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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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September 2011



A NEW ERA BEGINS!

By Commodore Ron Rostorfer

The City of Miami signed the new Coconut Grove Sailing Club 15-year lease on July 15, 2011. With that, our great Club enters a new era of long-term perspective and the planning associated therewith. This is a far cry from the past eleven years of month-to-month tenancy. CGSC has been on this property since 1946 – that's 65 years. But of this period, the past 11 years have been the most difficult.

Those days are now behind us. "The future lies ahead" as they say, and we have lots to do in terms of catching up. Gone are the days of duct tape and bailing wire fixes to problems associated with our aging physical plant. The Club needs to catch up on major maintenance or capital replacement of facilities which could never have been justified during the years of month-to-month. In addition, the new lease places significant burdens on your Club in terms of required new capital projects.

So, first on the list is replacement of the fence and

hedge facing Bayshore Drive which was agreed to as part of the lease. Then comes the CGSC Center Dock. It was built in 1980. That's 31 years ago. Not coincidentally, that was the last time CGSC was in the first year of a new long-term lease with the City. Most believe the Dock has reached the end of its useful life. In fact, we've experienced two structural failures on that Dock this past year, and potentially prevented another with a timely fix. Fortunately, no injuries have been sustained – so far. At this writing, we have the necessary permit approvals underway and construction bids being sought. That leaves major capital expenditure approval of the Membership – which may be requested in September at a Special Membership Meeting. At the earliest, the Center Dock could be replaced this fall. The timing decision will be made by the Board of Directors.

In addition, due to the silting in of our docks which is primarily caused by street runoffs, we're in need

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Last month, I wrote to you about our first two capital projects – replacing the fence and hedge along Bayshore, and preparing to replace the Club's Center Dock. Given that we now have a signed long-term lease with the City, these projects will be moving forward.



Again, the Bayshore project should be completed in September, and we want to be in position to replace the Center Dock as early as this fall. That means permits in hand, construction bids in hand, and approval of the capital expenditure by the Membership. That approval would be put to a vote at a Special Membership Meeting which we're expecting to schedule on Thursday, September 22nd. Watch for the announcement.

Our last 11 years of living with a month-to-month lease are in the past. So, too, is the necessarily resulting "caretaker" orientation of our Club management. We now have the luxury (and the burden) of a longer-term orientation and a list of capital projects to accomplish. With that in mind, a list of Goals and Objectives for this Fiscal Year has been developed and informally adopted by your Board of Directors. Maybe in future years this will become more "officialized," but for now it serves our purpose.

If you're not into organizational planning, Goals are where you're trying to get, and Objectives are how you get there. So, the Objectives are effectively an Action Plan for the year. Our Membership should know where we're trying to get. So, I'll spare you the Objectives in the interest of time and space, but here are our Goals for CGSC's FY '12.

- GOAL 1 – Administer new Lease with City
- GOAL 2 - Install new fence and shrubbery along Bayshore
- GOAL 3 – Progress toward replacement of existing Center Dock
- GOAL 4 – Determine advisability of dock area dredging & Strip Dock improvements – progress as warranted
- GOAL 5 - Develop multiyear Clubhouse renovation plan – initial implementation
- GOAL 6 - Develop initial plan/schedule for high quality mooring field installation
- GOAL 7 - New Capital Financing
- GOAL 8 - Successfully Manage Ongoing CGSC Operations
- GOAL 9 - Develop and implement other desirable CGSC activities

So, that's our plan and we're sticking to it! Just kidding! As conditions change, so to will our Goals. As always, we welcome your assistance in terms of comments, recommendations, concerns and the like. It's our Members that make this Club the great Coconut Grove and sailing community institution that it is.

Ron Rostorfer, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE REPORT

Fall is coming, and every Vice Commodore knows what that means: dock headaches. As the busy sailing season collides with the bird season, the CGSC feels it. The main symptom: our docks get really crowded. Cleats become precious, and dock frontage even more so. Everybody wants to tie up, and of course, we can only accommodate a few boats at a time. Tempers tend to rise.

Your Board will be reviewing our dock procedures this fall to see what changes – large and small—we can put into place to make the dock easier to use for as many mooring holders and strip renters as possible. And, of course, the planned replacement of our existing main dock by the end of 2011 will bring its own challenges and need for patience.

But until, then I'm asking each member with a boat on a CGSC mooring to ask themselves these five questions when they tie up to a CGSC dock:

1. Do I really need to tie up my stern? If more boats would simply tie their bow to the dock and swing free, we could really increase the amount of available space. But too often, we see boats tied parallel to the dock for no real reason. Sure, it's easier to unload and to wash down your boat. But if you can do what you need to do quickly and then free the stern, you'd be doing everybody a favor.

2. Why am I here? Our dock is supposed to be for picking up, dropping off and quick chores: pumping out, topping off your tanks, etc. Anything else should be done at a time when you know the dock will be underused. Many of our members take vacation time to accomplish major projects on their

boats, since they know few members go sailing during the work week. Early, early morning works well too.

3. Do I need to be on the leeward side? If you find the dock is almost empty and you plan on being there longer than 30 minutes, pick the windward side. The leeward side lends itself to quick tie-ups and departures, making it more popular. A boat with a stern tied up to the leeward side is even more of a hassle, even on those days when just a few boats are using the dock.

4. Should I plan my dock time in stages? Maybe you need to unload something off your boat, do an afternoon's worth of varnish, and then load something back aboard. If so, why not go back to your mooring for the middle step?

5. Won't that beer taste better when I know my boat is put away for the day? It's tempting to tie up, head upstairs for refreshment and then admire your boat from the deck. This is a no-no, of course, and bad form. If the dock is otherwise empty, you won't get any dirty looks. But it just takes one or two new arrivals to make your boat the problem. Get it out of the way first, and then enjoy your day at the CGSC.

I think I'll add a sixth question, too. Am I spending too much time at the dock in general? If that's the case, why don't you leave the sanding to another day and head out on the Bay? It never gets too crowded, and you can stay out there as long as you want. Looking forward to seeing you at the Club,

Doug Hanks, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE REPORT

Where did the summer go? It seems that just the other day, I was announcing that Summer Camp was in full swing and now I can happily tell you that we had an excellent 2011 summer program. I was fortunate to be able to get down to the club on weekdays while summer camp was in session and I can report first hand that our summer camp staff, which is headed up by our Sailing Director Nick Mansbach and includes counselors and counselors in training did a fantastic job keeping the kids safe and engaged. The team also received accolades from children's parents, saying that they felt that their children were being provided a safe and nurturing environment, and that the counselors were very professional. Congratulations to everyone that helped the summer camp program a success.

As the heat slowly lets up, allowing us to once again take to the water on boats, a busy sailing season is ahead of us. Some of our sailors will be watching the regatta schedule, others will be keeping an eye on the rendezvous schedule, and still others will be looking forward to Sunfish Clinics on Thursdays. We may not all share the same sailing venues but we all share the same love for sailing and the CGSC has provided a place for sailors to come together and share the experiences with each other.

In keeping with our tradition of promoting sailing and seamanship, early this fall we will be putting together a seamanship day, that will allow our less seasoned sailors an opportunity to learn from our salty dogs. There is something fun about having members help members learn new skills and gain new confidence on the water. We will keep everyone informed of when we will do this event but keep checking the calendar on the CGSC website. Also if you have a request or suggestion for a particular subject to be presented; by all means please let me know. I want to be certain we are offering seminars that are useful to our members

To our CGSC boat owners, I would like to make a special request. From time to time, if you see a fellow CGSC member sitting on the lawn or on the upper deck and they are looking longingly out on the bay, ask them if they would like to go for a sail. You could be the one who helps them decide to start sailing or even buy a boat and that would be a very cool thing.

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Sean Connett, Rear Commodore



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of dredging to continue launching boats from the Strip, at the very least. Again, in the first year of our last long-term lease in 1980, your Club dredged 1,000 cubic yards of silt from our docks and mooring field. The time for at least limited dredging has very likely come again.

All that said, the “800 pound gorilla in the room” is the lease requirement that we “install a High Quality mooring field” by the fifth year of the lease. That would be by July 1, 2016. That means screwdn moorings and any dredging required to obtain the permits to install the screwdn moorings. Hopefully, those dredging requirements will be minimal or zero. A design for this mooring field is required by next spring.

Because of this down-the-road requirement,

we have adopted a five-year capital expenditure planning horizon. Our new Treasurer, Tony Battaglia, has developed several five-year scenarios that relate to this. Some succeed, others do not. What I can relate at present is that absent a new, increased capital assessment and/or a capital fund drive, we have to be very careful with our near-term capex in order to protect our ability to pay for the screwdn moorings five years out and remain financially viable on a conservative basis. To do otherwise, is to risk defaulting on our new lease, the results of which could be disastrous for the Club.

The understanding and assistance of our great Membership over these next years will be crucial to the future of our Club. Thanks to you all for your continued support.

From The Manager...

Joining the Coconut Grove Sailing Club must still be the talk of the town because once again we have experienced a steady stream of new members throughout the summer months and look to keep pace in autumn as well. Thanks to our Learn to sail program, Summer Camps, Regatta season and the always popular Groves Nest, CGSC Memberships are hard to pass up.



Weekly Theme Nights continue to be popular and Live Music Fridays are still a club favorite. The Bands booked for this month are Kevin Hurley Sept 2nd, 7 – Mile Bridge Sept 9th, Royal Florida Wonders Sept 16th, Bobby Ingram Sept 23rd and the Funky Blue Tones Sept 30th.

Also in September we are offering the first ever Wednesday Night “Ring Toss” league and the CGSC “Saturday Night Special”, featuring a special entrée each Saturday at a very special price.

On Sunday September 4th our Entertainment Committee will be hosting our annual Pig Roast out on the lawn. Details will be posted in the club and sent out in an Email blast, so mark your calendars.

On Labor Day Monday September 5th, the Groves Nest Bar will be open from 11:00am till 6:00pm. The kitchen will be closed.

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, thank you to all the boaters who were responsive to our storm procedures during Tropical Storm Emily. Our Club has an immense responsibility for the safety of our Members, Staff and Club assets and your early response is vital to our preparedness.

Enjoy the Club...Pat.

WORK WEEKEND 2011 Sat, Nov 5 and Sun, Nov 6 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come be a part of a CGSC Tradition.
Our Annual Work Weekend.

No experience required-- just a willingness to pitch in and leave the CGSC better than we found it Friday night.

We will varnish, scrape, clean, repair, mulch, paint, scrub, polish, fix and refabricate. Bring your tools if you have them. And an appetite: we'll be feeding you a bbq lunch. And, of course, the keg AFTER the work concludes.

REMEMBER: THE CGSC WILL BE SHUT DOWN THAT WEEKEND! NO launch service, NO restaurant service. (Note to BBYRA Racers: There is a PHRF and One Design series scheduled that weekend, and we were unable to find another date for work weekend. The CGSC will accommodate you and your crew on Race Day, including with launch service.)

Details to follow. Questions? Contact Vice Commodore Doug Hanks at ensignmiami@gmail.com.

See you then!!!

Adult Sailing Report

This Summer has been "Hot", and so has the continuing activity and growth of the Club's Adult Training Programs been "Hot". We continue to enjoy renewed growth in our Sunfish Learn-to-Sail classes and clinics, with waiting lists for three recent clinics. Thanks to the great job that Nick Mansbach and his staff have done with our enthusiastic Summer Camp, we have experienced interest from some camper's parents also wanting to learn to sail. Keelboat classes continue to be strong with multiple boat classes on a regular basis. Bruce Penrod's great work with the Cruising and Bareboating classes and a recent "open house" on the club's new Beneteau cruising boat are generating even more enthusiasm about these advanced sailing programs and the benefits of our Member-Use program. Members are continuing to get certified and checked-out as needed for use of the Sunfish and keelboats. Interested? Be sure to check out the Member-User Guidelines on our club's website.

We are pleased to announce a joint Learn-to-Sail week-end program with Barry University which will begin in September and run monthly through November. These classes will be taught on the Sunfish and are actually credit classes. If you see the classes in progress, be sure to make our guests from Barry University know that they are at the friendliest club on the paradise we call Biscayne Bay.

Thank you for your continued support of your club's Adult Instructional Programs. Want to volunteer or become an Instructor? Call Nick (ext. 11) or Richard.

Sail Often..... Sail Safely.....

Enjoy and protect our Beautiful Bay.....

Richard Crisler, Chairman – Adult Training

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September Training Schedule for Sunfish, Keelboat and Cruising

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class / Clinic</u>
1,8,15,22,29	Adult Sunfish Clinic 4PM – 7PM
10 – 11	Adult Learn-to-Sail - 9AM
10 – 11	Basic Keelboat – 9AM
10 – 11	Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
17 – 18	Barry University - Learn-to-Sail
17 – 18	Basic Keelboat – 9AM
24 – 25	Flying Scot Class
24 – 25	Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
25	Small-Boat Sandbar Rendezvous / Clinic 9AM – 3PM



HOT BREEZE FOR COMMODORE'S CUP 2011

What an outstanding day it was on July 23rd for the 7th Annual CGSC Commodore's Cup – the CGSC Club Championship regatta. The forecast proved out, with SE wind in the 9 to 12 knot range and no showers or thorns. The breeze was hot, as expected in July, but the strength was there and it was very steady – oscillating a bit on either side of 135 degrees, but always coming back.

Since this is the Club Championship, it's a "members only" regatta. The fleet consisted of three PHRF boats, five Flying Scots and five Sunfish. The CGSC Race Committee was on station early, and racing began on schedule with the first warning signal at 1130. The PHRF boats sailed a triangle-windward-leeward course in Race 1, while the Scots and Sunfish sailed windward-leeward courses for the regatta. Each fleet had its own windward mark.

The tone for the day was set early on. Eduardo Luaces Lindenberg 28 Tiburon took Race 1 in the PHRF fleet, followed by James Green's Bavaria 44 Bali Mai and CGSC Treasurer Tony Battaglia's CAL 35 Heartset. That order would persist for the remaining two races. The PHRF course was changed for each race, with Race 2 being a windward-leeward twice around, and the finale being a single triangle. Lots of variety in PHRF!

The Scot fleet proved to be the most competitive. Vlad Stroleny's Being There bookended the regatta with wins in the first and last races with a second in between. That was one point better than Henry Bernstein's Lady Hope with a 2-1-2 series. Past Commodore Bud Price's Air America ended up third, one point better than Past Commodore Larry Whipple in Margaritaville. Scott Findlay sailed a Club Scot to the 5th place spot.

No big surprise in the Sunfish fleet. Freddie Sambolin, past Puerto Rican Olympic Games sailing representative sailed a 1-1-2 series for the win. Spouse Dorian Goldberg was two points back for a family 1-2 performance. Past Commodore Charlie Rahn had a 2-3-3 series for third. Newcomer Bernard Baetzel was fourth, while Geoff Sutcliffe was fifth in his first Sunfish regatta. Special thanks to CGSC Dockmaster Duane Smallwood, who jumped in a Club powerboat and brought

out a new rudder and tiller to Geoff, as his tiller broke before the first race.

The Race Committee set a total of six marks. Except for stretching the Sunfish course for the last two races, not a single mark was moved the entire day. What a great breeze it was! The luckiest group on the RC was the Signal Boat crew. They were guests on first time CGSC Signal Boat Marquis, Bill and Maria Arrazola's big, beautiful, proper and clean as a whistle Dufour 43 sloop. Bill and Maria loved it,

and couldn't have been more hospitable. The Signal Boat crew was PRO Ron Rostorfer, timer Marvin Schenker, Flag Signalers Veronic Ghagan and Sherry Pearsall, and Recorder Carol Temple. Up to windward it was CGSC RC Chair and Skipper Susan Walcutt along with RC veteran Bonnie Padgett and relative newcomer Suzanne Roberts on board CGSC's Key Largo, aka Girls go to Windward! CGSC's Mako 2 was Pin Boat, with Skipper Dennis Dunkelberger, navigator Dottie Rostorfer and RC veteran Marybeth Pearson.

Upstairs on the CGSC Clubhouse deck, it was a very happy crowd of sunbaked racers and RC who gathered for the trophy presentation. General

Manager Pat Tully did a great job of setting things up, and Susan Walcutt again provided spectacular trophies at bargain prices! The Commodore's Cup Perpetual Trophy was awarded jointly to the

three class winners. This was followed by a burger, hot dog and all the trimmings BBQ served downstairs.

All in all, an outstanding summer day of racing on beautiful Biscayne Bay.



NOTICE OF UPCOMING RACES

September 10-11

FL State Jr Snipe Championship

September 17

CGSC Jr Commodore's Cup

October 1-2

CGSC Annual OD Regatta & BBYRA #10

October 15

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta & BBYRA #10

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



GALLEY NEWS

SOCIAL NIGHT TUESDAYS:

Check online for food choices.

Wednesday Theme: Caribbean Spice

Chef Tara features a few appetizers and main dishes that represent Caribbean cuisine. Visit our web site or call the office at ext.18 to inquire about the specials for the month.

Thursday Theme: Burger Fest

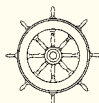
Every Thursday, Chef Tara will feature four specialty burgers recipes that will tingle your imagination and taste buds. Check the web site for current options or call ext 18.



Friday Night: Live Music (check the website)

WEEKLY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: Bar and Kitchen closed
Tuesday: SOCIAL NIGHT; Bar open from 4-9 pm;
Food served 6pm-8pm
Wednesday: Bar 4-9 pm; Kitchen 5pm-9pm
Thursday & Friday: Bar: 11am – 9pm;
Kitchen 11am-2pm and 5pm-9pm
Saturday & Sunday: Bar and kitchen 11am-9 pm



Launch Service 24/7



Augie & Kathleen Win Snipe Nationals

taken from the North Cape YC web page

The U.S. Snipe National Championships were held at the North Cape Yacht Club on Lake Erie in July. 38 teams participated in the five day, 10 race event. The sailing was great with winds holding at 7-14K throughout the week. Teams of all ages and genders participated.

The preliminary series (The Crosby) was won by Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero from Miami with past World Champion and current National Champs Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke taking second on a tie breaker over the team of Ernesto Rodriguez and David Williford.

Diaz/Tocke took control of the event from that point winning four of the six races and throwing out a third place finish. Kamilar/Quintero also sailed a great combined series and won a tacking duel with Rodriguez/ in the last beat of the last race to take second overall.

We are very proud of our Miami sailors and will continue to watch them as they represent our clubs.

Partial results:

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| 1 | Augie Diaz & Kathlee Tocke | CGSC |
| 2 | Brian Kamilar & Enrique Quintero | Coral Reef YC |
| 3 | Ernesto Rodriguez & Duncan Williford | CGSC |



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Training Schedule for Sunfish, Keelboat and Cruising

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24-25	Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
25	Small-Boat Sandbar Rendez./Clinic 9AM-3PM

October

6, 13, 20, 27	Adult Sunfish Clinic 10AM - 1PM
1 - 2	Adult Learn-to-Sail 9AM8 - 9AM-4:30PM
8 - 9	Basic Keelboat 9AM - 4:30PM
8 - 9	Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
15 - 16	Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM
15 - 16	Barry University Learn-to-Sail
22 - 23	Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM
29 - 30	Flying Scot Class
29 - Nov.1	Bareboat Cruising Keys Trip
30	Small-Boat Sandbar Rendez./Clinic 9AM-3PM

November

3, 10, 17	Adult Sunfish Clinic 10AM-1PM
5 - 6	Work Weekend
12 - 13	Barry University Learn-to-Sail
12 - 13	Basic Cruising plus 1 day review and testing
18 - 20	Basic Cruising
19 - 20	Basic Keelboat 9AM-4:30PM
27	Small-Boat Sandbar Rendez./Clinic 9AM - 3PM

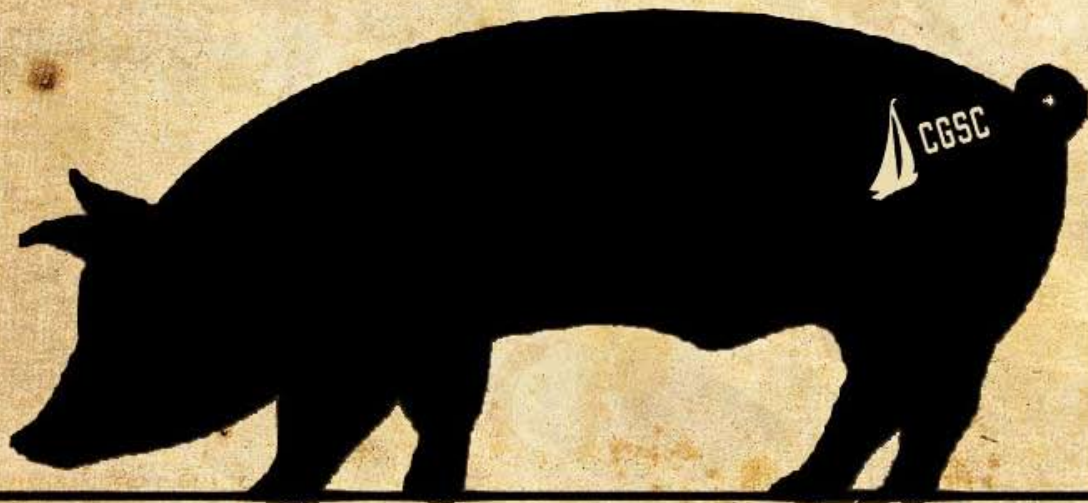
December

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

Coconut Grove Sailing Club
presents

END OF SUMMER
PIG ROAST



Sunday, September 4th @5pm

Meet us on the front lawn for an all you can eat
bbq, and day of fun with the Members of the CGSC.

MENU:

Lechon
Maduros
Black Beans and Rice
Yuka
Green Salad
Cuban Bread

DRINKS:

Miller Light
Red and White Wine
Lemonade

PRICE: \$15
Kids 6-13: \$7
6 and under: FREE

plus tax
and tip

Price of \$15 is for sign up prior to the event; \$18 day of. Please reserve tickets by contacting Laruen at 305.444.4571 ext. 10, or sign up at the bar (so we know how much food to prepare). For more information, contact Adrienne Peters, head of Events Committee at 305.458.7555 or email adriennecpt@aol.com.