



JANUARY 2009

Joining Forces to Do **Spring Cleaning in the Fall**

THANKS ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN
“WORK WEEKEND 2008”!!!

Over one hundred volunteers descended upon the sailing club and participated in various projects with great success over a beautiful November weekend. The weather was perfect with a cool breeze keeping everyone happy and motivated.

Highlights of the work weekend include Marker “18” our newly refurbished deck bar which was accomplished by Jack & Clair Hamm’s group with Brian Duplisea’s expert craftsmanship. A special thanks to Mike Lovelady’s artistic contribution who made the entertaining signs for Work Weekend that will be



classics for years to come as well as the perfect Marker “18” navigational sign-remember as you go up the club stairs red right return to Marker “18” bar.

Alyn and Janice Pruett group spent all weekend varnishing the rail and painting the upstairs hallway and large meeting room with beautiful results.

Richard Crisler’s group spent time repairing and refurbishing all the sail rigs. Ron Rostorfer’s group worked on their race committee equipment checking, repairing and organizing everything. Nick Mansbach’s and Antonio Bejarano’s group including adults and Sea Scout volunteers accomplished much in refurbishing

the Sunfish fleet. A good example of working hard and playing hard was Pat Cacace who spent all day



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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



As always, the fall season rushes along and before I know it the New Year is upon us! Looking back on this past fall and summer I have to believe this has been one of the best, if not THE BEST, six months for the club's sailing programs. Summer camp attendance increased significantly over the previous year, and participation in our adult sailing programs, including the learn-to-sail and small boat sailing clinic has been outstanding. In addition participation in our fall youth learn-to-sail and Opti racing programs has been much higher than last year. All of this great success is due to the continuing efforts of Nick Mansbach our Sailing Director, Richard Crisler – Chair of our Adult Sailing Programs, and Gail Pulsford and Antonio Beraranjo – co-chairs of the Youth / Opti Racing Committee. I also want to acknowledge our racing coaches Mike McHugh and Baird Lobree for their dedicated work with the Opti sailors. In addition we have an improved, and I believe growing, member sailboat use program and a new sunfish racing clinic given periodically by Beth and Jose Hernandez. If you want to try out racing but don't have a racing boat, consider joining the Club's growing Sunfish racing group.

As in all of the Club's activities it is the continued dedication of the members who participate in, and volunteer their time for our programs, that makes CGSC successful. So, on behalf of the CGSC I want to thank all the members – regular, social and junior (and their dedicated parents), who have participated, and/or volunteered your time in our sailing programs this fall, and invite you all to continue your participation in the coming months. Through your efforts you make CGSC a truly unique "community of sailors".

As we look ahead to spring 2009 we have a number of exciting activities and events ahead of us. First is the winter/spring youth learn-to-sail and Opti racing season. With a group of racers that continue to improve, and backed by a terrific group of parents, I look forward to an exciting spring season. As in the fall season our youth / opti racing committee will be making decisions regarding which of several regattas to attend in the coming months.

In addition, as Nick Mansbach has reported in his article we are working to establish a new Biscayne Bay Youth Sailing Association (BBYSA). The purpose of this organization is to enhance the learn-to-sail and racing programs provided by various entities around the Bay, through coordination of educational programs, racing and community service events.

Another opportunity we will be looking at this spring is the preparation of applications for grant monies to support our youth sailing programs. One of the major programs available in the past has been the State's "21st century Community Learning Centers" grant program. We will be exploring a partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in this effort. We will also look for opportunities to partner with the City of Miami and other organizations in the pursuit of grant applications.

One additional important event coming this spring is the CGSC Annual Rendezvous. I have asked a group of members to help me plan and organize this weekend event. One of the first items of business for the committee will be to select a date for the rendezvous. In the past we have selected a weekend in April – so hold that month for this great weekend party at Elliott Key. As I promised last summer I intend to make the 2009 Rendezvous one of the best ever!

If you have ideas about what you would like to see in our sailing programs for 2009, or ideas for the Annual Rendezvous please email them to me at APruett100@aol.com.

See you around the Club and on the Bay in 2009!

*Alyn Pruett ,
Rear Commodore*

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BENEFITS CGSC

An Eagle Scout Project planned and managed by Patrick Arrington for our annual Work Weekend was a big success and highly beneficial to our Club and the instructional programs. Patrick, son of member Larry Arrington, submitted his ideas for his project to CGSC, and it was warmly received and accepted along with discussion among the affected parties. His plan was to completely refurbish our Sunfish training fleet, and not only provide the manpower to accomplish this, but perform a money raising project to buy the needed supplies for the refurbishing. The biggest project was the repairs and maintenance of the hulls followed by the complete cleaning and polishing of every hull in the fleet. The maintenance and complete sanding and varnishing of rudder/tiller assemblies was actually completed a few at a time at Patrick's home, so that the entire project could be completed on time. For the sail rigs, they cut and packaged new main sheets, new halyards and sail ties. Hangar straps were also purchased and added to the sail rigs.

While Patrick organized the event as his Eagle Scout project, he recruited and relied on a lot of scouts, friends and scout parents for the manpower needed for the Work Weekend. We are grateful for the help of those listed below and other of our

own club members who volunteered their labor.

They include: Ship 1946: Tyler Brown, Jake Carrier, David Czerwinski, Jason Czerwinski, Stephen Fehr, Daniel Gerlach, Joe Spiegel.

Troop 840: Carlos Aguilera, Chad Benitez, Alex DeMoya, Stephen Fischer, Johathan Hirst, John Marchi.

Troop 711; Danny Turner

Adults and Scout Leaders: Jorge Aguilera, Ivonne Benitez, John Fischer, Jill Gerlach, Henry Hirst, Karen Robinson, Jose Hernandez and Larry Arrington.

This was a huge project which some of us questioned if it could be completed by the end of Work Weekend. It was completed, and the fleet has never looked better or been in safer condition. Thanks to Patrick, all the Scouts, Scout leaders and scout parents and others who contributed to this huge and successful project.

Adult Sailing Committee



In Memoriam: Aress Solakian (1920-2008)

Aress Solakian passed away In February 2008 in North Carolina after a long illness. Aress attended Georgia Tech on full scholarship. He was an entrepreneur and designed custom manufacturing machinery for pharmaceutical firms.

Aress began sailing small boats as a young adult. After buying Childhood II, he and wife Phyllis sold or stored their belongings and climbed aboard for a 3-year adventure that carried north to the Maine coast and South into the Caribbean. After a few years in a condo on the beach of Puerto Rico they returned and settled in Miami where they were happily active in the sailing social network for many, many years.

Aress' other passion was singing; you may remember him singing along with Debbie Arnold, Helen Konig and Dominic

Lamberti in the Sailing Club Barbershop Quartet called "The Sea Notes".

Aress' ashes were scattered in the Bay from LB Carpenter's beautiful 42' Choy Lee, "Dakota", surrounded by the CGSC Sunfish fleet as Dominic Lamberti played Taps and Amazing Grace on his harmonica. Aress has now joined his beloved Phyllis in those same clear waters, near the happiest home he ever knew - the big, broad balcony of the Cocconut Grove Sailing Club.



Excerpts from Susan Solakian and Dominic Lamberti

Sailing Director

Hi all, sorry that it's been awhile but regatta season is in full swing with your youth sailing programs. There is sooo much to report, so grab a cold beverage & a snack, and enjoy!

I'll start off with a very successful Safety Seminar that was funded & made possible by the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation on November 17th. The object of the seminar was to provide some very useful tips on safety for those providing Sailing Programs on Biscayne Bay. The guest speaker was Ms. Joni Palmer who flew in from her home in Annapolis where she currently is in charge of basic sail training for the U.S. Naval Academy for approximately 1200 incoming freshmen. Ms. Palmers' resume is very impressive to say the least. She has conducted over 80 regional sailing program management seminars around the country as well as developing and managing 15 US Sailing National Sail Training Symposiums. Joni was also instrumental in developing the US Sailing small boat instructor training program and has been an active member of every US Sailing committee that deals with training, youth and community sailing. We had a whopping 47 attendees that ranged from MDCPS to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and representatives from just about every organization that is involved with sailing on the Bay. Ransom-Everglades school provided a great lunch for all with the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation stepping up, once again to provide a wonderful continental breakfast for all attending.

As a result of everyone being in the same place at the same time, we had an opportunity to do a lot of networking, and the consensus of the majority all feel that these "Seminars" happen more frequently with perhaps other organizations pitching in and sponsoring similar events on a regular basis. This spawned an idea that perhaps we should form an organization that would be dedicated to the safety of all on the bay as well as being good stewards of the natural environment of beautiful Biscayne Bay, thus the Rear Commodore and I sat down and brainstormed about how best to make this happen and we came up with the idea of forming the BBYSA, the Biscayne Bay Youth Sailing Association. So far we have come up with a mission statement as well as an outline of every individual's role in the association and are looking for an "Umbrella" organization to sponsor us. To date I have proposed this to the BBYRA (Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association) who agreed to "Help" with computer links etc... but are not willing to adopt us. I will not get discouraged and vow to make this happen one way or the other, so if anyone reading this has any ideas, I'd love to hear them!

On to sailing... I'd like to start with the adult sailing program and give kudos to our Adult Sailing Chairman, Richard Crisler for the outstanding job he's done with getting this once lacking program back on it's feet. Two years ago when I took this position there was no adult sailing program and with Richards' relentless enthusiasm it has grown to be one of if not the most successful programs on the Bay, so hats off to you Richard for a job well done (don't worry about my usual fee for giving you props, this ones on me). Another program that has blossomed

Safety Seminar



Regatta Times



from all of Richards' hard work is Beth Hernandez' Sunfish Racing Clinics. Beth proposed this idea in October and since it's inception it has gained momentum and is well attended by graduates of our adult learn to sail program. For more info on the Sunfish Racing Clinics you may contact Beth directly at beth@miamiedu.

Thanks to our newly formed Opti Committee that includes: Alyn Pruett (Rear Commodore), Antonio Bejarano (Youth Sailing Chairman), Gail & Will Pulsford, Paul VanPuffelen, Deb & Armando Incera, Jaime Ramon, Mike McHugh and myself. We have attended 3 regattas (1 local at the Miami Yacht Club, and two "Away" regattas at both Naples & Jensen Beach) and are looking down the barrel of one of the biggest in the country, the Junior Orange Bowl Regatta at the Coral Reef Yacht Club the 26th thru the 30 of Dec. We average anywhere from 10 to 15 sailors at these regattas and to be honest, I think the parents have more fun than the kids

when we travel! Our latest regatta at Jensen Beach was great, it's right on the intercostals waterway in Martin County (About 2 hours North of Miami) and is one of the best sailing venues in South Florida. ALL the kids performed beautifully, even our "Newbies", and especially those who have now aged out of Green Fleet and are competing in Red, White & Blue (Different ages, different fleets). We even had one of our Green Fleet sailors (James Pulsford) place in the top 5. Again, great job everyone and keep up the good work!

The holidays are now upon us and with that comes time to reflect on all of our good fortune over the past year and making big plans for next year, so peace and best wishes be with all of you in this most wonderful time of the year..

Nick Mansbach



Jensen Beach Regatta

Verrick Park Outreach



Nick, along with Alex and Danielle Valdes-Pages make an presentation Verrick Park to try and get the kids from West Grove to participate in our outreach program at CGSC.



ADULT SAILING REPORT

In years past, your Adult Training Committee became rather dormant during the winter months, especially around the holidays. Lack of interest because of the busy holidays and “cool” waters for the capsized drills and “wet” sailing on the Sunfish were some of the excuses. Recently, especially this year, your committee has remained on task, with little exception, with classes and clinics for Sunfish sailors. In the case of keelboat classes, activity has been solid and continues to grow. Not only are regular classes full, but private classes, coaching and certification testing, with new certifications being awarded, has been the case during the holiday season. 2008 has been a very good year for our adult instructional program, and we are grateful for the support of our officers, board of directors, members and staff that help make our program possible. I am especially grateful for the faithful volunteers who assist with our classes. Without the help of Bob VanEck, Glenn Newland, Charles Branning, Cathy Buller, the Pruetts, Robert Bondi and others, 2008 would not have been the successful year that it was.

Work weekend was a significant occasion for our fleet of training boats. We owe a special thanks to Patrick Arrington, his fellow scouts and parents and friends for the monumental task of refurbishing our Sunfish hulls. Numerous repairs and maintenance took place and all hulls received a thorough cleaning and waxing. Patrick took this on as an Eagle Scout project with the club’s blessing and guidance. Aside from all the elbow grease, parts and supplies were needed and Patrick’s

group held a money raising event to pay for the hundreds of dollars of supplies. In addition to the hulls, all rudder/tiller assemblies were sanded and beautifully varnished, a few at a time, at Patrick’s home before the weekend. They also purchased and cut new halyards and main-sheets for all the Sunfish. The project was extremely well organized.

The repair and refurbishing of all the sail rigs was accomplished by Bob Van Eck, Glenn Newland, Ron Canizares, Tom Sadler and Dana Rushing. I know that other members also assisted, with the hulls especially, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to all who helped with the work weekend project on our training fleet, and, in turn, helped our club’s instructional programs. I felt sure this project was too big to be accomplished in one weekend, but all of you scouts and volunteers proved me wrong.....Thank You So Much!

We are looking forward to an even more successful adult instructional program for 2009. If you’d like to be a part of a successful, fun program that benefits your club, helps grow the sport and art of sailing and provides personal satisfaction with every student smile you see, and then come join us as a volunteer in the adult instructional program. You won’t get locked in.... we spread the work around to only a very few days per year per volunteer. If interested or needing more information, contact Richard at 305-342-4775 or crisler@mindspring.com.

Happy New Year and Happy Sailing,
Richard Crisler
Adult Sailing Chairman



Sunfish sailors get ready for their first group sail.



Every student must learn to rig their own boat.

Right, Students learn to sail a marked course.



Below, Keel boat class ready for their first day on the water.



Sailing single handed was another lesson for keel boaters.

Close reaching, reefed and sailing as a crew was one lesson learned in keel classes.



CGSC Race Committee Tuesday, January 6th Monthly Meeting

All Coconut Grove Sailing Club racing skippers and their crews are invited to join with the Race Committee for this meeting. Our topic for the meeting is:

Key Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing Effective January 1, 2009

Our special presenter is:

**Jane Anne Pincus
USSailing Certified Judge and
Regional Race Officer
Race Management Seminar Instructor**

Jane Anne is a well known race official on Biscayne Bay and elsewhere. There will be a limited number of the new RRS rulebooks and other materials available for sale at the meeting.

7:30 pm – Right after “Dollar Dogs”



UM SAILING CANES



We want to give a special shout out to our new advisor and CGSC member Dr. Bill Johns for all his support this past semester and to the other volunteer coaches Craig and Sharon Johnson and assistant coach Jason Hill who give us their time every week for practice. We are also thankful for the support from the local the sailing community and our homeport at CGSC.

Have a great new year!

The University of Miami sailing team

It's hard to believe the first semester has already come and gone! What a successful Fall we had this year! If you haven't had time to follow our reports at www.sailingcanes.org here's are the highlights.

We finished the Fall standing in 4th in SAISA just behind the big three varsity teams in the District . Our performance at the District Championships qualified us for the Atlantic Coast Tournament@Harvard. The "U" finished 5th out of 20 teams, ahead of several top nationally ranked teams. David Hernandez and Nicole Popp finished 2nd in A division and scored some Zhik gear in recognition of their outstanding performance. The scuttlebutt on the dock was who are those UMiami guys. Our performance also got us some great picks for the spring semester to represent SAISA at a few inter-sectionals in the New England district. We will be traveling to the Moody @ URI and the Morris@BU. The semester also saw the historic debut of the SailingCanes women's team and also our big boat team competing in the sloop events. Our team Captain Alex Kaplan, an Art's major, design a burgee for the team which you now see adorning our life jackets and soon to be available on other team gear. We received approval from UM SAFAC to purchasing new sails forthe FJ's, so we should be looking and sailing smart for the spring.



Historic Debut UM Sailing Canes Womens Team! Left to right: Rachel Libby, Amy Gaylord, Hannah Mashburn, Nicole Popp, Mariam Rosendo, Chelsea Riveria.



UM big boat team finishes 5th at the SAISA Sloop Championship. Left to right: Alex Kavanaugh, James Remeika, Shane O'Neil, Alex Kaplan

In Memoriam: Robert Clarington



On November 19th, our beloved Robert Clarington left us. His funeral service was attended by several hundred at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in South Miami. It was a beautiful celebration of his life. His 40 years of service at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the loving care he extended to family, friends and neighbors, and his passion for cooking and gardening all were sources of joyful and tearful

everyone. He knew all the members and their funny habits. We knew him as "Sodbuster", "Kung Fu of the Moorings" and "Mr. Robert Clarington, Senior Dockmaster Extraordinaire". For many of us Baby Boomers he made the Club our "home away from home." Over the many years he spent at the Club he contributed in countless ways to the atmosphere we all enjoy so much.

Robert will be missed by all those who loved him and his zest for life. On the pamphlet at his service, against a background photograph of Robert driving the Sailing Club launch, was written a poem containing the words: "Remember my smile, And the things we used to do, How you were always there for me, And I love you."

The Club sent a beautiful wreath with a CGSC burgee attached. The burgee was placed in his casket when Robert was laid to rest.

Peter Branning

story telling.

Beginning in the early sixties, in addition to his duties on the water and his mooring pennant craftsmanship, Robert offered an enormous and healthy influence over a host of youngsters who grew up at the "Club". He was a source of, inspiration, humor, wisdom and common sense. He had nicknames for

Sunday perched in the travel lift painting the hoist a new shade of gray. Pat did spend Saturday playing hard winning the around Key Biscayne race aboard Blackbird. Many thanks to all who sailed Saturday but worked hard on Sunday. Thanks to all who worked on the row boats getting them back in shape. Other projects completed included dock carts and oars refurbished, fresh paint on the building, new landscaping, trimmed palms, painting of the strip and bulkheads, new chairs for the deck and shutters for the main room. All doors in the main room were taken off sanded and varnished by your vice-commodore's group with fine results.

Work weekend was supervised by Hugh from cooking hot dogs to painting the upper deck. His watchful eye made sure that everything was running smoothly throughout the weekend. The backbone of work weekend was our dock master, Duane who oversaw the procurement of all materials needed and worked hard all weekend in helping our various groups accomplish their goals. As usual Tom did a great job having everything ready for W.W. Ricky and kitchen staff did a great job polishing our galley. The list volunteers in long but is lead by our commodore Charlie Rahn who helped in various projects on Saturday. The following volunteers made Work Weekend 2008 a great success,

and are listed in no particular order. Anyone not listed for whatever reason, you know you did a fine job and the club appreciates your time and effort. The recorded list includes:

Mark and Cathy Buller, Javier Prado, Karl Petersen, Don Deresz, Dottie Rostorfer, Robert Vaneck, Dana Rushing, Ron Canizares, Glenn Newland, Larry Whipple, Bill Stites, Mike Castleberry, Enrique Alvarez, Lee Hartman, Susan Walcott, Andrew Mariassy, Joann Matius, Doug Hanks, Steve Neomeyer, Gail Pulsford, Owen Brown, Ross Young, Fran Williams, Robert Bondi, Steve Smith, Richard Timmons, Michael Medrano, Luis Abrami, Gary Miller, Ute Vladimire, Mick Mchugh, John Marchi, Patrick Arington, Stephen Fisher, Sonia Mesa, Karen Robinson, Larry Arrington, Wills Pulsford, Juan Blanes, Santiago Holz, Aslejandro Holz, Laura Holz, Alex Valdes, Danielle Valdes, Gariel Mesa, Sonia Mesa, Bianchi Mesa, Lorenzo Mesa, Jorge Valdes, Angel Lapadula, Bob Dupont, Bill Fogarty, Tony Battaglia, Fran Williams, Phil Kellet, Charlie Branning, Angel Beguiristian, Dorene Beguiristian, Fernando Holz, Martin Melo, Santiago Holz, Alejandro Holz, Dinise Jansma, Sam Docine, Jennifer Wirth, Greg Kauffman, Chad Benitez, Jack Carrier, David and Jason Czerwinski, Scott Ewing, John Fischer, Daniel and Jill Gerlach,



Beth and Jose Hernandez, Johnathen and Henry Hirst, Taylor Scheuermann, Joe Spiegel, Danny Turner, Alex Demoya, Jorge and Carlos Aguilara.

Work weekend is a great example of volunteerism at its best. Thanks to all who participated and helped decrease our maintenance cost immensely and gained a great sense of satisfaction in return.

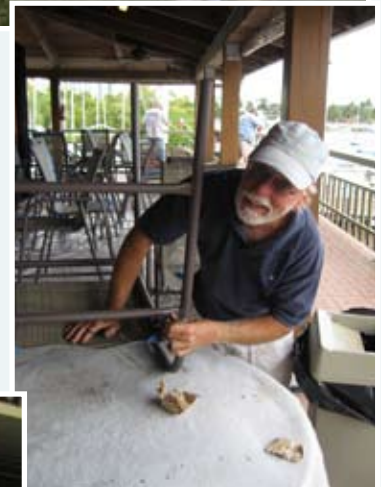
I would like to thank the family of Robert Clarington for his over 50 years of service and personal friendships to countless sailors over the many years we were all privileged to be in Robert's company. His steady hand and advice in overseeing the mooring field and dock will be greatly missed. I grew up with Robert as did many of our members; the spirit of this fine man will continue to live through us all in the years to come.

The Mooring Fields will be named the Robert Clarington Mooring Fields. Plans for a memorial sculpture and naming ceremony are ongoing.

Have Fun and Go Sailing!

I will see you at our oasis on the bay. .

Nick Martens, Vice Commodore



“TOOTH AND NAIL” AT CGSC’S 2008 SE FLORIDA PHRF CHAMPIONSHIPS!

It was another very hard fought series when the top PHRF boats in southeast Florida came to compete for their annual championship at Coconut Grove Sailing Club November 15-16. This year’s event saw nine of the biggest and fastest racers in PHRF 1, six boats in the PHRF 2 fleet, long dominated by CGSC competitors, and one intrepid racer in PHRF 3, Karen Mitchell’s Shake-a-Leg entry, Sailing for Life.

It could be said that we had typical weather for this regatta – Biscayne Bay’s typical SE sea breeze on Saturday, and a typically hard NW wind Sunday after the cold front passed Saturday night. It was a five-race, no throw out regatta, with three races completed Saturday followed by two heavy air races Sunday.

The forecast for Saturday called for a progressive shift from the SE towards the SW as the cold front approached.

Fortunately, this didn’t happen, as our afternoon thermal dominated and the wind stayed in the SE. In the first race, the fleet was sent upwind at 165 degrees, but a right hand shift to 180 caused CGSC’s Race Committee to signal a course change to that bearing for the second lap. By the start of Race 2, the wind had come left all the way to 150 degrees, and for Race 3, we were back where we started the day at 165 degrees. Wind speeds were in the range of six to eleven knots. All races in the series were on windward-leeward, twice around courses. It was a great day for racing on the Bay.

By Saturday evening, there was a one point margin for the lead in PHRF 1, with Thin Ice, Stuart Hebb’s Aerodyne 38 leading Primal Scream, the C&C 115 sailed by Steven Stollman. However, the trend foretold the potential for change, as Thin Ice had a 2-1-4 series while Primal Scream was heading upward with a 4-2-2 series.

The racing was close all day, but the PHRF 1 results for Race 3 were especially so. Man-O-War, Sennett Duttenhofer’s Tripp 33, won by only three seconds on corrected time over Primal Scream. But, Pipe Dream XIV, the Tripp 33 sailed by Scott and Tom Piper was only three seconds behind that for third.

In PHRF 2, CGSC’s Randy Clee, racing his Evelyn 32 Dutch Treat, posted a hard to beat 2-1-1 series for a four point lead over Eduardo Luaces Lindenberg 28, Tiburon, with Russ and Vicky Horn’s Jammin a point back, both also being from CGSC of course!

Sunday’s cold front winds were about the opposite of the

day before, being in the 340 to 350 degree range most of the time, with speeds frequently in excess of 20 knots. This would put boats and crews to the kind of test that would be appropriate for a championship regatta.

The racing continued to be close. In fact, in Race 4, Thin Ice and Pipe Dream XIV actually tied to the second on corrected time for fourth place, causing each to score 4.5 points for the Race. Primal Scream added a 1-4 record to Saturday’s results, giving them the championship in PHRF 1 by four points. Race 4 was the only race won by the champions. El Ocaso, the J-120 new to the Bay from San Francisco, and sailed by Richard Wesslund, posted a 6-1 Sunday, finishing second, a half-point ahead of Thin Ice. There was that half point, again. Man-O-War was fourth.

In PHRF 2, Dutch Treat finished up with a 2-2, maintaining the five point lead over Jammin in second place, while Tiburon’s 3-4 postings slipped her back to third. Past Commodore David Kurtz’s J-27, Goombay was fourth. The hearty sailors on Sailing for Life in PHRF 3 braved the elements to come out and race against no one else in the two races. Our hats are off to them!

Two championship trophies are presented for this regatta, one for the combined PHRF 1 and 2 fleets. The other is for PHRF 3, obviously won by Karen Mitchell of Sailing for Life.

For the PHRF 1-2 crowd, the PHRF 1 boats dominated, but introducing the PHRF 2 results changed the order for second and third. Primal Scream deservedly took the win, but this time Thin Ice edged El Ocaso by the same half point they lost by in the PHRF 1 results.

CGSC’s Race Committee did a fine job running the regatta, and received many accolades, both at the Sunday afternoon awards presentation and subsequently by e-mails. The Signal Boat was Past Commodore Marc and Cathy Buller’s Beneteau Otra Cuba Libre, with Race Chair Ron Rostorfer as Principal Race Officer. The rest of the Signal Boat crew included Dottie Rostorfer, who did timing and scoring, flag signalers Will Pulsford and newcomer Barry Simmons, and recorders Liz Balbin and Bernie Meier.

The Mark Boat was skippered by Jaime Ramon, with crew including Hector Figallo, Juan Torres, and newcomer Hugo Rojas. Our Pin Boat skipper was Bill Stites, with Barbara Address and Kit Temple aboard.

Anita Hansen did her usual excellent job supplying the trophies. New SE Florida PHRF President Stuart Hebb presided over the happy and well attended trophy presentation.

Ron Rostorfer



SE FLORIDA PHRF CHAMPIONSHIP - 2008 November 15-16, 2008

Yacht	Skipper	Boat Type	Sail #	W/L Rating	R/L Rating	Total	Place
PHRF 1							
PRIMAL SCREAM	Steven Stollman	C&C 115	52458	66	66	13	1
EL OCASO	Richard Wesslund	J-120	28920	48	45	17	2
THIN ICE	Stuart Hebb	Aerodyne 38	7	48	42	17.5	3
MAN-O-WAR	Sennett Duttonhofer	Tripp 33	43781	93	90	21	4
SPIDER GLIDE	Kevin Lawrie	Sydney 36CR	3636	63	54	22	5
PIPE DREAM XIV	Scott & Tom Piper	Tripp 33	3155	75	72	23.5	6
BREEZE	Val Safiullin	Custom 28	181	99	93	33	7
LACA LACA	Iker Belausteguigoitia	Melges 32	140	27	6	37	8
SWALLOW	Robert Stout	J 105	257	90	84	47	9
PHRF 2							
DUTCH TREAT	Randy Clee	Evelyn 32	40082	102	99	8	1
JAMMIN	Russ and Vicky Horn	Evelyn 32	32204	102	99	13	2
TIBURON	Eduardo Luaces	Lindenberg 28	12	114	111	15	3
GOOMBAY	David Kurtz	J-27	125	129	126	17	4
SWIFT	Frank Atkinson	Soverel 27	42527	132	129	24	5
HOT AIR III	David Berg	J-30	423	135	132	30	6
PHRF 3							
SAILING FOR LIFE	Karen Mitchell	Sonar	18	171	171	5	1

SE Florida PHRF Championship

Stuart Hebb, new president of the Southeastern Florida PHRF, presents the winners trophy to Steven Stollman.



Russ and Vicky Horn accept their trophy from Stuart Hebb.

In Memoriam: Sandy Horn

Sandy Horn died comfortably at home on November 14, 2008 after battling brain cancer. Sandy was born in Little Rock, Arkansas but moved with his family to Key Biscayne in 1951. One of the original "key rats", Sandy also participated in the first graduating class of Westminster High School before joining the Air Force and serving in Southeast Asia. After graduating from Southern Technical University in Marietta, Georgia, Sandy worked for FPL, then General Dynamics in Boston before returning to Miami to work for Rexel/ Consolidated as a Sales Engineer. In his leisure time Sandy enjoyed teaching scuba and skydiving. He also earned his Coast Guard Master Captain license and sailed his boat in Florida and the Bahamas. Sandy is survived by his wife Janis Theetge Horn and children Sanford Louis Horn IV, and Kimberly Ann Horn, and sister Melinda Horn Hamelin. Nieces Nichole Holt, Julie Hollar and nephews Frank Horn, Andy Holt and Justin Horn.

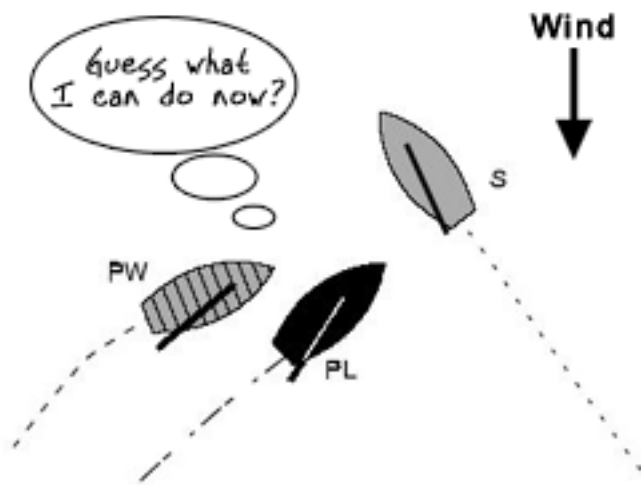
The Rules Have Changed!

**New Rules clinic hosted by Snipe Fleet 7 and CGSC
New Racing Rules Clinic Wednesday,
January 7, at 7:00 p.m.
Sign Up Now!**

On January 1st not only do we start a new year but also a new set of rules governing sailboat racing takes effect, with important changes that will shape the way we play the game. Some of the important rules you know well that determine your safety and your tactics on the racecourse will be different on January 1 than they were on December 31, applied to every regatta from round-the-buoys races, to junior regattas, to Key West Race Week. Since the most important changes affect how boats react when converging around marks and obstructions, it is important for all sailors to quickly learn the changes to avoid potentially dangerous or frustrating situations.

On Wednesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m., area sailors will convene to review and discuss these changes at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. In a multimedia presentation with extensive discussion, U.S. Sailing Senior Judges Bob Meagher and Mike Weber will explain the most critical changes and explore their impact with the group on racecourse tactics.

The bar will be open before the clinic. While the event is open to everyone, limited seating is available and will be reserved for those who RSVP by calling CGSC 305-444-4571. For directions visit www.cgsc.org. To view the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 visit www.sailing.org/rrs



Scout; Help Out Work Weekend

At the Work Weekend, Patrick's volunteers included scouts as well as non-scouts.

Youth volunteers included:

- Ship 1946: Tyler Brown, Jake Carrier, David Czerwinski, Jason Czerwinski, Stephen Fehr, Daniel Gerlach, and Joe Spiegel;
- Troop 840: Carlos Aguilera, Chad Benitez, Alex DeMoya, Stephen Fischer, Jonathan Hirst, and John Marchi;
- Troop 711: Danny Turner
- CRYC Youth Sailing Program: Scott Ewing and Taylor Scheuermann.

Adults and Scout Leader volunteers included:

Jorge Aguilera (T840), Ivonne Benitez (T840), John Fischer (T840), Jill Gerlach (S1946), Henry Hirst (T840), and Karen Robinson (S1946), Jose Hernandez, and yours truly (S1946 / T840).

WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

"New Later Kitchen Hours"

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Tuesday - "Dollar Dogs!" (6-9) in the lounge

Wednesday - 5 pm - 9 pm w/ weekly pasta special!

Thursday & Friday -

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Saturday & Sunday -

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Racing Schedule - January - February '09

Friday, January 2	BBYRA Annual Meeting – CGSC
Saturday, January	BBYRA OD #1 – Miami YC
Sunday, January 4	BBYRA PHRF #1 – CGSC
Wed. – Fri., January 14-16	Ft. Lauderdale – Key West Race – LYC/STC
Mon. – Fri., January 19-23	Key West Race Week Premiere Racing
Mon. – Fri., January 26-30	Miami Olympic Classes Regatta - CGSC & Other Clubs
Saturday, January 31	BBYRA OD #2 – Miami YC
Sunday, February 1	BBYRA PHRF #2 – BBYC
Friday, February 6	Start of Pineapple Cup Race – Ft. Lauderdale – Montego Bay, Jamaica
Sat. – Sun., February 7-8	Comodoro Rasco Snipe Regatta –CGSC
Saturday, February 21	Miami YC Annual – BBYRA PHRF #3
Sunday, February 22	Miami YC Annual – OD #3

Kudos for the Adult Sailing Program:

Richard,

Thank you for the pictures. And, for the wonderful course. I was nervous about taking a sailing course, but you made the class enjoyable and satisfying. The instruction was hands-on and the presentation was very thoughtful. I bet your class gets better every time you teach it. I especially like that you had a list of places we could go to in order to continue learning/practicing our new skills. And the pictures, that is really thoughtful. In teaching, it is the little things that matter most.

Thank you again for this course. I hope to try out a Thursday clinic during Winter Break.

Sincerely,
Allison Wheatley

Hey Folks,

Mooring; Committee

Ours is a sailing club and so folks sail. In fact many of our member and CGSC owned boats have no motors. The problem of boats being moored at the CGSC sometimes getting scraped and gouged has always existed. It is often assumed, right or wrong, that someone sailing thru the moorings caused the damage. However, unless someone sees it happen and makes an issue of it, the damage is only discovered later, often much later. People seldom step forward to pay for or fix damage, or even tell the boat owner of it. However, everybody: members, students and employees, etc. owe it to everyone to avoid damaging boats when possible. The CGSC makes every effort to prevent damage from training boat activities. For members, this includes using motors, if you have one and know how to operate, please use it whenever possible when going and coming to moorings. Not that running a motor totally avoids the prospect of bumping boats; it doesn't. It generally helps if the sails are down and the approach or exit is upwind. Also, during any breeze, getting close to boats, particularly light boats is asking for bumps. The wind puffs can jerk the moored boat around quickly and make the bumping almost unavoidable. Also, we should minimize travel thru the moorings, but to just come and go sufficient to meet our needs. Sailing back and forth thru the moorings, figure eights, tacking, etc. and without help, is not cool; these things constitute poor seamanship and are to a degree irresponsible and disfraternal. Also, the CGSC owes it to everyone to store boats as safely as possible as that's part of why we pay for boat storage, have night watchmen, spotlights, security checks, etc. Moreover, acquiring the reputation of not protecting boats properly could surely spell our death knell with the insurance companies.

Personally, I readily admit that I don't know the motivation for sailing thru the moorings with no help nor motor, if one is available. Nor is it obvious to me why people jump out of perfectly good airplanes unless they have to, bungee jump and play Russian roulette. The difference is major, tho, between those "sports" and whooping thru the moorings: the odd time when they go wrong, which does happen, is a simply thud or body parts loss for someone doing precisely what they like!!! No harm comes to anyone else unless they're landed upon, really liked the deceased, or were owed money, tools, etc. by them. Bumping boats hurts someone else not part of the equation, and the CGSC, which is all of us. Most people who like to sail to their mooring, with or without a motor, seek corner, side or end spots for easy access. We've always tried our best to do this; it saves a lot of unnecessary trouble and hard feeling. Should you discover damage to your boat from such or expected activity, or see it happen to other's boat, please report it in writing to the Moorings Chairman and Board of Directors with as many factual details as can be collected. Placing a record of it before the Board and entered in the minutes may not solve the problem then, but will place the matter in a better position for next time, which will likely come. It will probably be a matter of time, so just be alert on it.

The birds are back and there are three relatively simple things that minimize the problem: 1) Run heavy monofilament line from the spreader bolt to two inches up on the upper shrouds to deprive them of this roosting spot. 2) Place a small windmill with one blade shorter than the other, with a small flag on a stick, hoisted on a halyard with a down-tag line to the masthead (Birds fear getting et by things that "shake in the day and night") . These two things generally solve it; however, if still not happy,

contact www.bird-x.com (1.800.860.0473), purchase bird repellent (about \$10), and rub it on wherever birds sit: backstay, top roller-furl spool, shrouds, triatics, etc. THIS WORKS!!! However, if really fired up, bird-x sells balloon funny faces, fake owls, hawks, snakes, possums and other critters. All this will surely be entertaining, but for a fact the first three things are all that's needed. Several things, for a fact are no help whatever: 1) Concluding that the birds are "out to get you", and that other members are "herding" them onto your boat by use of their clever devices. 2) Complaining mightily to whoever will listen, particularly the hired-help, some of whom are so bored with it they're in total denial and contemplate Hari Kari to get away from it all!!! 3) Collecting great poundages of bird doo, folded carefully in a tarp, to sail around with on the boat; aspirators are recommended for this to thwart disease, and 4) Conning the "old lady" into scrubbing the hide off the boat using powerful chemicals. Trust me; all this is ho-hum and unnecessary. Please do not get into a "deep blue funk" about it all.

We have moorings begging and surely offer competitive rates, so please invite people to the CGSC if they're looking for storage. If you have a mooring here or plan to get one, a good thing to do is to peruse the Moorings Regs. once in awhile. They were "evolved" to solve real problems, some interesting.

Sail often friends. Please let us know if you have a mooring problem, or want to discuss anything. See you there.

Bill Beavers - Moorings



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From the Manager . . .

“Work Weekend” has passed and a lot was accomplished. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the last few items will be complete. A facility such as CGSC always can use some volunteer help throughout the year, but the members who assisted and staff made a big dent to kick things off. Some highlights of interest; The dinghies, dock carts and oars have been refurbished, a fresh coat of yellow paint on the south wall and below decks, new landscaping out front and trimmed palms, freshly painted hoist and all new electrical wiring, painting of the strip and bulkheads, freshly varnished doors and stair railing along with a new coat of paint in the main hall and below the chair rail in the main room, new chairs for the deck tables and a coat of paint on the existing furniture, new table covers, a new look for the south windows in the main room, repaired tiles in the ladies shower and a completely refurbished deck bar “Marker 18!”, plus a spruced up main bar!

I’ll leave it to others to recognize all the great volunteers - and there were many. But, one weekend of volunteer labor, free hot dogs and beer equaled six months of “in house” maintenance at about one 10th of the cost to the members - Thanks and well done to all!

I’d also like to note the passing of Robert Clarington. I’ve learned that while I only had the great privilege of knowing this gentleman for a few years while many of you reached maturity under his sage tutelage, I indeed feel privileged “They just don’t make ‘em like that anymore - what a shame!” For his 50 years of service on the moorings field, plans are being considered to commemorate his outstanding service to the club.

We’ll talk more next month,
Hugh

Hugh’s Q&A

Q. I came the day after Thanksgiving for lunch and was told “the kitchen is closed from 2-5 on Thursday’s and Friday’s - It never has been before. What’s the problem?”

A. Two reasons. First, this change to the kitchen hours has been posted on our website for several months. The change was made because it’s very hard to justify paying two culinary staff almost \$75.00 to maybe make two hamburgers during that time period. But, Second, I screwed up. I neglected to remember and reschedule the staff to accommodate us being closed Thursday and realizing that Friday might be busy.

Again, we will be closed Thursday December 25th for Christmas, but will be open for kitchen service all day Friday.

Q. I asked to be taken to my boat during Work Weekend and was told NO! Why NOT?

A. As a rule, usage of the main pier and launch service are suspended for the entire Work Weekend. This year we did accommodate many by granting services prior to 9 am and after

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Saturday, Jan. 17th 4 to 7
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Saturday, Jan. 31st (Super Bowl Eve!) 5 to 8
Eyenity -- This reggae band had the club jumping not too long ago. It’s a band with nearly as many members as our board, and Eyenity’s sets last nearly as long as board meetings. This is a hard-working, hard-charging band that belongs on Biscayne Bay, playing their great island sounds. We’re happy to oblige.
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6pm. The idea behind the weekend is for members to volunteer at least one weekend or a part thereof, to the club. This greatly saves the club and all its members a considerable amount of cash expenditures and keeps overall cost low for the members.

This is a long standing tradition at CGSC. Whereas, possibly not the most politically correct response to make - my recommendation would be if you’re not interested or can’t assist, this may not be the best weekend to visit the club.

REVIEW OUR WEBSITE

We don’t have access to the Good Year Blimp. Therefore, we must leave it up to YOU to review our website at www.cgsc.org to stay abreast of daily, weekly and monthly going on’s at CGSC. It’s updated every few days (especially the calendar). But, if you don’t look, you won’t know. PLEASE! Take a few minutes each week to look it over. Thanks

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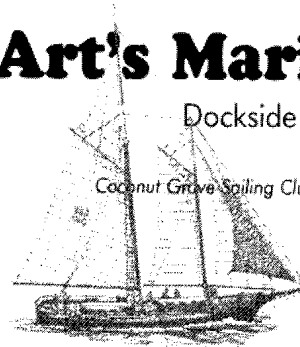
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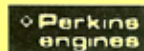
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