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OCTOBER 2010

## 53 rd Annual Florida Junior Snipe Championship

**E**leven teams competed in the 2010 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL, Florida State Junior Championship. The event was hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Miami Snipe Fleet # 7. It was competitive. Taylor Scheuermann did a great job. Congratulations to Taylor on this win and on winning a berth to the Snipe Junior Worlds.

Many thanks are due to Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Race Committee (RC) and Jury volunteers. Volunteers on Saturday were Signal boat Tondelayo Capt Bill Braddon, Susan Walcutt, Dottie Rostorfer, Saralee Lamb, Veronica Ghayan, Dorian, Ron Rostorfer, Freddie Sambolin, Larry Whipple and David Banister. Volunteers on Sunday were Signal boat Fiji Capt Sean Connet, Susan Walcutt, Dottie Rostorfer, Susan Schultz,

Saralee Lamb, Carolyn Smith, Dorian, Mark Lowell, Larry Whipple, Freddie Sambolin, Ron Rostorfer, Revati Roberts and David Banister. Standby Jury members were Sharon Bivans-Bourke (Chair), Jane Anne Pincus, and Gerry Bourke all three USS Judges. Biscayne Bay sailors are great, but RC and Jury at CGSC and Biscayne Bay are second to none!



Wind was 5 to 10 mph from SE on Saturday. We had to wait until 1 PM to start, instead of the noon scheduled start. There was small direction variation, mostly E. We had four races on Saturday. Storms were brewing from the West of the Bay. The RC kept the races running in spite of the heavy storm with lightning; Susan and the RC knew what they were doing. On Sunday, RC ran 2 races with start schedule for 11, but we started close to

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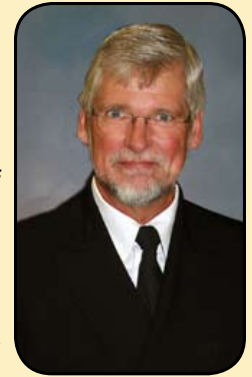
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*The "Old Man" racing his Snipe. Photo taken by Fried Elliott, [friedbits.com](http://friedbits.com), or Laser racing in the Olympix Class Regatta.*

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



**A**s the end of hurricane season approaches we can begin to focus our attention on other activities besides watching the tropical weather! One of those "other" activities that I particularly want to work on this year is the Club's Committees. It may interest you to know, especially if you are a new member, that the CGSC has 23 standing committees established by our Bylaws! While some of the committees actually consist of only one person, this still represents a sizable organization. If each committee had 6 members it would involve the participation of some 130 – 140 club members helping to conduct the business and activities of the Club.

Some committees are both very "visible" and active. The Race Committee for example is very active – with members working virtually every weekend during racing season. They are also quite visible – always looking to recruit new members. By the nature of their work other committees are not very visible. That doesn't mean they aren't working however! The Protocol Committee for example, only functions when the need arises to address complaints among members. Likewise, the Nominating Committee really only functions in the months immediately prior to the Election of Officers in June. The moorings committee is another group that takes care of its very important business of keeping our moorings in excellent structural condition, without any fanfare. Other committees however, have not been particularly active – the Community Service Committee for example is one that has not been active in recent years. One of my goals for the year is to increase the overall participation in our committees. The committees offer a great vehicle to engage existing, and the many new members that have joined the club since June. Building committee participation will, in turn, allow the Club to improve and expand our operations and activities. In addition, as we look to build the future leadership of the Club, participation as a Standing Committee Chair is one of several alternative prerequisites to serve as a Club officer.

Consequently, I plan to meet with all the committee chairs to review their "mission", activities and membership. Subsequent to that we will hold a "Committee Night". This open – house style event, will be held on a Tuesday Social Night, and will provide an opportunity for members to meet all of our committee chairs, find out about committee activities, and sign up for participation. Look for email and posters announcing this event in early October.

One of the duties of the Commodore is to appoint, with the consent of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committee chairpersons. At our meeting last month the Board approved the following appointees to chair the following standing committees (some chairpersons are prescribed by the Bylaws):

- Capital: Dan Maher
- Finance Committee: Ron Canizares, Treasurer
- Race Committee: Susan Walcutt
- Property Committee: Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore
- House Committee: Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore
- Membership Committee: Javier Prado
- Nominating Committee: to be selected in 2011
- Librarian: Renny Young
- Public Relations Committee: Rick and Nancy Cooper
- Bylaws Revisions Committee: Peter Branning
- Future Development Committee: Ron Canizares
- Adult Sail Training Committee: Richard Crisler
- Junior Pram Committee: Antonio Bejarano

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- Junior Racing Development Committee: Laura Holz
- Cruising & Rendezvous Committee: Janice Pruett
- Entertainment Committee: Adrienne Peters, Julia Cornide
- Moorings Committee: Bill Beavers
- Seamanship: Sean Connett
- Speakers: Phil Adams
- Strip Committee: Bud Price
- Channel Committee: Charlie and Cherie Branning
- Protocol Committee: Marc Buller, PC
- Community Service Committee: Alyn Pruett
- Marine Council Representative: Charlie Rahn, PC
- Chamber of Commerce Representative: Pending appointment
- Webmaster: Jo Ann Mathieu

In addition to these standing committee chairs I have appointed, with the consent of the Board, Stuart Sorg as Special CGSC Liaison to the City of Miami. Stuart, who has worked very hard on behalf of CGSC, will work closely with me and Ron Canizares as chair of the Future Development Committee, to develop long-range plans for the Club.

I have also appointed Dan Maher, one of our Board Members, as chair of a special Capital Improvements Committee. Dan will be working to develop a list of needed capital improvements for the Club, and their costs. Ultimately this will be developed, by the Board of Directors, into a Capital Improvements Plan.

## VICE COMMODORE REPORT

### UPGRADED TUESDAY SOCIAL NIGHTS

**B**AM! as Emeril would say. Your Club will be upgrading the Tuesday Social Night food offerings to provide more variety for the food offerings. The current "Dollar Dogs" and "Two Dollar Tacos" will remain in the mix. In addition, three new items will be offered, and the five will rotate throughout the month. The new offerings are Chicken Wings with two dipping sauces, "Opti" Fish & Chips, and "Opti" BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches. The new items will each be two dollars.

So, come on down to the Club on Tuesday nights and try out the new selections. I'm sure you will enjoy. Bravery not required!

### WORK WEEKEND PLANS

CGSC's annual Work Weekend is set for November 13-14. We have lots to do, so please mark your calendar now and come down for a rewarding and fun time improving our Club property with other Members. Lunch and a free keg at the end of the day will be provided.

Your hard working Property Committee has made the rounds, and Dragan, Nick and Tom have also chipped in with ideas. So, here's the breakdown of things we'll be working on. I'm setting this out now so you can think about what you would like to do, and be prepared to assist in those areas.

We also have, by practice and tradition, a number of representatives to other organizations, fleets and Regattas, which you will find listed in the Channel.

If you meet any of these folks at the Club, spend a few minutes with them to learn about their committee and its activities, and find one to join!

That's all for this month.

See you around the Club and on the Bay.

*Alyn Pruett,*

*Commodore*

## CGSC ANNUAL WORK WEEKEND

Mark your calendars now for  
CGSC's Annual Work Weekend

**NOVEMBER 13-14, 2010**

**More details to follow!**

Landscape and Parking Lot – weeding, trimming, mulching and cleaning up

Building – prepping, painting, installing

Strip Area – hoist servicing, new Sunbrella awning over work bench,

North Gate refurbishing, clean up

Club Boats – Pressure wash, scrape and paint bottoms of Fishmaster, Big RIB and Key West; replace non-skid on steps to Launch

Docks – Replace dock decking as required (all three Docks), stabilize railings on ramp to launch dock, replace flotation on Launch Dock

Carts/Oars/Dinghies/Racks – service these items, replace Rack concrete block bases, clean up

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

So, that's the list. We need your help. Figure out what you would like to work on, and come prepared to do just that. More details later.

That's it from here. Come down and enjoy your Club. That's why you're a Member.

*Ronn Rostorfer, Vice Commodore*



## REAR COMMODORE REPORT

**H**ave you been to a CGSC meeting lately? You wouldn't believe the number of new members there for the official welcoming ceremony. There's probably no better endorsement of our new dues structure than these new faces. And they're hardly signing up for the fish dip and the view at the Grove's Nest. We've seen a parade of new sailboat owners, world-class racers, recent Sunfish and Ensign Students, and parents of kids in our Opti and Laser programs. Even in this tough economy, we are a sailing club on the move, growing and expanding our roster of sailors. That's a remarkable accomplishment. Good job, CGSC!

Old members can stop reading. New members: The rest of this Rear Commodore's Report is for you. First of all, welcome. Thanks for choosing our Club. I hope you'll try hard on your first year to take advantage of everything the CGSC has to offer – particularly when it comes to getting out on the Bay. It takes some effort, but I know you'll find it a great investment of your time.

Here's my advice for enjoying the CGSC Sailing Life, in four easy steps:

1. **Adult Sailing Classes:** You won't find an easier way to get out their sailing than by taking one our classes. They last just one weekend, we'll bill it to your account, you get a discount, and it's a great way to meet fellow members. Take your pick from a Sunfish or an Ensign. Stop what you're doing now, go to [cgsc.org/adult-programs](http://cgsc.org/adult-programs) and sign up.
2. **Race Committee:** No arm of the Club needs more volunteers than Race Committee. And while you won't be sailing when you serve an RC stint, you'll be in the midst of exciting racing on Biscayne Bay. No experience required, and you can do as many or as few races as you'd like in a year. Email Race Committee Chair Susan Walcott at [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net).
3. **Club Fleet:** Once you've taken a Sunfish or an Ensign class (officially known as Adult Learn to Sail and Basic Keelboat, respectively), you're usually qualified to take out those boats on your own. If not, our Adult

Sailing Chairman, Richard Crisler, can arrange a little private coaching to get you up to speed. Hopping on a Club daysailer for the afternoon can be one of those moments when you know your dues have been well spent!



4. **Rendezvous and Racing:** If you've got your own boat, take her out for a Club activity.
5. Check the website or come back to the monthly meetings to learn about the cruises we've got planned – usually a mix of short hops and weekend trips. There's no requirement that you know a soul: a plate of fried chicken or fish dip will make fast friends almost instantly at the raft up. (Extra ice helps, too.)

And you've got the urge, sign up for a race. We've got the double-handed race coming up on Halloween—it's perfect for the occasional racer or first-timer. Grab a crew member and head out. I'm sure you've heard of the Columbus Day Regatta – you can count on a strong CGSC contingent for that, and a friendly raft-up spot afterwards. And plan now for the spring's Miami-to-Key Largo race. You'll see plenty of familiar faces at Gilbert's, I promise.

Of course, all of this sounds easy when you're reading it in the Channel. But you've got to make the time and the effort to take advantage of these CGSC offerings. No one is going to be banging on your door—it's really up to you. And once you do, spread the word to your friends. I look forward to meeting them at a future CGSC meeting! Let me know what I can do to help you enjoy your Club. My email is below.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Bay,

*Doug Hanks,*

*Rear Commodore*

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

### GALLEY NEWS

**Tuesday Night** \$2 Tacos the first Tuesday all others \$1.00

Hot Dogs and all the fix'ins remaining from 6-9 p.m.



**Wednesday Night** 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 Night** 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 6-9 pm
Wednesday	Caribbean Spice 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**



## *In Sympathy...*

*Our condolences are extended to Sailing Club member Ramon Palazuelos on the passing of his beloved wife, Olga Alvarez Palazuelos on August 26, 2010.*

### Join CGSC's Race Committee Team

**A rewarding day on the Bay!**

Contact Susan Walcutt  
[walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net)  
305.297.7757



## *Sailing Canes*

**Rose Bowl Regatta** Jan 6, 2010 UM Sailing Places 5th in the 2010 Rose Bowl. The UM sailing team celebrated the new year with a successful performance at the Rose Bowl in Long Beach, California. Despite light and difficult winds, the team was up to the west coast challenge. Nick Voss (2012) and Brogan Abernathy (2013) finished fourth in their division sailing a second in the last race to lock in the team's fifth place position. David Hernandez (2012) and Nicole Popp (2012) finished 8th in their division winning the fourth race of the regatta. This is the best finish at the Rose Bowl in UM Sailing history! Go Canes!

### **Fall 2010**

We had an outstandingly succesful season last year and managed to hang in the top 20 ICSA Nationals rankings for the entire year, at one point almost breaking the top 10. The start of the next college sailing season is just around the corner and we are looking to step it up one more level this year. The extra attention due to the ranks appears

### **Latest College Rankings (Aug. 24, 2010)**

Coed [#] = place votes received	Total Points		
01. Boston College [14]	280	11. Navy	129
02. Georgetown	252	12. Old Dominion	99
03. St. Mary's	225	13. Vermont	93
04. Brown	220	14. Stanfod	85
05. Harvard	219	15. Miami (Fla.)	68
06. Yale	212	16. South Florida	63
07. Charleston	192	17. Dartmouth	51
08. Roger Williams	184	18. Salve Regina	44
09. Tufts	156	18. (tie) USMMA/Kings Point	44

## *Snipe Snippets:*

### August

Augie Diaz and crew Kathleen Tocke captured the 2010 U.S. Snipe National Championship, hosted by Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, Md., August 16-20. Diaz/Tocke topped their closest competitors by four points over the four-race championship fleet series. They said they were constantly looking over their shoulders at "the kids," most of whom are products of the Miami Snipe Fleet which is kept strong by his father, Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

Nick Voss captures the Junior Championship. During the year Nick sails for the UM sailing team but comes back to Snipes in the summer. His sister Kara finished tenth and his parents, Ken and Kay Voss, won the silver Wells fleet.

### September:

Club member Ernesto Rodriguez and his crew Mary Hall recently won the Snipe Class Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship Coming in second was Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke.

Augie Diaz honored his mother, and wife of Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz, Carmen Diaz, by donating a perpetual trophy in her name that will be given to the top junior women's team at the Women's Worlds. Carmen has always been a great supported of her family as they compete and of the Miami Snipe Fleet. There driveway looks like a parking lot when the Snipes are sailing in Miami and you can be sure Carmen is preparing a great meal for all the fleet. Great job Augie.

to have helped in the recruiting department and we are looking forward to sailing with some great new Freshman.

Other exciting developments are that the ICSA approved 2 of our proposals at the National General Meeting held in Wisconsin.

The first item is that ICSA voted to adopt our proposed ban on disposable water bottles at all events. In SAISA we have been doing this very successfully for the last several years and now we are exporting our "Green" ethics to the rest of the ICSA. The second really big item is that **ICSA accepted our preliminary bid to host the 2012 National Semi-finals right here in Miami!!!!** We hope to do this in conjunction with the Volvo Stop over. Needless to say this is going to take some major fund raising as it requires 36 boats.



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12:30 with the wind building up and finally going to the East (95 degrees for the last race). Again, storms were brewing and again our RC kept running the races with absolute control of the situation. A great time was had by all!

Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz



The First Place Trophy and the perpetual trophy are given to Taylor Scheuermann and her crew by Vice Commodore Ron Rostorfer.

The postponement flag flew on Sunday but there were still two races completed.



Left, the racers approach the gate.



Competitors and race committee, after a fairly quiet day on the bay, pose for a group picture after Trophy Presentation Sunday.

Right, Spencer Elmslie & El Viego with a bullet in Race #6.



Third Place was taken by Chris Craven and crew.



Second place helmsman Alex Sly with his crew.



RESULTS:

Rank	SailNo	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Net
1st	29687	Taylor Scheuermann	1.00	1.00	(7.00)	1.00	3.00	3.0 CNF	9.00
2nd	28810	Axel Sly	2.00	(8.00)	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00	12.00
3rd	30238	Chris Craven	3.00	2.00	1.00	(5.00)	2.00	5.00	13.00
4th	2881	Scott Ewing	5.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	(7.00)	17.00
5th	30287	Pravan Chugani	(9.0 CNF)	3.00	5.00	4.00	6.00	4.00	22.00
6th	30336	Spencer Elmslie	4.00	6.00	6.00	(12.0 DNC)	9.00	1.00	26.00
7th	30362	Jaime Ramon Jr	7.00	9.00	4.00	6.00	5.00	(11.00)	31.00
8th	3036	Rachel Ellis	6.00	(11.00)	9.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	36.00
9th	30364	Riley Legault	(12.0 DSQ)	5.00	10.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	38.00
10th	309	Julian Moore	9.00	7.00	(11.00)	9.00	11.00	9.00	45.00
11th	29781	Charlie Bess	(11.0 CNF)	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	48.00

## 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.

## Just A Note...

### Old Friends -

A picture of Past Commodore George McCullough and I as I presented him with his Past Commodore hat from the CGSC. George and his wife Mary now live in Westminster, S. C.



I visited them on a 19 day, 5500 mile road trip I did in August visiting friends and family. -Whip

### Sail Donation

Bud Price receiving sails for the CGSC Flying Scots from Steve Morisky of the Upper Keys Sailing Club



## From The Manager.....



Sailing season is upon us. We can already see the increased traffic in the Club from sailors coming for competitions. More members are coming to the Club house for a bite and a pint or two. I can feel it; good season is in front of us.

Our theme nights are doing very well, proudly I can say. Caribbean Spice Wednesdays and Burger Fest

Thursdays are very popular and restaurant patrons are enjoying Tara's culinary creations. As I mentioned, food specials are followed by drink specials. I need to bring to your attention here that beverage specials are going to change according to best deal available from our suppliers. Therefore, sometimes, daily beverage special for Spice Wednesday might be – hearty German lager, not Jamaican beer. It's going to be the same for all other beverage specials, including weekend ones. Always check with your bartender what is on special for the day before placing an order.

I have been approach by few members asking if they will be charged capital assessment every month. I can tell you - no, they will not. Capital assessment is annual charge of \$20 payable half in August and half in September. So, after your September bill you will not see it on your bill again.

We had a very successful "Discovering wine regions" wine tasting and lecture on 16th of September. Dozens of good wines, from well known wine regions were tasted and I'm sure that all that took part had a great time. This was not the last one that we're going to have at the Club, as I'm planning to continue it as a semi-annual event. Next one will come towards the end of winter and it will have a different theme. But, before that, it's time to have another beer tasting! Date for it has not been set yet. I will announce it on our web site and with a flier on the bulletin board.

Very soon, I would say, you will see that our Strip has new asphalt. As I'm writing these words, I'm looking for the best quote from different companies. Last year's job on main parking lot was a success and that is what we are looking for in the Strip area. Also, on the maintenance issue, we are currently working with a plumber to solve the mysterious odor issue on weekends. The project is not complete yet, but I can say that we are on the right track.

New, Fall Junior sailing semester has started. The number of kids in the program is very good this year as well as many have returned from previous season and several new young sailors came for the first time. We have couple of new coaches, including our, on other days - bartender, Jeff Timmons. He will continue to be your friendly bartender, but once a week he becomes a youth sailing instructor.

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

*Dragan Savin*

# Cruising and Rendezvous

## Rendezvous News

2nd Annual Dog Days Dockside Rendezvous Results:  
 Andy Received the Best in Show Award, Barney received the Best Dressed and Congeniality award. Best Chef Award, Dr. Alan Creed.



Best In Show



Barney the Dog

Island Dog Bar



Columbus Day Regatta Raftup – After the race join the CGSC fleet at the south end of Elliot for a Raftup and potluck. Racers and nonracers welcome.



Haunted Mooring Field – Saturday, October 30 - Prepare your vessels and beware of globins and ghouls who will be trick or treating through the mooring field. Scary movies on the lawn, dollar dogs and prizes for the best decorated pumpkin.



New Members Dockside Rendezvous – All members that have joined the club in the last year are invited to showcase their boats at the CGSC dock beginning at 4 pm Saturday, November 6th. New members without boats are encouraged to attend so that they can meet members with boats in need of crew, committee chairs in need of volunteers and learn more about what our great club has to offer.

For more info about Rendezvous or to sign up for the Rendezvous email list, contact [jbpmom@aol.com](mailto:jbpmom@aol.com).

Janice Pruett

During September, we held the largest Adult Learn-To-Sail class of this calendar year. With the maximum of twelve (12) Sunfish students on twelve (12) boats, it was very “colorful” around the club that weekend, and we got lots of favorable comments from members noticing all the activity. Special thanks to Cathy Buller, instructor, and new member Carol Leobl, coach, for their great assistance with this class. The make-up of the class was unusual in that there were **three (3)** men and **nine (9)** women for this big class. Of course, we had our other keelboat classes and clinics as well for the month, but we came up one class short due to lack of an available instructor. Your club has very positive plans to grow our already successful efforts into an even larger program with more classes available on more weekends. One recent step forward was the building of our new “drop down” class room on the verandah, which has now seen it’s first class successfully convene there. This allows us to host multiple classes on the same days. To grow our program, we must have additional certified US Sailing instructors from within our ranks or outside of the club. If you, as a club member, are seriously interested in becoming a certified instructor, especially for Level 1 (Sunfish) or keelboat, please contact Nick at extension 11 or Richard at the number below to get some basic details of what would be involved. We will be adding instructors to satisfy the growth of interest in our adult instructional program. Another great bit of news from Adult Sailing is the upcoming US Sailing classes of Basic Cruising, Coastal Navigation and Basic Bareboat. Member/Insturctor Bruce Penrod has just received his certification from US Sailing to begin these advanced cruising classes. Congratulations, Bruce!! Now we can offer it ALL!!

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Member Use Program: Beginning with this monthly article, we will be including news and information about our Member Boat Use program. This program is working well, is successful and is growing. Those of you who have been around the club as long as I have will remember at least three attempts at a member use program in the past. In all cases, the programs failed and the boats were rendered unusable. Despite the growing popularity of this attractive benefit to club membership, especially to our many new non-boat owners, there is still some confusion about the program. Both Nick and myself receive many calls from members either directly or referred by the office asking questions that are clearly answered on our website. We are glad to answer your questions, but there is a much quicker and more complete source for your questions on our site, [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org). Please refer to "Sailing Activities" under which "Member User" information is available. The rules, requirements and restrictions are clearly stated. For instance, boats must be reserved. We are not a walk-in, on-demand boat rental service, nor do we have the staff to facilitate on-demand at this time. Members are required to make a reservation in-advance for the boat they desire..., kayaks, Sunfish or the keelboat. Use hours, especially on weekends are 9AM to 1PM and 1PM to 5PM, maximum of four hours per reservation. By making a reservation, the staff will expect you and have the proper paperwork ready for you. To use a Sunfish or keelboat, you must be on an approved list kept in the dock office. Getting on the list is a simple matter for those who have taken our courses. For others, there is a check-out, not so much to check someone's skills, but to explain the required procedure for use and care of the boats and the equipment involved. Please, before contacting the

club for boat usage or to inquire about the program, read the procedure on the website, which also includes the fees, which is also a frequent question we are asked. There will be more information to come about Member Boat Usage. Regarding the use of Flying Scot boats, much is being coordinated through Member / Instructor Bud Price to generate additional interest in the Scots and make them available through our "adoption" program and other possibilities regarding member use. Contact Bud in this regard.

Weekly Sunfish Clinics: Our 4PM to 8PM weekly Sunfish Clinics will go back to the "winter" schedule effective October 7, the first Thursday of the month. Clinics will then be hosted from 9AM until Noon. This schedule will remain in effect until next April, at which time, the additional daylight will allow us to host afternoon clinics for our "summer" schedule. This clinic is hosted weekly for all qualified Sunfish sailors, members or non-members, and is now enjoying the third year as a continuing event. Come join us for the fun and learning.

Finally, it is very gratifying to see the growth in club membership and especially those who based part of their decision on past classes or the availability of classes and member boat usage in their sailing future at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thanks to ALL for the continued support and participation in our adult instructional activities.

Fair Winds and Safe Sailing,

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## 2010 US Snipe Nationals

The Severn Sailing Association (SSA) of Annapolis, Maryland was host for the 2010 US Nationals. Annapolis is located on the Western side of the Chesapeake Bay, and is famous for its maritime history and likes to claim the title "sailboat capitol of the world".

August, however, is not known as the best time to be on the Chesapeake, with the epic motorboat chop and heat and humidity, particularly this year when temperatures in July were above 100°F (40°C). To everyone's delight the week of the Championships provided excellent sailing for the 130 sailors who flocked to the bay despite the climate predictions. The week began with the 2 day Junior Championship, which saw a record 18 teams in 2 divisions. The team of Nick Voss and Nicole Popp won the Junior-Junior division, in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Taylor Schuerman and Jackson Fadely. These two teams both hail from the Miami fleet and earned the right to represent the US at the 2011 Junior World Championships. Winning the "Old Man Diaz" Special Junior (Junior skipper any age crew) was Christian Filter of Annapolis and in 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Duffy of Texas, both with Dads as crew. Conditions for the Junior's ranged from sunny light shifty winds with the notorious Annapolis motorboat chop Saturday, to raining and blowing 16-18kts with big steep waves on Sunday. It was great to see all the younger sailors going fast and enjoying the "breeze on" conditions.

In a mostly light-air main event, Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke once again claimed the Heinzerling Trophy, representative of the US National Championship, with a 4-point win over fellow Miamians Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero, who took second place in a tiebreaker with Nick Voss and Nicole Popp. Miamians Ernesto Rodriguez and Megan Place were 4th with Newport, Rhode Island's Carol Cronin along with Kim Couranz, the first non-Miami

team at the top of the 62-boat fleet, finishing 5th, with Carol becoming the highest-placing female skipper in recent memory. Sailing was canceled on the final day of the regatta due to lack of wind. Ken and Kay Voss of Miami won the Wells series consolation round in a tiebreaker with Laura Stamets and Dan Dalgleish, 3rd place was John Lally and Kerry O'Brien of Boston.

The real excitement at the US Nationals, and scuttlebutt in the boat yard, was not about the winners but rather the dramatic increase in the total number of young sailors in attendance. 2010 saw the average age of the fleet dropped by 10 to 15 years, close to one third of the fleet were recent or current college sailors. This was mainly thanks to a dedicated effort by some south Florida fleets. The first is the building of the 12 boat "Super Snipe Trailer" by Ernesto Sanchez of the St. Petersburg Fleet, that's right 12 boats check it out! Whenever this beast shows up at your regatta, heads are going to turn and its time for some serious sailing serious fun. The super trailer combined with the willingness of people to loan or charter boats is enabling young sailors to access the Snipe for a test drive. Kathleen Tocke, with support from members of the Miami fleet, has been running youth oriented clinics at venues before major regattas. Using land and water based drills and the SnipeUS instructional DVD, she helps take the mystery out of all those controls for sailors new to the class. This three-pronged effort of trailer, loaner boats, and clinics is bringing younger sailors into the flock.

Of course people only stay with the class if it's fun and the Annapolis fleet did it up right. Social events included a Pizza Party for the Juniors, traditional Chesapeake crab feast, a Wednesday night sunset party – with the best seats in the house for watching Annapolis' classic Wednesday night race series—and a closing awards banquet at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel with an after-party at Pusser's. Everyone from the front to the back of the fleet had a great time. ....and who can forget those Dark and Stormy's with homemade Ginger Beer in the boat yard!

*Written by Kay Voss for the Snipe National Publication*



## Labor Day Weekend Lobster Hunt

This year's Coconut Grove Sailing Club Labor Day Rendezvous involved a small group of boats and little to no sailing. My husband Rick Cooper and I on Sirocco were the first to leave the club at 2:00 in the afternoon on Friday heading for Elliot Key where we planned to meet up with our power boat friend, Lisa Cannon and crew Lori Rice for cocktails and dinner at anchor.

A few hours later, Janice and Alyn Pruett on Effortless and Christian Vargas and his crew Lorena, Andres and Sylvia on the boat Camilla shoved off under rainy skies, motoring south toward Elliot to join us.

All four boats managed to reach the anchorage safely and we spent a warm and quiet night at anchor watching lightning flash in all directions, but overhead. Far enough offshore to avoid mosquitoes, we slept under a night sky filled with bright stars, the Milky Way and a tiny sliver of a moon that popped up orange about 4 am. It was a tranquil and gorgeous night out on the water.

The next day, all headed out Cesar's Creek to dive off patch reefs and found a few lobsters hiding behind crags and ledges. Once spotted, Lisa rushed over with all the gear and experience necessary to net, measure and toss them in the cooler.

After a day of snorkeling, Camilla touched bottom heading in, but Andres acted quickly and they were soon afloat again. The four boats rafted up for a feast of steak and shrimp burgers. There was fishing off the back of Lisa's boat where Lori and Andres both caught the same bonnet head shark, a baby, which they threw back -- twice. A few other small fish were also caught and released. Then it was time for everyone to break off from Sirocco and anchor separately for our second night out on the water.

On day three, Camilla headed back to port while the Pruetts, Coopers, Lisa and Lori grabbed noodles and floated in the clear, warm water of Biscayne Bay about as long as it's possible do that. Then Lisa and Lori headed home and Rick and I joined the Pruetts in their dingy for a snorkeling trip down a tiny, shallow creek off Cesar's. We snorkeled and drifted with the current, eyeing the many lobsters protected from human hunters by their location in the park.

Towards evening, Sirocco followed Effortless to Soldier Key for the final night of the rendezvous. While heading toward Soldier, the Pruett's GPS stopped working. Luckily they had purchased a new one, but needed to enter waypoints as they went along. Not knowing this, Sirocco followed closely and confidently eager to learn the way back to Soldier Key from the trailblazing Effortless.

Effortless anchored and Sirocco rafted up while the few power boats anchored there headed out. It was just our two boats. We cooked up the lobsters, drank wine and enjoyed the beauty and quiet of this nearby island paradise. Just as it got dark, a storm came up and it was time to toss off lines and go our separate way.

The strong current and grassy bottom at Soldier Key makes anchoring tricky. In a lightning storm and the dark, it was no fun, but Rick dropped the hook and we ducked into the cabin and closed the hatches. We knew the boat had ridden over the anchor line and later felt a pop and thought

we'd slipped off. We fell asleep for a few hours until I woke up to a strange motion.

When I got out on deck, the wind was strong and there was lightning flashing all around us lighting the sky in quick bursts. With each burst of light, I grew more concerned as I didn't see Soldier Key and I didn't see Effortless. Rick came on deck and checked the depth. It was the same as it was when we anchored so his first thought was we were ok. I had to remind him there was no island and no Effortless. Using the GPS, he couldn't believe where we where: miles north of Soldier on the edge of the ocean. He checked the anchor. The road had been sliced off, we figure by barnacles at the base of the keel, and we'd drifted while we slept crossing the flats, headed toward Miami.

We started the engine and headed toward the anchor light atop Effortless in the distance. And we nearly made all the way back until we hit bottom just shy of Soldier. After several attempts to get in, we found a little more water, set out our back-up anchor and waited till morning.

In the light of day, Rick easily managed to get us back and we anchored near Effortless about 7 am. Using the Pruett's dingy; we scoured the bottom for our anchor, chain and road, but to no avail. About noon, we pulled up anchor and headed for home.

If you're looking for fun and adventure, be sure to make this end-of-summer-in-the-tropics rendezvous next year.

–Nancy Cooper



### Continuing the Tradition...

US Navy Captain Shawn Lobree and his son, Midshipman S Walker Lobree, at the USMMA, Kings Point, NY. Grandpa Hal attributes much of his family's



success to the years the kids spent in the CGSC, City of Miami sailing programs.

# Moorings Report

Dear Folks,

On hurricanes: September-most ever, October-not over, November-remember.

Some essential things to do in caring for boats here:

## HAVE YOUR OWN HURRICANE PLAN:

1) Keep adequate clean fuel, filters clean and run engine 1/2 hour weekly. Acquire THREE (3) LARGE STORM anchors. Danforths are good here; so are Fortress/Guardians. Nat Herreshoff : "Plows belong in the cornfield." I think that's true here unless they're very large for the boat. Delta's are pitiful, and small anchors (12# - steel) are useless for big boats in storms. DO NOT USE WIMPY ANCHORS AS YOUR BOAT AND OTHERS WILL BE DAMAGED, AND YOU WILL BE UNPOPULAR! Use 100 foot line, chain and SECURE CHAFING GEAR.

2) Keep boat bottom and propeller clean. Explore the safe-sites BEFOREHAND.

3) Know how to perform all the steps and get early agreement with AT LEAST ONE FRIEND TO HELP YOU; this may involve favors of some kind: bribes, refreshments, stimulus's, whatever.

4) Before or ASAP after a Hurricane Watch or Warning is announced by NOAA take the three (3) anchors aboard (lashed on deck is O.K.). Examples: 40# Danforth, 30# folding grapnel; 13# Guardian. Go to one of the following locations, and anchor far away from other boats - at least five (5) boat lengths. Place largest anchor to where strongest wind is expected, probably SE, and the other two 120 degrees on bow each side with 10:1 scope maximum; too much line allows boats to "sail at anchor", jerk madly, get loose and damage yours and other boats. A dinghy and with extra hands is really helpful, but a swimmer with a float for the last anchor can do it. Secure chafing gear in place and lash tiller/wheel 45 degrees off center to minimize sailing.

1 - West of Star Island and east of Palm and Hibiscus: 3 bridges N of CGSC: Rickenbacker, Dodge Island, McArthur, then right past the Miami Yacht Club to the Flagler Memorial and right.

2 - Marine Stadium: Thru Rickenbacker and right to near far end and out from from the Rowing Club; get well inside the stadium, but away from other boats.

3 - No Name Harbor - Key Biscayne - Bill Baggs State Park

4 - Coral Gables Waterway mangroves: south past Four Way Channel and into the Waterway: take 1st left to the end. This is a preferred spot for many; four rules apply: 1- Do not anchor nor attach lines across canals. 2- Do not tie up to private property. 3- Do not attach to mangrove trunks, but walking anchors well into the mangrove roots is O.K. 4- Everyone is responsible for damages they cause. Method: nose the boat near the mangroves but afloat, walk an anchor(s) into the mangroves, then angle stern anchors to position the boat and hold it out from the mangroves in case of surge. Note: These canals are scoured by tidal current and offer POOR HOLDING. A heavy kelleet on the stern lines is helpful.

5) Minimize windage: Remove biminis, sails and dorades; lower boom. Lash tiller/wheel 45 degrees off center.

6) It's a motor trip, so check packing flange for drip afterward and adjust if necessary. Pump bilge, check head and thru-valves, turn power off but leave auto-bilge pump on if you have one, lock boat and set alarm.

7) Check boats often in following days and notify others ASAP if boats are NOT O.K.

Cooperation helps keep boats safe, minimizes problems and makes work easier. Share a motorized dinghy or ride, and get someone with a van or truck for pick-up near the Miami Yacht Club, Watson Island boat ramp (parking fee \$8/day), Rowing Club, No Name Harbor or Gables Waterway: Cocoplum Blvd. Also, read the CGSC Manager's e-mails for launch service to sights. "All for one, and one for all!", and all will be O.K. It gets easier once we get into it. This is not an exclusive thing; anybody can be a part. Get in touch with others going to the same place; hand-held VHF's and celfone's help.

PLEASE BE AWARE, per Board ruling, boats on CGSC moorings:

Should boat owners fail to take proper safety precautions, CGSC staff at the direction of the GM and Waterfront Coordinator, and per Florida law, may but are not required to take steps to better secure vessels. Boat owners will be charged for these services.

This step was a long time coming, but was unavoidable: loose furling jibs and bimini's/dodgers are the main problems.

Feel free to call me on moorings issues anytime - 305.546.6727C, or see me at the Club. Good Luck to us all! Enjoy "Our Place on the Bay". See you there.

Bill Beavers - Moorings Chairman

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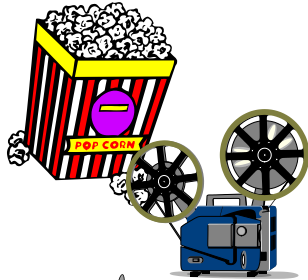
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