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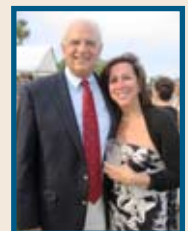
# Channel

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Photos by Charles Branning

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am honored to serve as your Commodore this year, and encouraged to take the helm after a year of strong leadership by Ron Rostorfer. I'm looking forward to another milestone year.

### My goals:

1. Mission: Our Club thrives on volunteerism, and it is that camaraderie that separates us from other places where you can enjoy the Sailing Life. Vice Commodore Sean Connett will be working hard this year on spreading the word about CGSC traditions and spirit. Meanwhile, I want to get more members involved in supporting the Club. And I want to get more members just plain enjoying the Club. A busy Clubhouse and a busy fleet will go a long way toward accomplishing this goal.

2. Vision: As we shift to a more long-term view of the Club, I want to build consensus about where we want to steer the ship in the coming years. As Vice Commodore, I began the process of establishing a five-year plan for our Property, and Ron has left me with a draft five-year plan for our Mooring Field. I want to extend this effort to creating five-year plans for both Youth Sailing and Adult Sailing.

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we enter into a new year at the CGSC, it with a tremendous amount of pride that I assume the duties and responsibilities of Vice Commodore. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead of me and the opportunity to continue working with our Board of Directors, our staff and of course, our amazing members who volunteer their time to keep the CGSC the "Place Where Sailors Belong".

As Rear Commodore last year I often pictured my duties as those of the Bosun on old sailing ships. The Bosun was responsible for keeping the sails aloft and the rigging in working order. Now as Vice Commodore, I move aft where I take the role of First Lieutenant, who is expected to, "attend to the general duty of the ship, and see that she is at all times kept in complete order for action, sailing, or any other service she may be required to perform." In today's sea going services they call that person the Executive Officer, but I am fonder of the term more associated with true sailors of an era long past. Be that as it may, with the help of some talented members who have agreed to stay on for another year and volunteer their time to serve on the Property Committee, I am looking forward to working together and to identify projects that we can get done this year as well as continue to keep a five year grounds and building maintenance plan moving forward, adjusting it as projects get done and new projects find their way onto the list.

3. Fund-raising: We face the biggest financial challenge in our history in the coming years. We must install a screw-down mooring field. Meanwhile, we want to continue expanding our core mission of supporting sailing on Biscayne Bay, and creating as many new sailors as we can. For us to keep expanding our sailing activities, we must look beyond our current revenues and ask members and our friends outside the Club to help. We will be launching an ambitious fund-raising campaign this year, and I hope you will support it.

I am lucky to have such an able Bridge, Board and slate of Committee chairs --- not to mention our amazing staff -- working hard to keep us the best sailing club in Florida.

Thanks for doing your part to help our Club,

*Doug Hanks, Commodore*  
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With the clubhouse maintained and properly staffed, the Grove's Nest will continue to provide CGSC members great food and drink, and of course excellent entertainment. The Grove's Nest success has been the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of committed members and staff. Please do not lose sight of the fact that when we come to the Grove's Nest and have a meal or enjoy a beverage; we also support our sailing programs, which encourage the sport of sailing, promote the science of seamanship and navigation, and helps us sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes and all while fostering a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship. That is the CGSC Mission and that is the tradition of our club.

Finally, on the topic of CGSC tradition, one of my goals this year is to sort through the storage areas in the clubhouse and organize the items that connect the history of the CGSC to the present. As this project gets rolling, I hope that some of our longtime members who have stories to tell, pictures to share or can just help me identify faces or trophies, will rise to this occasion and help us newer members find a deeper connection to our past so we can have more pride in our future.

Fair Winds -  
*Sean Connett, Vice Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It is my privilege to serve as Rear Commodore this upcoming season. I have been active in CGSC since 2006 and it keeps getting better every year. I seek to keep that trend going with special focus on improving our sailing programs and activities.

With our new lease, this year brings opportunity to focus on the traditional duties of Rear Commodore and continue on the progress of our waterfront programs. These programs are instrumental in meeting our Mission as a community sailing organization.

Our Summer sailing camp is packed thanks to the continued hard work of our dedicated sailing director Nick Mansbach and his group of instructors and CITs. There are still openings in the next sessions so bring your kids and neighbor's kids for the funnest summer camp in Miami. I am also pleased to note that we have met our community outreach goal of 20 youth scholarships for the year. It is a real satisfaction to see the big smiles on kids who have taken to the bay for the first time and under their own control! Speak up if you know any underprivileged kids who would like to enjoy this experience.

Some of the great activities we have lined up again for this year are:

- our 3<sup>rd</sup> Coconut Grove Art Festival Open House –
- the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Howler Youth Regatta –

- Our well attended Annual Elliott Key Rendezvous –
- Our Adult Sailing program continues to improve under Richard Crisler, Bruce Penrod and Bud Price's steady hands and the member use program starts the season with the addition of a Beneteau First 32s5
- Youth Sailing and Race Team are poised to compete with 3 new Lasers as our Opti kids get bigger.



Finally, I would like to encourage all members to consider participating in CGSC's fine Race Committee. If you have a boat, they are in constant need of volunteer Signal boats. If you don't have a boat, it is a great way to get some time on the water and improve your skills and make new friends. You can read more about it here <http://www.cgsc.org/race-committee>, or contact RC Chair Susan Walcutt for further info at [walcutts@bellsouth.net](mailto:walcutts@bellsouth.net)

I'm looking forward to a great year. Please don't hesitate to chase me down at the club or email me with the good the bad and even the ugly! [paulvp@cgsc.org](mailto:paulvp@cgsc.org)

*Paul van Puffelen, Rear Commodore*

### Upcoming CGSC Race Committee Events

July 21, 2012  
Commodore's Cup  
open only to CGSC Members  
Racing, Cruising & One Designs  
For CGSC Club Championships

August 11-12, 2012  
Single/Double Handed Regatta

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND  
REGISTRATION FORMS ON  
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS  
OR AT [WWW.CGSC.ORG](http://WWW.CGSC.ORG)  
FOR BBYRA 2012 SAILING  
INSTRUCTIONS  
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE  
[WWW.BBYRA.NET](http://WWW.BBYRA.NET)

## From The Manager:

With the summer months comes the summer "honey do list" at CGSC and our dedicated staff have been working relentlessly cleaning, repairing and enhancing our club facility. We've replaced a deteriorated kitchen wall, added a new sink, replaced and made tile repairs, replaced our keg air cooler unit, tuned up our refrigeration units, painted the main room and added furniture to the dining area. In addition we are adding new Point of Sale computers to speed service and have retiled the upstairs bathrooms. Thank you to all who participated to make CGSC that much better. Wednesday's \$11.95 Fajita Night. Chef Richie and the culinary staff will be preparing Chicken and Beef Fajita's with all the "south of the boarder" fixings from 5pm-9pm and Happy Hour pricing from 4pm-6pm. Thursday Night is Burger Fest Night. Be sure to stop in and sample one of the wonderful Burger creations. The popularity of Live Music Fridays has reached an all-time high, thanks to our new menu, drink specials and the best Bands in the Grove. Be sure to stop in and see what ) the buzz is all about.



Enjoy the Club...Pat.

# Moorings

Hi All,

CGSC Hurricane Chant: June - too soon, July - stand by, August - a must, September - most ever, October - not over, November - remember.

We consider the CGSC Hurricane Prep. Seminar instructions adequate for securing boats when implemented. So feel free to request this info. at any time whether or not you attended. Some essential things to do are:

## HAVE YOUR OWN HURRICANE PLAN FRESH IN MIND:

1) Keep adequate CLEAN fuel, filters clean and run engine 1/2 hour weekly: make sure the boat works! Have THREE (3) LARGE STORM anchors. Danforths are good here; so are Fortress/Guardians. Nat Herreshoff : "Plows belong in the cornfield." I think that's true here unless they're very large for the boat. Delta's aren't tops, and small anchors (12# - steel) are useless for big boats in storms. DO NOT USE WIMPY ANCHORS AS YOUR BOAT AND OTHERS WILL BE DAMAGED, AND YOU WILL BE UNPOPULAR! Have at least 100 ft. of line with chain for each anchor, and chafing gear.

2) Keep boat bottom and propeller clean. Explore the safe-sites BEFOREHAND.

3) Know how to perform all the steps and get early agreement with AT LEAST ONE FRIEND TO HELP YOU; this may involve favors of some kind: whining, bribes, refreshments, stimulus's, whatever, but get it done!

4) Before or ASAP after a Hurricane Watch or Warning is announced by NOAA take the three (3) equipped anchors aboard (lashed on deck is O.K.). Examples: 40# Danforth, 30# folding grapnel; 13# Guardian. Go to one of the following locations, and anchor far away from other boats - at least five (5) boat lengths. Place largest anchor to where strongest wind is expected, probably SE, and the other two 120 degrees on the BOW each side with 10:1 scope maximum; too much line allows boats to "sail at anchor", jerk madly, get loose and damage yours and other boats, plus may monopolize the anchorage (hooking). A dinghy and with extra hands is really helpful, but a swimmer with a float for the last anchor can do it. Secure chafing gear in place.

Sites are:

1 - West of Star Island and east of Palm and Hibiscus: 3 bridges N of CGSC: Rickenbacker, Dodge Island, McArthur, then right past the Miami Yacht Club to the Flagler Memorial and right.

2 - Marine Stadium: Thru Rickenbacker and right past Rusty Pelican to stbd. to far end and out from the Rowing Club; get WELL INSIDE the stadium, but away from other boats.

3 - No Name Harbor - Key Biscayne - Bill Baggs State Park

4 - Coral Gables Waterway mangroves: south past Four Way Channel and into the Waterway: take 1st left to the end. This is a preferred spot for many; four rules apply: 1- Do not anchor nor attach lines across canals. 2- Do not tie up to private property. 3- Do not attach to mangrove trunks, but walking anchors well into the mangrove roots is O.K. 4- Everyone is responsible for damages they cause. Method: nose the boat near the mangroves but afloat, walk an anchor(s) into the mangroves, then angle stern anchors to position the boat and hold it out from the mangroves in case of surge. Note: These canals are scoured by tidal current and offer POOR HOLDING. A heavy kellet on the stern lines is essential.

5) Minimize windage: Remove biminis, sails and dorades; lower boom. Lash tiller/wheel 45 degrees off center and boom 45 degrees on the other side to minimize sailing.

6) It's a motor trip, so check packing flange for drip afterward and adjust if necessary. Pump bilge, check head and thru-valves, turn power off but leave auto-bilge pump on if you have one, lock boat and set alarm. TAPE OR OTHERWISE SECURE A ZIPLOC BAG IN THE COCKPIT with contact info: Name(s), celfone and other tel #'s, email, etc. The USCG has asked for this.

7) Check boats often in following days and notify others ASAP if boats are NOT O.K.

Cooperation helps keep boats safe, minimizes problems and makes work easier. It helps to share a motorized dinghy or ride, and get someone with a van or truck for pick-up near the Miami Yacht Club, Watson Island boat ramp (parking fee \$8/day), Rowing Club, No Name Harbor or Gables Waterway: Cocoplum Blvd. Also, read the CGSC Manager's e-mails for launch service to sights. "All for one, and one for all!", and all will be O.K. It gets easier once we get into it. This is not an exclusive thing; anybody can be a part. Get in touch with others going to the same place; hand-held VHF's and celfone's help.

PLEASE BE AWARE, per Board ruling, boats on CGSC moorings:

Should boat owners fail to take proper safety precautions, CGSC staff at the direction of the GM and Waterfront Coordinator, and per Florida law, may but are not required to take steps to better secure vessels. Boat owners will be charged for these services. This unavoidable step was a long time coming: loose furling jibs and biminis/dodgers are the main problems.

Feel free to call or email me on moorings issues anytime 305.546.6727C, or see me at the Club. Good Luck to us all! Enjoy "Our Place on the Bay". See you there.

Bill Beavers - Moorings Chairman

# YOU



We hold these truths to be self evident...

for **\$15** per person

*\$7* for kids 7 - 12

*free* for 6 and under

\* tax & gratuity

## HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- *Come to the 4th of July Celebration at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.*
- *Eat fried chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, corn on the cob and green salad*
- *Drink free beer and refreshments with fellow members (until it's gone)*
- *Have fun with the kids, with games on the front lawn*
- *Listen and dance to great 4th of July music*
- *Enjoy the fireworks display from the front lawn*



**Show your patriotism by decorating your boat and bringing it to the dock!**

For more information or to reserve your tickets, please contact Lauren Simpson at 305.444.4571 ext. 10 or [laurensimpson@cgsc.org](mailto:laurensimpson@cgsc.org)