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Summer Days

Ten weeks, 50 days, 400 hours, 24,000 minutes... Of heat, storms, kids and lot's of FUN!!!

That is CGSC's summer camp in a nutshell. We've had a stellar season with record numbers of kids, community outreach, and a staff that I can only describe as amazing.

CGSC is one of the only camps on Biscayne Bay that goes 10 weeks, most others only opt to do 3 or 4 sessions (6 or 8 weeks), but wanting to expose as many kids as possible we stick it out for the duration of summer. This year along with our very successful community outreach program that provided free

summer camp scholarships, we were able to provide 18 families with an opportunity that they would not otherwise be able to afford. Commissioner Joe Sanchez even stopped by to wish all the kids well and to remind them what a fantastic resource they have right here in Biscayne Bay.

I know this is a short piece but I'm working on some great things for this upcoming sailing season, which starts on September 12th, so I've got to get back to business.

That's all for now, see you next month
Nick Mansbach



From the Commodore:

Hurricane Bill is winding his way up the east coast as I write these words. The 2009 hurricane season is here! As I have mentioned many times in the past. All members with boats on the moorings are required to move their boats prior to a hurricane warning.

If a hurricane strikes South Florida and your boat is on the moorings you will lose your mooring privilege for one year. The same applies for boats on the strip and on the racks. Please have your hurricane plan in place and your backup person ready to go if you are out of town. Prior to a storm all "Windage" including sails, biminis, dodgers and anything that creates wind resistance needs to be secured. The dock staff cannot do this work for you. Make sure your engines work "NOW" and your boat bottoms are clean so your boats can be moved if needed. I thank all of you in advance for your help in keeping the club safe and moving your boats in the event of a hurricane. The announcement for mandatory evacuation from the moorings strip and racks will be announced through the office (305-444-4571) and left on a phone recording and on the website (CGSC.ORG) should that action become necessary this year. I certainly hope that is not the case, as usual we need to be prepared in any event.

The staff continue to do a great job keeping everything running smoothly. Look for exciting entertainment and great food and beverage in the coming months as the refit of the bar and restaurant goes into full swing for the fall season. Our new C.G.S.C. - EST.1945- member drive- is going strong with many new faces at the club. Bring your friends and family to the club to become new members and create the next generation of sailors in Miami to enjoy beautiful Biscayne Bay and our "Oasis on the Bay" the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Nick Martens

Note to the Commodore:

I recently had the opportunity to take two marines for their first sail just before they deployed to Iraq. Eddie and Kim were a couple on vacation in Miami before going overseas the following week. They were in the New Jersey National Guard and looked online for things to do here. They discovered that the CGSC offers day sails to members of the military.

Nick Mansbach knew that I could always use an excuse to go sailing, and this one was better than most. The two passengers knew nothing about sailing but were willing students. Luckily, the weather was perfect (and better than what they expected overseas) with clear skies and 10 knots of wind. We sailed across the bay, through Stiltsville, and along Key Biscayne. We anchored outside Nixon's for a swim and then headed back to the club.

The day was a nice way to show support for our military and a great way to show off the sport of sailing, the CGSC and Miami. I hope they spread the word to their friends. I can always use an excuse to go sailing.

Joel Coplowitz
s/v Dock C

Caribbean Cruising Report

The two CGSC boats, 'Altair' with Dudley and Becky and 'Moondancer' with Phil and Nell are presently in Granada. 'Altair' is at the marina getting a new windlass and 'Moondancer' is anchored out and splitting it's time between Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago. Grenada is a lovely place, friendly people, clean water and almost no crime. In Trinidad the people are friendly but crime is a serious problem and but for it's relative safety from hurricanes it would not be a cruising destination; there are 850 boats on the hard in the main port of Chagaramus and another 150 anchored out all avoiding the possible hurricanes

'Altair' took 16 months to get to Grenada, 1650 miles, and the lunatics on 'Moondancer' did it in 5 weeks but we are now just sitting about drinking pina coladas

The sailing, fishing and diving are great and Nell, Becky and Phil went diving on a lovely reef this week. We will be moving back north after hurricane season and visiting all the dive sites we can find.

Happysailing
Dudley, Becky,
Nell & Phil



Susan Komen Race for the Cure

Once again, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club will be sponsoring a team for the 14th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on October 17, 2009, Bayfront Park, Miami. CGSC Team CocoNUTS will be wearing our bright yellow CGSC T-Shirts (except for any team members who are Cancer survivors and they wear Pink). Team members can register for the 5K Run, 5K Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk or if you can't make it that morning, you can register for the Sleep In for the Cure and just stay home in your jammies. Register online at http://race.komenmiafl.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=1000 and click on the 2nd item in the list on the right hand side of the page "Join an Existing Team". Enter the team name, CGSC CocoNUTS, hit the search button to the right and it will pull up our Team. Team packets and T-Shirts will be picked up by the Team Captain and delivered to participants on the morning of the Race. Interested Team members can meet at the Club to carpool the Saturday morning of the Race. Last year there were over 16,000 participants – what a sight!

Susan Walcutt

Dear Coconut Grove Sailing Club:

We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity of sailing with you guys. It's an experience we will never forget. Sailing across the waters of Miami, was amazing. It was the first time we have gone sailing and surely won't be the last one. You guys made our arrival and departure from Coconut Grove Sailing Club very pleasant. It is great to have a club that supports the military. We are now in Iraq and one thing we will always keep in our minds is that the reason why we do this, is to protect our country and also the kind of people that make clubs like: "The Coconut Grove Sailing Club", possible. Thank you again for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Eduardo Roncal & Kimberly Real

GREAT WIND & MIXED WEATHER FOR CGSC'S SINGLEHANDED & DOUBLEHANDED REGATTAS

Some wild weather on Saturday and Chamber of Commerce conditions Sunday made for a great Single-Double weekend on August 15-16.

Saturday's forecast was for a 60% rain chance. After a slight delay due to wind shifting from a nearby squall, the fleet was off on a "Bay tour" course taking them to windward, then a long reach toward Snapper Creek, then three more legs covering a total of 8.3 miles. The Committee was monitoring the weather, which showed rain and wind, but no lightning. Just after the weather mark, a torrent of rain came down restricting visibility to about 100 yards, and continuing for a while. Fortunately, the weather cleared just in time for the fleet to see the mark off Snapper Creek.

After about an hour and 40 minutes, the scratch boat, Eamonn DeLisser's *Main Squeeze* crossed the finish line. Jennifer Wirth was the corrected time winner sailing *Sunday Morning*, Rick Jarchow's J-24 was second, and Ron Canizares was third.

Saturday night's RC Party drew a good crowd, with many staying until Blue Man Grove finished up. Jo Ann Mathieu was presented with the Al Chapin Trophy, as the most valuable member of the CGSC RC this year. The RC "Rookie of the Year" trophy was awarded to Barry Simmons. Race Committee shirts were presented to RC regulars in attendance.

Sunday was clear, sunny and featured a great 13-15 knot steady easterly wind. The PHRF fleet was divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker.

Main Squeeze won the spinnaker group, while Jen Wirth again came out on top in the non-spinnaker fleet. CGSC's Peter Branning and Martha Boston were second among the non-spinnakers aboard *Lighthouse*.

In the Snipe fleet, Doug Broeker sailed a 1-1-2 series for the win over Robin Baker in the five boat fleet. Among the four Scots, Henry Bernstein and Philip Messier, both of CGSC, traded firsts and seconds in Races 1 and 2, setting up a deciding final race. Henry came out on top for the one point win.

The trophy presentations for this weekend were unique. A number of low cost items of sailing gear were displayed on the trophy table, and the winners (beginning with first place) choose their prize.

CGSC's Race Committee received much praise for its weekend of race management. Mike Castleberry provided his boat, *Imagine* as Signal Boat. Ron Rostorfer was PRO, Dottie Rostorfer-Timer, Jo Ann Mathieu -recorder assisted by Barbara Andress, Geoff Sutcliffe-flags, and Chiara Manton-photographer. Our Windward Mark boat was ably handled by RC Chair Susan Walcutt and Jaime Ramon. Pin boat duties were split between Barry Simmons and Jaime Remackle on Saturday, with Art Auwaerter and Bernie Meier taking over for Sunday.

All in all, a great weekend of racing and socializing at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Ron Rostorfer



Jo Ann Mathieu presented with the Al Chapin Trophy, as the most valuable member of the CGSC RC this year.



Chris Branning on Hand

On August 9, Christopher Branning, son of CGSC member Peter Branning, Navigator for

Morning Light in the TransPac Race (2007) and most recently, this year's entry, *AKELA*, captivated an audience of sailors with his stories of his association with Disney Productions and how he was selected to be on a team of 11, selected from over hundreds of candidates for the *Morning Light* Transpac racing yacht. He gave the audience an opportunity to ask questions after viewing the film. Those in attendance enjoyed the film and the interaction with Chris. Thanks to Cathy Buller for arranging this delightful day.



RECRUIT A MEMBER. HAVE DINNER ON US!

This year, we are pushing to fill our mooring field and boost our membership roster. So we are launching a new incentive program for all members. If you recruit a new Regular Member, you will earn a \$75 credit for food and drink at the Grove's Nest! Recruit two members, get \$150! While the credit is awarded for recruiting Regular Members, any member is eligible for the credit, Social Members, too, of course! So get out there and start recruiting. And remind your recruits to mention you on their application. Tell them their first CGSC dinner is on you! See details at cgsc.org/membership2009.

In Memory...

Ute Vladimír
1941 - 2009

Ute passed away on August 13, 2009 at her daughter's home in Bozeman, MT. Ute's true passion was sailing. She grew up sailing on the rivers of Berlin and she sailed widely in South Florida and the Caribbean with family and friends. Ute taught students of all ages to sail as an instructor for Womanship, Shake-a-Leg, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

SEPTEMBER 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	6 pm Taco Night	5 pm Past Night	Noon Rotary Club 4 pm Adult Sunfish 5 pm Steak Night	Rodriguez Key Snorkel/Fishing	6 pm Full Moon Race	Rendezvous
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rendezvous	6 pm Dollar Dogs 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Past Night	Noon Rotary Club 4 pm Adult Sunfish 5 pm Steak Night		9 am Adult Learn to Sail 10 am Fl State Jr. Snipe Championship 9 am Adult Basic Keelboat	
7	8	9	10	11	9 am Junior's Fall Sailing	12
	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Past Night	Noon Rotary Club 4 pm Adult Sunfish 5 pm Steak Night		9 am Adult Basic Keelboat	
14	15	16	17	18	9 am Junior's Fall Sailing 11:30 BBYRA OD#9-CRYC 11:30 Miami Yacht Club Race	19
	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Past Night	Noon Rotary Club 4 pm Adult Sunfish 5 pm Steak Night 6 pm General Mtg 7 pm Board Mtg	Classic Boats/ Life Members, Dockside Rendezvous	9 am Jr. Fall Sailing 10 am Basic Keelboat Certification 5 pm Open House Jr. Commodores Cup Classic Boat Dockside Rendezvous	9 am Adult Sm. Boat Clinic/Rendezvous
21	22	23	24	25	Orange/Mango/Lime Cup-BBYC	27
	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Past Night	Noon Rotary Club 4 pm Adult Sunfish 5 pm Steak Night			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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.



Steak Thursday \$12.00

WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday Bar and Kitchen 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

