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2011 Rendezvous



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COMMODORE’S REPORT

Another busy and perhaps pivotal year is coming to an end! It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore at this important time in the Club’s history. I hope you will agree with me that the Club is moving in a positive direction as reflected in the following events that occurred this year.

Tropical Storm Bonnie

Tropical Storm Bonnie popped up very quickly in late July of last year. In my absence officers Ron Rostorfer, Doug Hanks, Sean Connett and Ron Canizares made sure the Club was ready to evacuate the mooring field if necessary. Although we have not experienced a hurricane since 2006, I am confident the leadership and staff have well-established hurricane procedures in-place that will protect our club and member’s boats.

Main Dock repair

As a result of the age and condition of the dock, we began the permit process to completely replace it. It now appears we might receive the permit to construct a new dock as early as this fall. Ron Rostorfer, our Vice Commodore / incoming Commodore has really picked up the ball on this and other significant capital improvement projects that will be required in the coming years.

Instructional Programs

As a public service, CGSC’s youth and adult learn-to-sail programs are among the most important activities of the Club. Thanks to the continued efforts of our core team led by Rear Commodore Doug Hanks, and including our Waterfront Coordinator/Sailing Director Nick Mansbach, Adult Sailing Chair Richard Crisler, and seasoned instructor Bruce Penrod, we continue to see a significant increase in adult sailing program participation. This past year we also added several specialty classes– for Flying Scots and Cruising. Thanks to Bud Price for his commitment to the Flying Scot instruction and to Bruce Penrod, for developing the cruising courses. Thanks also to Antonio Bejarano and Laura Holz for working with Nick to keep our youth programs in top form.

CGSC Fleet

The CGSC increased our fleet of boats this year. Many thanks to all the members of the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation for the donation of five opti’s for our youth sailing programs. In addition, with up-front financial assistance from Ron Canizares the Club purchased our third Ensign sailboat allowing us to further expand instructional and member-use programs. Thanks also to Bruce Penrod for taking on the job of getting our newly acquired 27 foot Beneteau ready for service in our Cruising classes.

Sailboat Racing

Hosting and managing regattas is another significant activity at the Club, and once again our Race Committee has outdone itself in terms of the quantity and quality of our events – with too many to list here. Thanks to Susan Walcutt our RC chair as well as Ron and Dottie Rostorfer who continue to give 110%, and Richard and Maryann Etkin are our Shore-side Activity Co-Chairs. Check the back issues of the Channel to see the complete list of regattas, and names of the many members that have participated in these events.

New General Manager

Unfortunately our General Manager Dragan Savin moved on to a new job. However, with the hard work of Ron Rostorfer, Ron Canizares and Doug Hanks our current manager Pat Tully was quickly hired. Pat has been working with Chef Tara to improve our high quality menu, and also with Ron Rostorfer to better manage our limited parking.

Community Partnerships

Gaining momentum this year is our partnership with Ransom Everglades School and the Coconut Grove Rotary Club to maintain and enhance Island E. The cleanup and improvement activities are beginning to transform it into Coconut Grove’s newest waterfront park! Many thanks to Leslie Jones for coordinating CGSC and Rotary volunteers for island work days on the second Saturday of every month.

Strictly Sail Boat Show/ Coconut Grove Arts Festival

CGSC members participated in both the *Strictly Sail* Boat Show and the Coconut Grove Arts Festival in February, with booths and displays at both events. It was a spectacular weekend for the Club – with great exposure to the sailing community and the thousands at the Arts Festival. The many names and email addresses collected are now in our expanding data –base of “friends of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club”. Many thanks to Doug Hanks and Molly Welsh for organizing the Boat Show effort, and to Paul van Puffelin for organizing the Art Festival set up and volunteers.



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Marketing

Led by Nancy and Rick Cooper, with help from Brian Donahue, the marketing committee developed a proactive direct email and "snail" mail outreach effort targeted at attracting potential mooring tenants. This effort was recently followed by a direct email campaign to those who stopped at the Club displays at the Boat Show and Arts Festival. These activities helped make the CGSC "brand" more visible in the marketplace – something we will need to continue in the years ahead.

Bylaws

This spring the Bylaws committee recommended a number of Bylaw changes to the Board. This continues the process we began last year, when we modified our membership and dues / fees structure. Thanks to Past Commodore's Dave Kurtz and Marc Buller as well as Ron Canizares for providing great guidance on this important task. I hope that this process will continue on an annual basis.

Communications

Our electronic communications network has expanded substantially over the past two years. Thanks to JoAnn Mathieu our Web Diva, Doug Hanks, Bob Olmedo and Sean Connett for their hard work. And of course we all owe a great thank you to Charlie and Cherie Branning who produce our excellent Channel Newsletter.

Lease

And finally - the Lease. I sincerely hope that by the time you read this article our new Lease with the City of Miami will have been approved by the City Commission. If approved the lease will take effect July 1, and the CGSC will, after over a year of hard work by Nick Martens, Ron Canizares and Peter Branning, enter a new era! That's all for this month, and for my tenure as Commodore! See you at the Club and on the Bay.

Alyn Pruett, Commodore

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

JUNE

2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Sunfish Clinic-Thursday Afternoons starting at 4PM to 7PM
 4 - 5 Learn-to-Sail Sunfish Group Class – 9AM to 4:30PM both days
 Basic Keelboat Class – 9AM – 4:30PM both days
 Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing
 11-12 Basic Keelboat Class
 Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing
 18-19 Basic Keelboat Class
 26 Sunfish Sandbar Rendezvous / Small Boat Clinic – 9AM – 3PM

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 –
 31 Sunfish Sandbar Rendezvous / Small Boat Clinic – 9AM – 3PM

AUGUST

4, 11, 18, 25 – Sunfish Clinic – Thursday Afternoons starting at 4PM to 7PM
 5 - 6 Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing
 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
 25-28 Bareboat Cruising
 28 Sunfish Sandbar Rendezvous / Small Boat Clinic – 9AM – 3PM

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

First, a huge THANK YOU to Commodore Alyn Pruett for an outstanding job guiding Coconut Grove Sailing Club through a banner year of activity and achievement. It will be an honor for me to serve as your Commodore for the next year, but Alyn will be a tough act to follow!

As stated in his column, hopefully CGSC will soon be operating under a new long-term lease with the City of Miami. That is a huge step forward, and puts the Club in position to begin catching up on years of deferred major maintenance and capital projects.

So, in addition to our very busy schedule of instructional programs, regattas and other events, we will also be tackling these major projects and the associated financial requirements. This means we need more Member volunteers than ever to assist.

If you haven't been an active volunteer in the past, please pick out a committee or activity that interests you, contact the Chairperson and get involved – you'll enjoy it and the Club will benefit.

See you at the Club and on the Bay.

Ron Rostorfer, Vice Commodore



REAR COMMODORE REPORT

The pirates returned in fine form for our Annual Rendezvous. There were young pirates, graying pirates, and even leashed pirates. Sure there was some squabbling from the latter category, but all in all, it was a merry bunch on Elliott Key.

Nick and Duane managed our supply convoy brilliantly all weekend, and we had a fleet of more than 20 boats anchored off Swashbucklers' Island. We feasted on burgers and dogs and shrimp boil, raced coconut boats, painted an actual pirate ship and did our best in the Pirates' Olympics.

The voyage home brought the Great Rendezvous Storm of 2011. Oh, the winds howled that day. I imagine they will get stronger as the year progresses.

Thanks to all who made the journey, and all who helped make the rendezvous a success. I owe a special thanks to Brian Donahue, for designing our t-shirts (on sale now in the Grove's Nest).

See you next year!

Doug Hanks, Rear Commodore
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NOTICE - Upcoming CGSC Regattas

June 11	BBYRA PHRF #7
June 25	BBYRA One Design #8
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

JUNE 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		5pm Caribbean Cuisine	Noon Rotary 4pm Adult Sunfish 5pm Burgerfest		9am- 4:30pm Adult Sunfish class Basic Keelboat Course	
		1	2	3	4	5
	Social Night	5pm Caribbean Cuisine	Noon Rotary 4pm Adult Sunfish 5pm Burgerfest		BBYRA PHRF #7 Basic Keelboat Course Basic Cruising + 1 day review & testing 6 pm Installation	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Social Night	5pm Caribbean Cuisine	Noon Rotary 4pm Adult Sunfish 5pm Burgerfest		Basic Keelboat Course	
← Summer Camp Session 1 →						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Social Night	5pm Caribbean Cuisine	Noon Rotary 4pm Adult Sunfish 5pm Burgerfest General Meeting Board Meeting		BBYRA One Design #8	Small Boat Clinic/ Rendezvous
← Summer Camp Session 1 →						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Social Night	5pm Caribbean Cuisine	Noon Rotary 4pm Adult Sunfish 5pm Burgerfest			
← Summer Camp Session 2 →						
27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2	3



From The Manager...

Joining the Coconut Grove Sailing Club must be the talk of the town because once again we have experienced a steady stream of new members in May and look to keep pace in June as well. Thanks to our renowned "Learn to Sail" program and the popularity of the Groves Nest, attracting new members has never been easier. Weekly Theme Nights continue to be popular and Live Music Fridays are still a Club favorite. The Bands booked for June are The Transition Blues Band on the 3rd, Solar Dogs on the 10th, Seven Mile Bridge on the 17th, and the Funky Blue Tones on the 24th.

Be sure to check our website for updates on drink specials and entertainment. Our Club parking has become much more manageable now that we are marking and recording violators. Southland Towing will be working in concert with CGSC to control parking and their phone number is posted at the front gate. We have parking stickers available in the office, for Members who haven't received one yet or are in need of a replacement. Finally, for those of you who helped with and/or participated in the CGSC Elliott Key Rendezvous on May 13-15, we thank you for your involvement and hope you had a great time. Enjoy the Club...Pat.