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REPORT OF THE 2012 (XLVI ANNUAL) DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA

Fifty three Snipes participated in the 46th Annual Don Q Rum Keg Snipe Regatta. The event is hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and the Miami Snipe Fleet #7 and is sponsored annually by the Don Q Rum, Distillery Serralles, Inc. from Puerto Rico. Great International competition including teams from Norway, Finland, Italy, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Canada, Bahamas and from all over United States

2009 Snipe World Champions Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi from Brazil won the 46th DON Q RUM KEG SNIPE REGATTA. They beat Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke by 2 points In a field of 53 boats many of

which are outstanding Snipe competitors: Augie is 2003 and 2005 Snipe World Champion and 10 times USA National Champion starting in 1974.

In third place from Puerto Rico young fast sailors Raul Rios and Manuel Inserni. Raul Rios is the reigning North American Champion. In fourth place our locals Brian Kamilar and Enrique Quintero that have been placing high in our Snipe Nationals and Western Hemisphere championships. Our local Ernesto Rodriguez in fifth place (2010 WH&O champion and two times Snipe USA National champion). In sixth place from Argentina Luis



Soubie and Diego Lipszyc who won the 2011 Don Q

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



As this is written just shy of two weeks into April, the weather these last several weeks has been outstanding! I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some time on our beautiful Bay during this great time of year.

Another Record Night at the Club! Last month, I mentioned our daily revenue record achieved on Friday, March 9th of some \$4,000 for our restaurant and bar. Lo and behold, just the very following weekend after the April issue of the Channel went to press, another record was set. It was about \$5,000 – a huge increase over what was our previous best. The Club certainly appreciates your patronage of our restaurant and bar, but the bottom line is that our food quality, friendly bar and great view have earned your support.

Fence. Finally, we're underway on the fence project. At this writing, the post holes have been dug and inspected by the City. Actual construction of our new six-foot Aluminum powder coated bronze picket fence will start on Thursday, April 12th. As usual with this column, by the time you read this, you will know a lot more than I do now. Again, after the fence has been installed and received its final permit inspection from the City, our landscape contractor will install the new hedge in front of the fence in accordance with the City's specification.

There is a water line running along the fence which serves the back and far side hose bibs on the Strip. This line was attached to the old fence, but would be unsightly for our new fence. This water supply line will be shut during construction and buried in a shallow trench once the fence is in. Service will then be restored

Bylaws Amendment. You will note elsewhere in this issue that our Bylaws Committee, under the direction of Chairman David Kurtz, PC has developed one Amendment which has been approved by your Board of Directors. It will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Friday, June 1st. Please read the advance information herein and be prepared to vote.

Springtime Administration. The Nominating Committee under returning Chair Larry Whipple, PC is making good progress and currently conducting candidate interviews. The Finance Committee under Treasurer and returning Chair Ron Canizares is well underway regarding their work on the Club's Budget for FY '13.

Calendar Markings. Again, please mark your calendars for the CGSC Annual Meeting on Friday evening, June 1st. This will be followed by the Annual Installation Ceremony and Banquet on Saturday, June 9th.

See you at the Club!

Ron Rostorfer, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Convening a committee meeting of one isn't very fun. That's where you come in.

As your Bridge and Board begins the task of assembling a roster of committee chairs for next year, I'd like to really make a push to stock our committees with energetic volunteers.

Some CGSC committees already can count on a solid list of members. I just attended the Race Committee's annual appreciation dinner, and I was amazed at that loyal group's numbers. The Entertainment Committee enjoys a solid core of party people. The Property Committee, which I chair as vice commodore, meets regularly to tackle improving our Club House.

But other committee chairs could certainly use some help. And with a new budget year approaching (July to June), all our committees need new energy and fresh faces. Committees really make the difference between an ok year and a great year.

Those line-splicing, anchoring and knot-tying seminars from this year? They came thanks to the Seamanship Committee. Our standing-room-only talk by the Patrons on cruising the Caribbean? The Speakers Committee.

From The Manager...

With summer just around the corner and a steady stream of new members joining the club daily, we are poised to have the busiest "off-season" yet. Every department in the club has experienced record volume this year and to assure member satisfaction, we have added a few new positions to our staff. We have a parking attendant working on the weekends and busy days and we have added an extra Busser/Barback on Wednesday and Friday Nights.

Wednesday's \$11.95 Pasta Creation Station has been sensational right from the start. Chef Richie and the culinary staff will continue preparing your favorite pasta dished right before your eyes, from 5pm-9pm, with Happy Hour pricing from 5pm-7pm. Be sure to stop in and see was the buzz is all about.

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.

The green parking stickers aren't valid

The fall Poker Run rendezvous? Cruising. Our international Olympic-class regattas? They unfold smoothly thanks not only to Race Committee, but also our Shoreside Regatta committee.

That blow-out St. Patty's Day dance? Entertainment. The slick brochures on display in our booths at the Arts Fest and Boat Show? Marketing. The weekly emails that keep you informed? Web.

Just a small amount of free time is the main requirement to be a committee member. I can put you in touch with the appropriate committee chair this summer. Just let me know your interest. You'll find a full list of our committees on Page 2 of the Channel.

Have more time to offer? Volunteer to chair a committee. It doesn't pay well, but the work is pretty fun.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club,

Doug Hanks, Vice Commodore
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any more, so if you haven't had a chance to stop by the office to pick up your new red parking sticker, the office will be open 7 days a week for issuance.

Enjoy the club!
Patrick Tully
Manager



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All members are
encouraged to attend.**

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Regatta and I am sure he had won the Argentinian National Championship. In 10th place Olympic Gold Medalist Anna Tunnicliffe sailing with the super-crew Leandro Spina. The competitors included Andrew Pimental USA National Champion (at least twice) and so many other excellent Snipe sailors.

5 Races were sailed with ENE and Easterly winds and as someone said we had perfect "Chamber of Commerce" weather for this Don Q. Winds as follows: Friday winds about 12-15 kts, course W both races. Race 1 first leg .7 NM, subsequent legs .9 NM. Race 2 all legs .8 NM. On Saturday both races course W winds 10-13 kts, legs .8 NM. Sunday one race only, course W 10-12 kts, legs .8 NM.

Excellent job by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Race Committee: Rear Commodore Sean Connett donated and operated the use of the signal boat FIJI and helped with the flags. Timers: Marvin Schenker and Dottie Rostorfer. Scribes and Flags: Sherry Pearsail, Marybeth Pearson, Liz Balbin, Katrina Burkhardt and Jaime Ramon Jr. (Sun). Gunner: Paco Calvet (4 consecutive years!!). SCIRA REP: Brainard Cooper (maybe by the 15th time?). Mark Boat: Susan Walcutt, Rick Klein, Karen Ryan Young, Dave Lence, Pedro Corredoira and Debbie Jasma. Pin boat: Commodore Ron Rostorfer, Jim Waldron, Larry Whipple and Dennis Jasma. Chief Judge: Harriette Ottenheimer.

PRO, line sighter and scorer the one and only Jaime Ramon (in his 4th year??).



Commodore Ron Rostorfer presents the First Place trophy to Bruno Bethlem and Dante Bianchi.

The participants gather for a group picture after the awards ceremony.



On Saturday after the races we had the Don Q Daiquiri party and after that the Cuban Dinner that was highly enjoyed by all competitors and Race Committee. Thanks to Carmen Diaz, Marianne Hackbarth and their team of girls and boys for serving the daiquiris right at the dock as the sailors were arriving from the last race on Saturday. Then organizing the Cuban Dinner! What a treat!!

Many thanks to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club for hosting this Regatta and the Don Q Serralles for being the sponsor. Biscayne Bay is one of the greatest places in the World for racing dinghys. Please, come and join us next year.

Gonzalo Diaz



Coming in Second Place was Augie Diaz and Kathleen Tocke



Fourth Place was Briam Kamilar and Enrique Quintero



Third Place was Raul Rios and Manuel Inserni.



Fifth Place was Ernesto Rodriguez and Megan Place



RESULTS

Rank	HelmName	CrewName	Nat
1st	Bruno Bethlem	Dante Bianchi	BRA
2nd	Augie Diaz	Kathleen Tocke	USA
3rd	Raul Rios	Manuel Inserni	PUR
4th	Brian Kamilar	Enrique Quintero	USA
5th	Ernesto Rodriguez	Megan Place	USA
6th	Luis Soubie	Diego Lipszyc	ARG
7th	Eric Heim	Alan Capelin	USA
8th	Kevin Reali	Ashley Reali	USA
9th	Andrew Pimental	Julia Marsh	USA
10th	Anna Tunnicliffe	Leandro Spina	USA
11th	Henry C Filter	Chris Filter	USA
12th	Taylor Scheuermann	Charlie Bess	USA
13th	Carol Cronin	Kim Couranz	USA
14th	Javier Marcelo Moyano	Javier Francisco Matheu	ARG
15th	Pietro Fantoni	Bridget Creney Wiatrowski	ITA
16th	Hal Gilreath	Amy Benner	USA
17th	Giampiero Poggi	Pere Puig	ITA
18th	Emanuel Aghem	Luciano Pesci	ARG
19th	Axel Sly	Fabian Mac Gowan	USA
20th	Birger Jansen	Jeanette Jansen	NOR
21st	Jamie Boyden	Beth Boyden	CAN
22nd	Eric S Aronson	Ian	USA
23rd	Trixy Agusti	Yuyu Agusti	ARG
24th	John Coolidge	Cate Gundlach	USA
25th	Max J Hardage	Anna Lee Bradley	USA
26th	David Muhlhausen	Bruno Mello	USA
27th	Ken Voss	Kay Voss	USA
28th	Andrew Klein	Michelle Morphew	USA
29th	Jimmy Lowe	Lori E Lowe	BAH
30th	Alfredo Sambolin	Dorian Sambolin	USA
31st	Bibi Juetz	Felipe Sabino	BRA
32nd	Charlie Bustamante	Michele Bustamante	USA
33rd	Ian Schillebeeckx	Lucas Hofmeister	USA
34th	Roberto Guaragna	Andre Guaragna	USA
35th	Donald Hackbarth	Merrill Varn	USA
36th	Doug Broeker	Melanie Broeker	USA
37th	Sharon Seymour-Johnson	Martha Parker	USA
38th	Rocio Agusti	Paco Agusti	ARG
39th	William Steve Lang	Tara Levy	USA
40th	Hanna-Leena Lehtinen	Juha Lehtinen	FIN
41st	Christopher Hains	Barbara Mann	CAN
42nd	Halvor Poulsson	Gina Robichaux	NOR
43rd	Ian Elliott	Anna Elliott	USA
44th	Gonzalo Diaz (Old Man)	Patti Bess	USA
45th	Lara A Dallman-Weiss	John H Weiss	USA
46th	Tom Henderson	Marie Thompson	USA
47th	Gord Richards	Leo Arseneault	CAN
48th	Jerry Thompson	Mandi Smith	USA
49th	Bryan Reich	Georgi Peet	USA
50th	Jaime Ramon	Mauricio Galarce	USA
51st	Chris Jankowski	Jimmy Jankowski	USA
52nd	Roy D Howie	Grace B Howie	USA
53rd	Johann Lopez	Robert Diaz	USA
54th	Harri Palm	Molly Kurvink	CAN



Waterfront and Sailing Director

Sorry to miss you last month but as always the sailing/waterfront has been extremely busy. As I write this, I'm sad to announce that we are coming to the end of another sailing season, and what a season it has been.

This year, as in years past, we will be extending our sailing season to include the month of May rather than wrapping it up at the end of April.

On the regatta front, here is what our youth sailor's have been up to: In March we attended both the Spring Opti Fest at the US Sailing Center Martin County, Jensen Beach and immediately following that was the 6th Annual Rotary Club of Coconut Grove's Spring Break Camp & Regatta, which was very well attended with 35 participants that were able to raise money for scholarships for summer camp.

Our last official regatta of the season was UNBELIEVABLE, it was the Southeast Dinghy Championships at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club on the 6th & 7th of April. Why was it unbelievable you ask? How about six year olds sailing in 15 to 25, yes 25 knot breezes and are no worse for the wear! Conditions on the bay those two days were intense to say the least. Although the Green Fleet was in the lee, they were still facing some pretty scary conditions and we were able to walk away with two sailors with top ten finishes. Out on the Red, White, Blue and Laser course things were even worse, four foot swells, thirty plus knot gusts, three coach boats taking on water and one even sinking! I'm please to say that out of ten boats CGSC took a well earned third overall.

With our season closely approaching its end that can only mean one thing, summer camp. We are going to have five, two week sessions starting in June and ending in August. The session dates are as follows:

- Session 1 – June 11 – June 22
- Session 2 – June 25 – July 6
- Session 3 – July 9 – July 20
- Session 4 – July 23 – August 3
- Session 5 – August 6 – August 17

There is still availability in all sessions, but they do fill up quickly, so if you are interested in having your child in the best summer camp on the bay, don't delay and register today.

We are also in the middle of our semiannual moorings inspection/repair process and we hope to have that all behind us by the time this gets to you all. Finally, I would like to take a moment to talk about our adult programs and how popular and successful they have become under Richard Crisler's

guidance. I can remember back about five years ago when CGSC had no programming for adults and I knew being the new guy that, that must change. I solicited Richard's advice and asked him if he would be interested in helping with getting things going again, and he of course began what has now become "the best sailing school on Biscayne Bay". Thanks Richard for all your hard work and commitment, we couldn't have done it without you. I would also like to thank Captain Bruce Penrod for all his support and by adding the Basic & Bareboat Cruising classes to our already thriving Sunfish and Keelboat classes. We are now officially a "one stop shop" for US Sailing certifications.

The latest news is that we have partnered with Barry University and City Of Miami parks and recreation to help them achieve their sailing goals, Barry is even offering our Adult Learn to Sail Sunfish for college credits, pretty cool.

That's all for now, see you next month
Nick

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CGSC RECEIVES LARGES GIFT EVER

CGSC has received a most generous gift from Russ and Susan Newman, Together a Beneteau 32.5. The gift was facilitated by the Coconut Grove Sailing Foundation. Long time Club members, the Newmans wanted to give something back to CGSC at the end of the sailing chapter of their lives. They had many wonderful experiences on Together, named for their more than 50 year marriage, and they wanted to be sure that the vessel was put to good use. Following some rigging repairs, the boat will be used in our adult sailing program.

Ron Canizares



Adult Sailing

It's Springtime and the growing season, and that includes your Adult Training Programs at CGSC. We continue to see strong growth in all areas, and many of our students and clinic participants are coming from our growing membership. Almost all keelboat students are now members or they become members before the class is over. In our classes, we apply no pressure for membership, rather the club's environment, the quality of the classes and privileges of membership speak loudly for our Club.

In addition to our regular growth in all aspects of our US Sailing formatted programs, we are also being sought for special classes. We are in the midst of two special Learn-to-Sail classes for Barry University. These are college credit classes, and the overflow of interest created a second class. We have also just completed a special training session for Parks & Recreation coaches in advance of their certification classes for their summer programs, and there is a very special program in the "wings" for this July.

This speaks highly for our club and the integrity and quality of our US Sailing instructional programs. We also continue to seek out new instructors for

our programs. Occasionally we are fortunate to find qualified instructors who have already gone through the US Sailing training and may have good experience from other training facilities. We are pleased to have added Rick Perlotto, a Licensed Captain and certified US Sailing Basic Keelboat instructor to our staff. Rick co-instructed with me for the first time in a Basic Keelboat class in April. Rick spent serious time observing classes and getting experience on our keelboats prior to his first class with us. We welcome Rick and look forward to his continued service to our club.

Finally, the daylight savings time hours now allow us to do coaching and testing of two hours or more after 5PM. If interested, contact Richard. Also, our morning Sunfish clinics will be moved to afternoons (4PM to 7PM) by the time this issue is in the mail.

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

Richard Crisler, Chairman – Adult Training
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Proposed Bylaw Changes...

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors on March 8 approved a proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of our Club.

Members will vote on this proposal at our Annual Meeting on Friday, June 1. This message will serve as the official notice of the proposed Amendment, as well as an explanation as to why the Board is recommending it to the Membership.

First, the proposed change. Additions are underlined. Deletions are in struck-through type.

ARTICLE XI-- VOTING

A vote may be cast only by a Life or Regular member who is in good standing as of five business days prior to any annual or special meeting. A member is in good standing if such member has no amount owing to the club more than five~~thirty~~ days after the same became due and payable, and such member is not subject to any suspension of his or her club privileges. ~~To be in good standing a member may not be subject to any suspension of his or her club privileges and must be current in his or her account as of five days prior to any annual or special meeting.~~

This language probably looks familiar. At last year's Annual Meeting, a similar proposed change to Article XI failed by a very small margin due to concerns that the new language could be unclear. After several meetings, your Bylaws Committee proposed what we think is a solid fix of Article XI.

Why the change?

Article XI governs who can vote at the Annual Meeting. Perhaps the most important vote at every Annual Meeting occurs when members approve the dues and fees for the following year.

That is, members decide what they will owe the Club during the next 12 months. Article XI seeks to reserve that vote to members who are current on their bills. But as written today, Article XI doesn't really fulfill that mission.

CGSC bills come dated the last day of the month, and per Article XIX of the bylaws ("Indebtedness to the Club"), members have 10 days before a bill becomes "payable."

Under the current formula set up by Article XI, all members have 30 days after that 10-day window expires to pay their bill and still be eligible to vote.

Translation: with a meeting the first week in June, members only have to be current on their March bill to enjoy the privilege of voting. Even though the Annual Meeting is in June, there's not even an obligation to pay the April bill under the current system. (The bill dated April 30 would not become payable until May 10, and the current rules allow the members to remain in good standing without paying the bill until June 10 – well after the Annual Meeting.)

Now, with nearly 900 members, this is no small matter. We want members who care enough about the Club to stay current on their obligations to be making the important decision of how much it should cost to remain a member of the CGSC.

And so the proposed language shrinks the 30-day window to a five-day window.

That means the bill dated April 30th and arriving in mailboxes the first week of May would be the bill that must be paid at least five business days before the Annual Meeting.

As usual, we will send out reminder notices this year for anyone not in "good standing" as the Meeting approaches. And as usual, members will have until five business days before the Meeting to pay the overdue bills and be eligible to vote. No one should ever be taken by surprise by the provisions of Article XI.

We think the proposed language for Article XI establishes a more reasonable timetable for the definition of a CGSC member in "good standing," and we hope you'll support the change on June 1.

Ron Rostorfer
Commodore

David Kurtz
Bylaws Chair

May 4 - 6, 2012



Installation Dinner & Dance

Sat., June 9, 2012

1800 HRS until....

Come enjoy cocktails on the lawn for the Bridge Installation Ceremony.

Then Up stairs for an Island Dinner and music by the 18 Wheelers!

Cocktail attire

\$34, plus tax and gratuity

Reservations: 305-444-4571 ext.10, or laurensimpson@cgsc.org