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Racing

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Ron Rostorfer -----Executive
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BBYRA -----Susan Walcutt
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COMMODORE'S REPORT



It's an honor to serve as your Commodore this year! This is especially as we move into a new era at CGSC. With our new 15-year Lease – delivered by Ron Canizares and my predecessor, Alyn Pruett PC, we can transition from a month-to-month to a long term approach to managing the Club, and especially some of the aging facilities we have.

First among these is the replacement of the fence and hedge along Bayshore that's effectively part of the Lease. Then, there's the Main Dock. Our Permit Application is almost complete. We want the ability to replace the Dock when it proves to be necessary. The Clubhouse needs work, and we've also agreed to install "high quality" moorings within five years. Of course, hand-in-hand with the projects is the financing, and we'll be working on a Capital Finance plan as well.

So, there's a lot to do, but it will be exciting and rewarding. That said, if there's one thing our aging facilities have shown, it's that the greatest thing about CGSC isn't our current/future facilities, it's our Members. We would love to have the benefit of the experience and expertise of more Members to help take advantage of the great opportunity that lies before us. So please volunteer to be part of this – we're a great institution and it will be personally rewarding.

Our Club has been on this property for about 65 years, but the last 11 in a month-to-month existence have been probably the most difficult. However, we held on, we're still here and now all that is behind us. The turnaround came under Alyn's leadership this past year. It was one of the most successful years in the Club's history. Our re-vamped dues and fees structure resulted in a more than doubling of our Membership in one year! Issues with the mooring field were resolved, and that led to the development and negotiation of the Lease by our outgoing Treasurer, Ron Canizares. Finally, our financial performance, sailing/instruction programs, race committee, food and beverage operations and our fine employees were all outstanding. There's much to be proud of here at your Club.

It's a pleasure to report that we have another excellent management team in place. Vice Commodore Doug Hanks and Rear Commodore Sean Connett are moving up from prior positions on the Executive Committee. Our new Treasurer, Tony Battaglia brings a wealth of business and financial experience to the task, and our new Secretary, Bob Olmedo brings both business, organizational and computer skills to that important position.

Let's all make it a great year!

Ron Rostorfer, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

When I was Rear Commodore, my job was to help get members sailing. As Vice Commodore, it's my duty to get you to enjoy the Clubhouse. That shouldn't be too hard, given the activity I've been seeing at the Club during the last few months. We certainly don't lack for crowds on Friday night, where the bands continue to make the CGSC the place to be. And I'm pleased to announce that Saturdays soon will be "Family Night" at the CGSC. Bring the kids for a special children's menu and some home-style specials, plus activities in the main room to keep them entertained. Watch for details in the weekly CGSC email and in later Channels.

Of course, enjoying the Club means the waterfront, too. I'm going to work with the Board to make our docks as available as possible to members, and our facilities geared even more toward active sailors -- whether you have a boat on a mooring, or want to head out on a CGSC Sunfish for a day sail. From the workbench to the bathrooms to the pump-out station to the dinghies, the Club is here to make your sailing life easier. And if you're not sailing yet, our Instructional Program is here to get you out on the water. Our new Rear Commodore, Sean Connett, has some great ideas to get more people sailing this year. Stay tuned.

If I had a magic wand, I'd solve our parking problem.

Instead, I'll continue Commodore Ron Rostorfer's great work toward incremental improvements, fighting the battle space by space.

My advice: come early and go sailing.

Doug Hanks, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE REPORT

While I sit here at the water's edge looking out over our mooring field, I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as Rear Commodore. I look forward to working with our sailing programs, our dedicated staff and members.

Our Summer Camp, managed by our Sailing Director Nick Mansbach, is in full swing and out on Biscayne Bay. There are children getting the chance to be on our beautiful bay and make new friends, while learning and gaining confidence on the water. It may come as a surprise to some of you that there are kids that live in and around our community, a waterfront community, that have never been on Biscayne Bay or even on a boat for that matter. Fortunately, the CGSC has worked very hard in the past years to change that fact. Through our scholarship program, the CGSC will strive to get more kids out on the water and into boats for many years to come, making Biscayne Bay more accessible to kids in our community.

I am a product of family sailing and I want to continue to promote the sailing programs at CGSC and to encourage family participation. Family sailing builds relationships with parents and children. It was sailing that connected me with my own father and I'd like to work to help other families experience the same benefits that I received. I'm hoping that members who participate in the sailing programs will also be encouraged to use our club owned boats that are part of our membership use program.

As I take the helm of the Rear Commodore's office, I would like to thank Vice Commodore Doug Hanks for the huge amount of work that he put into our Sailing Programs last year. Thanks to Doug's hard work, our Adult Sailing Program grew with an Ensign daysailer and a Beneteau cruising boat added to our fleet. Our Sailing Programs were marketed at the Strictly Sail Boat Show and our Annual Rendezvous to Elliott Key was a hit with everyone who attended.

Our past Commodore, Alyn Pruett likes to say the CGSC is a place where sailors belong, and I agree with him. I want to see our sailing families grow and to ensure that we are all provided an opportunity to either become new sailors, or become better sailors. If anyone has questions for me or suggestions to help improve our sailing environment, I invite the input and look forward to it.

Fair Winds.

Sean Connett, Rear Commodore



NOTICE - Upcoming CGSC Regattas

July 23 Commodore's Cup
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

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

Proposed Schedule - Sunfish & Basic Keelboat Group Classes/Clinics
& Cruising Dates- June, July, August 2011

JULY

7, 14, 21, 28 - Sunfish Clinic - Thursday Afternoons starting at 4PM to 7PM
9-10 Learn-to-Sail Sunfish Group Class - 9AM - 4:30PM both days
Basic Keelboat Class - 9AM - 4:30PM both days
Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing
16 Basic Keelboat Certification Testing - 9AM-1PM & 2PM-6PM
16-17 Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing
23-24 Basic Keelboat Class
Basic Cruising + 1 day for review and testing
28-30 Bareboat cruising + one day for review and testing
31 Sunfish Sandbar Rendezvous / Small Boat Clinic - 9AM - 3PM

AUGUST

4, 11, 18, 25 - Sunfish Clinic - Thursday Afternoons starting at 4PM to 7PM
6-7 Learn-to-Sail Sunfish Group Class - 9AM - 4:30PM both days
Basic Keelboat Class - 9AM - 4:30PM - both days
13-14 Basic Keelboat class
20-21 Basic Keelboat class
25-27 Bareboat Cruising + one day for review and testing
28 Sunfish Sandbar Rendezvous / Small Boat Clinic - 9AM - 3PM

Introducing
Family Night Saturday's @
CGSC
Starting July 16th, 2011

Enjoy a monthly "home-style" special in
addition to our ala carte selection
Every Saturday

July's featured dinner will be
Home Style Meatloaf
\$12.95

12 and under Children's Menu available!



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.



There is no better time to be a member of the
CGSC than on the Fourth of July! Waterfront
barbecue, great friends, then fireworks right
next door.

Come out and enjoy the all-American holiday
once again. Head out for a sail during the day,
then head to shore for our traditional party.

This year, the CGSC is cooking up a full BBQ
menu, plus games for the kids and other Fourth
fun. The cost is \$15 per person, plus tax and
gratuity. The menu:

- Green salad
- Baked beans
- Corn on the cob
- Bbq chicken
- Ribs
- Hot Dogs
- Hamburgers

Plus sodas and a keg of beer!

A word of warning: We usually sell out of tickets for
this event, so you need to make reservations early.

Call the Office at 305-444-4571 ext. 10 our email
Lauren Simpson at laurensimpson@cgsc.org.

The Entertainment Committee will be running
the games and other CGSC fun during the
BBQ. Want to volunteer? Contact Entertainment
Chair Adrienne Peters at adriennecpt@aol.com

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