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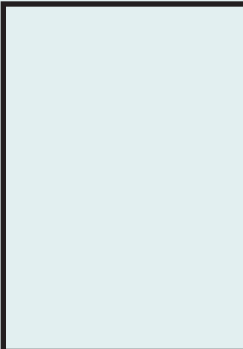
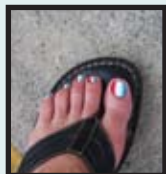
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COMMODORE'S REPORT



This month, I am going to devote the first part of the Commodore's report to a member who has served the Club with distinction as long or longer as anyone else: Bill Beavers. Billy is handing over the Moorings Committee this year to our new Vice Commodore Sean Connett, as the Bridge ramps up our effort to replace the current mooring field with screw-down moorings. The project will dominate the Club's financial planning and our leadership's time for the next several years, and we need to start coordinating the short-term moorings operations with our long-term decisions. I know Sean will do a great job balancing both issues over his next three years as VC, Commodore and holding the Board's PC slot.

Typical of Billy, he has promised to be right there next to Sean, helping keep our Mooring Field safe, efficient and tidy. Billy, of course, served as commodore of the Club. But far more importantly, he served as Moorings Chair more or less since the late 1970s. It wasn't all at once-- Billy thinks this was his fourth run as Moorings Chair. It's a hard, demanding job -- and when the Club has needed him, Billy agreed to serve again and again.

Anyone who has spoken to Billy about our moorings knows his technical knowledge tied to keep our boats safe -- the angles, the loads, the displacement ratios. He dove the moorings himself, sweated through the inspections, fielded complaints and suggestions and concerns, and just generally delivered a professional's job on a volunteer basis.

He's famous for sticking to his tasks, as Club politics swirl around him. Each year at Work Weekend, he flips over the dock carts and tends to the wheels. When the Middle Ground marker sinks, Billy mends it and gets it floating again. He runs our hurricane seminars, he winds our ship's clock. And he keeps our racing tradition strong.

In short, Billy is that rare member that has served the Club for generations and keeps on working hard. Thank you, Billy, for what you've done for the CGSC and what you continue to do. I know many commodores to come will be saying the same thing.

NOTE ON THE CHANNEL: This will be the final Channel to appear in your CGSC bill. We return to our normal glossy publication in September, with far more pages for all of the CGSC news you like to read.

In this bill, you'll also find a form for the Channel mailing list. **If you wish to continue receiving it at your home, just fill out the form and send it back to the office.** If you prefer to read it online or just pick up a copy at the Club House, do nothing and we'll leave you off the mailing list. Any money we save on mailing costs will be put back into Channel to keep it one of the best Club newsletters in Florida!

Thanks for supporting your Club,

Doug Hanks, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

In case you didn't know it, sailors are dog people. Sailors use dogs to secure watertight doors so sailors dog down watertight doors. Sailors have dog steps for climbing. What is a small piece of yarn tied to shrouds to indicate the wind direction? Yep....a dog vane. And of course, there are the dog days of summer. Alright, the dog days of summer have no nautical reference but at the CGSC when the summer heat gets it worse, it's time to share the day with our family, our friends and of course, man's best friend. August 11 is our annual Dog Days of Summer event and even if you don't have a dog, you shouldn't miss this party.

One thing that is unfortunately missing this summer at the CGSC is the shade of our beloved sea grape tree. Often a spot on our lawn where sailors enjoyed a cool breeze after a day of sailing, the tree became a victim of a blustery day. As it lay on its side once again, the difficult decision was made to end the era and begin planning for a replacement. So, keep your eyes out over the lawn and welcome the tree that comes next.

Up in the Grove's Nest, the entire crew is dedicated to satisfying your appetite and quenching your thirst. On a Wednesday night, head down for our new Fajita Station. Chef Ritchie will prepare your favorite Fajita dishes at the Creation Station in the Main Room. Selections include, beef, chicken and all the "South of the Boarder" fixings.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I'm happy to report that it has been an active summer at CGSC!

Our summer sailing camp continues to be full to its capacity of 50 for the 3rd two week session. This number is dictated by the U.S. Sailing level 1 certified coach/counselor-in-training/camper ratio and our sailing director Nick is keeping a conservative approach to safety as always. We are half way towards our goal of 20 community outreach scholarships for the year so please send any kids our way that might benefit from learning to sail and getting out on the water. It's a great life experience and character builder to learn to handle a small vessel single-handedly as a kid and we hope to extend this to anyone interested as a community serving facility.

The British Royal Marines touched down the first week in July for an all-out invasion of our facility with thirteen international 420's. CGSC won the battle but we are suspecting they will be back again to try again next year as they've captured one of our burgees. This was a great coordinated effort between CGSC and Ransom Everglades. We are optimistic about this partnership on events happening more frequently moving forward.

Great news on the Adult sailing front! Franela is back in action with new rigging and is ready for member use. Our recently

Also, don't forget about Thursday night burger fest and of course, live music on Friday nights.

As I mentioned in my last Channel article, I want to capture the history of CGSC and share it with our members. Our club has succeeded because of the dedication of our earliest members in 1947 and today, we carry on that tradition of sailing. If you have a story, a memory or a picture of the CGSC, I invite all of you to share it. Do you want to write about something that happened twenty years ago? Fantastic! Something from last week? Awesome. I want all of your stories so we can capture those moments in CGSC that were important to you.

Okay, it's time to head out for some sailing but before I go I want to remind everyone that the CGSC is a place where sailors belong and when you come down to the club for a drink or for dinner, you are supporting all of our tremendous programs that put children and adults on the water.

Fair Winds.

Sean Connett, Vice Commodore
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donated Beneteau First 32s5 - Together is now rigged, serviced and ready and will be commissioned into service with a sea test by instructor Bruce Penrod on Saturday July 21st. The Ensign fleet continues to be popular with the member use program and a monthly Ensign racing day is in the works which will include the member use boats and sailors. Stay tuned to the CGSC e-mail blast for details. For those interested in the member use program, we are striving to simplify the procedure for getting on the user lists and articulating our policies toward challenging the US sailing certifications. They will ultimately be listed fully on the CGSC web site under Club sailing / Member's use of boats. By the time you read this article our newly revised policies will be in place. The Member use program has been developing into a great amenity to many of our members and is a great way for new sailors to sharpen their skills. Remember, don't hesitate to chase me down at the club or email me with any comments or concerns. We are here to make the CGSC experience better all the time. Your input is appreciated. Now let's get out on the water!

Paul van Puffelen, Rear Commodore
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FROM THE MANAGER

Got the Summer Doldrums? Then get underway with two for one Happy Hour in the Groves Nest Tuesday through Friday from 4pm-6pm.

With Social Night Tuesday's, Fajitas Creation Station Wednesday's, Burger Fest Thursday's and Live Music Friday's each week, there's no better place to beat the heat than CGSC. Stop in and meet some of the many new members that have joined, or catch up with your favorite "Old Salts" as they tell their sea stories first hand.

We still have a few red parking stickers that haven't been picked up yet, so if you need to replace your old green sticker, just stop by the office.

Hurricane season is in full swing and we are monitoring systems as they develop. Should something occur, we will send out an Email blast regarding our Hurricane procedures. Be sure to sign up for our E-mail blasts by visiting our Web site @ www.CGSC.org

Enjoy the Club...Pat.

Upcoming CGSC

Race Committee Events

August 11-12, 2012

Single/Double Handed Regatta

September 8 - 9, 2012

FL State Junior Snipe Championships

September 15, 2012

Junior Commodore's Cup

See notices of race and registration forms on race bulletin board downstairs or at

www.Cgsc.Org

For BBYRA 2012 sailing instructions

Visit their website www.bbyra.net

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July 14-15 Basic Keelboat Class



Pics taken by instructor Ed Benitez