfer



SUNFISH	RESULTS	
Skipper	Sail #	
CJ Abell	None	1
Charlie Rahn	26898	2
Catie Skipp	3220	3
Carla Aronsohn	78776	4
Charley Branning	76767	5
Andrew Rahn	3129	6
Katie Abell	3105	7
Paco Calvet	85954	8
Carolyn Rahn	80393	9
Nicole Sielsky	57685	10

Scout Cup, eight international Sea Scout crews (Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Sweden, and Trinidad & Tobago) and thirty-two U.S. Sea Scout crews from a dozen states received invitations.

On July 13, 2008, the invited Sea Scout crews gathered at the United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis to compete in the six-day event. Competitors stayed together on campus in Bancroft Hall, and racing activities were conducted out of the USNA's Crown Sailing Center. USNA has a beautiful campus with a world class sailing center, and the staff, facilities and equipment were nothing less than amazing – and spending a week together on a college campus gave the Sea Scouts a chance to make lots of new friends with a common interest in sailing.

Patrick and Sam sailed a brilliant regatta – their strategy was perfectly suited for their abilities and the conditions, and they stayed focused on sailing one race at a time. One morning, while standing near Sam as he was rigging their boat, I overheard one of the other competitors say to him, “You’re already in first place, and your skipper is awesome.” Patrick’s favorite memory is probably drinking from the massive Koch Cup trophy during the awards ceremony – mine is hearing another competitor refer to my son as an ‘awesome skipper’.

Patrick and Sam finished the regatta with a total score of 51 (14 races, with no drops) – 5 points ahead of second place New Zealand. Not bad for a 15 year old skipper. And because Patrick was one of the youngest competitors in the event’s history, he will be eligible to compete in the next two Koch Cup Regattas. He’ll probably have a big bulls-eye on his back next time, but he is eager to defend his title in 2010 (and again in 2012).

Patrick started racing Optis at CGSC in 2003. Over the past five years, he has sailed in more than 50 regattas and he is currently a member of the CRYC Laser Team. In addition to sailing, Patrick has been active in scouting since joining as a Tiger Cub in fall 1999. He is a member of







Troop 840, where he currently holds the rank of Life Scout and he serves as a patrol leader. And he is a member of CGSC's Sea Scout Ship 1946, where he currently holds the rank of Ordinary and he serves as the ship's boatswain. He has also set his sights on advancing to Eagle Scout, and he has begun working on his Eagle Scout Service Project – he is developing a campaign to collect used sails for distribution to fishermen in some of Haiti's poorest fishing villages.

Larry Arrington  
COR/Committee Chair, Sea Scout Ship 1946



## What I did on my Summer Vacation!

By Susan Walcutt

The 2008 Newport - Bermuda Race started June 20<sup>th</sup>, with over 220 boats in the fleet. CGSC's Race Chair, Ron Rostorfer, sailed as Watch Captain on the Santa Cruz 52, Hokahey. He was also Captain of the return passage from Bermuda to Stamford, CT, and asked me to join the crew - it was to be my first blue water passage.

After tracking Hokahey online during the course of the Race, I left for Bermuda on Tuesday, June 24, the same day Hokahey was expected to finish. After a taxi ride from the airport on narrow, winding roads past houses of every color in the rainbow, I arrived at the Bay City Guest House in Hamilton - some of the crew's home for the next five days.

It was a short walk into town and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. There seemed to be only a few big boats in sight. But, as I walked down the docks, I met 2 sailors sporting Hokahey shirts. They had already finished! Hokahey was the 20<sup>th</sup> boat to finish overall, 1<sup>st</sup> with an all-amateur crew, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to finish in her class. However, with her rating, she corrected well down from the top.

A very special highlight was attending the Prize Giving Ceremony at Government House Saturday afternoon. The Invitation outlined the Dress Attire which Ron followed to a "T" - Blazer, white shirt and tie and, of course, Bermuda shorts, knee socks and loafers.

Captain Ron cleared the crew of 6 - George and Elizabeth Bailey, Matt Muhlenkamp, David Yezzi, me and himself through Bermuda Customs Saturday morning, and we departed the RBYC docks on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am. It took us almost 2 hours to motor out of Hamilton Harbour and around all the marks to open water. During this time we hoisted our roller furling blast reacher and set up the main's Dutchman's system. Ron rigged his sun shade over the cockpit and he and I plugged our route in on his Garmin 76 - 674 miles to Stamford!

It was a wonderful, sunny afternoon and, as can be expected from a high performance boat, we were cruising along at 8 knots with 12 knots of breeze. Elizabeth and I had our

1<sup>st</sup> watch from 9pm to midnight. It was beautiful - no moon so the stars were in full glory. The autopilot was working so we just monitored the compass and kept watch for the few other boats that were still with us from Bermuda. Bad news in the morning, the autopilot had failed during the night so it was hand steering for the rest of the trip.

The winds had been building during the day and from the weather forecasts Ron received, we expected a cold front with squally weather and winds maxing out at 25 knots. The sun shade came down and, although the main was double-reefed, it still reached the topmost of our 3 spreaders, leaving lots of sail up. At my next watch at 3pm, the 2 Watch Captains, Ron and Matt, had decided to go to 3 man watches, 6 hours on and off during the day and 4 hours on and off at night which would continue through the end of our voyage.

My new watch, with Ron and George, started at 6pm with foul weather gear and safety harnesses the order of the day. At 10pm I dove for my bunk in my foulies knowing that I would have to be up at 2am. Then the excitement began. The new watch came below and asked for Ron's help. While rolling up the blast reacher, the sheet shackles had opened, ripping the clew in the process. Now there were no sheets to wrap around the roller furling headsail which flogged and set up a tremendous vibration throughout the boat. Matt's solution was to wrap the 2 spinnaker halyards around the mostly furled sail in opposite directions.



At the Tuesday 6am watch change, the decision was made to drop the main and motor. This was done during a torrential rain squall with winds up to 35 knots - a gale that was definitely not in the forecast. Later in the morning, after winds had eased, the blast reacher was dropped, the storm jib was set and remained up for the rest of the passage.



we would be entering New York Harbor. Ron had to time our passage to go through Hell Gate on the correct tide – which, of course, he did perfectly. I was at the helm as we motored past Lady Liberty in the early dawn light, had to dodge a Staten Island Ferry, then around Governor’s Island, under the Brooklyn Bridge and up the East River. The next watch took Hokahey into Long Island Sound and on home to Stamford. We docked at 10:01am – one minute after Captain Ron’s ETA!

Crossing the Gulf Stream did not seem to be much different than what we had been sailing through for the past couple of days. Wednesday evening, on my 6-10pm watch, we spotted an intermittent red light on the western horizon – a ship disappearing in the waves? We finally realized it was fireworks! The date was July 2 and it was a display somewhere on the Jersey shore.

A few hours later, now Thursday morning, I reported on deck for my 2-6am watch when



### Do you feel lucky?

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



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# From the Manager . . .

It might be the Summer Doldrums and hugging your home AC might sound like a plan, but call your friends and invite them to come hug the AC at the CGSC. During that Love fest, enjoy relaxed dining, a cool cocktail and a wonderful view second to none in Miami!



If you want to dip your feet in the water and cool off even more - don't be shy. Sign up for our Adult Sailing Classes, check out a small boat, help with a regatta either on shore or sea and truly become a part of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club experience.

The new Board of Directors and the Committee chairs are accepting ideas and volunteers to improve your visit with us. It makes no difference if you leisurely sail, race or simply want to gather with friends and enjoy the tropical breezes on our deck and enjoy the moonlight. We'll make you welcome.

We'll talk again next month.  
Hugh

## DOLLAR DOGS & PITCHER BEER

Every Tuesday at the Groves Nest Lounge, enjoy \$1. Hot Dogs with all the fix'ns and Pitcher draft from 7-9 PM. What a Deal!

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## ARE YOU A MUSICIAN OR KNOW ONE?

We're looking for talented individuals to perform and entertain for the members on Friday evenings from 7-10 pm. To provide an easy listening format, we'll pay \$100. throw in a free dinner and allow you a \$20. free tab that evening. This is a great opportunity for "up coming" individuals to gain exposure and a following. Bigger and better things could happen down the road. Call the club office for more details.

A demo tape or CD would be a big plus.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Join your friends and fellow members for a "below deck" Fish Fry, October 25th from 4-7 PM. Fried Fish, Corn on the Cobb, Potatoes and Cole Slaw will be offered. We'll also have draft beer available for sale along with a live band. Bring the whole family. Children 12 and under 1/2 price, Children 3 and under - FREE. More details will be forthcoming through the Channel, the office and by flyers. We're keep the price low, but the fun level high. Come and have a great time!

## Hugh's Q&A

Q: I'd like to get involved and volunteer with the club. How do I do that? What's expected?

A: CALL THE OFFICE AND LET'S TALK! CGSC has a wealth of opportunities for both Regular and Social members to get involved with the activities of the club. We look at Volunteer help as a great influx to the club and a founding pillar. It gives you the opportunity to meet and make new friends, saves the club money over paid staff and allows you the benefit of helping create the kind of club that will progress into the future with your ideas and meet your needs. As to your available time, we'll take you for an hour or a week - it's your call.

Q: Several weeks ago, I pulled my boat up to the dock on a weekend and was told I had only 30 min. - then must depart. I had an electrician coming down and anticipated it might take the better part of the day. This created problems in my schedule.

A: I'm sorry for your concerns. However, the dock is to be kept available for all of the boat owners and not just a few. I realize that some maintenance issues can take more than 30 min. and in that expected case, arrangements must be made for weekdays or we suggest you remove your boat to a service boat yard, which CGSC is not. You should not plan for heavy maintenance on the dock over weekends or really at anytime.

Q: I'm a Social member. I like the club, I like the view and I definitely like the prices, but there seems to be little for a Social member to do there. Any plans to improve this?

A: OK, I'm fat (thank you very much!) - I've always been fat. After college, I joined a health club with a discounted special. After one visit I walked and I'm still fat! My point is; any establishment is only as good as what you make of it. In this case CGSC is a Sailing Club. We offer classes to teach you to sail and monthly sailing sojourns to keep you in practice and provide a fun day on the water. We are also a semi-private club allowing any member to invite non-members to club events or simply include them for a drink or meal. Of course we hope that you'll one day "cross the line" and become a full sailor and member of the club. Push for this goal and you'll find the club very receptive.

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Can you work a grill? Pour a beer? Blow up a balloon? Throw a party? The Entertainment Committee needs you.

We're getting started on a pretty full calendar of parties and fun events this year. But we need some help making sure it all runs smoothly. Can you help?

1. Keep the good times rolling on Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>? That's the day our big Fall Fish Fry. To keep ticket prices low, we'd like to have members help run things. Volunteering would only require a short shift (an hour or less) working the beer tap, serving food, running a kids' game, or taking tickets. Then you can go back to the fun. We'll announce details about the Fish Fry in the next Channel, but the event will probably get going around 5 p.m.

Definitely think about volunteering. It's a great way to meet other members: you'd be surprised how engaging people can be when you're the one handing out beers.

2. Connect us with some great music? We're trying to bring back live music to our clubhouse on occasional weekend nights. That was a pretty regular feature a few years ago, to much success. We're looking for musicians willing to play mostly fun, plus the kind of small stipend an operation like ours can afford.

Send suggestions and leads to me at the e-mail address below. This includes in-house talent, of course: we're hoping members who double as musicians will step up to the mike.

And feel free to turn in your talented friends: we'll recruit them.

3. Plan more fun? The Entertainment Committee really needs some members. It would be a big help to spread some of the organizing to other members, as well as gin up ideas for future parties. It's a particularly good fit for those Social Members more inclined to help the Club upland than on the water. Look for a sign-up sheet for the committee at the bar, or send me an email at the address below.

Thanks for the help, and mark your calendars for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. See you there. (Bring friends.)

-- Doug Hanks  
Entertainment Chairman  
[dhanks@barguments.com](mailto:dhanks@barguments.com)

Who would win in a fight between a lion and a bear? Vote on that bargument and many more at [www.barguments.com](http://www.barguments.com)

## Dollar Dog Night!

Our first Dollar Dog Tuesday was a big hit: we had a packed bar and a balcony full of members and guests eager for some great hot dogs cooked by Hugh (who also whipped up some chili for the night). He also put pitchers of beer on special, adding to the fun. And the all-American food brought out a good number of families for a quick, easy dinner.

The potluck tradition of our Tuesday Social Nights lived on, too: members brought dips, onions, peppers and other extras for the dogs. In fact, the response was so strong that we're planning to try out a Dollar Taco Night on Tuesday, Sept. 16. If it catches on, we'll probably alternate between the two-- Dog Night one week, Taco Night the next.

Thanks to all the members who have supported our Tuesday Social Nights -- it's a great tradition we hope will grow stronger this year.

-- Doug Hanks, Entertainment Chairman



*Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Race Committee has five new Principal Race Officers (PROs) who are now USSailing Certified Club Race Officers. They are, left to right, Art Auwaerter, Susan Walcutt, Jo Ann Mathieu and Jaime Ramon. Ron Giachetti isn't pictured. USSailing provides insurance cover to CGSC when the regatta PRO is Certified, so it's a valuable benefit to the Club. Attaining USSailing Certification also represents "graduation" for this group from our Race Committee's PRO Class of 2007. Since it's now September 2008, you can get an idea of the time and effort all five have put in to attain this goal.*

# CLASSIFIEDS

## Month 1

For Sale 28'-1974 Colombia Sloop- 2006 Yamaha 4-stroke 8 HP Outboard. AC/DC Power.2003- New Rigging-Roller Furling and Windows. GPS/Plotter, Depth Finder, Knot Meter, VHF Radio. And Wind Instrument. Good Condition, Ready to Sail. Asking \$12,000 or Best Offer. Call Dale at 305-798-2415.

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## Month 2

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## Month 3

Flying Scot #5257 1999 for sale. Light cream hull/Navy Blue cove & boot stripe. All Excellent Cond.. Aluminum Trailax Trailer w/ new tires and bearings (w/ BearingBuddies). New Quantum Sails (used 3x), North Airex Chute (used 3x), bow bag, stern port, ladder, cascade vang, tapered aluminum pole, all 'extra's'. Sailors' Tailor boom-on cover, North trailer cover and separate mast cover, spare boom blank, factory front/rear mast support & centerboard safety shim. \$9850. Orlando, FL. <Picco5@bellsouth.net

AirLine Hookah: R260XL top-of-the-line hookah. With two additional hoses -- making a total of four hoses -- all with swivel connections. Includes two spare-air bottles, spare engine/compressor parts, and heavy-duty gear bag. Used once. Original cost approx \$3,500. Best offer. Call 305-389-1361 or email Agoldberg@crsmgt.com

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.

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Commercial Advertising is available for business use by calling the Club Office at (305) 444-4571 to receive a copy of the rates and a contract.

## WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Launch & Dock Office - 24/7/365

Club Office - M-F, 9 to 5

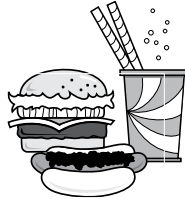
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Mon - Closed

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.



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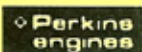
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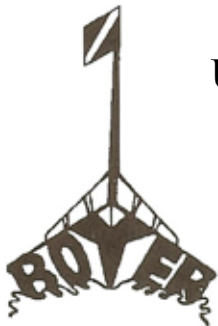
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**FALL FISH FRY**

**Sat., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>  
5 to 9 p.m.**

Plan on live music, great food  
and fun on the waterfront.  
Plus: Games for the kids!

Watch this space next month for details  
Questions? Want to volunteer? Email Doug Hanks at  
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## JOIN A 63-YEAR TRADITION!

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club, a not for profit organization is now accepting new members and has very affordable mooring space for sailing vessels up to 41' in length.

Moorings require Membership which allows you discounts on year round Adult and Children sailing classes and programs all overseen by US Sailing certified staff Sailing director. Mooring fees are only \$8.00 per foot LOA and include 24/7/365 launch service, pump-out, lit marina and overnight security service. We also offer Showers, Ice, Vending a Restaurant and Lounge. On top of all this, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is located in Historic Coconut Grove and offers sailors fast and easy access to Biscayne Bay for whatever your sailing preference - cruising, racing, day sailing, family sailing... we have it all. Select boats are also available for use by members and we offer many other social and recreational benefits.



# “Come Sail With Us”

Contact or come by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at 2990 S. Bayshore Drive,  
305-444-4571 [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org) or [www.manager@cgsc.org](mailto:www.manager@cgsc.org)  
We'll be happy to show you around and tell you more!