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## **GREAT WEATHER FOR CGSC ANNUAL PHRF REGATTA!**

The summer weather in south Florida has turned to fall! At least, that was the indication on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for CGSC's Annual Regatta for PHRF boats. It was bright sunshine, temperatures in the low 80's and a northeast breeze in the 7-14 knot range as the day went on.

The race course was set up way out into the Bay in order to have a gybe mark that wouldn't run anybody aground on their way to or from. The wind direction was moving a bit, but seemed to average about 035 degrees, and the fleet was sent in that direction for Race 1. The cruising fleet, aka PHRF 4, along with the PHRF 3 boats started together first and sailed to the shorter of two weather marks. PHRF 4 sailed a triangle

course and PHRF 3 sailed a windward-leeward twice around course. PHRF 1 and 2, starting together as well, sailed a longer course, also windward-leeward twice around.



Stuart Hebb of CRYC in his Aerodyne 38 Thin Ice and CGSC's Eduardo Luaces on the Lindenberg 28 were the winners in PHRF 1 and 2 – a sign of things to come. Karen Mitchell of SALM took PHRF 2 aboard the Sonar Sailingforlife.com, while CGSC's Gerry & Liz Marston on their Hunter 29.5 Deadline took PHRF 4 over CGSC's Bill Beavers and his Tartan 30, Finesse.

Things were starting to get just a bit funky wind-wise by the start of Race 2. It was showing progress

wise by the start of Race 2. It was showing progress to the right, especially in the gusts, but would cycle back to about where it had been. The fleet was again sent off at 035 degrees, but on different courses than Race 1 except for PHRF 3. Next month's Southeast Florida PHRF Championships (hosted by CGSC) will feature a "Bay tour" distance race on the final day. In order to warm up the PHRF 1 & 2 fleet for this, they were sent on a triangle-windward-leeward course. The wind moved decidedly to the right during this race, so for the second windward leg, PHRF 1-3 were sent on a 055 degree bearing. Gusts were coming from as far right as 080 degrees, but would quickly return.

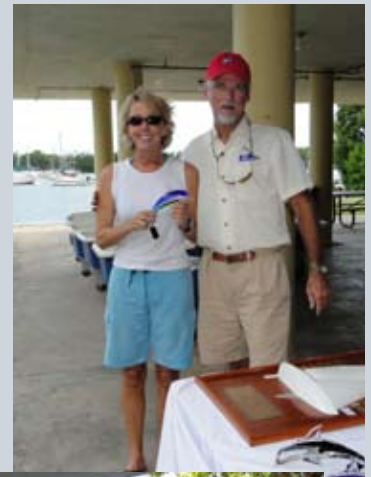
The cruising boats in PHRF 4 finished their shorter course triangle in Race 1 pretty quickly, so they were stretched out to the long windward mark for Race 2's triangle course. Thin Ice, Tiburon, and Sailingforlife.com again took care of business in PHRF 1 thru 3, but PHRF 4 saw a change as Finesse bested Deadline. This evened the score, and set up a deciding Race 3.

For Race 3, all fleets were sent on windward-leeward twice around courses. The wind steadied down, built a bit, and an excellent race ensued as the finale for the regatta. No change in the winners for PHRF 1 through 3, and hence the Regatta. In the "rubber match" of PHRF 4, it was Deadline taking the victory for the race and the Regatta. All together, 12 boats were racing.

The trophy presentation and BBQ cookout at CGSC was a happy affair, with lots of race stories being shared. Race Chair Susan Walcutt's unique trophies were embroidered small insulated carry bags, each chilled in the Dock Office fridge and containing a special liquid gift inside! They were a big hit. CGSC Commodore Alyn Pruett presented the trophies to the happy podium finishers.

Our Race Committee did an excellent job keeping up with the shifting breeze. The Signal Boat was Juan Torres' Beneteau 42 Sono III. Thank you, Juan! PRO was Ron Rostorfer, timer, sounder and scorer was Susan Walcutt, Carolyn Smith did the recording, while Roberto Arruda handled the flags. Up to windward on Mako 2 were Skipper Larry Whipple and Revati Roberts. CGSC's Key West was Pin Boat, with Skipper Mark Lowell and Susan Schultz. Thanks to all.

Ron Rostorfer



### Results – CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta

<u>Position</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
<u>PHRF 1</u>			
1	<i>Thin Ice</i>	Stuart Hebb	3
2	<i>Pipe Dream XIV</i>	Scott & Tom Piper	7
3	<i>Dutch Treat</i>	Randy Clee	
4	<i>Three Way</i>	Raymond/Prandini/Ewing	10
<u>PHRF 2</u>			
1	<i>Tiburon</i>	Eduardo Luaces	3
2	<i>Hot Air III</i>	David Berg	6
<u>PHRF 3</u>			
1	<i>Sailingforlife.com</i>	Karen Mitchell	3
2	<i>BlewByYou</i>	Carie Gruson	7
<u>PHRF 4</u>			
1	<i>Deadline</i>	Gerry & Liz Marston	4
2	<i>Finesse</i>	Bill Beavers	5
3	<i>St. Clair</i>	Rick Hall	9
4	<i>Cygnus</i>	Lawrence Michaels	14



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*The "Old Man" racing his Snipe. Photo taken by Fried Elliott, [friedbits.com](http://friedbits.com), or Laser racing in the Olympic Class Regatta.*

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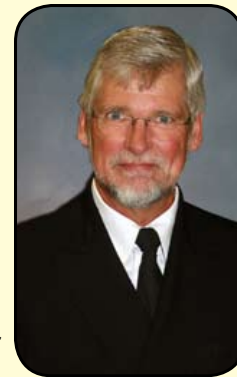
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



It definitely feels like fall at the CGSC! Hurricane season is winding down - exciting racing events are happening every weekend – youth programs are running every Saturday - annual holiday events are starting to happen. It is a wonderful time to be a member of our great club. In addition to the many activities happening there are a lot of other “business” items moving along as well. First I am happy to say that we have had a significant number of new members join our club since the membership structure change was approved at our annual meeting in June. Several recent new members reported they joined the club because of our member boat-use program. This is a testament to the value CGSC offers to our members and the community and offers the exciting opportunity to expand participation in every aspect of our sailing and many other activities. I can definitely sense an increased level of activity and energy around the club these days! Please welcome our new members when you meet them and encourage them to get active in the CGSC.

I am also happy to report another positive item. The City of Miami has recently received the two appraisals of the CGSC property that are required in order to move forward with our lease negotiations. These appraisals, conducted by independent contractors to the City will be used as the basis for determining the fair “value” rent that the City should charge CGSC for our use of the upland (Clubhouse, strip, parking) and the submerged lands (mooring field). While there is a lot of technical information in the appraisals, it appears that they are very close in their estimates of an appropriate rental rate, which is in fact somewhat lower than our current rental rate. This means that we can now move to the next phase of negotiations, which will address actual terms of the lease – the time frame, rent, extensions, and other details. We remain hopeful that we can conclude a new lease early next year.

I also want to report briefly on our main dock. As you all know by now we had to replace two rotted cross members. While our dock is now fully functional we believe it is prudent to move forward with plans to ultimately replace the entire structure. Since 1992 when hurricane Andrew did significant damage to the entire Coconut Grove waterfront, our dock has weathered numerous hurricane and tropical storm events. The process to replace the dock will begin with applying for a permit. This is a lengthy process that will involve submissions to the State, the Army Corps of Engineers, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. In this process the CGSC is committed not only to meet the requirements of the permits, but to “do the right thing” in terms of environmental stewardship.

We have been told that it may take 6 months or more to go through this process. As we begin the permitting we will also obtain professional

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recommendations for the type of dock we should install. There is some thought that a floating dock - or combination of fixed and floating dock would serve us better than our current fixed one. However there are many considerations involved in the selection, including cost, "permit - ability" and constructability. The exact timing for replacing the dock has not been set and we will certainly not move forward until we have a lease in place. Fortunately we have been told that once received, the environmental permits are good for several years. This gives us a lot of flexibility in the timing to replace the dock. This will

be a complex but necessary project. Look for more updates as we move forward.

I am also happy to report that we have recently experienced an increase of inquiries from boat owners about our mooring field. While it is too early to draw any conclusions from this, it is a positive indicator that we will continue to closely monitor as we move forward with our marketing efforts to increase the occupancy of our moorings.

That's all for this month. See you at the Club and on the Bay

*Alyn Pruett,  
Commodore*

## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

### **C**ARRIBBEAN SPICE WEDNESDAYS!

Yeah, Mon! If you haven't been to the Club on a Wednesday night for a Caribbean Spice Special dinner, you need to go! It's a whole trip to the Islands without ever leaving the Club. Chef Tara does yet another splendid job. By the way, you can also order from the Regular Menu. Dinner hours are 5 to 9 pm.

### WORK WEEKEND

CGSC's annual Work Weekend is upon us, Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14. We've been fine tuning the projects list, so please come down to the Club for Saturday and/or Sunday and contribute to the upkeep of our Club property with other Members. Our keynote project will be the construction and placement of a new dock for the club Launch. As usual, lunch and a free keg at the end of the day will be provided.

Tom Reese and Nick Mansbach are working hard to order and arrange delivery of our key materials and supplies. So, here's the breakdown of things we'll be working on, and our work leaders. I'm setting this out now so you can think about what you would like to do, and come to the Club prepared to assist in those areas - that is, proper clothing, some tools, paint brushes, etc. depending on your choice.

### Landscape and Parking Lot - Leaders Karen Young and Cathy Buller

Weeding, trimming, mulching and cleaning up

### Building - Leader Sean Connett

Prepping and painting several places around the Club, including the upstairs railing and some furniture, installing plastic lattice on ramp to upper level

### Strip Area - Leader Bud Price

Hoist servicing, new Sunbrella awning over work bench, North Gate refurbishing, clean up

### Club Boats - Bill Braddon

Replace non-skid on steps in the Club Launch, clean up all Club power boats

### Docks - Dan Maher

Construct new Launch Dock and position, replace dock decking as required (all three Docks), and stabilize railings on ramp to Launch Dock

### Carts/Oars/Dinghies/Racks - Bill Beavers

Service these items, replace Rack concrete block bases, and clean up rack areas

### Race Committee Equipment & Room - Susan Walcutt

Inspect, repair, test, clean & organize all RC equipment; clean out and clean up Equipment Room

Thanks in advance to all Work Weekend volunteers!

*Ronn Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*



**CGSC ANNUAL  
WORK WEEKEND**  
**Mark your calendars now for  
CGSC's Annual Work Weekend  
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2010**

## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

It's Regatta Season, that special time of year when the Club needs your help – and your patience.

We're hosting 10 major regattas this winter, from our new friends in the Melges class to collegiate and master Laser sailors during Orange Bowl, to Olympic hopeful sailboarders in the Rolex Olympic Class trials. And, of course, that CGSC favorite—the Snipes.

The Club really shines during this stretch of world-class sailing. It reaffirms our role as a vital—really indispensable – player in Miami's racing scene. We send hundreds of visiting sailors "up the hill" to spend money in Grove restaurants, shops and hotels. And we expose top sailors to our Race Committee's skills and our Clubhouse's hospitality. In short, we're doing our part for the sailing world.

### What does this mean for you?

If nothing else, it can mean some inconvenience. To host big regattas, we have to commandeer part of the parking lot for racers. And you're bound to find the lawn crowded with sails and boats. You might have to wait for the hoist, or let the racers get on their way before using the north dock.

It can get a bit hectic, but I hope you'll take a minute to enjoy the sailing bustle and be glad your Club occupies such an active and capable corner of the racing world. It's a proud tradition and a great asset for the CGSC as we work with Miami to secure our future.

But patience aside, we can really use your help during Regatta Season. We've got the CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta coming in December—from Dec. 26 to Dec. 30. This is the regatta that really requires the most "shore side" assistance and the only one where we try to find free housing for sailors. (We're hoping to get quite a few college students, and you know their budgets.)

### So two big questions:

#### **Have a morning or afternoon to spare between Christmas and New Year's?**

We have two shore-side shifts during Orange Bowl. In the morning, we need three people to help register the sailors, make sure they've got breakfast and lunch to go, and generally keep things running smoothly.

In the afternoon, we need two people to work our Regatta Table as the sailors come back and need help finding a place to eat and deal with last-minute gear issues. And we'll also make sure things are ready for racing the next day.

Basically, we need friendly faces. Do you have a few hours that week to work one shift?

#### **Have a bunk or bed to spare?**

Our Laser sailors generally are on tight budgets, so we try to find them free sleeping quarters. The most popular—especially for the college racers – is a cabin on a sailboat in the CGSC mooring field. They can take a dinghy out at night, and then come ashore to use the Club showers.

Of course, a warm bed in or near the Grove is welcome, too. We also get older sailors (we call them "masters") who will come with spouses, and members have offered guest bedrooms in the past. This can make or break a trip for a Laser sailor – you

can imagine the hotel rates during the week of Christmas, one of the most popular in Miami.

I'm coordinating the Shore Side activities for Orange Bowl, and sailors are contacting me for the housing list. If you can help, shoot me an email at [ensignmiami@gmail.com](mailto:ensignmiami@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support – patience and all. Looking forward to seeing you on the Bay.

*Doug Hanks,*

*Rear Commodore*  
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## GALLEY NEWS

### FOOD CHOICES FOR NOVEMBER

#### SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAYS':

- Nov 2nd: Tacos (\$2)
- Nov 9th: Fish & Chips (\$2)
- Nov 16th: Pulled Pork Sandwich (\$2)
- Nov 23rd: Chicken Wings (\$2)
- Nov 30th: Hot Dogs (\$1)

Nov 25<sup>th</sup>: Grove's Nest will be closed for Thanksgiving Day,

#### Wednesday Theme: Caribbean Spice

Every month Chef Tara will feature a few appetizers and main dishes that represent Caribbean cuisine. Call the office at ext. 18 to inquire about the specials for the month.

#### Thursday Theme: Burger Fest

Every Thursday, Chef Tara will feature 3 to 4 special burgers that will run for a month. The most popular will become our Commodore's burger on the regular menu and she will create a few more for the Thursday "Fest".



#### WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday Bar and Kitchen closed
- Tuesday SOCIAL NIGHT 5-9 pm
- Wednesday : 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**



## Focus on Fishing, Family and Football

Cruising in our family always takes a hit this time of year. As you know I'm a dedicated UM fan so first and foremost my schedule is dependent on their schedule, keeping close to home during football season. Also, you may have noticed an increased number of younger members at the club. This year I would like to include many family oriented activities at the dock and on the water to make our younger members feel welcome.

We had a very successful Family Fishing Tournament off the CGSC dock. We had 22 anglers enter the contest ranging in age from 3 to 13 who caught snapper, grunts, puffer fish, crab and even a stingray. Some fisherman utilized the club boats and dingys to get closer to the water but the dock proved to be the lucky spot for most. After dinner we showed the movie classic "Jaws" outside on the sail.

The mooring field was converted to a pirate's haven for Halloween and the local ghouls and goblins took to the boats for our annual Trick or Treat and Haunted Mooring Field. Ghoulish dogs were prepared by Chef "Franken" Creed and scary movies were on display from the yardarm sail.

In November we would like to welcome all the new members that have joined the club in the last year and they will be showcasing their boats at the CGSC dock Saturday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. We'll have the grill set up and a movie on the sail after dinner. Come out to meet and welcome our new members.

Sunday, November 21 is the perfect day to sail around the bay then raft up at 4:00 p.m. for happy hour at Nixon's and watch the full moon rises. A night sail back to the club under the moon will cap off the day.

For more info about upcoming cruising/ rendezvous activities view the rendezvous page on the CGSC website or contact me at [jbpmom@aol.com](mailto:jbpmom@aol.com).

Janice Pruett



**Join  
CGSC's  
Race Committee Team**

**A rewarding day on the Bay!**

Contact Susan Walcutt  
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305.297.7757

## From The Manager.....



Autumn is in a full swing at CGSC. Fresh air is bringing some changes to the Club activities that take affect at the beginning of this month. Most notably, we are introducing automatic gratuity to all food and beverage items at the Grove's Nest. For those that would like to add an extra buck or two, there will be an "Optional Additional Gratuity" line. Logically, the automatic grat can be erased as well. Also starting in November, we are upgrading our food options for "Social Night Tuesdays". Instead of only two options (Hot dogs and Tacos) we are going to have additional three: Pulled pork sandwich, Fish&Chips and Chicken wings. These items will be rotating every week, so only every sixth week the item will be the same. Prices are \$2 per portion, except for Hot dogs that will stay at \$1 per portion. Schedule of days when items are on the Social Night menu is posted on the Home page of our Web site.

Wednesday and Thursday theme nights are going very well. We had new menus created last month with some extra special items: Piggly burger (BBQ pork as topping) and new Jamaican style Sweet&Sour Meat balls. Really yummy!! Old favourite – Caribbean fish stew is still on and it is selling very well. It had a "gold medal" for each month it was on. Great job Tara!!

The racing season has started last months with successful CGSC Annual One Design #10 and PHRF #10. It is continuing this month with PHRF #11 and OD #11 and many more are coming in later months including prestigious Melges regattas.

As the Members work weekend nears, I would like to invite all members to show up on Saturday and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, to help beautify our great Club. We are currently finalizing all work duties and Unit leaders. We will have BBQ at the end of first day and Pizza at the end of second day. Do not worry; it is not going to be dry dinner. Yuengling draft will be pouring at the end of each work day to quench the thirst of hard working man and women of CGSC.

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

*Dragan Savin*

## NOTICE

Your Board of Directors has approved a change in the Club's tipping policy pertaining to food and beverage service.

Commencing November 1, 2010, an 18% gratuity will be automatically added to all food and bar purchases.

This charge will be clearly delineated on your bill when you sign out. We are trying to minimize the amount of Member cash handled by our food and bar service staff.

Thank you for your understanding  
and cooperation.

## Renamed with Pomp...

*Commodore Pruett opens the ceremony with a welcome to all.*



### Renaming the Foundation

Since the beginning of time, sailors have sworn that there are unlucky ships and the unluckiest ships of all are those who have defied the gods and changed their names. Records abound of them perishing in storms, groundings, and piracy. Renaming a boat therefore, is not something to be done lightly. According to legend, each and every vessel is recorded by name in the Ledger of the Deep and is known personally to Poseidon, or Neptune, the god of the sea. Renaming is an involved process and must be done thoroughly to properly purge the old name and establish the new showing homage to Neptune and to Acolus, god of the winds. So, in keeping with the best traditions of the sea (and aided by a Google search), the newest Club Ensign was renamed Foundation by club members with great delight including the 7 toast and Paia dinner which followed.



*The first of the 7 toasts, as Libation begins its role an important ingredient of satisfying the gods of the seas. A toast to the old boat name and prior owner, s/v Lobito and Phil Adams!*



*Foundation President, Charlie Abell explains the foundations contribution to Sailing and the CGSC, adding that we were organized 10 years ago; many of the founding members are becoming weary and are looking for a new generation to carry on.*



*L. B. Carpenter carefully directs the Renaming Ceremony to avoid angering any of the gods of the winds or seas as that has been known to cause all kinds of disasters at sea including but, not limited to, groundings, floundering, sinking etc.*



*The old name board, Lobito, is cast into the sea. No trace of the old name is allowed to remain.*

*Half a bottle of red wine is poured across the bow in remembrance of the blood of the virgin, then the toast with the other half.*



*Richard Crisler, Adult Sailing Committee Chair and workhorse of the sailing training activities, expresses his appreciation and outlines the recent growth in the sailing programs at the CGSC.*

*Champaign is poured across the deck and into the sea as an offering to the gods by Rear Commodore Doug Hanks and Charlie Abell as Toasts are made to Boreas, ruler of the North Wind; Notus, ruler of the South Wind; Eurus ruler of the East Wind, Zephyrus ruler of the West Wind; Acolus God of the Winds and of course, to Neptune, God of the Sea.*



*Richard Crisler prepares for the last step. Sailing the boat backwards to thoroughly remove the old name.*

## From the Sailing Director

**A** hoy all, I just realized that we haven't spoken since August, here the latest on what's been happening in the clubs sailing world, there's a lot so get comfy and enjoy. Our last day of summer camp ended on August 20th with our usual "End of summer Parent & Kids Funday". That is when all participants who attended summer camp are invited back to have a whole day dedicated to fun and relaxation.

This year we began our day launching sailboats to take out to the Dinner Key sandbar along with all the powerboats/safety boats for an opportunity for those parents who aren't sailors to "get their feet wet" sailing with the kids on the clubs Sunfish, Optis and Lasers. It always gives me a sense of pride to watch these parents and kids sailing together when the majority of the kids have only had two weeks of instruction and really like to show their skills to the parents with of course, the occasional capsized just to get their folks attention.

After a relaxing morning swimming, sailing, and sun tanning it was back to CGSC to start the cleanup of boats and equipment before lunch. As soon as all the boats were washed and stowed it was time for some good 'ol barbeque. The fare included hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and of course, popsicles for dessert. This was definitely one of the best summers CGSC has seen since I've been your sailing director with 160 total kids having participated, with 13 of those having been granted scholarships to attend a two week session of camp. Finally, it was time to say goodbye to summer and to shift our focus to the upcoming racing season.

Our fall sailing season began on September 4 with four different programs for youth sailors to choose from; Beginning sailing, Beginning racing (Opti Green Fleet), Opti advanced (Red, White, & Blue Fleet), and Laser's. The turnout for this year is 28 kids total with that number still growing. The fall season runs from September through December, and our winter season begins in January and runs through April. Kids interested in signing up can begin anytime with prices for programming being prorated at time of registration.

The first regatta on our list was right here at CGSC for the Jr. Commodore's Cup on the 18th of September. This year we had three different divisions, Opti Green, Opti Red, White, & Blue and Laser's with a total of 16 participants. This regatta unlike others is for members only which is especially good for the beginning racer's to get a taste of what's to come when they attend their first "real" regatta.

The next regatta on our schedule was the Fall Harvest Regatta at the Miami Yacht Club on the second and third of October and I must say ALL the kids in attendance did extremely well with one of our Blue Fleet sailors actually winning first place in his fleet, congratulations again to Edgy Aramayo for a great race. I'd also like to mention Edgy's brother Andrew, who got a top ten finish in Green fleet.

Our next upcoming regatta is my favorite, the Naples Cup Regatta, November 13 & 14. This regatta actually takes place right on the beach in the Gulf of Mexico. The Naples Cup is definitely the best sailing venue that I've attended and all the kids and parents love it as much as I do. Racing conditions on the Gulf are always interesting as it is a beach launch and requires the kids and parents to get in the water and then the kids, depending on the waves have to sail over the breakwater out to the course. Our coach/safety boats are launched about four miles from the beach where the kids launch and can be

pretty scary going out the channel into the Gulf especially if there is an outgoing tide and winds over ten knots, but it's all worth it to see the kids having to surf the waves during the races. Wish us luck and I'll let you know how it turns out when we get back.

If you haven't seen it yet, youth programming got a wonderful write up in a local publication called the Grand Avenue News. If you would like to read the article you can go to <http://grandavenuenews.com/2010/09/29grove-club-makes-sailors-out-of-new-generation/>

Finally I'd like to talk about a couple of new adult sailing programs that we've added to our already very successful lineup. Past commodore, Bud Price taught our first adult intermediate Flying Scot course September 25 & 26. The level 1 course is designed to build on the skills learned in the adult learn to sail Sunfish class and of course to build the confidence needed to single-hand a Flying Scot. The level 1 course is taught one weekend a month and will vary month to month (check the CGSC calendar for upcoming dates). This is an excellent course for anyone interested in our "Flying Scot Adopt-A-Boat program" or who just wants more tiller time in a bigger/racing boat. Bud has also come up with a level 2 course for the more advanced student as well as an 8 hour Racing Prep and finally a two day Spinnaker Sailing class.

To add to Bud's exciting Flying Scot classes, Bruce Penrod, recently certified as a US Sailing Cruising instructor will be offering three different cruising classes. The first class is an intro to cruising. This class is a six to eight hour sail on Biscayne Bay with an opportunity to take the wheel of a thirty five foot vessel and to learn sail trim, basic navigation and just getting a feel for a bigger cruising boat. The next class that we've added is the US Sailing Basic Cruising class. This two day course will cover all aspects of US Sailing Cruising Certification with a test given on the final day in both practical application and written review. Topics will include basic cruising systems, safety aspects and preparation, maneuvering under power, sailing skills, weather awareness, and chart reading. The majority of will be on board the vessel. A US Sailing Cruising Certificate will be awarded upon successful completion. The prerequisite for this course is the basic Keelboat Certification which we also offer here at CGSC.

Our next newcomer will also be taught by Bruce Penrod, and that's the US Sailing Bareboat Cruising course. This course is a three day course will review basic cruising and then move on to topics about bareboat chartering and handling a boat on your own. Advanced sail handling and trim, power under difficult and emergency situations, navigation, and troubleshooting will be covered. This entire course will be taught aboard the vessel and a US Sailing Bareboat Certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the course which may be presented when chartering a boat. The prerequisite for this course is the Basic Cruising Certificate.

With all these new programs complimenting our existing classes we have officially become The US Sailing "one stop shop" for sailing programs for both youth and adults. So no more excuses, get registered, get out on the water and start enjoying the beautiful resource we have in our front yard, Biscayne Bay.

That's all for now,  
Nick



## ADULT SAILING REPORT

We continue to experience a lot of interest in the form of email inquiries through the website, phone calls and referrals with October being another month of full and expanding classes. Based on our successes to date, expanded membership, new curriculums and our club's goals and mission, we are expanding our schedule for existing classes and adding our new US Sailing Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat classes very soon. With all this, there is the need for additional first-class, qualified and certified instructors. We are currently interviewing and training to satisfy this need. We are also working to expand our fleet and are currently negotiating for another classic Ensign keelboat for training and the Member Use program. We plan to add this boat to our training fleet by November. We are also adding additional hardware to some of our keelboats to make them even more user friendly.

The always important and fun Work Weekend falls on the second weekend of the month, November 13 -14. This is normally the busiest weekend of our monthly training schedule, however, our efforts for Work Weekend will be the cleaning, maintenance and general refurbishing of our Sunfish fleet, including sail rigs and rudder/tillers. The Sunfish fleet works really hard for us through weekly and monthly classes and clinics, summer camp, member user program and more, and they require upkeep for safety and the good of the club. We always have a good turnout of volunteers for this particular work "committee". If you would like to join

us for your contribution to Work Weekend, please email or call Richard (see below). The more volunteers we have, the quicker all the work gets done.

Interest in our Member User program continues to grow (especially with our new members who currently do not own their own boat). Before contacting the office, the Sailing Director or me, PLEASE read the Member User Agreement on our website. It will answer most of your questions, including qualifications and the small fees for usage.

Here is the current schedule for November (classes/clinics may be added):

### November

4, 11, 18	Adult Sunfish Clinics – 9AM – 12Noon
13-14	Work Weekend–Training fleet refurbishing
20-21	Basic Keelboat Class
28	Small Boat Clinic / Rendezvous
TBA	Flying Scot Class

Check out the Sailing Directors report in this Channel issue for more information about our new US Sailing cruising and bareboat classes.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely..... Enjoy the Bay.....  
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An article about our sailing program, "Grove Club Makes Sailors Out of New Generation" by Dana Hatic, appeared in the *Grand Avenue News*, on Saturday, October 16, 2010. The entire article will be a part of the online Channel.

## View from the Signal Boat...

October arrived with beautiful sailing weather. Our Annual One Design Regatta and BBYRAOD#10 on October 2-3, 2010 was well attended with six classes sailing a total of 5 races in 2 days. Winners included Chris Lanza, Etchells, Ron Plesch, Flying Scots, Gerd Petersen, J24s, Axel Sly, Jr 420s, Augie Diaz, Snipes, and Freddie Sambolin, Sunfish. The Second half of our Annual Regatta for the PHRF fleets was held on Saturday, October 16. A special invitation was extended to recent participants in CGSC's Racing 101 classes to join the 'Cruiser' friendly PHRF 4 fleet. First Place award winners included Stuart Hebb, PHRF 1, Eduardo Luaces, PHRF 2, Karen Mitchell, PHRF 3 and Gerry & Liz Marsdon, PHRF 4.

The CGSC Race Committee will be holding several training classes for those RC volunteers interested in expanding their knowledge of working Race Committee positions. Sunday, October 17, 9am-1pm, was our first class for GPS Use and Race Course Geometry beginning with a morning chalk talk followed by work out on the water. The same course will be repeated on Sunday, November 7, 2010. Sunday, October 24, 2010, we will hold a Support Boat Handling class, 9am to 1pm, with a morning chalk talk followed by work out on the water. Please contact Ron Rostorfer, [RonSailOn@comcast](mailto:RonSailOn@comcast).

[net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net), to sign up for these courses.

Work Weekend is Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14, 2010 and even the Race Committee has work to do. We will be cleaning out the RC room, checking all ground tackle and marks for repairs, restocking the Signal, Mark, Pin and Gate boat boxes and organizing our RC Flags in 2 new flag bags. Please sign up to help for either (or both days) with me, [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net).

Our next big event will be the Florida Southeast PHRF Championships on Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21, 2010. Additional details and request for RC volunteers will be sent out as we get closer to the date. Information is also available on the CGSC Website.

Remember that volunteering for Race Committee is an excellent way to help the Club while having a great day out on our beautiful Biscayne Bay. We will be happy to train you (no experience required), feed you lunch and buy you 2 drinks at the Grove's Nest at the end of the race day.

Susan Walcutt

Race Committee Chair



First in Flying Scots is Dave Thinel & crew.



Snipe and Perpetual Trophy Winner, Ernesto and the "Old Man"



First in J24/Sonar is Trish Walker.



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Tues, Dec 28

Wed, Dec 29

Thurs, Dec 30

Contact Rear Commodore Doug Hanks At [ensignmiami@gmail.com](mailto:ensignmiami@gmail.com) to help.

Have A Bunk To Spare For A Visiting Sailor?

Once a year, the cgsc offers free housing to laser sailors in town for cgsc orange bowl regatta.

Have a spare room to lend? How about a boat on a cgsc mooring with sleeping quarters?

Contact rear commodore doug hanks if you can help.

His Email: [ensignmiami@gmail.com](mailto:ensignmiami@gmail.com)

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# GRAND AVENUE NEWS

Coconut Grove FL 33133

Saturday, October 16, 2010

## Grove club makes sailors out of new generation

By DANA HATIC

A deafening horn blast signaled the beginning of the race as 11 sailboats veered off in opposite directions, tacking back and forth, left and right, across the bay.

The two-handed boats, each manned by a youth sailor and a mentor, competed in the Florida State Snipe Junior Championship, an annual event in Coconut Grove.

Such races are a common sight at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, which hosts competitions and sailing programs nearly every weekend of the year.

Since it started in 1946, the club has stood at 2990 S. Bayshore Dr., enduring pounding storms and financial ups and downs to remain a place of pride in Coconut Grove.

“It’s the community of sailors,” said Nick Mansbach, the club’s sailing director and waterfront coordinator. “There are yacht clubs, then there are sailing clubs.”

He said that CGSC, with its local low-key feel, attracts Coconut Grove residents and world-class sailors alike.

“Our goal is not to make millions of dollars,” said Mansbach. “It’s to get people sailing.”

The club sticks to this mantra, not just with its programs,



Members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club compete during the Commodore’s Cup Juniors Regatta Saturday, Sept. 18. The Commodore’s Cup is held every year and allows club members to push themselves in a typical race setting but without the added pressures since they are competing against other athletes within the club. Two separate divisions participated in the event, which included the Red, White and Blue Opti Class, coached by Maykel Alonso, and the Laser/420/Flying Junior Racers, coached by Sara Fox, a University of Miami graduate. Photo by Brittney Bomnin

but also with its outreach into the community.

Each summer, CGSC offers about \$10,000 in scholarships for students to attend a week of sailing camp.

“We try to focus our efforts locally, mostly in West Grove,” Mansbach said.

The club faces a hurdle, however, as many students who express interest in the scholarships are unable to swim, a prerequisite for all CGSC programs.

Solution: The club is planning to partner with Ransom Everglades School to create a “Learn to Swim/Learn to Sail” program.

“This is one of my dreams, here at the club,” said Mansbach, who projects using half of the \$10,000 scholarship fund to promote swimming classes to create a program that devotes two months to learning to swim followed by two months of learning to sail.

Mansbach, who lives in the Shenandoah area, grew up in Florida and graduated from Coral Gables Senior High. While he did not grow up a sailor, Mansbach used to deliver boats from Miami up the east coast and said he always had a place in his heart for Coconut Grove’s sailing club.

Mansbach said CGSC strives to foster a love for sailing and provide outreach to the Grove community, which makes the club a highly accessible place for young sailors.

Out on the water, Alex Valdes-Pages, a junior at Coral Gables Senior High, demonstrated a capsizing drill. He



Maykel Alonso coaches the members of the Red, White and Blue Opti Class before they begin the first race during the Commodore’s Cup Juniors Regatta. Alonso, a former olympic champion for Cuba’s sailing team, has been sailing since the age of seven and now coaches at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. “I want to teach them everything I know about sailing,” Alonso said. Photo by Brittney Bomnin

tipped his 13.4-foot, 130-pound Laser, a faster one-person sailboat, then used points of the boat to apply pressure to the side and tip the boat upright.

He spoke fondly of the Lasers, describing how, on a particularly windy day, he could maneuver his boat to travel faster than a motor-powered boat.

Mansbach explained that young sailors like Alex begin working in Optimist Dinghies, or Optis, which are seven feet, nine inches long. These 77-pound sailboats, he said, allow beginners to hone a wide range of skills, from handling the sail to righting a capsized boat.

“There’s a lot of emphasis on safety and respect,” said Antonio Bejarano, who runs the Opti racing program. “There’s a lot of emphasis on safety and respect.”

Sailing, he added, is about “teamwork and making decisions. Decisions on the water, no one can make for you.”

Bejarano worked in information technology before joining the teaching staff at CGSC after his son went through the program.

CGSC offers four different levels of youth sailing, from the beginning racing program to the red, white and blue

Eddy Aramayo, 12, maintains second place during one of the races Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Commodore’s Cup Juniors Regatta. Behind him, fellow sailing club members and twin brothers, Alejandro and Santiago Holz, follow. Aramayo finished third overall, losing a points for having a bad start during the second race. In sailing, an athlete may be knocked down an entire place for making mistakes during a race. Photo by Brittney Bonnin



fleets, which are more advanced and geared towards ages 13, 14 and 15, respectively.

While it takes degrees of skill to pass between racing groups, the club does not measure skill based on the number of classes each sailor has taken.

“We let them tell us when they’re ready,” said Mansbach.

“I’m the guy that puts it all together,” he said, adding that the young sailors tell him what they want to do.

Biscayne Bay, home to a number of other sailing and yachting clubs, serves as a perfect training ground for beginners up to Olympic athletes. CGSC places great emphasis on the former.

Mansbach played a key role in expanding the club’s programs for youth sailors, and explained that the beauty of the bay attracts sailors from around the world.

“We have a beginning racing program that runs from September to December and January to April,” said Mansbach, who personally runs the youth “learn-to-sail” program.

“When I started here about five years ago, there were three kids in the program,” said Mansbach. Now “there are typically anywhere from 20 to 30 participants in youth programming.”

Part of CGSC’s allure involves not only its goal of training young sailors but also its long-term appeal. Many who now help direct began sailing here when they were younger.

“Our goal is to get the kids interested in the racing program,” said Dr. Nick Martens, a cardiologist and former Commodore of CGSC. From there, he said, they often move from small boats to big boats, then stay on and volunteer. Sometimes they end up managing the club.

“I’m the perfect example,” he said.

Martens began sailing with his father at Coconut Grove when he was about 10 years old, where he gained an interest in racing. He went on to college and took with him the skills and independence he gained from sailing.

The club is a “safe place for kids to do something healthy,” he said, adding that the youngsters spend all day at the club, and end up spending much of that time with friends, learning the sport and finding independence.

Martens now owns his own 45-foot boat, which he keeps at CGSC.

“It’s an affordable place to keep a boat,” said Doug Hanks, Rear Commodore of CGSC, who is also a business writer for the *Miami Herald*.

The club attracts many locals, as it does not require people to become members to moor boats or to participate in the programs, Hanks said.

Hanks spoke enthusiastically of the feeling of community at the club, describing the benefits of mooring his first boat there.

“Someone will come up to you and offer you advice,” he said, “And chances are, it will be helpful.”

CGSC teams with Ransom Everglades students in a continual project to clean up Island E, one of the spoil islands surrounding the club’s mooring area.

Many kids who participate in CGSC sailing programs grow to serve as instructors for the beginning youth groups.

Kristi Townsend started sailing at the club when she was 11.

Now 16, she serves as a certified instructor, teaching life vest-adorned youngsters the basics of sailing.

“I really like sailing just to sail,” Kristi said.

Mansbach added, “These kids can take care of their own boats, clean them, rig them and put them away.”

He said he hopes to continue building interest in the club’s sailing programs, through scholarships and outreach.

“Each of these kids has a special place in my heart,” he said, exemplifying the community-minded feel of the club. “I’m like Uncle Nick.”



Three middle school students, Santiago Holz, Alejandro Holz, and Edgy Aramayo, share a quick lunch between races during the Commodore’s Cup Juniors Regatta Saturday, Sept. 18. The three boys are members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, which meets every Saturday in the Grove to practice. Lunch time provides the boys a time to reenergize and socialize. Here the boys voted another member, James, to be in charge of picking up all the lunch trash. Photo by Brittney Bomnin




Santiago Holz, 12, converses with the other boys in the Red, White, and Blue Opti Class at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club during their lunch break. Four boys, including Santiago’s identical twin brother, Alejandro, competed in the Opti Class during the Commodore’s Cup Juniors Regatta Saturday, Sept. 18. Photo by Brittney Bomnin

was the only girl competing in the event which included two separate divisions consisting of the Red, White and Blue Opti Class, coached by Maykel Alonso, and the Laser/420/Flying Junior Racers, coached by Sara Fox, a University of Miami graduate. Photo by Brittney Bomnin



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Office and Food Service Closed   1	6 pm Taco Night  7:30 pm Race Committee Meeting  2	5 pm Carribean Spice   3	9 am Adult Sunfish Clinic 12 pm Rotary Club 5 pm Burgerfest  4	Live Music: Check website for schedule  5	Laser/420/Flying Jr. Red/White/Blue Fleet Green Fleet Beg.Level Youth  6pm New Member Dockside Rendezvous & Pot Luck  6	CGSC Race Training - GPS   7
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Office and Food Service Closed   22	6 pm Chicken Wings  7:30 Sea Scouts  23	5 pm Carribean Spice   24	 Happy Thanksgiving  Office, Bar and Kitchen Closed 25	Live Music: Check website for schedule  26	Laser/420/Flying Jr. Red/White/Blue Fleet Green Fleet Beg.Level Youth  27	Small Boat Clinic / Rendezvous   28
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