

the channel



DECEMBER 2011

Work Weekend 2011

Work Weekend this year meant rolling up our sleeves, dirtying our hands and... firing up the generator. The CGSC lost power sometime during the Solar Dogs' first set Friday night and the lights were still off Saturday morning when our first volunteers arrived. No matter. Sailors scrambled to their boats and garages to retrieve generators, the Club fired up its industrial-sized one, and the day was on more or less as planned. It's fun to tell people outside the CGSC about Work Weekend. You explain the concept-- we shut down the Club for a weekend for maintenance and improvements. And then you mention in an offhand way -- we usually have about 50 people a day to help. "Oh!" is the typical response. "I would have

thought 10 or 12."

The CGSC really does thrive thanks to volunteers and Work Weekend best captures our DNA. For the weekend, and astounding 98 people signed in for duty. On Saturday, the lack of electricity made everything more of a challenge. We had to wait for time on the generators, power tools would operate erratically, no lights in the Dock Office for seeing if that was a gallon of Balcony Chair Gray or Dinghy Hull Blue. I heard no grumbling though. People were literally happy to help.



Singling out people for credit can be a tricky business, but I am going to wade into it with this article. Everyone worked hard and gave the CGSC that rare commodity: service. But a handful of members stepped up for leadership roles

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Wow! Hard to believe 2011 is coming to a close. It's been a very successful and eventful year for your Club. Here are some highlights:



New Lease. Easily the greatest development at CGSC in the last decade, entering a new 15-year Lease with the City was a huge step forward for your Club after 11 years of month-to-month tenancy. A special thanks to Ron Canizares, our former Treasurer for his outstanding efforts.

Membership. Our incredible membership growth continued through the year after getting off to a great start in the last half of 2010. Key to this was the revision to our dues and fees structure. With some 760 Members on our 1.1 acre upland leasehold, we really are "the biggest little club in town!"

Financial Performance. CGSC's financial condition continues to be very strong. We're solidly in the black with substantial cash on hand and no debt. Thanks to Treasurer Tony Battaglia for keeping this on track.

Center Dock Replacement. We've spent the year developing and permitting this project. At this writing, we're almost finished with the permitting process and continue to expect construction start on January 2nd. Again, thanks to the Membership for their overwhelming approval at the Special Membership Meeting on September 22nd.

There are so many other things that come to mind. An outstanding Work Weekend led by Vice Commodore Doug Hanks. Our new Halloween Howler youth regatta was a great success, thanks to Rear Commodore Sean Connett and Board Members Paul van Puffelen and Sigrid Beckmann. Our first closed course ocean regatta for the incredible Melges 32 Class back in early March, and the continued growth of our Audi Melges 20 Winter Series, including this year, the National Championship and the Gold Cup.

So, we're all part of something special here. You'll enjoy the Club more if you are here. Join a committee and get involved. Come down for lunch, dinner or just a beverage. Chef Richie and Sous-chef Luis continue to shine in the kitchen, the bar is friendly and the view from the upper deck is the best.

See you at the Club.

*Ron Rostorfer,
Commodore*

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Another month has passed and we are well into the sailing season. The waterfront is busier than ever and all of our sailing programs are fulfilling their missions. In October, our Adult Sailing Chairman Richard Crisler and his training team held a keelboat course that was so popular that they used all three of the CGSC's Ensigns to accommodate everyone. Also in October, the CGSC hosted the Halloween Howler Regatta, inviting Opti sailors and Laser Radial sailors from all over South Florida to come and compete on Biscayne Bay. The wind did in fact howl that weekend but races were run and I am proud to say, the guests all gave us thumbs up for a great event. We will be hosting this regatta again next year and I am confident that it will become a CGSC tradition.

So with our youth sailing and our adult sailing programs firing on all cylinders, what do we do to get better? I am inclined to reflect on our name "Coconut Grove Sailing Club" and the word that sticks out to me is "Sailing" and although I have shared the first paragraph of our Mission Statement with you before, it bears being repeated.

"The purpose of this organization is to encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation,

From The Manager...

What an impressive Work Weekend. I've never been involved with a Club activity that had that much Member Volunteer participation. The coordination of the event was remarkable and the accumulative result leaves the Coconut Grove Sailing Club looking beautiful. My hat goes off to all that participated.

Be sure to stop by the Groves Nest Tuesday through Friday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm and you can enjoy 2 for 1 Well Vodka, Gin, Rum and Bourbon as well as 2 for 1 Fetzer Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay and 20 oz Draft Beer for the price of a 14 oz.

We also have a new Double Reef Menu in the bar from 2:00pm to 5:00pm on Thursday and Friday afternoons, instead of closing down the kitchen for night preparation.

Weekly Theme Nights continue to be popular and Live Music Fridays are still a club favorite. The Bands booked for December are "Solar Dogs" on the 2nd, "Cool Old Dudes" on the 9th, "Funky Blue Tones" on the 16th "Kevin Hurley" on the 23rd. On Friday Nights we will extend kitchen service until 10:00pm.

Also in December we are offering the CGSC "Saturday Night Special", featuring a special entrée each Saturday at a very special price.

As of this writing, Chef Richie and I are planning an "Oyster Bar Saturday Afternoon" for the month of January. The details will be posted in the January Channel. We have hired a parking attendant to help control the parking

to sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship."

We have more members at the CGSC than ever before and while we all may have joined for different reasons, I would ask that our members who do not sail or have children that don't sail, give sailing a try. The CGSC has sailing programs for all ages and you should know that people come to our facilities from literally all around the world to learn how to sail here. That's how good our programs are and it's all right here at your Sailing Club. You really have nothing to lose by signing up for a class and you may find that being on the water is better than the view of the water from the shore. I also believe that the food and the drinks I have at the end of a day of sailing tastes even better, if that is even possible.

December lies ahead of us and with it more races, more classes and even a Holiday Boat Parade, complete with lights and singing, so keep watching the calendar on the CGSC website and join us on the water.

Fair winds –

Sean Connett, Rear Commodore



lot on busy nights and weekends. We will also be issuing new parking stickers for the 2011-2012 season. We will notify you as to the dates and details of when the new stickers are available.

Enjoy the Club...Pat.



**The Club Office and Bar will be closed on
December 24, 25 and January 1.**

LARGER BOATS ON MOORINGS

CGSC's Board of Directors has agreed that the Club will consider boats on moorings larger than the 41 ft. and 20,000 lb previous limit allowed in our Mooring License Agreement. Any such boats accepted will require a special written agreement Between the mooring Applicant and CGSC Members and non-Members are invited to apply.

Kiss Wins Audi Melges 20 Nationals at Coconut Grove Sailing Club By Joy Dunigan

The eight-race 2011 U.S. National Championship, hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), saw Michael Kiss on *Bacio*, along with crew consisting of tactician Chris Rast and Jamie Kimball as winners. Kiss' score line included an impressive four bullets (race wins) and a race to spare. "I really didn't think we'd be able to do it," said Kiss. "But, we did. It was really great and a lot of fun." For Kiss, with this win, he is a back-to-back U.S. National Champion. Kiss is from Holland, MI but also Coconut Grove Sailing Club. So, the National Champion Audi Melges 20 boat is on the Strip at CGSC!

In second overall was Marcus Eagan on *Cajun Underwriting* with an incredible performance on his first time out in the fleet. He superseded third place finisher Travis Weisleder on *Layline.com/Gill Race Team* by 15 points.

Sunday, the final day of racing rounded out three days of the same spectacular conditions as days past. A nice, pleasant breeze fluctuating from 12-18 knots under gorgeous sunshine was the perfect complement to Biscayne Bay's flat water. The final two races went to Chuck

Holzman on *Flyer*, who hammered the fleet with speed as his next closest contention was Eagan, placing second in both races. Nathan Hollerbach on *FU* had an amazing last race finishing third.

MANY SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thanks goes to PRO Ron Rostorfer and his entire Race Committee staff. The Race Committee work was very organized and well-run making it the best Nationals ever! To all the volunteers at CGSC who made things, just in general run smooth as clockwork, in particular Maryann & Richard Etkin, and Joann Mathieu.

The class would like to also extend gratitude to every participant that made their way to Miami and joined the fleet at such an amazing event.

Again, very special thanks to fleet newcomer Wes Whitmyer on *Slingshot* as he sponsored the open bar on Saturday afternoon at Coconut Grove Sailing Club during the after racing social.

CGSC's Race Committee included Mike Castleberry and his *Tartan 372 Imagine* as Signal Boat. Commodore Ron Rostorfer was PRO. Tim Rumptz, the USSailing southeast US

Area Race Officer, was Deputy Race Officer. Also on the Signal Boat were timers Marvin Schenker and Dorian Goldberg, Recorder Nancy Rogachenko, Flag Signallers Veronic Agahayan and Esther DiLeo, and scorer Jo Ann Mathieu. The Gate Boat crew aboard *Mako 2* were Skipper Freddie Sambolin, Navigator Dottie Rostorfer and crew George Bradley. The Pin Boat crew aboard Skipper David Kurtz's (PC) *Robalo* was Navigators Niall O'Brien and Bernie Meier, along with crew Marybeth Pearson and Jim Waldron. Up to windward was RC Chair Susan Walcutt's *Contender*, with crew Bob Deresz, Dennis Dunkelberger and Suzie Harbour. Our Press Boat was skippered and crewed by Dennis Jansma, David Bannister, Geoff Sutcliffe, Ryan Alexander, Paco Calvet, and Jan (Bannister).



TOP TEN RESULTS (Preliminary, After 8 Races, 1 Discard)

- 1.) Michael Kiss, *Bacio*; 3-1-1-1-[4]-1-3-[36/DNS] = 14
- 2.) Marcus Eagan, *Cajun Underwriting*; 1-5-3-2-5-[10]-2-2 = 20
- 3.) Travis Weisleder, *Layline.com/Gill Racing Team*; 5-3-5-[10]-3-3-9-7 = 35
- 4.) Russell Lucas, *Shimmer*; 2-[8]-2-5-8-8-7-5 = 37
- 5.) Paul Reilly, *Red Sky Sailing Team*; 7-11-[12]-3-1-2-8-6 = 38
- 6.) Chuck Holzman, *Flyer*; 4-[19]-8-8-14-5-1-1 = 41
- 7.) Tony Tabb, *Elevation Racing*; 13-2-14-4-11-4-[23]-17 = 65
- 8.) Claudio Recchi, *Let's Roll*; 11-6-4-7-[17]-12-10-15 = 65
- 9.) Nathan Hollerbach, *FU*; 9-9-18-[24]-9-14/RDG-5-3 = 67
- 10.) Ryan DeVos, *Volpe*; 6-7-6.5/RDG-11-[19]-14-13-10 = 67.5

SWAPPING BIRD WAR STORIES

Richard Crisler fights the battle every day, and has this chilling advice: “You have birds on your boat because they left mine.”

Anyone with a sailboat on Biscayne Bay knows the frustration that comes with birds roosting on rigging, booms and masts. So the CGSC convened a forum to learn the best ways to combat bird droppings and scare off our feathered freeloaders. Crisler, Adult Sailing Chairman and long-time mooring renter, led the talk, sharing his amazing arsenal of anti-bird gizmos and strategies.

His main advice: “You have to do something to annoy them.” Bother the birds enough, and they’ll find another place to roost. It could be the boat right next door, but all is fair in love and war.

This was the first in the CGSC’s new Hot Topic Wednesdays series, where we’ll gather members to hash out raging controversies in the moorings and beyond. Up next: Brightwork No Brainers: Which Products are Fail-Safe, and which are for Fools. Stay tuned for details.

For Bird Wars, Crisler walked the crowd through his defensive and offensive strategies. Flags hanging from the top third of the topping lift. (Don’t bother encircling

your boat with them. It will just look like a fun bird carnival.) Curling ribbon from the shrouds. A stick lashed to the main halyard and spiked with wire ties. Loose line along the boom. Orange snow fence to protect dodgers. It went on and on.

Crisler was so down on one popular method that he offered the crowd, for free, a new Osprey Kite. He had no takers.

Audience members shared their success and failures on the front lines too. In all, it was a great evening of misery loving company and optimism that just maybe there was some tactics as yet untried in the ongoing bird war. Alas, Crisler ended his talk by saying he has been on the mooring field for 26 years. And so far, the score stands: “Birds: 26, Richard: 0.”

“Do I still have birds,” Crisler said. “Yes. But it’s not as bad.”

We’ll chalk that up as a victory.

-- Doug Hanks

Have ideas for future Hot Topic Wednesdays? Drop me a line at ensignmiami@gmail.com

CGSC TO HOST SAFETY CLINIC AT THE OPEN ORANGE BOWL REGATTA

Many are aware of the tragic fatality that occurred off Annapolis this past June in which 14-year old Olivia Constants drowned. She and her skipper were members of their club’s 420 Class travelling team. They capsized in a club supervised practice. Olivia’s trapeze gear became hooked on the boat, and she was held underwater as a result.

Noted sailing author John Rousmaniere wrote a detailed accident review for USSailing, which was presented at the Annual Meeting in late October.

At the Annual CGSC Open Orange Bowl Regatta over the coming Holidays, we will be hosting International 420’s (a high performance version of the Club 420 Olivia was sailing) and 29ers. Both classes use trapezes. Consequently, this is an excellent opportunity to “stand

down” for an hour or so and focus on safety, especially relating to trapezes.

John’s report mentioned sailing coach Steve Keen as one with similar, but non-fatal experience. Steve will be here for the Orange Bowl coaching the I-420 fleet, and will be the lead presenter for the CGSC OB Safety Clinic. Steve is Director of Sailing for the Long Island Sound Youth Sailing Team (LISOT) and Head 420 Coach.

The Clinic will be at 4:30 pm on Monday, December 26th, the day before the start of racing at our regatta. While primarily for our registered I-420 and 29er competitors, interested local youth sailors, parents, coaches and others are invited to attend. The Clinic will be conducted on the Lawn.

that really made the difference between a patch-and-paint weekend and a major success.

Dennis Dunkleberger volunteered to help with the Property Committee after seeing Work Weekend advertised in one of our emails. He didn't blink when

I asked if he could take on the first-floor heads. In fact, he drew up a plan, a budget, recruited volunteers, prepped much of the carpentry needed in his workshop, and spent a full two days with his team



gutting our bathrooms and refitting them. It was an amazingly professional job under trying circumstances (and cramped quarters). Be sure to thank Dennis the next time you see him -- he presided over one of the biggest Work Weekend projects in recent memory. Brian Duplisea works as a carpenter for a living, so it's all the more appreciated when he donates his time to the CGSC.



He agreed to craft us a new cabinet for the Grove's Nest, and it turned out to be gorgeous. While we all cheered the redo of the Grove's Nest in 2010, the actual bar area missed the rehab. So we tossed the gray, aging cabinet that holds our stereo and computers and replaced it with Brian's rich, mahogany-red cabinet, along with some other touch-ups -- including a much-needed paint job by our crack Grove's Nest staff.



there today -- with clever finishes, like a pitched roof and a porthole for the bell. He didn't blink when we asked for a repeat on Work Weekend: replacing our two blah bulletin boards on the stairway landing with something with some character. Once again, Mel's talents served the CGSC well-- we now have an equally handsome wooden bulletin board large enough to accommodate our busy club's announcements. And finally we won't have to replace them when it rains-- Mel's bulletin board will keep out the elements.

Mel Meinhardt donated his carpentry skills earlier this year to the Main Dock, where the old bulletin board was nearly falling down. Mel stepped in and created that handsome replacement standing



The father-and-son team of Dudley and Doug Clark arrived Saturday morning and asked: what can we do? I replied: how about take charge of the South Dock refurbishment? "Sure." The two of them ordered up new supplies we needed,

recommended the best way to fix what needed repairs and generally presided over a hot, tedious effort that lasted well into Sunday.

Marc and Cathy Buller signed up for a toughie: making our entrance by the kitchen (used by people in wheelchairs and people with baby



strollers) more attractive. This involved refurbishing our existing lattice system with material that does a better job covering up our HVAC system, plus creating a gate to hide that view from the doorway. It proved to be quite the challenge and then, on Saturday, Pete Schmidt arrived. Pete brought with him carpentry skills and an increasingly large selection of drills. Two days later, Team Pete and Buller had accomplished this needed task. Take a look -- what a difference.

Anyone familiar with Work Weekend knows the list of people deserving mention is long, and the one above is dangerously short. Apologies on that score, but I did want history to record some of our Work Weekend leaders. Everyone who turned out deserves a huge thank-you from your fellow members. I am very grateful for the dedication, and I look forward to grabbing a hammer next year. See you there!

Doug Hanks
Vice Commodore



Mooring:

Hey All,

The birds are back, and it's obvious. Some simple enough things to improve on the bird problems on boats are:

- 1) Observe the boat and determine where they're "roosting" so a fix can be applied to that part..
- 2) Install heavy-test polypro fishing lines from the mast spreader bolts to 2" up on the shrouds.
- 3) Apply a thin coat of Bird Repellent on the spreader tops, the mast truck, a few feet down the back and fore-stay, and on the top furler spool, if left up. The Repellent is from Anglefoot and costs \$8.99 + tax for a 10 oz. tube at Sunset Hardware and other stores. One tube does maybe six boats. It does not discolor sails nor anything else, is easily washed off anything with soap, and is environmentally approved. It's used on window sills and elsewhere; the odor and texture reminds one of Lubriplate (white grease). BERNARD'S BOATING CARE 305.606.9532C, 305.858.9104H will be pleased to apply the repellent and install the fishing lines for \$65. Rotund (portly) folks shouldn't climb masts, however tempting!! Bernard isn't like that.
- 4) A stick hoisted to the mast truck with a pennant to flap aft in the breeze, plus a small windmill, easily whittled or from a garden shop, facing forward with one blade 1" shorter than the other(s) so it shakes a bit is a great deterrent as birds think it'll eat them.
- 5) A string of auto sales flags can sometimes help, big balloons with funny faces, fake snakes, owls, agouti's, etc. can help too, but don't get the ones with movable eyes as the birds pick them out and eat them, and it may hurt their tummys. Yep. Look around at the other boats and see what's been done. Complete covers and the like are labor intensive and really difficult to "contain" the droppings in/on if one ever goes sailing. One thing for sure: do not scrub endlessly with hi-powered chemicals and stiff brushes as a few years and the gelcoat will be gone with the bird droppings; no future!! Bird doo is of course water soluble, so soak it well with water and wait awhile; a large mop and mild detergent works as well as anything.

A helpful hint for tool maintenance on boats, and elsewhere, is directly from the British Seagull manual: "coat your new Seagull with two coats of clear varnish". I had no idea it would be that effective (very) in preventing rust on tools kept aboard, but cleaned and varnished all mine and in my boat toolbox, and it's great!! WD 40 works OK too.

Smelly bilges can happen on any boat, but can be a nuisance particularly on older boats with leaks/spills of any kind, including rainwater leaks. Soap added to the mix can "sour" after awhile for a bad odor too. Oxi-Clean works great for this. It's not to be left for long on metal, but a gallon of the mix now and then, brushed around and pumped out does wonders.

Sail on good buddies. Don't let the birds get you down. Hope to see you there.

Bill Beavers - Moorings 305.546.6727C

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB'S HALLOWEEN HOWLER – A HOWLING SUCCESS

The question was asked, "What's in a name?" and if you were at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club on October 29 and 30 you would have agreed that "Halloween Howler" was a very appropriate name for the CGSC's first annual youth regatta using that very name. A result of Hurricane Rina to the south and a strong high pressure system from the north, Biscayne Bay was treated to some extreme weather but the young skippers ventured out undaunted.

With 71 entrants, mostly from the Miami area but with a couple of skippers coming from Fort Lauderdale and another from Naples, FL, the Halloween Howler hosted Optimist International sailors and Laser Radial sailors to a lively regatta.

The first day of scheduled racing brought with it strong easterly/southeasterly winds and the threat of thunderstorms and rain but the first race saw every fleet start and head for the windward mark. With the first race completed and the weather getting very wet, the Race Committee made the decision to send the Opti Green Fleet back to the dock. It is never an easy decision to send a fleet back home but safety is always paramount for race committees, no matter where you are sailing. With the Opti Red, White and Blue fleet and the Laser Radial fleet remaining on the water, the Race Committee managed to run three more races before calling it a day and sending everyone back for the club house.

Back on shore and the oars put away for the night, the skippers and their families shared sea stories and the days racing with each other over an excellent spaghetti dinner provided by the CGSC Groves Nest kitchen. With stories told and bellies filled, everyone went home but kept a close eye on the forecast to see what Sunday would bring.

Sunday came and with it came a strong north wind however determined to get more sailing in, the Race Committee and the sailors rigged up and bravely set out onto the bay. With a few capsizes on the way out and a strengthening wind, it was immediately decided that there would be no Opti Green Fleet races and when the wind started hitting 27 knots all races were abandoned for the day. While there were some sad faces when

the news was announced, there may have been a wet smile or two as well.

With the boats put away and the prizes lined up, the sailors gathered under the club house and listened for the regatta results. However, before the results were read Rear Commodore Sean Connett was given the privilege to award the Sportsmanship Award to CGSC Opti Green Fleet sailor Lauren Waldman for her exceptional conduct towards her fellow sailors. When a fellow sailor capsized on the first day of sailing, Lauren remained alongside the capsized boat until a coach boat arrived on scene and when it was apparent that the sailor needed further assistance to right the boat, Lauren jumped into the water and helped.



All in all, the Halloween Howler Regatta was a tremendous success even though the weather tried to put a damper on it all. With outstanding dedication from the regatta committee and the race committee the Halloween Howler will be remembered by all the sailors and their families, allowing this even to become a CGSC sailing tradition for years to come.



OPTI GREEN FLEET

First Place: Julia Johansson (CRYC)
 Second Place: Andrew Aramayo (CGSC)
 Third Place: Hudson Jenkins (CRYC)



OPTI RED FLEET

First Place: Julian lanes (CRYC)
 Second Place: Edmund Aramayo (CGSC)
 Third Place: Alejandro Holz (CGSC)



OPTI WHITE FLEET

First Place: Ripley Shelley (CRYC)
 Second Place: Joshua Miller (CRYC)
 Third Place: Thomas Staubli



OPTI BLUE FLEET

First Place: Tucker Weed (CRYC)
 Second Place: Loghlen Rickard (CRYC)
 Third Place: Sebastion Clark (KBYC)



LASER RADIAL

First Place: Tristan Lara (CGSC)
 Second Place: James Pulsford (CGSC)
 Third Place: Conner Harding (Naples, FL)



Adult Sailing Report

Lots of positive things have happened since last month's report. We continue to update our Member-User Lists for both the Sunfish and the Ensigns, especially with new members who become certified or qualified through the Adult Sailing program. We experienced another big Basic Keelboat class using all three Ensigns with three instructors for the second consecutive month. We got a great deal accomplished during our Annual Work Weekend with all the Sunfish being refurbished along with numerous repairs to sails and equipment. We also had varnishing and painting projects for the Ensigns. Thanks to the large group of volunteers that helped us accomplish so much. Many were from our regular Sunfish weekly sailing group and signed up in advance to help. Lots of new friends were made as a result of working together during Work Weekend. We continue to have one monthly Sunfish class and two to three Basic Keelboat classes each month along with an aggressive schedule of classes for Cruising and Bareboat conducted by Bruce Penrod. Our program has become the envy of our neighbors, and best of all, we are accomplishing the goals of our mission statement through our instructional programs.

Our weekly Thursday Sunfish Clinic is now on our "winter" schedule from 10AM until 1PM. For members

wishing to get approved to use the club Sunfish, you can simply attend one of these clinics for the regular member cost of \$20 and accomplish the same thing as an instructor check-out, which costs more. Just let me know at the email or cell number below of your intentions to attend a clinic.

'Tis the Season and a great opportunity for that unique present of a Gift Certificate for any of our classes, including the Sunfish Learn-to-Sail, Basic Keelboat and more. We even have a gift certificate for a two (2) hour Introduction to Sailing which will allow the recipient to take the tiller, once the keelboat is out of our harbor.

Thanks for the continued strong support and help we receive from our Officers, Board of Directors, Members and Staff. It just keeps getting better! Happy Holidays to ALL!!

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

Richard Crisler, Chairman
Adult Training Committee
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**An open invitation to
All CGSC Members**

**Join us to celebrate
the Holiday Season
with the
CGSC Race Committee
Annual Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
7:30 pm**

Bring a dish to share



Coconut Grove Sailing Club

New Year's Eve

Groove into 2012



Escape the madness and just chill this New Year's Eve at the Coconut Groove Sailing Club, our little piece of heaven on the dock of the bay. Dance to the legendary South Florida band, IKO IKO (the blues, rock house band at Tobacco Road for many years), dine on some great Italian food, have a drink or two with friends and ring in the New Year at your club.

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, December 31, 2011

7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SCHEDULE:

7:30 pm Hors d'oeuvres

8:00 pm Band begins

8:30 pm Dinner

Midnight Toast the New Year

ATTIRE: Black Tie Nautical

MENU: 'When in Rome' Italian Buffet

COST: \$50.00 per person includes dinner and band

COVER CHARGE: \$25.00 for the band only

HURRY! SPACE IS LIMITED TO 100 FOR DINNER SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY



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**Training Schedule for
 Sunfish, Keelboat and Cruising**

December

- 1, 8, 15 Adult Sunfish Clinic 10AM-1PM
- 3 - 4 Adult Learn-to-Sail 9AM-4:30PM
- 3 - 4 Basic Keelboat - 9AM-4:30PM
- 10 - 11 Basic Keelboat - 9AM-4:30PM
- 10 - 11 Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
- 16 - 19 Bareboat Cruising - Biscayne Bay Trip
- 17 - 18 Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM

Subject to Change or Cancellation



REGATTA SCHEDULE

NOTICE

December 8-12
 Melges 20 Gold Cup

December 17-18
 Moth Regatta #1

December 26-30
 Open Orange Bowl Regatta

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

OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG

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