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MAY 2010

2010 Don Q Snipe Regatta

Forty-seven Snipes came to the City of Miami and Biscayne Bay to race in the 44th Annual Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta. The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Miami Snipe Fleet 7 and is sponsored annually by the Don Q Rum Destileria Serralles, Inc. This was a great international event with teams from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Italy, Brazil, Canada and Puerto Rico.

On Friday, Snipers waited for over an hour for the breeze to kick in. The first race was started after one general recall with a prep flag start at 1331. The course was a Windward Leeward course with a downwind finish. The breeze was at 5.8 kts from 325 degrees. As the breeze increased and changed direction we increased the second windward leg and signaled a change to starboard as the breeze was now at 0 degrees. The breeze stayed constant from 0 degrees until the last 8 boats were finishing when it shifted to 160 degrees sending those few

boats on a beat to a downwind finish. Henry and Christian Filter won race 1. The right side paid off big and Ernesto Rodriguez had a good lead only to be run down by the Filters at the downwind finish in a dying breeze. The second race was started at 14:54 under better conditions as the wind was now at 9.7 kts from 160 degrees. The course was once again a course W with a downwind finish. As the winds continued increasing the second weather leg was increased to 1.0 nm providing for some additional great sailing. Ernesto Rodriguez won race 2.

Saturday started with a light breeze of 8kts from 120 degrees and a slightly more aggressive fleet. The first attempt to start race three resulted in a general recall. The restart was a Z Flag start with no boats receiving penalties. The course was a course W. The wind which remained at 120 degrees decreased to 6 kts which resulted in the shortening of the leg from 1 nm to .8 nm. Race four was a Windward Leeward course with a downwind finish.

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COMMODORE’S REPORT



It's May and exciting times at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club! The executive committee is forging ahead with talks with the city to finalize a long awaited, long term lease. With continued support of the Mayor and City Officials we hope to have a detailed report in the near future.

Thanks to Alyn Pruett and Ron Canizares and all those who helped, the newly renovated Restaurant and Bar reopened too much fanfare with our Live Music Friday providing the venue. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the fantastic fare offered at the NEW CGSC. Remember Live Music every Friday Night with the best bands in Miami providing the music!

The event of the year, The Annual Rendezvous at Elliot Key, will be May 14-16. Plan to attend with your sailboat or on friends. I welcome everyone to come enjoy the best event of the year. Doug Hanks, Claire Ham and the rendezvous committee promise a fantastic time for all the family to enjoy. Let's make this the best attended rendezvous of the last 65 years.

Doug Hanks has agreed to serve out the rest of Claire Hamm's tenure this year as Rear Commodore. Doug will continue to Chair the entertainment committee and lead out Friday Night Live Music night extravaganza. We thank Claire for all the time and effort given to the club as Rear Commodore and the many years she has volunteered during many of our marquee events. GM Dragan is keeping things running smoothly, our new chef providing outstanding gastronomic offerings with our new menu.

Nick Mansbach is doing a great job with the waterfront and leading the CGSC racing team among the many things he tends to every day. Bill Beavers is supervising the moorings biannual inspection which should be completed in short order by our professional divers. Hurricane season is around the corner, start thinking about getting your boat in order for the upcoming hurricane season. Look for the Hurricane preparedness course led by Bill Beavers coming up in the near future.

The nominating committee will be posting our new candidates for the board and executive committee. Come to the annual meeting in June and support our hard working volunteers as they take their turn in leading CGSC towards the next 65 wonderful years of our iconic history.

Moorings are available on a first come first serve basis to the public with no membership required. Tell your friends of the best kept secret on Biscayne Bay. Look for our new sign age around the club announcing our moorings.

Go Sailing Now! The sailing season has been great this year. The Miami-Key Largo race our next big event in which CGSC teams will be competing for the top spot on the podium. I will be part of Mike Lovelady's team aboard Misty as we sail once again with a few hundred of our closest friends to Key Largo with the CGSC teams leading the way.

Bring your friends and family to see what's new at the sailing club and enjoy your time on the water. Encourage your friends and family to join the club today, get off the sidelines and take advantage of our new membership rates. The club is the most affordable in Miami for your access to Biscayne Bay.

I will see you at our Oasis on the Bay: The Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Nick Martens, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

As planned, it is time for our semi-annual moorings inspection, which should be well underway by the time you read this article. This effort, led by our moorings chairman Bill Beavers is a very important task that is undertaken every six months. The purpose is to make sure that all the club moorings are in good condition and capable of holding our boats firmly in place especially during high winds. The inspection process involves divers going into the water and checking every fitting, line and link of chain on each of the 196 moorings that are in service. It is amazing how corrosion and stress can wear down the heavy galvanized chain that we use to secure the pennants to the mooring itself, hence the need for our frequent inspections. As required, fittings and chain are replaced. As part of this process we will also be reviewing the placement of boats and moorings to ensure that every boat has an appropriate water depth and swing room.

With mooring inspections underway it is also a good time to start thinking about hurricane season which is only a month and a half away. As we all know, but it is worth reminding, our moorings are not structurally capable of holding our boats in-place in hurricane force winds. It is also worth pointing out that while you may have heard that screw – down moorings (as opposed to the dead-weight moorings at CGSC) can resist hurricane force winds, the hurricanes of 2004/2005 proved that even that type of mooring does not guarantee safety. Therefore, we all have to be prepared to move our boats to safer locations in the event of a hurricane heading for Miami. Please check your moorings agreement to better understand the specific requirements for club members.

While moving our boats is definitely not a fun day on the

REAR COMMODORE REPORT

It's an honor to take over as acting Rear Commodore with the departure of Clare Hamm for Stuart as she and PC Jack Hamm make the move north for Jack's job. The CGSC has many people to be thankful for in its 65-year history, but Jack and Clare deserve a top slot when we look back at the Club's revival over the past decade. I know you'll join me in thanking Clare and Jack for all their service to the CGSC – plus insist that we see them at the Grove's Nest as often as possible.

I'd like to use my first Rear Commodore Report to highlight perhaps the most valuable asset we have: the CGSC Race Committee. This group of volunteers enjoys as reputation as one of the best on Biscayne Bay, if not all of Southeast Florida. We are now attracting world-class regattas (most notably, the recent Melges winter series) thanks to their skill and dedication.

But don't let that pedigree intimidate you. I'm not writing just to brag. I'm writing to urge all CGSC members to support the Race Committee with their time. Of course, one of the best ways to support the Race Committee is to get out there and race! But for those of us not planning to be on the line for the next race, working on the RC boats can be a great way to enjoy the day.

I've spent some days on mark boats over the past year. It mostly involves hauling up anchor lines and tossing them again

water, we are fortunate, as a club that our members all pull together during these events. I was fortunate as a new member back in 2004 to have Bud Price teach me how to secure my boat with multiple anchors, in the face of hurricanes Frances, Charlie and Jeanne. I also remember Bill Beavers and others showing me the Marine Stadium anchorage. And most recently Phil Kellet and Joanne Pszeny showing me how to secure my boat in the mangroves of the Gables waterway. That is the great thing about our club – members helping each other through the tough times – and enjoying our company during the good times. If you are new to the club or owning a boat, look for our Hurricane Safety Seminars that the club will be offering in the coming months. These free events are open to the public at no charge and give participants valuable information about useful / necessary equipment and how to prepare your boat to survive a hurricane event. Also feel free to ask another member about their equipment, plans and experience in hurricanes and tropical storms. Sharing our knowledge and experience is a key part of the CGSC mission and experience.

That's all for this month. As always if you have any comments or ideas about improving our club I want to hear them. You can catch me at the club or email me at apruett@cg.wrtddesign.com.

See you on the Bay and at the Club

Alyn Pruett, Vice Commodore

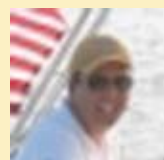


precisely when the race officer in charge gives the word. No expertise required on my end – but it was certainly great to be some exciting sailing action. I quickly understood the Race Committee's motto: "Serious Fun."

You can volunteer by contacting Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt at walcutts@bellsouth.net. You can also just drop by the monthly Race Committee meeting. They hold it the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Just grab a seat and listen to the evening's presentation. You can sign up afterwards.

Also, the RC really needs some Committee Boats. This is a true honor – a chance to show-off your vessel, host some dedicated volunteers and generally enjoy the day. Committee Boats don't have to be too large—usually anything 28-feet or longer will be fine. The CGSC provides food and drink for the whole crew.

Let's make it a goal for this upcoming year to double both the size of our Race Committee and our fleet of Committee Boats. It's the best way to ensure the CGSC's place of honor on Biscayne Bay for years to come.



*Doug Hanks,
Rear Commodore*



From The Manager.....

I would like to dedicate this month's article to our new bar/restaurant. As you know, we have completed refurbishment on the 1st of April and reopened on Friday, the 2nd. As many members have told me, the difference is staggering. New, white color of the paint on walls opens up

the space and makes the area look bigger. Wooden floor and clean, uninterrupted edge line of the bar add to the overall crisp, fresh look of the new bar. And Tara's new American Brasserie menu is receiving positive comments as well. So, put all together, I am very happy with the outcome of our refurbishment and would like to use this opportunity to invite all members that did not visit us yet to stop by any day of the week and give us a try.

With new "Theme Nights" that started last month, I believe we can offer something for everyone. As I mentioned in the previous issue, our Wednesday Pasta Special has now grown to "Italian Fiesta" Night that will feature 3 Course Pre-Fix Menu of Italian Specialties that can be ordered separately as well. We are featuring few appetizers, several main course dishes and a dessert, all with heavy Italian accent. Thursday steak special on the other hand is now our new "Burger Fest Thursday", a night of Angus Beef Patty Burgers with four special recipes featured by Chef Tara. The recipes will change every month and I would strongly recommend to all that love hearty burgers to try them out!

We have also added some super premium spirits to our list. Grey Goose Vodka and Centenario Tequila are in!! Earlier we have added Johnny Walker Black Label Scotch Whisky and even earlier another Scotch in the same quality level - Chivas Regal. Also, all new wines, chosen at CGSC First Wine Lecture and Tasting conducted in February are now fully available. Our monthly beer special is - Guinness!! Come and try Commodore's burger with a pint of this lovely creamy Irish Stout.

Now, few words on our new menu. Tara has worked hard since her arrival at the Club to source some new, good quality and

fresh ingredients. Her search has resulted in our new menu that features only fresh produce, breads from well known Miami area Bakery and items that are soul pleasing, but also several that are designed to be nice to one's arteries. So, it is a fusion approach, something for everyone. Some recipes are similar to the ones the Club had before, but many are new. I would like to encourage members to give us a feedback on new menu items. You can either talk to me in person with your ideas, suggestion, and critiques or email me at dragansavin@cgsc.org. Your feedback is essential for the menu's success!!

We are continuing with our "Friday Live Music Night" thru rest of the spring and into early summer. Few new bands are lined up as well as House favorites like "Solar Dogs". These nights seem to have steady increase in popularity, providing some excellent music, great sailor fellowship and hearty food and drinks. Perfect reasons to keep coming or, if you haven't done it yet, to check it out now.

That's all folks... see you all at the Club....

Dragan Savin

Following up after Doug Hanks' very successful February & March seminars
BUYING A SAILBOAT 101
Coconut Grove Sailing Club is pleased to announce a **FREE** new seminar
SAILBOAT RACING 101
With long-time CGSC Race Chair Ron Rostorfer
Saturday, May 22, 2010 - 0900 -
more details to follow
Register in advance with Lauren Simpson in the
CGSC office
305-444-4571, Ext. 10, or
OfficeAssistant@cgsc.org

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.



Thursday Burgerfest

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

Adult Sailing

April 2010 was a milestone month for your Adult Training Committee. We "doubled-up" one of our classes and had the most Basic Keelboat students in one month since adding the BASIC KEELBOAT training to our Adult Training Curriculum. This was necessary due to the continued increased interest in Basic Keelboat training and the chance for graduates to become Basic Keelboat Certified through our affiliation with US Sailing. Further, this was possible with the addition of a second instructor for a two-boat class. We see nothing but continued growth with the keelboat segment of our total Adult Training program.

Basic Keelboat classes are available on the second (2nd) weekend and again on the third (3rd) weekend of each month. In one of our April classes, every student was a referral from either a member or a previous keelboat student. We also had a student who signed up as a result of our panel, hosted by Doug Hanks, at the recent Miami Boat Show. The student also met our Javier Prado there, who also encouraged him regarding sailing. He has bought a 26 foot keelboat and will be joining the club in July..... way to go, Doug and Javier.

Sunfish Sailors take Note..... The regular Thursday Sunfish clinic has moved to 4PM - 7PM each Thursday for the warm weather season. Bring your own Sunfish or use one of ours. This fun event is now in its third (3rd) year. We make this change each year at this time to also accommodate the Summer Camp students who use our Sunfish fleet during the ten (10) weeks of camp. If you have taken the Sunfish Learn-

to-Sail course or if you have experience sailing a Sunfish, you are welcome to join our happy Thursday group. For more information, contact Richard (see below).

May 2010 - Adult Training Schedule is as follows:

May 6, 13, 20 and 27:

Adult Sunfish Clinics - Thursdays 4PM to 7PM.

May 8 - 9:

Adult Learn-to-Sail Course - Sunfish - 9AM - 4PM

Adult Basic Keelboat Course - 9AM - 4PM

May 15 - 16:

Basic Keelboat Course - 9AM - 4PM

May 23:

Small Boat Clinic / Rendezvous - 9AM - 3PM

Thanks to our Officers, Members and Staff for their continued support for our growing Adult Training program. If interested in finding out more about our classes or volunteering to help with our program, please contact Richard (below) or Nick at the club office (Ext. 11).

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing to ALL,
Richard Crisler, Chairman
Adult Training Committee
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The breeze was now at 140 degrees however the first attempt to start resulted in a general recall and Z flag penalties to various competitors. The second attempt was successful despite a few OCS. The legs were set at 1 nm. Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero did a great job and won both races.

Race 5 on Sunday started in a brisk 16kts of breeze from 155 degrees. The fleet was sent on an Olympic course with 1.20 nm legs. The breeze dissipated to 9 kts resulting in a shortening of the windward leg to .9nm. Further decreases in the breeze resulted in the shortening of the downwind leg to .6 nm. As the breeze continued to decrease the last upwind leg was reduced to .5nm. The race was finished within the time limit with 7 minutes to spare however an error in the signaling of a course change at the weather mark resulted in a request for redress which outcome was the throwing out of the 5th race by the judges' panel. It was unfortunate since the Race Committee did a stellar job in changing marks during the races and setting courses and monitoring starts all regatta. That is sailboat racing!

6th Place Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero with Commodore Nick Martens.



1st Place went to Ernesto Rodriguez and Mary Hall.

Many thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the volunteers in Race Committee: PRO and Scorer Jaime Ramon, the Signal boat for the regatta was the S/V Otra Cuba Libre owned by Marc Buller who was also our gunner. The Mark boat on Friday was manned by Susan Walcutt and Barry Simons while the on Saturday and Sunday it was manned by Brian Fink (owner), Laura Fink and Susan Walcutt. The Pin boat was manned throughout the regatta by Ron Rostorfer together with Frank Jansen who was accompanied by Jim Waldron on Saturday and Geoff Sutcliff on Sunday. On the Signal boat we had Dottie Rostorfer as scribe; Liz Balbin on flags as well as scribe; Marvin Schenker and Jo Ann Mathieu as timers; Paco Calvet and Kit Temple on flags; Brainard Cooper as the class representative. The Protest Committee was comprised of Jere Woltz, USS Senior Judge, Elliot Levy, International Judge, and Jane Ann Pincus, US Sailing Judge, SCIRA rep Brainard Cooper, Regatta Chair Old Man Diaz, Entertainment Carmen Diaz and her team and Club management and many others.

Biscayne Bay is one of the greatest places to race small sailboats. The competition at this event is outstanding. Come and sail the Don Q next year and join the fun.

Gonzalo Diaz

Join
CGSC's
Race Committee Team

A rewarding day on the Bay!

Contact Susan Walcutt
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Spring Break

NOTE: STUDENTS FROM BELEN AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMIES ENJOYED SPRING BREAK LEARNING TO SAIL AT THE CLUB. HERE IS A STORY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AT CGSC DURING THEIR SPRING BREAK CAMP

My experience at the CGSC was amazing! My sister and I joined in our free time for spring break to learn how to sail. It was an unforgettable experience. To tell you the truth, I didn't want to go to the camp at first, but on the first day I had a blast! Our instructor, Koki, is the coolest instructor ever! He helped me a lot in learning how to sail and his famous words: "Teter in the meter!" What he was really trying to say was "Tiller in the middle!" and this, surprisingly, helped me remember what I had to do when I was losing control of the sail. On my first day, I had never sailed before; when I first got on the boat I honestly didn't know what I was doing. I would be in the "no-go zone" most of the time in which the wind is coming from where your sail is so you're not moving. I didn't know how to get out of that and so I capsized. Brrrrrrrr...the water was so cold! To uncapsize your sail boat, you have to pull the dagger board with all your weight. With me, being the youngest person in the whole group, couldn't uncapsize my boat because it weighed more than I did! Alex, another counselor, had to help me bring the sail back up. This happened to me countless times on my first and second day of camp. But as the week went on, I was improving so much that on the third day I didn't capsize once! That third day was, I think, the funniest day of that week because we had a little "Party"! We brought music and food to the Key Biscayne Sandbar. Everyone was really nice especially Koki. He was the best! I credit him for more than 90% percent of the fun I had in the CGSC. My experience was the best and I'm definitely coming next year. Can't wait!

Enrique J. Mercado



Youth Sailing

Altho all, another busy month of sailing activities for both youth and adult sailing. Last time we talked we were on the verge of traveling to Jensen Beach for The Spring Opti Festival at the US Sailing Center in Martin County. Let me just say that particular regatta was one of my proudest moments since I signed on four years ago. Conditions for the regatta started out a little cold and wet (as usual every time we visit there) but turned out to be spectacular. The 5 kids that attended were all anxious to get started as wind predictions were forecast to pick up over 15 knots, and that can be a little intimidating for the Greener Green Fleeters. After the skippers meeting on Saturday we were off to the course for the first warning to start racing. There were 16 boats registered for Green Fleet and during the first day of racing it was crystal clear that CGSC was THE force to be reckoned with. With winds picking up as predicted I began to see more and more boat bottoms and dagger boards sticking up in the air and after getting in six races all the kids looked as if they “were road hard and put up wet”. After getting everyone back on shore to begin the process of washing down, de-rigging, and put all the gear away for the night, Jose Dapena, two of the kids on our race team’s Dad announced “Barbeque at my hotel tonight at 6:30”. Jose who is one of our most dedicated parents, and who is also very much liked by all in our group, and who is also a guy you really don’t want to say “no” to. So it was all set, party at Jose’s tonight.

After arriving back at our hotel it was time to hit the showers and get ready for some much needed R&R. Mike McHugh (our Green Fleet coach) and I arrived at the prescribed time to find that it was a great turnout, all of our kids and their parents were in attendance. Upon arrival both Mike and I were handed the customary adult beverage and began the task of unwinding and relaxing. Although we (parents and coaches) were pretty

worn out from all the activity of the day, we were all amazed that all the kids were running, jumping, yelling, swimming and basically everything else an adolescent can think of, where do they get it?

After our cocktails and some lighthearted conversation, it was time to start getting things ready for dinner. Jose and Matthew Gold, another one of the parent sauntered over to the grilling area to begin what turned out to be a great dinner, with all the Mom’s in the kitchen preparing all kinds of great side dishes for the feast, and the kids having now moved inside to play video games, it was finally time to eat. There was enough food to feed a small army and one of the best meals I’ve had while on the road at regattas. After what seemed like hours of eating it was time to start the clean up process. Have you all ever noticed when it’s clean up time how quickly kids can disappear? Just when I thought the evening was winding down and coming to an end, I was surprised to see all the kids and parents huddled together and walking towards me, another surprise, a birthday cake and song to celebrate my 40 something year. After many hugs, kisses and well wishes we headed back to the hotel for some much needed rest to be in shape for the final day of racing on Sunday.

We awoke to almost perfect conditions that morning with winds in the 10 knot range with temps in the low 70’s and nothing but blue skies. The first warning that morning was scheduled at 10:30 out on the race course. After checking all the kids’ boats, we were off for what I hoped would be a great day. The schedule was to get in six additional races so the kids could get two “throw outs” and improve on their already impressive



standings. As the day progressed so did the winds and I once again started to see more of those telltale boat bottoms and sky aimed dagger boards and I could tell that they were getting ready to wrap it up for the day. After completing 12 races in two days it was finally time to see how we did, and we did extremely well. Out of the five kids racing in Green Fleet all five were awarded prizes, the standings are as follows: Jose Dapena, 1st place, Santiago Holz, 2nd place, Max Gold, 3rd place, Alejandro Holz, 4th place, And what I consider the most prestigious award: Andres Dapena, "The Wettest Sailor", for hanging in there for 12 races and being upside down almost as much as being right side up! This was Andres' first regatta and he actually placed 12th out of 16 boats, quite an accomplishment for a young man who only weighs about 50 pounds in winds over 15 knots.

The awards ceremony was one I will never forget as I saw all of those blue CGSC rash guards standing in a row, a proud moment to say the least. I'm including some photos of this regatta for all to see.

With the Spring Opti Fest now in the record books it was time to get back to reality and get ready for our next event, The Fourth Annual Rotary Club Of Coconut Grove's Spring Break Camp & Regatta on the 29th of March thru the 1st of April, This regatta's theme is "Kids Helping Kids" and is a fundraiser to help kids who couldn't otherwise afford to learn to sail. This year we raised \$4500, which will go right back into our local community in the form of scholarships for summer camp. This year was our biggest to date with 25 kids in attendance learning, racing and having fun with the last day being an actual regatta with race committee scoring the event. This year we had four different classes, Beginner (first time sailors), Opti Green Fleet, Opti Red, White, & Blue and Lasers, racing on two different courses with the Beginner group being scored right off the dock here in our harbor. After the final day of racing it was time for a barbeque and awards.

There were three trophies for each division and participation awards and t-shirts for all participants.

Immediately following the Spring Break Camp & Regatta it was off to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club for the Southeast Dinghy Championships on the very next day. Another thing I'm very proud of is the re-launch of CGSC's Laser team. We currently have 8 enrolled in this program with a 4 time Cuban National Laser Champion, "Koky" Gutierrez as their coach who has taken this team to new levels since we began. Although for most of the sailors on our team this is their first year in Laser's, Koky has done a stellar job bringing them into top ten finishes in almost every event we've visited, and this regatta was not the exception with two of our sailors placing in the top ten.

Another first for CGSC was this year's "private school" spring break camp which we did the week of March 5th thru the 9th. The two schools that we hosted were Belen and Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, with a total of eight students. These were all first time sailors and under Koky's guidance had a great week of learning and fun. Look for their story in the edition as I've asked them to put a little something together describing their experience here at CGSC.

With this sailing season coming to an end, that can only mean one thing, SUMMER CAMP!!! The dates for this year's camp are already up on our website, along with all the necessary forms for parents to send in to secure a spot in what I'm sure will be "Our Best Summer Yet". As with years past we will be running a total of 5 two week sessions beginning in June and ending in August. This is the fourth consecutive year that we haven't increased our cost for camp; we always want to be known as the affordable place to sail, for both youth and adults.

I know that this is a long one but remember, I warned you that we've been busy...

That's all for now
Nick



YOUTH RACERS

Photos furnished by [Laura Ferreira de Melo Holz](#)

Pig Roast

It was a bad day to be a pig at the CGSC. Our Second Annual Spring Pig Roast jumped into gear Sat., April 10th, with a big crowd and tons of slow-roasted pork. Julia Cornide organized our kids' activities--- Pin the Nose on the Pig was a huge hit. (Not to mention the Charlotte's Web screening upstairs.) And, like last year, Vlad Stroleny supervised our cooking crew all day-- plus fixed a flaw in the concrete cooker we built. Thanks Vlad, once again!

Chef Tara and Moose wrestled our two pigs into some impressive mojo, along with preparing the pigs for cooking. That was a luxury we didn't have last year. And they also cooked up an impressive buffet of sides to go with the meat. Members were lined up 20-deep for dinner, as Piano Bob's 88s played some dinnertime music. The rain held off, and the Rendezvous Goombay Bar was the place to be. (Hardly a surprise.)

Thanks to everyone who helped make the party a hit (including all of our Pig Makers!) and to everyone who bought tickets.

You helped keep a new CGSC tradition going strong.
Doug Hanks



Etchell's Regatta

Editors Note: Samantha Kassner started in the CGSC's Learn to Sail program four years ago and has progressed from Opti to 420. This is her story of an exciting sailing weekend!

A few weeks ago I had an opportunity to race an Etchell sailboat in a National Regatta. It was without a doubt the most incredible experience in sailing I have ever had. It all started one Thursday afternoon when my mom picked me up from school and asked me if I would be interested in crewing on a sailboat for the weekend. She told me that Nick had asked if I wanted to learn how to crew on an Etchell sailboat. I have sailed Optis, Lasers and even a 420; however, to be quite honest, I didn't know what an "Etchell" was other than it must be some sort of sailboat.



Apparently, there were 3 guys down from New York who needed someone who could sail and weighed less than 90 lbs. For once in my life, my weight came in handy. I met the guys, got weighed

in and found myself onboard an incredible sailboat. And if there is anything that I learned while sailing the Etchell it is that teamwork is critical. An Etchell is a 30ft. boat with many controls and lines that need to be handled a specific way so no one man can sail it. You are always relying on other people to be where you need them at the right time and in the right place. On this boat the skipper is never just thinking of himself. The skipper turns to the crew for suggestions on everything and the crew turns to the skipper for the final decision. I'm proud to report that we placed 3rd in two of our races. Needless to say we could not have been more thrilled.

That weekend really opened my eyes to what I have to do when I am skippering my own 420. I am incredibly grateful to both Nick and the guys who gave me this chance to have such an amazing sailing experience under my belt. I honestly believe and hope that this experience has helped me become a better sailor. By the way, I can assure you that one day I plan on owning my own Etchell!

Sami



View from the Signal Boat



The 3rd and final Regatta of the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series was held on March 10-13, in conjunction with Bacardi Miami Sail Week. The Melges Circle included 14 Melges 20s and 8 Melges 24s. We had very favorable feedback from all the Melges, with the Melges 24 fleet considering joining the Melges 20 Miami Winter Regatta Series next year. If they do, it will bring additional revenue to the Club as the 24's are one of the largest fleets in the US. Thank you Ron Rostorfer for ALL the work that was involved in bring this new Regatta Series to CGSC.

The 44th Annual Don Q Snipe Regatta, which was a qualifier for the Snipe Western Hemisphere, was held on March 19-21. We had 44 entrants from 9 different countries for 3 days of racing. PRO Jaime Ramon had every possible weather condition on the Bay for the 3 days except for blowing snow. At the end of each day, sailors were met with Don Q daiquiris when they reached our docks. We look forward to welcoming them back next year for the 45th Don Q.

The Coconut Grove Rotary sponsored a Sailing Camp for kids during Spring Break. The Camp attendees had sailing lessons Monday through Wednesday and finished with a Regatta on Thursday, April 1st. We had 4 Classes racing: Beginner, the Opti Green Fleet, the Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet and Lasers. A special Thank You to Jane Anne Pincus who was the onshore PRO for the Beginner Fleet and who provided an explanation of protest rules and procedures for some of the sailors in the RWB and Laser fleets after the Awards.

Our Race Committee is now taking a well deserved vacation from RC duties for 2 months before our next Regatta - Goombay at the end of May.

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club Race Committee is always looking for new recruits. There are many job requirements for every race or regatta, both on shore and on the Bay. Sailing and/or racing experience is helpful but not required. We hold RC classes on shore and coaching on the water to train our volunteers throughout the year. Contact me if you are interested...it is a wonderful way to spend a day on Biscayne Bay and help our Club at the same time.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

RECORD WINTER REGATTA SEASON FOR CGSC:

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted eleven regattas during our four month winter season, November 21 thru March 21. This was easily the busiest winter regatta season in the Club's history, averaging just under three regattas per month. Our Race Committee was on the water 29 days during this period, almost 25% of the time. Entry fee revenues topped \$21,000, not including food and bar revenue from the hundreds of racers who sailed in our regattas.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to Vice Commodore Alyn Pruett for having great vision of the Grove's Nest as never represented before, creating and developing a polished environment at our club at a new level, putting a shine on CGSC. Grove's Nest remodeling could not have been completed on time without Chiara Maher, Javier and Claudia Prado, Adrienne Peters, Janice Pruett, Clare Hamm, Doug Hanks, the Grove's Nest Staff, and Oyster Maher, too. WOW! Come see it!

Thank you to Chef Tara for your addition to the Grove's Nest with a completely reworked menu and showing off your culinary talents to a new level CGSC has not known it can achieve.

Thank you to Manager Dragan, too, for your dedication supporting both important projects above to put professional shine on CGSC. What a shiny new professional reflection to enjoy.

Thank you to Rear Commodore Doug Hanks, Social Committee Chair Janice Pruett, Annual Rendezvous Chair Clare Hamm, for organizing the Annual Pig Roast and the upcoming Annual Rendezvous on May 15th. Sign up early for your spot on "Castaways Island" at Elliott Key for a full weekend of remote fun and frivolity with your CGSC friends.

Thank you continues with Race Committee Volunteers for the successful Melges Race Series. It was very impressive handling of all that activity over three months with increasing participation at every regatta, with a very large Bacardi Regatta hospitality party hosted by CGSC to show off our new facilities. That was really fun!

Thank you to CGSC Board Member Dan Maher, PE, Civil Engineer with CDM Consultants, having the insight and support for CGSC in efforts of compliances with the Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM). DERM completed inspections of CGSC for environmental compliances, auditing the property use, management, and care-systems for the environment on CGSC waterfront. Dan's group, CDM Consultants, donated to CGSC as a 501c7 organization, a very appropriate oil-waste collection and storage pallet system. The system exceeded DERM expectations, setting an additional new level to CGSC property care and waterfront management tools. The new pallet system is in a new location for easier access for all persons needing to properly dispose of oily waste any time. CGSC has completed DERM compliances with the donation from CDM Consultants. Thank you again to CDM Consultants for supporting organizations to maintain our natural environment with new tools and technology.

Thank you to many more CGSC Volunteers too numerous to list complete, but a few here: Peter Branning (Great Advice), Charlie and Cherie Branning (CHANNEL Editors), Jo Ann Mathieu (Web Site Manager), and Richard Crisler (Sailing Instruction and Certification).

There are some Volunteers not mentioned as limited by space, but will pick up this lengthy Thank You list next month. CGSC has priceless Volunteers!

CGSC ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS at ELLIOT KEY WEEKEND OF MAY 15th

CGSC members will be getting shipwrecked in May, with a request not to be rescued until we're ready. This year's theme for our Annual Rendezvous: Castaways.

We'll be setting our castaway camp on an uncharted isle that the natives call Elliott Key. The good news is we plan to be shipwrecked with a significant store of provisions and diversions. We'll have a telescope set up to look for rescue ships. Don't be surprised to find a message in a bottle, or a scavenger hunt across this strange island where we'll find ourselves shipwrecked (luckily with a Goombay Bar and a grill). And of course, we're hoping everyone will dress as their favorite castaway – look for lots of Gilligan hats and Ginger evening gowns.

Friday night will begin with the traditional raft-up and potluck dinner, along with the famous CGSC Bean Soup. Saturday we head for shore and a day of food, drink, games and fun. Remember the blindfolded kayak races from last year? And that wild scavenger hunt, with adults and kids jumping overboard for clues? Expect all of that and more.

For more details on reservations, prices and a full schedule, visit cgsc.org/castaways

If you've never been to an Annual Rendezvous, make this your first year. Questions? Please email Acting Rear Commodore Doug Hanks at ensignmiami@gmail.com

Meanwhile, please enjoy the official CGSC Annual Rendezvous 2010 song:

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale
A tale of a weekend trip
That started at the Sailing Club
Aboard some motley ships

The mates tossed the mooring lines away
The skippers southward steered
Forget the dark clouds to the east
It's the mosquitoes that we feared
... the mosquitoes that we feared

The compasses they worked fine that day
But cell phones all were tossed
Ships vanished on the course we set
For three days, we got lost
For three days, we got lost

The fleet dropped their hooks off the shore of this
Uncharted Biscayne Isle

With a Goombay Bar
and Bean Soup, too



MAY 2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing	
					1	2
	6 pm Taco Night 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Italian Night	12 pm Rotary Club 4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Music	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> 9am Adult Learn to Sail-Sunfish Class 9am Adult Basic Keelboat Course </div>	
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	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Italian Night	12 pm Rotary Club 4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Music	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Adult Basic Keelboat - 9AM </div>	
10	11	12	13	14	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%;"> Annual Rendezvous </div>	
	6 pm Dollar Dogs 7:30 Sea Scouts	5 pm Italian Night	12 pm Rotary Club 4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 5 pm Burgerfest	Live Music	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing 9am and 2pm Buying a Sailboat 101	9am Small Boat Clinic/Rendezvous
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
30	6 pm Dollar Dogs	5 pm Italian Night 5:30 Marine Lecture @ Rosensteil School	12 pm Rotary Club 4 Adult Sunfish Clinic 5 pm Burgerfest 6:30 General Mtg. 7:30 Officer Board Mtg	Live Music	*Beginner level sailing *Green Fl./Beg.racing *Red, White, & Blue/ advanced racing *Laser/420/Flying Junior racing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Goombay Regatta </div>	
31	25	26	27	28	29	30





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Barnacle Washington's Birthday Regatta

The CGSC Race Committee ran the Barnacle Classic Boat Regatta this February under threatens skies and a lively breeze. The regatta features an assortment of classic small boats and was enjoyed by all. The skies opened up as the regatta ended but didn't dampen spirits at the Barnacle's chowder party following the regatta.

