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Halloween Howler Youth Regatta

Staying true to its name and tradition, the 2012 Halloween Howler was another howling event. Devastating Hurricane Sandy brushed Florida 2 days before the event, leaving behind winds over 20 mph with gusts of over 30 on Saturday and a slightly less windy Sunday. The weather, although windy, was very nice and the energy incredible.

CGSC hosted 71 children ranging from 7-17 years old in Optimists (4 categories) and Lasers (2 categories) from all the neighboring clubs.

Our clubhouse became a haunted place full of grim reapers, ghosts, monsters and enthusiastic little kids roaming the corners of the club. We have to mention what a phenomenal job these sailors did with these conditions. With winds this high, coupled with merciless gusts and tough waves, these children have shown what true pirates are made of. Outstanding sailing!

Saturday night gave way to our famous Haunted Mooring where kids trick-or-treated around the very

scary mooring field full of strange birds, lively pirates, witches, flesh-eating zombies and luchadores. The party turned back to land where the festivities lasted until midnight for some until a headless rider sent everybody to rest for the day.

Sunday's events culminated with the trophies presentation, participation awards for all, and a fabulous raffle with cameras, watches and wetsuits galore. Young sailors were heard saying this was the "funnest" regatta of the year for its originality and high energy while their parents mentioned the wonderful CGSC hospitality.

We wish to thank all the volunteers and sponsors of this event. Thanks to our race committee, specially Susan Walcutt, our Waterfont team for keeping us safe, our Sailing Director for arranging all logistics and the CGSC Bridge for supporting what has become a signature event for our club.





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COMMODORE'S REPORT



This was a month of great traditions at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. First, came the Halloween Howler. Now in its second year, the Howler has quickly become a hit with youth sailors around the Bay. What a moment for the CGSC: our lawn packed with Optimists and Lasers, ghosts flying from the Yardarm, parents and kids readying their boats, Race Committee members preparing for what's now probably our biggest regatta of the year by number of boats. And the volunteer effort that went into the trophies, shirts, raffle and all the other elements of this regatta -- well, it all was just spectacular. The Howler once again made the CGSC shine.

For the Saturday of the Howler, we had our Haunted Mooring Field party. This also has become a CGSC tradition. It reminds us what a special place the CGSC can be when you combine families, fun, and sailboats. And what a turnout! Kids were lined up by the launch dock, waiting patiently for 30 minutes for their chance on the Trick-or-Treat boat. And while the crows were scary, I saw nothing but smiles from kids and parents alike when they came back ashore.

Finally, Work Weekend. I will leave it to Vice Commodore Sean Connett to report on that stellar operation. But let me just say that the volunteerism and Club spirit we saw during Work Weekend is the best measure of our Club's health. We continue to thrive on volunteers willing to work hard to make our Club better.

On behalf of the Board, thanks to all the officers, committee chairs, staff, and members who made these events so successful. It's gratifying to see traditions new and old going strong.

Thank you for supporting your Club,
Doug Hanks, Commodore
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Haunted Mooring Field

October 27th, the front lawn was overrun with Ghouls, Goblins and Super Heroes alike, as the CGSC Haunted Mooring Field Party took place at sundown. The rising moon cast a perfect backdrop over the cleverly decorated vessels, whose captains were eager to supply a fright (and candy) for all the young participants. Once the clock struck 1930 Hours, a barrage of costumed trick-or-treaters rushed the loading dock, while echoes of Michael Jackson's Thriller and the Ghostbusters theme song rang throughout Biscayne Bay. It was certainly a "Spooktacular" site to see, and a great turnout for the kids and parents; a big thank you goes out to the boat owners who participated the event. The evening wouldn't have been complete without another classic playlist by the Entertainment Committee's Jonathan Rosen, and special efforts by Adrienne Peters and Janice Pruett, who organized the decorating of our Mooring Field. We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween, and we'll see you all again next year - If You Dare!

Entertainment Committee
Brian Donahue



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Special mention for our very own sailing mom Laura Melo for donating the most gorgeous trophies; Barcelona Sauces and Adventure Sports for the massive raffle items donated as well as UK Sails, Miami Catamarans, Gulfstream, West Marine, Sailing Angles and Maria Teresa Adams. Thank you! We could not do this wonderful event without your generosity.

Get ready for the 2013 Halloween Howler... we are already looking for victims!

Sigrid Beckmann





Flying Scot Racing – Fleet 90, Coconut Grove Sailing Club

With the Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Assoc. season starting in September and ending in June Fleet 90 has had three races so far. The first race was on 9/15/12 with Coral Reef Yacht Club serving as Race Committee. We had six boats racing and Jim Bigham finishing first followed, in order, by Henry Bernstein, Larry Ames/Charlie White, Larry Whipple, Richard Etkin and Ryan Alexander.

The second race held on Saturday & Sunday, 10/13 & 14/12, was the CGSC 1 Design Annual Regatta. The winds were gusting over 20 knots both days and no Flying Scots raced.

The third race on 11/4/12 was the CRYC Annual Regatta. We had six boats again racing and Henry Bernstein came in first followed, in order, by Vlad Stroleny, Spencer Sims, Larry Whipple, Bud Price and Joerg Reinhold.

The next race is coming up on 12/1/12 and will be hosted by the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. We have twelve Flying Scots at the CGSC now and ten have signed up to race in BBYRA. I hope to see all of them out for the next race.

Larry Whipple PC
Fleet Captain



ADULT SAILING REPORT

After some "pesky" weather in September and early October resulting in some rescheduling and make-up classes, we are now back running full steam with all aspects of the Adult Instructional Program at the club. The only way you could miss all the adult action is by staying away from the club. Sunfish, Keelboat, Cruising and Racing/Flying Scot classes are all in play with good participation from both members and non-members. Group and private classes and coaching are being aided by some of our new certified US Sailing instructors.

This last month has seen a first for this Chairman... We had significantly more women than men students in our keelboat classes, both group and private. This is a growing and interesting trend. Watch out guys!!

Thanks to the many unselfish volunteers who aided our adult pro-

grams by giving of their time and talents during Work Weekend. Our entire Sunfish fleet was completely refurbished, and significant repairs and improvements were made on our largest cruising vessel "Together".

For a limited time, we are offering a special member rate of \$245 for the monthly weekend Sunfish class. This covers all, including your text and life-jacket.

Finally, for the Holidays, don't forget our Adult Instructional Gift Certificates. They are available for a two (2) hour Introductory Sail... and classes and coaching sessions all the way through to our Basic Bareboat classes.

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

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Racing 101 and beyond progress report.

Since the first Racing 101 a few years ago we have come a long way. A new movement labeled Sail Miami Now has formed and we have folded our efforts into the larger group. These past few months we have run a new racing 101 seminar with around 50 enthusiastic attendees. Following that the Flying Scot Class hosted some learn to Race seminars. One was focused on the kids from the summer camp, mostly the instructors, and the other was focused on adults. Both were well attended.

As a result of those efforts the four club Scots are now going to be raced in the BBYRA races increasing the fleet size and the fun ratio significantly. We also hosted two spinnaker classes using the spinnaker simulator. One was for the kids before sailing the Scots for the first time and another was for the adults. Again both were well attended with some people driving from Hillsboro for the adult spinnaker class. Additionally the Sail Miami Now group is offering similar learn to race seminars out of Shake a Leg on Sonars. They are 3 hour classes on the water with great coaching. There will be a website

up soon with announcements on all further activities. We are going to take a short break from classes for the holidays but look for other classes being offered after the first of the year. Sail Miami now has asked us to take the 101 series and the spinnaker classes on the road to the other clubs. We are also planning more learn to race seminars sponsored by the other fleets on the bay. Of course CGSC members will be invited to attend all of these so keep an eye out for further announcements.

Bud Price



Keys Talk at CGSC

It was standing room only on October 24th for "A Guide to Cruising the Keys", presented by our very own Alyn and Janice Pruet. As many of you know, they've been plying the local waters for nearly a decade on their Cheoy Lee Offshore 31 ketch Effortless. Alyn and Janice delighted an attentive and engaged audience for a Wednesday evening "voyage" through Florida's tropical island paradise.

From romantic, secluded cays to boisterous, social anchorages, the Pruetts narrated a broad range of courses to satisfy every sailor's mood and mindset. The Pruetts' first-person accounts had the sweet ring of authenticity as they described thrilling ocean runs, as well as run-ins with dodgy weather, skinny water, abundant fish and relentless mosquitoes.

The gathered assembly included CGSC faithful, new members and a solid representation of local sailors (some visiting CGSC for the very first time) filling our sturdy clubhouse with dreams of Conch Republic explorations--



whether to sail, swim, snorkel, fish or indulge in a private sunset. Alyn and Janice's interactive presentation armed one and all with current, inside knowledge on everything from water depth and provisioning tips to favorite stopping places and sights to see.

Best,
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Open Letter to Youth Sailing

Hi Nick
I wanted to share my 2 pennies.
My children had some sailing experience before we come by on Sept 8th to CGSC. As an obsessive mom I wasn't sure what I was going to find but to my pleasant surprise, I found a family!!!! Having moved recently to Florida, everything is new, confusing and stressful. With Nick, Maykel, Dany and Stephanie I fell right at home to leave my heart with them. These coaches are just AWESOME!!!! I have not only totally embraced the program but have been promoting it to all parents who can benefit and enjoy the program only to find out the program is completely sold out!!!! SUPER!!!!

Luby Costa



Upcoming CGSC Race Committee Events

December 07-09, 2012
Audi Melges 20 Winter Series #1

December 27-30, 2012
Open Orange Bowl Regatta

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

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Presents

US Sailing Basic Cruising and
Bareboat Cruising Classes

Basic Cruising:

Dec. 15 and 16 plus one day, review and testing

Price \$625 members

\$725 non members

Bareboat Cruising:

Dec. 7 to 9 plus one day, review and testing

Price \$825 members

\$925 non members

These prices are group prices, minimum 2 people.

Inquire about Private Class prices.

Coming in January: 3 day, mid week, Basic Keelboat
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Biscayne National Park Reopens Portions of Elliott Key After Damage Associated with Hurricane Sandy

HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA – Most of Elliott Key, Biscayne National Park's largest island, has been reopened to public access after being closed for two days as a result of damage sustained during Hurricane Sandy earlier this week. The harbor, oceanside boardwalk and portions of the island's campground remain closed indefinitely, but University Dock, Spite Highway, restrooms, the oceanside group campsite and bayside family camping areas are all open to the public. The concrete maintenance dock south of the harbor is closed to the public and open to official use only. Boca Chita Key, Adams Key and other areas of the park remain open as they were prior to the storm's brush with South Florida.

Vessels that can be hand-carried from the shoreline (such as canoes, kayaks and other small boats) can land on the island, but visitors journeying across the bay or from larger vessels anchored offshore should remember that there is no access to any of

the floating docks or finger piers in the harbor area.

"We realize that opening an island without re-opening the harbor makes it a difficult situation for many of our visitors," said Biscayne National Park Superintendent Mark Lewis. "Still, with the arrival of cooler weather, many people are wanting to take advantage of the season for camping, kayaking and walking and there's no reason to prevent those activities. I'm confident that visitors will use common sense and the utmost care as they wander the trails, as loose debris is likely anywhere on the island"

Interested parties are invited to follow the park's Facebook (www.Facebook.com/BiscayneNPS) and Twitter (www.Twitter.com/BiscayneNPS) feeds, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/bisc for additional updates.

