



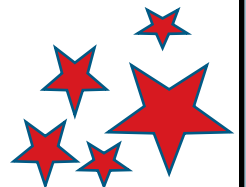
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Fabulous Fourth at CGSC



VICE COMMODORE REPORT

By the time you read this, hurricane season will be in full swing. This is hardly a time we celebrate at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, but I like to think the CGSC helps hurricane season go easier for sailors.

For one, we've had two professional-grade seminars on preparing sailboats for hurricanes. You could easily pay \$100 for this course and get your money's worth, but Moorings Chairman Bill Beavers (PC) does it for free. He is a stellar professor, and we are lucky to have him for many reasons. In past hurricanes, we've run members back and forth from hurricane anchorages. That's been a great service. Of course, you can't count on that-- for a last-minute hurricane, or some other unusual circumstance, the CGSC may not be able to run those shuttles. But we have in the past, and it's been a great benefit of membership. Many veteran sailors warn against riding out a storm in a slip. At the CGSC, we make it as easy as possible to "evacuate."

If you have a boat at the CGSC, what should you be doing to get ready for hurricane season? F

1. Do your shopping now. When they've named a storm that is not the time to go out and buy your extra anchors, rode, fenders, chain or anti-chafing gear. Because that's when everyone will be doing it, too-- especially for the first storm of the season. So go out and hit West Marine now! You can shop at your leisure, return something that doesn't quite work, compare prices. Don't wait.

2. Pay attention. Watch the weather. Know when something is brewing in the Atlantic. Have at least a day's jump on everyone else getting into hurricane mode.

3. Stay around or make arrangements. The biggest problems boat owners face in a hurricane is when they're away. It is

your responsibility to get your boat out of the CGSC when a storm comes. Even if you are in France, or tending to a sick relative in Oklahoma. If you can't be assured of having someone move your boat when you are gone, you should find someone right now that you can pay to move it. Sea Tow offers CGSC members discount rates. You can find information on our website, at cgsc.org.

4. Reduce windage if a blow is coming. Don't be the embarrassed sailor caught with a self-furled headsail flapping in a strong breeze, threatening all the other sailboats around you. When the forecast calls for strong winds, be conservative and strip your boat.

5. Learn about CGSC regulations. Your mooring agreement came with a one-page statement of CGSC rules and regulations for hurricanes and tropical storms. It's up to you to know the rules, and your obligations.

6. Enjoy your boat. It's hard not to imagine nautical catastrophe when a Big One threatens. And should that sad day ever come when a storm takes out your vessel, you'll wish you sailed more. Make up for lost time this summer. Don't go to Home Depot this weekend. Don't even install that new GPS system in the cockpit. Throw the mooring lines in the water and head out for a sail. Even in the worst of times, you will be glad you did.

Looking forward to seeing you at the CGSC,

Doug Hanks, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE REPORT

It has been said that the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is where sailors belong. Our mission statement states clearly that "the purpose of this organization is to encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, to sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship." So, in response to that mission the CGSC has created an excellent fleet of boats that can be used by our members. While the CGSC website has a great amount of information on our Member Use Boat Program, let me give you some introductory information.

For starters we have 4 sea kayaks that are available to use that have no maintenance fee associated with their use and the CGSC is only a few paddles away from excellent mangrove areas and waterways that are great fun to explore. These kayaks are easy to set up, easy to paddle and easy to put away.

For the sailors out there who don't own a boat, but want to hoist a sail, grab a tiller and set out on Biscayne Bay. We have four sunfishes, an Ensign keel boat, Flying Scots and the newest member of our fleet, a 26 foot Beneteau sailboat. All of these boats are offered in our Member's Use Program and I sincerely hope that everyone that is interested in using these boats takes the necessary steps to get approved to use them.

So how does one get approved? There are a couple of steps a member can take to get approved and those include being US Sailing or ASA certified for the class of vessel the member wants to use, or receiving a check-out on the boat, by the Sailing Director or an appointed representative. Either way, a person who wants to use the CGSC boats should call the CGSC and get the process going. Don't delay.

If you are not a sailor, but feel like you're ready to join the fun, CGSC has a top rated Adult Sailing Program and with the successful completion of a sailing course, you too will be ready to take a boat out on your own. It's just another great reason to come down to the club and enjoy your membership.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Sean Connitt
Rear Commodore



Board of Directors meeting is on Tuesday, August 9th @ 7:00pm. The General Meeting is on Thursday the 25th of August @ 6:30pm.

Adult Sailing Report

There is more activity than ever with our Adult Sailing programs. New memberships, the Member Use program and a renewed interest in our Sunfish program have our class sizes and frequency in a growth mode. Recent clinics have experienced waiting lists because all boats had been reserved. All of this, of course, stresses our need for new and committed US Sailing Certified instructors. We are pleased to report that two of our newest instructors have finished their apprenticeship and will now be conducting classes for us. They are Phil Adams (member) and Jeanine McLeod (former camp director). Their efforts will largely be with the Sunfish training at first. We welcome them aboard our training staff. We continue to recruit members and others as professional staff and volunteers for our program, which reflects our mission and member's oath... "To Encourage the Sport of Sailing, to Promote the Science of Seamanship and Navigation, and to Foster a Spirit of Cooperation and Good Fellowship".

Check out the club calendar and the adult section of our website for classes, clinics and other adult sailing / training opportunities. Please contact us at any time regarding your questions or interest.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely..... Enjoy and Protect our Beautiful Bay.....

Richard Crisler, Adult Sailing Chairman
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Parking stickers are available in the CGSC Office.
One sticker is available per membership. Non-stickered cars and Parking Zone violators are subject to impoundment.

What's going on at the CGSC?

Check out our online calendar for the most up-to-date information on happenings at the Club.

www.cgsc.org/calendar

And if you aren't getting our weekly emails, go to

www.cgsc.org to sign up!

It just takes a few seconds.

NOTICE - Upcoming CGSC Regattas

August 13 Single Handed Race

August 14 Double Handed Race

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS

OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG

FOR BBYRA 2011 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE WWW.BBYRA.NET

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Family Night Saturday's August 2011

Enjoy a "home-style" entrée special in addition to our ala carte selection
Children's activities will take place in the main room

12 and under Children's Menu

Mac & Cheese \$5.00

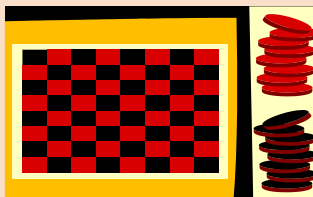
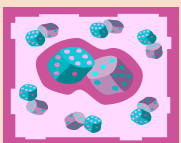
Hot Dog w/French Fries \$4.00

Mini Burger w/French Fries \$6.25

Mini Cheese Burger w/ French Fries \$6.75

Chicken Tenders w/French Fries \$7.00

Grilled Cheese w/French Fries \$4.00



In Memoriam

With the passing of our friend John Dinsmore, some things of note need mentioning. John was an active and participative CGSC member for years, sailing his Columbia 26 LIBRIUM. He was one of the first to invite me sailing when I was joining the club. Like many of the "can do generation" John had much knowledge on many topics based on first-hand experience, somewhat typical of the era, Another manifestation of John's keen practicality was when we as a work crew were toiling in the heat and dirt on the strip work area. Don't recall exactly what the task was, maybe casting steel/concrete moorings, but one disgruntled laborer began griping mightily about "all those members here who never do anything to help, and we're always the same ones out here having to do this hot grunt work". John heard the man out patiently, and then opined that while what was said was true, and it would indeed be better if more folks pitched in. However, such as it was, if they paid their dues, moorings fees, etc., he'd love them because without which he probably couldn't even afford to be there. It was kind and sage advice from a good and practical man. All was OK after that, as we worked on; I never forgot the great lesson and am sure the others didn't either. John Dinsmore will be sorely missed.

Bill Beavers - PC

