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JUNE 2009

CGSC 2009 Annual Rendezvous

Avast Matey! If you happened to be in the brig for the Annual Rendezvous, this article will fill you in on the “particklers” of that very special gathering of Coconut Grove Pyrates!

Michael Marmole said to me when I described the scheduled activities for the Annual Rendezvous, “this is really Rendezvous Week”! And he was right. With clear skies and moderate winds out of the east, the entire week leading up to the rendezvous was a picture – perfect “chamber of commerce” post card for south Florida.

And so the Annual Rendezvous began with “Island Dog Night” on Tuesday April 28. This intentional twist on our Tuesday night “dollar dogs” featured the “Island Dog Bar” set up on the CGSC lawn. This CGSC take on traditional island “sand bars” featured dogs at a cost of 1 dubloon, and drafts for 2 dubloons, which were happily sold by bartenders Sam and Daniela. The dogs were prepared and sold downstairs on the lawn – grilled for a change

of pace. The evening was so popular we ran out of dogs and had to send out special delivery for more!

The evening was perfect – gentle breeze, food, people sitting on the lawn – and kids in pirate outfits “threatening” the adults enjoying the evening. Captain Billy Bones made an appearance just as the sun was going down and got everyone ready for the movie.



As it got dark a sail was hoisted on the CGSC yardarm, and the classic Disney movie “Treasure Island” was shown on the sail. Fortunately the wind cooperated and the breeze was just strong enough to keep the sail full. If you haven’t seen this movie in many years – rent a copy. It is a great - fun for all ages – adventure featuring Cap’t Billy Bones, Blind Pew, Black Dog,

George Merry, Long John Silver and Cap’t Flint – his parrot along, with Squire Trelawny, Dr. Livesy and Ben Gunn, and of course Jim Hawkins (Harh - kins as Long John would say!). If you don’t know what a black spot

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Cover Photo of a 49'er at the Miami Olympic Class Regatta taken by Charles Branning.

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT



It has been my pleasure to serve as your Vice-Commodore this past year. Our new fiscal year starts again soon and I look forward to the challenges of the coming year. In life the only constant is change and the sailing club is no exception. Over the past year we have seen many positive changes at the club. We have seen more participation by club members at all levels.

Nick, our sailing director, has vastly increased youth participation in our public school programs and youth racing programs, that will only expand our leadership in the Miami sailing community. Alyn Pruet and his team of pyrates organized and carried out certainly the best Club rendezvous seen in this millennium !

Perfect weather and participating boats at all time highs portends a healthy future for our cruising program with many exciting destinations planned for future.

The club has never looked better with the dockstaff keeping our grounds looking great. Ricky in the kitchen has lead our culinary staff to a fine year and a 100% score in the last city inspection. We have exciting plans for the kitchen with a new menu of culinary delights and events for the coming year.

The mooring field has been completely inspected and repaired by our team of commercial divers, supervised by our moorings chairman Bill Beavers. All work was completed last month with the next bi-annual inspection scheduled in 6 months.

Doug Hanks, our entertainment committee chair, has done a fantastic job organizing and producing more fun, well attended events than ever before over the past year, with more offerings of music and entertainment planned for the next year. Our new Website and E-Mail blast system has provided the club with the ability to share more information than ever before. Go to CGSC.ORG to explore the new website for yourself.

The coming year holds much promise on all fronts with a talented team of new board members and bridge officers that will continue to build on the successes of the past year at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

As I have discussed many times before, Hurricane season is here and the time to get your boats ready is now. Please get organized and be prepared for all contingencies so we all can enjoy a great summer of fun on the bay. Hurricane seminar schedules will be posted shortly, I strongly encourage attendance by all, especially our new members on the moorings.

GO SAILING ! Enjoy the bay with your friends and family !

See you at our oasis on the bay the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Nick Martens, Vice Commodore

*You are Invited to the
Coconut Grove Annual Installation*

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Cocktails And Appetizers At 6:00 PM

Dinner At 7:00 PM

Dinner and Dancing \$42, plus tax and gratuity

Band and Dancing only \$20 Cover

*Music Will Be Provided By
The Sugardadys*

*Menu: Raw Bar with Oysters and Shrimp, Seafood Paella, Salad,
Bread, Godiva Chocolate Cheesecake from Cheesecake Factory and Key
Lime Pie from The Blonde Giraffe Store*

*Evening limited to 100 so make your reservatin as soon as
possible. Call 305-444-4571, ext 10.*

Questions? Contact Doug Hanks dthanks@bararguments.com

Racing Schedule – May - June, 2009

Sunday, June 7	BBYRA OD #7 – CRYC
Saturday, June 13	BBYRA PHRF #7 – CGSC
Saturday, June 27	BBYRA OD #8 – CGSC
Sunday, June 28	BBYRA PHRF #8 - CRYC
Wed.-Sat., July 1-11	Regatta Time in the Abacos
Saturday, July 4	Full Moon Regatta
Saturday, July 25	CGSC Commodore's Cup (Adult Club Championship)

ADULT SAILING REPORT

As the bay waters get warmer, interest and attendance in our Sunfish Learn-to-Sail classes and activities is on the increase. With the continual growth and interest in our keelboat lessons, certifications and sailing opportunities, we look forward to growth at both levels for the summer and beyond. We continue to offer at least one weekend class per month for both the Sunfish and the keelboat courses, in addition to offering weekly Sunfish clinics, monthly small-boat clinics and monthly keelboat certification classes.



Trimming for speed



Monthly Clinic

We are pleased and congratulate member Bruce Penrod who has just received his US Sailing Instructor Certification for Level 1 (dinghy) instructions. We anticipate that Bruce will be very active in helping us grow the Sunfish program, thus freeing up badly needed instructor time for our US Sailing Basic Keelboat classes, certification course and additional sailing activities to promote sailing after our many courses.



Not sure about our classes yet and want to introduce a family member or friend to sailing? We now offer two (2) hour introductory sailing experiences for up to four participants at one time with a certified instructor on board our keelboat training vessel, PAT. Weekdays and evenings (no later than a 5:30 PM start) are available. You can even give it as a gift with a handsome nautical gift certificate. Contact Richard direct via email or phone (see below).



Smiles galore - Thursday Clinic

Enjoy your club even more.....get involved. Volunteer your time to help with one of our many committees that make our club run successfully. If you would like to help out with the adult instructional programs, you'll be doing a great service to one of the club's most important missions, and time spent will be minimal, but very enjoyable.

Contact Nick at the club (Ext. 11) or contact Richard direct at 305-342-4775 or email at crisler@mindspring.com.

We'll see you at the June 5 Annual Meeting and on the Bay.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,

Richard Crisler, Chairman
Adult Instructional Committee



Private Couples Keelboat Class

Single Hand Keelboat Test



In Memorium... Past Commodore Reginald F. Nicholson

Past Commodore Reginald F. Nicholson, died in April at the age of 62 after a long struggle with cancer. Reggie was named for Rear Admiral Reginald Fairfax Nicholson, a relative who fought in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and World War I.

A native Miamian, Reggie had a passion for music. He took up the French horn at Kinloch Park Elementary, played at Miami Senior High, and then earned a degree from the University of Miami's Frost School of Music. He retired from the Dade County School system after 36 years of teaching. He directed both bands and orchestras at several schools including Michael M. Krop, Miami Beach, Coral Gables, Southwest and his alma mater, Miami High School. In retirement, he conducted the 60-piece Alhambra Orchestra for six years. With a keen sense of humor, he once told a neighbor, when I die, get all the horn players together to put their bad notes in my casket.

As you sat in Reggie's memorial service you realized what a great contribution to the community that he had made. Students and friends, young and old, got up to give testimonials on how Reggie had changed their lives. He took students that had no chance, gave them a love of music, and got them scholarships to U of M. As a commodore his board meetings were a production, just like his symphonies. His love of the club and its members was contagious.

Reggie was a lifelong sailor who loved his 27-foot Catalina sloop, Le Cygne and spent many an hour nursing its Atomic 4 engine back to health. He was winner of his class in the Miami to Key Largo race one year and proudly flew the race burgee from his shroud until it was in tatters. Reggie loved the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and was fiercely protective of it, whether dealing with the city or running fishermen from the moorings. He held many positions at the club from Adult Sailing Chairman to Commodore.

Reggie is survived by wife Carol. His only sibling, older brother Duke, died while training for the Vietnam War in 1967.

Reggie will be missed by his many friends at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and many music colleagues throughout Miami and across the United States.



Race Committee

"Passing of The Hook!" A change of watch is occurring with the CGSC Race Committee. Long-time Race Chair Ron Rostorfer will be stepping down effective July 1st. USSailing Certified Principal Race Officer Susan Walcutt, a Race Committee member for several years, will be taking over.

Ron will continue to be active on the RC, and is CGSC's new BBYRA Representative. The "passing of the hook," emblematic of RC Chair authority(!), occurred at the May 5th monthly Race Committee Meeting. Some 17 members of the Race Committee were in attendance.

Ron Rostorfer passing the Race Committee Chair Hook to Susan Walcutts as the new Race Chair.



Seated: Susan Walcutt and Ron Rostorfer
Middle Row: Liz Balbin, Dottie Rostorfer, Marvin Schenker, Jo Ann Mathieu, Jaime Ramon
Back Row: Juan Torres, Larry Whipple, Bill Braddon, Dennis Jansma, Jim Waldron, Karen Ryan-Young, Vicki Rosenbloom, Jo-An Pszenny and Anne Edwards.

YOUTH SAILING

CGSC Junior Sailors Attend FI State Champs

It was blowing like stink! That pretty much sums up the sailing conditions for the recent Florida State Opti Championships hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club. We had 14 CGSC racers registered for the regatta. (This season, we generally have 14-16 sailors attending regattas, compared to 8-10 sailors last season.)

The 83 racers in Gold Fleet (more experienced sailors) headed out to the middle of Biscayne Bay, where the wind, waves and powerboat chop were a good challenge for the long and demanding races. With the windward mark set almost on the "Biscayne Bay Highway", quite a few power boats plowed through the race course. The 37 racers in the Silver Fleet (less experienced sailors) stayed near the shore, but they still had plenty of wind to contend with.

We didn't bring home any awards - most of our racers only recently moved up to RBW and most of our Green fleeters are new. The heavy winds were especially challenging for our lighter sailors; but they've learnt the importance of not giving up! Alex Valdes-Pages in Gold Fleet has really improved his sailing skills this season and was our top sailor in RWB. One of our newest sailors, Jose Dapena, was the top placer among the CGSC Silver Fleeters. Jose also brought home something cool from the regatta - he's now the proud skipper of his own Opti. We are encouraging sailors to buy their own Optis instead of relying on club boats. This often takes kids to the "next level" and fosters pride of ownership where kids learn the valuable

lesson of looking after their "racing machine."

Check out some of our team sporting their brand new CGSC Racing Team rashguards at the Opti Championships in the photo on this page. Don't they look cool?! **BIG THANKS** to Norma and Steve Kassner for generously donating the UV protection shirts to all 20 racers on the team.

Thanks so much to Coach Baird for hosting our team at BBYC. And for hosting the dads at the "Men's club." (We moms wondered where all the men disappeared to after racing on Saturday!) His dedication to the team is much appreciated. Thanks to Coach Mike for coaching the Silver Fleeters and to Nick for safety duty for everyone. A big thank you to Rear Commodore Alyn Pruett who has attended almost all of our regattas. We love your commitment to our young sailors!

And we'll have Fun, Fun, Fun 'til....

Next up on the agenda is the End of Season Fun Day on May 30th. All the parents and kids in the sailing program (racers, recreational sailors, learn-to-sail beginners) are invited to have a fun day at CGSC. We'll take everyone out to the sandbank for swimming and sailing on sunfish, etc. and a potluck lunch/snacks. On shore, we'll duke it out with the parents vs. kids volleyball matches, and have BBQ burgers & dogs. The Talent Show should be a hoot! The kids are looking forward to camping out on the lawn under their tents for the night.

Gayle Pulsford



Cudos for the Youth Sailing

Dear Nick and all coaches, parents and kids- nurturing the growth and development of our children.

We are very fortunate to have such a great environment at CGSC. It may not be fancy, but it sure is fun. We always look forward to spending time with you guys, and hope to continue as our kids grow up together!

Sincerely,

Debbie Incera

Nick, Mike, all coaches, parents and kids:

I want to add to Debra's comments of gratitude, CGSC is not fancy, however it is not the extravagance that represents a good or an exceptional club, it's what's inside the coaches, parents, kids and members. CGSC is populated with kids who work together as a team, support each other through their own trial and errors and kids who do not critic each other, rather encourage each other. We should be proud because this definitely something special. As parents I will honestly admit that we have done and continue doing an extraordinary job

Nick and Mike, both astounding coaches, you put your hearts into coaching and it is visible. Thank you for constantly encouraging the kids and being excellent substitute parents when we are not around. This is what makes our club different, it is definitely not fancy but the inside is delightful!!

The sailing team, the club, the parents and the coaches all has been a positive influence in our kids' life and will forever be a part of their life. The club and all of us have built upon their character and growth, but what is most important, our children learned to collaborate, work as a team and most importantly respect and understand each other and their differences,

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart." CGSC is in the hearts of our kids.

Thank you each and every one of you!!! Have a splendid and enjoyable summer!!

Yvelisse Lapadula

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Learn basic marine diesel engine operation, maintenance, and trouble shooting.

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Registration: \$75/per person

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is – you will find out watching this movie!

Next up on the Pyrate's schedule was the Friday night RAFT-UP. This new event for the rendezvous was held on the CGSC pontoon boat and Adrienne Peters' spacious Hurricane power boat – together they formed the "pyrate's barge" anchored off Elliott Cay. Dinks shuttled sailors to and from the barge all evening. Beer and rum were the featured beverages, along with "Melva's" special bean soup. Doug Hanks and Javier Prado got the rum punch recipe going, and for those of you who missed out, Melva is our chef Ricky's grandmother. As a salute to Melva, Ricky prepared her recipe for the traditional Friday night supper. What a treat! The soup was great, the view of sailboats coming in to Elliott with the sun setting was unforgettable! Our hats are off to Ricky for this fabulous re-activation of this great tradition. At the end of the day there were some 20 + CGSC sailboats at the Elliott anchorage or in the harbor itself!

Saturday morning everyone was up early to get the island set up for the rendezvous. The Island Dog Bar had been largely set up Friday afternoon, as were the tents, tables, gas burners etc. As boats started to arrive the





activity continued to pick up through the morning. Deborah Mitchell and Jo Ann Pezeny deserve special mention for manning the log-in desk along with tee shirt and hat sales and the log book sign – in. If you didn't sign, or haven't seen the 2009 Annual Rendezvous Log Book – look for it at the bar. If you were at the Rendezvous and haven't signed the log book yet – please feel free to enter your story about your trip there and back and your stories about the rendezvous. Throughout the day and evening the Rendezvous Committee members and other CGSC members worked to keep the events running and the rum flowing. When you see them around the club be sure and thank all who helped make this a wonderful event.

As the day continued more things began to happen. Doug Hanks – who had been mastering the rum punch Friday night continued to replenish the brew on Saturday. I think it kept getting stronger as he continued to add more rum on Saturday!

The keg kept flowing.

Club kayaks appeared on the beach – having been ferried to Elliott by Wil, Gail and James Pulsford and Nick Maartens. I suspect the ensuing "blind kayak" races – which were heartily contested - will become a CGSC classic annual rendezvous event.

James Pulsford and Jaime Ramon (Jr) manned the grill (this is James' specialty at the rendezvous) and began cooking dogs and hamburgers. They kept cooking all afternoon!

Pirates kept showing up – in time for the "Pirates Scavenger Hunt". This team event featured four team entries – the "Scurvy Dogs", "Blubber" and "Merlin". It was closely contested with all participants giving it maximum effort. However, in the end "Blubber" the team comprised of our young men won out and

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captured the prize – a pirate’s medallion for each.

All during the day pirates kept adding to the mile – post. This sign post allowed our crew to post the direction and distance to their favorite destination. Today you will find this memento of our voyage in the Grove’s Nest Bar.



The roast wild boar and shrimp boil were carefully put together by Karen Young. Both were delicious – but we could have eaten another boar and pot of shrimp! Next year – more food!

As it began to get dark we had a couple of mis-adventures. First Charlie Branning ran out of fuel in the RIB shuttling folks back and forth between shore and anchored boats. Changing the fuel tank didn’t help and we had to tow him in to the island. While we were trying to fix the RIB, Adrienne Peters began providing emergency launch service in her Hurricane power boat. Suddenly we got a radio call that her engine was out. Yikes! Two launch boats out of service. Fortunately Javier Prado dove in to cut the line encircling Adrienne’s prop, and got her boat going again. Jeff Reamer, Charlie Brannings’s son-in-law managed to get the RIB working again, so all was well.

In the meantime, Randy Clee and Susan Walcutt got the bonfire going on the ocean – side of the Island, and the crew back at the harbor got s’mores cooking on the warm coals from the grill. Overall it was simply a great day!

While everyone has a great story from the rendezvous I think the most important is that this event brought together over 150 of our club members, family, kids and visitors for a fun weekend together. I hope this experience will encourage our members to continue the great Annual Rendezvous tradition. Certainly the memories will last forever – or at least until next year’s rendezvous!

See you on the Bay or at the Club
Alyn Pruett,
Rear Commodore



The winning scavenger hunt team.

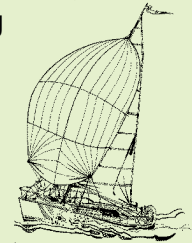
Rendezvous Makes New Members Feel Welcome

As I have said many times to different people in the past few days: My wife, Claudia, and I feel that we have finally become “real members” of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. While we joined the club last September, having the opportunity of participate on this year’s Annual Rendezvous Committee gave us the final push to really get involved with the club. It was a lesson in how committed you can, and should, be to an organization and our members.

Last year I had the opportunity to see the commitment of Richard Crisler toward our Adult Learn to Sail Programs, which put my foot in the door at the Club. This past couple of months I felt very lucky to have experienced from the front row how far a good Rear Commodore will go for his fellow members and the importance of having a great woman beside every man.

As a club we are lucky to have good people working hard on good ideas to give us a nice place to be. Our different Committees, Training Programs, and other activities have already put several initiatives in practice. However it’s up to each of us, the members, to embrace them or at least give them a try. I strongly encourage my fellow members to be more active in the club’s life, not because it’s part of our responsibilities as members but because it’s fun. After all, where else you would find a group of people with the same interests to talk, learn and share? Because we all love sailing don’t we?

Javier Prado



WHAT’S NEW?

Tuesday Dollar Dogs remains a hit. But, for a little variety, we’ll now substitute “TWO DOLLAR TACOS” the 1st Tuesday of each month. Have a Corona and yell Oley!

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Summer Youth Sailing Instruction for Members and Non-members

There will be five, two-week sessions. Sailors will be classified as either beginner, intermediate, or racing level. A US Sailing certified instructor and several junior instructors supervises the classes. Campers must be between the ages of seven and 14 years old. Camp will begin weekdays at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm each day and will be held rain or shine. Beginners will learn basic sailing skills, knots, nomenclature, and safety. By the end of the course, beginning sailors will be able to single-hand a pram boat, know the names of all parts of the boat, and know what to do if the boat capsizes. Intermediate sailors will learn more advanced techniques, racing rules, and explore further into Biscayne Bay.

The sessions are like this:

Session 1 - June 8 thru June 19

Session 2 - June 22 thru July 3

Session 3 - July 6 thru July 17

Session 4 - July 20 thru July 31

Session 5 - August 3 thru August 14



Applicants are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Go to cgsc.org to download the Medical Release and Registration forms and the Equipment/Clothing Checklist. You may also pick them up in the club office, or call: 305-444-4571 Ext. 10. For info, you can also email: sailingdirector@cgsc.org. Scholarships are available.

GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST NAMES DR. JAYNE GREENBERG OF WESTON AS POINT OF LIGHT FOR FITNESS/NUTRITION AWARENESS MONTH

March 25, 2009

TALLAHASSEE- Governor Crist today recognized Dr. Jayne Greenberg of Weston as this week's Point of Light in honor of Fitness/Nutrition Awareness Month.

"Dr. Jayne Greenberg provides water sport activities such as sailing, kayaking and canoeing to youth with disabilities," said Governor Crist. "Her efforts enable students with disabilities the opportunity to participate in activities that promote physical and social well-being."

For more than five years, Dr. Greenberg has helped South Florida become a community which cultivates a healthy environment for disabled students. Dr. Greenberg works to raise funds for the purchase of 29 access dinghies and several kayaks which give youth with disabilities the opportunity to participate in boating and outdoor activities. As a result of her efforts, the Anchors Away Program was adopted by the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department.

As physical education coordinator for Miami-Dade Public Schools, she promotes an active lifestyle among students throughout her community. In 2008, Dr. Greenberg helped more than 1,000 students with disabilities earn their Presidential Active Lifestyle Award.

CSX and AAA Auto Club South are supporting sponsors of the Governor's Points of Light Award. This program recognizes Florida residents who demonstrate exemplary service to the community. Award recipients are announced weekly. A panel of judges comprised of leaders in the areas of volunteerism and service evaluate all nominations and make recommendations to the Governor. The Volunteer Florida Foundation manages the program. For more information, or to submit a nomination, go to www.VolunteerFloridaFoundation.org.



A Thousand Miles Going Nowhere!

For 4 years I sailed a F31 Corsair tri with an unreliable outboard and no creature comforts, well I did have a \$20 cooler to ice down the beer. I averaged 2000 miles a year sailing in South Florida and the Bahamas and only used the engine for parking the boat. However, all good things must come to an end...and last year she was sold and my wife and I bought a Tayana 55 with every convenience it is possible to get on a boat: bow thruster, power windlass, electric winches, generator, 3 zone air conditioning and heating, water maker, ice maker, refrigerator, a freezer you could get a body in, washer dryer and more electronics than I know how to use all powered with enough batteries to sink my tri.

April 1st of this year we set off from Miami to sail the 'Thornless Path' to the US Virgins, a trip of 1050 miles. The first day was a gorgeous sail across the Gulf Stream to Bimini averaging over 7 knots but the generator quit...50 miles covered! But that was not a major problem as I carry a Honda 2kw portable back-up. Two days of glorious sailing later we were in Nassau where it took 4 days to get the \$40 part to fix the generator which took me 20 minutes to fit...200 miles covered!

Three days of gentle sailing later we were in the Exumas when the water maker died. A long conversation with the dealer in Florida elicited the fact that getting it fixed in the Islands would be almost impossible but the real problem was that I had broken the door handle on the washer dryer!...280 miles covered!

So we turned back and returned to Florida...560 miles covered!

A week or so later and thousands of dollars poorer we set off again. The wind was now hard from the east so instead of the 'Thornless Path' we headed south on a reach and headed for the Old Bahama Passage, north of Cuba. As we turned east along the Cuban coast we started the engine for the first time in 2 days and it overheated; the water pump had quit...710 miles covered.

We turned around and sailed downwind back to Miami...1060 miles covered and all but 60 miles was under sail.

It is May 6th and I now sit anchored in Biscayne Bay waiting for a new water pump. I have sailed 10 miles further than the entire trip to the Virgins, I am exactly where I started and during the entire trip I did not have a single problem with my sails...!!!


On our way to the Sailing Club bar, in the dinghy, we stopped and admired a lovely sailboat with an Aerorig, A funny English thing that has hydraulic reefing on the 300 sq ft jib and no manual backup. "Where are you going?" we asked. "Nowhere," answered the owner my hydraulics have a leak! My Grandma could reef 300 sq ft with her teeth and they are false.

All of this begs the question...Have we lost the plot? Mankind sailed the world for 5000 years with nothing more than a couple of sticks to measure the angle of the sun and the North Pole star and later they added a lodestone before progressing to a magnetized needle. A few years ago I laughed at a potential crew member who refused to come on a trip across the English Channel, a trip of 60 miles, because I said I would not use a GPS but instead I planned to teach my step-son how to navigate by triangulating off the many excellently placed lighthouses, at night you can see them from 20 miles. The Non-crew member thought that I was being dangerously cavalier and irresponsible.

Now we can't get off the dock unless the washer dryer and icemaker are working and fully integrated into the chart plotter.

Perhaps I've lost the plot!
Phil Kellet

(Phil Kellett is a RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, his wife Nell, is a US 50 ton skipper and they cruise their 'gin palace' of a Tayana 55, Moondancer, full time.)



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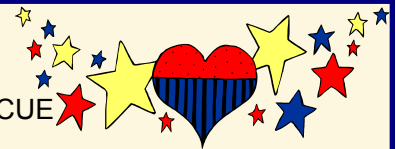
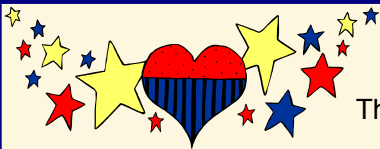
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The CGSC will be having a FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE

Saturday, July 4th, 5 p.m. until Sunset

We will be firing up the grill and tapping the keg for this all-American celebration.

Come out for burgers, hot dogs, salad, sodas and plenty of cold beer.

All for \$12.95, beer and soda included!

(Reservations required.)

Snow cones! Carnival games!

A prize for the most patriotic boat! Bring her to the dock to show off!



And, of course, the best spot in the Grove for watching spectacular fireworks launched next door in Peacock Park.

Bring the kids. Bring the family. Bring your friends. Bring your blankets and save a spot on the lawn.

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Door tickets will sell for \$14.95.

To make reservations, stop by the office or call 305-444-4571, ext. 10.

Questions? Contact Entertainment Chairman Doug Hanks at dhanks@barguments.com



GALLEY NEWS

Tuesday Night

"Dollar Dogs & Pitcher Beer"

\$1.00 Hot Dogs and all the fix'ins

plus pitcher beer from 6-9 pm. Donated sides

or condiments are always welcome!

(\$2 Tacos the first Tuesday of the month.)



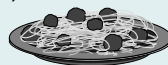
"Pasta Wednesdays"

We offer a different Pasta dish each Wednesday

along with garlic bread for only \$5.95! Our regular

dinner menu will also be available.

CGSC restaurant will close the night of the 27th at 5 p.m.



WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday & Tuesday - CLOSED

Tuesday SOCIAL NIGHT 6-9 pm

Wednesday Pasta Night 5-9 pm

Thursday & Friday

Lunch 11am 'til 2 pm

Dinner 5 pm 'til 9 pm

Saturday & Sunday 11am 'til 9 pm



Launch service 24/7



CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

New 25' Marinco shore power cord, 30 amp-125 volt, \$45.00. Staysail off 37' Tayana, used as spare, excellent condition, luff 37', leech 33', foot 12' \$ 100.00. Wind chaser portable ice maker, no plumbing required, just add water, \$ 75.00. Bob Gilmore 305 606-1998

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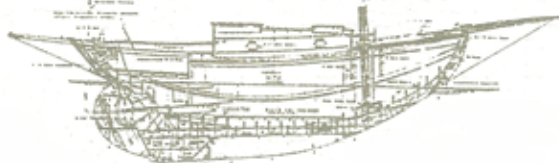
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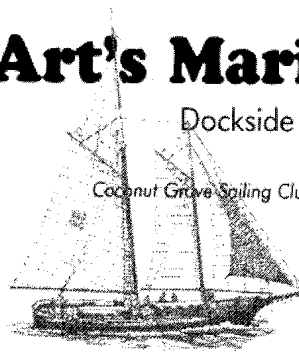
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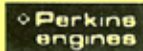
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