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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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NOVEMBER 2012

Youth Sailors at River Romp

Fall season is well underway at CGSC and that means so is our regatta season. The youth team is attending the first out of town regatta of the year as I write this. We are in Ft. Myers at the Edison Sailing Center's River Romp which is held on the Caloosahatchee River. For some of the kids this is their first ever regatta and I'm proud to say that even in high winds and currents they are all in good spirits and having a great time. Overall I'm not sure if the kids have more fun sailing or if it's their beaming parents so proud to see their offspring confident, independent and determined, sailing out into the windy river under their own skill. Of notable mentions on the day of their first travel regatta: Lizzy Schmidt who was feeling a little beat up after the first race, got out after a quick break and ended up in the top 50 out of 112 entries. Graham Mogollon fought high river currents and swamping with a big smile and ended up in the top 50. Green

fleeter Theo Quenee is already in the top 10 on the first day of competition, inspired by his new Opti. Of the older Green fleet racers - Alejandro Riquelme placed a solid 33 on the first day while his big brother Sebastian Riquelme duels it out for a possible 1st after protests are settled! As one can imagine, the competition is fierce in the top 10. Sebastian Riquelme did take first place. Great Job!!



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

On another note, our club is entering into new cooperative efforts with Commodore Ralph Munroe's Barnacle now that CGSC Past Commodore Alyn Pruett is the President of the Barnacle Society.

We begin by offering 5 of their Park Rangers complimentary learn to sail lessons as a part of our community service commitment. This will help give them additional skills to interpret the historical aspects of the Egret and the Wyannie Malone –

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

At this writing, the CGSC is making the transition from summer to fall. Let me take this opportunity to update you on your Club's major projects and goals.

1. The Lawn Tree. After much discussion, your Board voted to install a resilient green buttonwood tree on the northern corner of the Lawn. We felt this will serve the Club well from a social and sailing standpoint. We are on the hunt for the shadiest specimen we can find.
2. Mooring field optimization. A major initiative of my predecessor, Ron Rostorfer, this project was recently concluded. We moved dozens of boats to new moorings that better match their depth. We think this will allow us to have more occupied moorings in the future.
3. Outreach. On Oct. 24, Alyn and Janice Pruitt will present a seminar on cruising the Keys. What a treat! Even better, our Outreach Committee under Kathleen Hatfield has "rented" an email list to of local boaters to invite them to hear the talk. We hope some will make new friends and join our Club.
4. Treasurer. We were sad to say goodbye to our Treasurer, Brian Sparks, who has received a promotion at work that comes with exciting opportunities but also evening training requirements. That makes attending Board meeting impossible. Brian really exemplified CGSC volunteer spirit: in the spring, Brian responded to a call to members who had the expertise to serve as Treasurer. Brian was instrumental in getting our new 401K benefit up and running, and got the Board set on a stable financial course. Thank you, Brian!
- I am pleased to announce we had yet another CGSC hero step into the job: Frank deLaurier. He will introduce himself in a future report, but he brings an enviable combo of non-profit, sailing and regatta experience to the job. Thank you, Frank!
5. 401K. As mentioned above, we now have a 401K benefit for employees. Members approved this expense at the Annual Meeting, and your Board is proud to see this implemented. A big debt is owed to Ron Canizares for getting this going. That's all for now. More progress to come!

Thanks for supporting your Club,

Doug Hanks, Commodore

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In Memory

Paul Collins, a lifelong member of the Sailing Club, passed away last month at his North Carolina home. He was 88. He joined CGSC in the 1950s as a way to enjoy sailing and keep his three annoying children entertained (or abandoned in prams near the Mole). He was very active in the inception of the Roselle Regatta -- planning menus, buying supplies, and gleefully laying out the Treasure Hunt. He built a DIY Able (the designer whom everyone called Teddy Bear was also a club member) kit sailboat, Four Sails, in his carport. He later graduated to a 26' red Chris Craft named Cloud Nine, then to his dreamboat, Procyon, a Pearson Alberg 35, that he dutifully sailed Gunkholer in each Columbus Day, and lovingly sailed throughout the Abacos and Exumas every year. He was known for his uncanny ability to run aground, his family threatened to rename the yacht, Channel Maker.

by Catharine Skipp



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Change is good. Sometimes we avoid change or accept it with skepticism but more times than not, when change is all said and done, we find ourselves happy and content. October saw a significant change with the CGSC Staff, when our General Manager, Pat Tully reluctantly resigned from his position so he could pursue new challenges. As some of you may know, Pat lived in Stuart and commuted to the CGSC every day he came to work, so Pat's new General Manager's position at the Miles Grant Country Club, which is also in Stuart was just too good for him to pass up. Perhaps the fact that he would also be closer to his sailboat also had something to do with his decision, and who at the CGSC could blame him for that? During his time with us, Pat was an exceptional ambassador for the club. When new perspective members came to the office to learn more about the CGSC, Pat was always welcoming, leaving those perspective members with a great first impression of the club. Pat will be missed around the club and we all wish him well.

At the time of this writing, a new General Manager has not been found but I am confident that we will very soon be introducing to you, the successful candidate. In the meantime, the entire CGSC staff and the Bridge has worked hard to ensure that the changes have been "Good" and that the services provided to our Members have maintained the professionalism and quality we have grown accustom to. We look forward to welcoming on board our new General Manager and showing what

makes the CGSC a tremendous community.

Speaking of the CGSC community, there is one thing that has never changed at the CGSC and it is my deepest hope that it never will.



That tradition that I am thinking of is, volunteerism. From day one, back in 1946, the CGSC has relied on the involvement of the members. Volunteering remains the lifeblood of the CGSC and I can assure you that it always will, and here is the big news, there is something for everyone to do. Whatever your skills may be, I am sure the club could benefit from them. For instance, how about fundraising? Painting? Tax Law? Engineering? Sailing? Marketing? Computers and Technology? Anything...

The bottom line is, we always have room for you to help and without you, the CGSC would struggle. Just ask the members who generously give the club many hours of their time to keep our programs running for all of us to enjoy. If you don't know who to ask to learn more about the rewards of volunteering at the club, please ask me. I am a happy and satisfied volunteer of the CGSC and I like our other volunteering regulars, we don't want to take all of the fun away from the rest of you.

Many thanks to all of you for supporting the CGSC and for being a part of our family.

Sean Connell, Vice Commodore

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FROM THE MANAGER

With the cool change of autumn upon us, a fantastic Sailing season underway and a blazing hot Social calendar, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the place to be for all your leisure time. Whether it's to enjoy seminars, sailing courses, competitive days on the water, fantastic food and libations or just socializing in the Groves nest or on the lawn, you will find it at the sailing club. Be sure to sign up for our email blasts updating weekly events, by visiting www.cgsc.org.

Wednesday's Prime Rib Night special has been sensational right from the start. Chef Richie and the culinary staff will continue preparing slow roasted Prime Rib, served with a loaded baked potato and Chef's vegetables from 5pm-9pm, along with our Groves Nest Ala Carte menu and Happy Hour pricing from

4pm-6pm. Stop in and see what 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. November's line-up has the 18wheelers on the 2nd, Eyenity on the 9th, Solar Dogs on the 16th, Mr. Ree on the 23rd and Kevin Hurley on the 30th.

As the Regatta season picks up steam I would like to thank the Race Committees, Board of Directors and the General Membership for their support with these remarkable events. Last years Regatta season was extraordinary and I assure you that none of it could have been possible without everyone involved. We should all be proud of our sailing club and our internationally recognized racing tradition.

Enjoy the Club...Pat.

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the two classic reproduction boats stored at the park now, and will greatly help their efforts with knowledge about sailing and the various parts of the boats. It opens a great opportunity for the CGSC kids to sail over for field trips to learn about the history of sailing in Coconut Grove, the significance of our club in that history and the intertwined relationship between the Barnacle, Biscayne Bay's first Commodore Ralph Monroe and the CGSC clubhouse which was designed and built with the same square hipped roof structural design as the Barnacle's main house. There is also a project in the works to resume classic boat building at the Barnacle boathouse with the construction of a Sharpie, a classic Biscayne Bay sailing vessel. This opens another opportunity for our summer camp kids to gain a bit more historical perspective in their sailing experience and place in the community. I cannot help but feel that when the kids understand more about how CGSC came

to be and its historic community value, it will lay the framework for them to become better stewards of the club and bay in the future, and give them the sense that it something that must be taken great care of, preserved in terms of both brick and mortar and reputation, its past and something to identify with as being a part of.

We are also cooperating with the Barnacle for this year's Washington's Birthday Regatta in February.

This traditional classic boat regatta dates all the way back to 1887 where the first time keepers were Charles Peacock and Alfred Munroe and the winner was William Brickell in



Pictures provided by Paul van Puffelen



his boat Ada. Surely some of you may recognize these names.

Lastly, I would like to remind members that we have almost doubled our regatta schedule over the past few years. While Race Committee volunteerism is way up, Signal boat volunteers are a constant need. If you have a boat, why not get involved. It can be a great time and learning experience or just a reason to get out on the bay.

As always, I welcome comments and ideas.

Cool breezes,

Paul van Puffelen, Rear Commodore
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ADULT SAILING REPORT

Your Adult Training programs continue to be very active as we move into the Fall sailing season. September and October have seen good enrollment in our Basic Keelboat courses, however, the tropical weather has made it difficult to complete some of the classes. With our busy regular schedule, it has been a challenge to reschedule incomplete classes, but thanks to the flexibility of our students and the instructors, we have been able to overcome scheduling difficulties without losing a single student. We have rescheduled more classes in the last two months than I can remember in many years of instructing at CGSC. You only have to be around the club to see the adult training activity, including Sunfish clinics, basic keelboat classes and coaching, cruising and bareboating classes and the strong interest in Racing 101.

On the long weekend of October 6-7-8, CGSC hosted a US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructor Evaluation Course. This intense course challenges and tests candidates for certification as US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructors. This was open to the sailing public, and twelve (12) candidates attended, including out of state candidates..one was from Alaska. Five (5) candidates were members of CGSC. These included Phil Adams, Steve Anderson, Randy Drummond, Marc Pendaries and Bud Price. Bud's daughter, Britt, a former sailing director at CGSC, and his brother, Joe, both travelled a few hundred miles to

also attend this event. Congratulations to all those who participated. This will provide strength and a strong future to our keelboat training program. The two US Sailing Trainers from Rochester and Dallas respectively were highly complimentary of our club, our staff and the potential of the candidates attending. The weather for this event was very sailing "unfriendly", but everyone made the best of it, as much of the work was classroom, role-playing, and multiple written testing.

Finally, a reminder that our twice-weekly Sunfish clinics are now on our "winter" schedule, running from 10AM to 1PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This should appeal to parents with children in school during those hours as well as our regular attendees, and you can always have lunch with sailing friends at CGSC after the sailing. This morning schedule will be in effect until next Spring and Daylight Savings Time.

Hopefully, you will get this news prior to our Annual Work Weekend of November 10-11. Join with other club members as we spruce up our club and equipment. I invite you to join our "army" of volunteers who help us clean and repair our fleet of training boats. Be there... help your club... meet new members...and enjoy the refreshments.

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

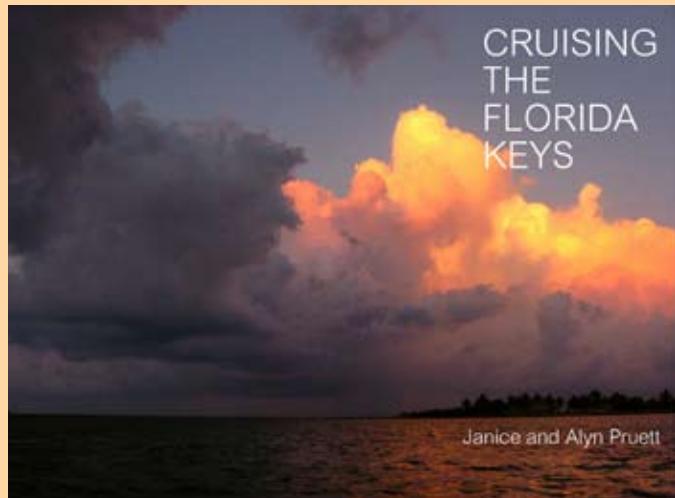
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Cruising the Keys: Creeks, Channels, Coves and Trips to Remember

On Wednesday, October 24th Alyn and Janice Pruett gave a wonderful talk on cruising the Keys. Alyn and Janice have probably visited every nook and cranny on their many adventures and enthusiastically shared them. This was meant to inspire others to travel the same roads. Many topics were covered and included the nearby Soldier Key, Elliott Key and Caesar's Creek. Some of the more distant locations were Card Sound, Buttonwood Sound, and Bottle Key/Butternut Key in the upper Keys, as well as Lignum Vitas Key, Newfound Harbor, and Key West in the lower Keys. Out around the Gulf side of the Keys were Snipe Point, Sawyer Key and Cudjoe Key. They also included the Big Spanish Channel to Bahia Honda. Their most recent journey to Cape Sable was also included.

They gave pointers on their favorite places to go for drinks and food and why they liked them best. Some of those were Gilberts, Upper Keys Sailing



Club (where we know you will be welcome), Islamorada Fish Market, Green Parrot Bar and Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West.

It is not always smooth sailing and they shared some of the challenges of cruising the keys, including water depth, currents, fuel and ice purchases, and places to hide in storms.

Everyone left with the inspiration for their next adventure.

SAILING MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

US Sailing Association is holding an Advanced Race Management Seminar at the Davis Island YC, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 – 11. Race Committee members that take this two day course are usually working towards a Regional PRO Certification. Attending the class, taking and passing the test on the second day of the course will also help RC members who are working towards their Club PRO Certification. The flyer will be with the online Channel for you to read in detail. CGSC is working towards holding a one day US Sailing Race Management Seminar in the spring of 2013 (April or May) for Club PRO Certification. Details are not yet confirmed.

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Upcoming CGSC Race Committee Events

November - None

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:

Nov. 17 and 18 plus one day, review and testing

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 classes aboard Franelia and 7 day, Learn to Cruise with 3 certifications possible.

Call Bruce Penrod @814 341 0094 or email bapenrod29@msn.com

View from the Signal Boat

The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Race Committee volunteers get to take a much needed rest for the month of November after a hectic October with our RC working every weekend.

Even though CGSC is not an official part of the Columbus Day Regatta, many of our RC volunteers serve in various posts for the two day race that was held October 6 and 7, 2012. All await the results at the Awards Party at Coral Reef Yacht Club on Saturday, October 13.

October is when we hold our Annual Regattas. One Designs race for two days, October 13 and 14, with Flying Scot participants coming in from all over Florida. Our OD Regatta is the first in the Annual Florida Flying Scot Championship Series. Scots also race for the CGSC Sally Russell Perpetual Trophy. The large Snipe Fleet will be racing for the CGSC Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz Trophy. All PHRF racers and cruisers will race Sunday, October 21, in the CGSC Annual PHRF and BBYRA Regatta #2.

The last weekend in October is our Second Annual Halloween Howler Youth Regatta. Young sailors from all over south Florida are invited to join the two days

of racing and the fun. The Club is decked out in all its spooky finery, thanks to the parents of our youth racers. Saturday evening will include a spaghetti dinner and a movie on a sail on the lawn. All are invited to come down to the Club for the Howler Awards Sunday afternoon to congratulate all the participants - they are the future of our Club and sailing on Biscayne Bay.



Results for all of our events can be found by clicking on the Racing tab on the CGSC Home Page.

A call to all CGSC members, new and old timers, to join the CGSC Race Committee team. You do not have to own a boat or be a racer or even a sailor. We have positions both on the water and on shore. We hold RC classes in the spring as well as 'on-the-job' training. We feed you lunch and give you 2 drink tickets for use at the Grove's Nest at the end of the day. It is a great way to spend the day on beautiful Biscayne Bay and help your Club at the same time.

See you on the Bay!

Susan Walcutt

CGSC Race Committee Chair