

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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SEPTEMBER 2012

View from the Signal Boat

Not everything slows down for the Summer Doldrums. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Race Committee was out on the Bay in June running a PHRF fleet race and a One Design fleet race for BBYRA. Check out the results on the BBYRA website, <http://www.bbyra.net>.

In July we held the Club's Annual Commodore's Cup Regatta for bragging rights as the Club's champions until next year. This is the eighth year for this event and we added a new class, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, to encourage more of our Cruising Members to join the fun. July 21st was a beautiful day on the Bay - perfect sailing conditions with a steady breeze which always makes the RC happy. Congratulations to our First Place Winners: Michelle Niemeyer, PHRF; David Snyder, PHRF Non-Spinnaker; Jim Bigham, One Design (Flying Scot) and Marc Buller, Sunfish. Look for their names on the Commodore's Cup Perpetual Tro-

phy in our Trophy case. August featured CGSC's Annual Summer Sailfest Weekend, August 11 & 12. The Single Handed race on Saturday (skip-

pers can have one safety person on board who cannot provide any assistance unless there is an emergency, no spinnakers and no auto-pilots) challenges sailors to race solo. At the end of the day, any problems or poor decisions can only be blamed on their 'crew'. BBYRA joined in the Saturday afternoon festivities again this year and presented their trophies for the winners of the BBYRA 2012 Spring Series. The Double Handed race on Sunday was still a challenge for the PHRF boats but ended up as another Bay race for most of the One Design Fleets. Look for the results and photos on the CGSC website.





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COMMODORE'S REPORT



For our Race Committee, the London Olympics brought some familiar faces to the medal podium.

Both gold medalists in the windsurfing event, Spain's Maria Alabau Neira and the Netherlands' Dorian van Rijsselberge, had raced at the CGSC during during Miami's Rolex Olympic Sailing week. The CGSC hosts the windsurfing regattas for the week, so most of the windsurfing sailors in London know our Club well.

The familiar faces in the windsurfing events (officially called RS:X) highlight the important role our Race Committee plays in the highest levels of sailing. We should all be proud that our Club finds itself on the path that so many sailors traveled on the way to representing their countries in the Olympics. Large regattas certainly keep the Club busy, and can cause inconvenience for members. But as we welcome skippers from around the world this fall and winter, our Race Committee will continue to take the lead in our mission to support the sport of sailing.

Join me in thanking the Race Committee for all of its hard work at all levels of racing (we can't all be gold medalists!). I urge all members to volunteer for the RC. It's a great way to get out on he water and see racing from a new perspective.

Thanks for supporting your Club,

Doug Hanks, Commodore
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REMEMBER

**IF YOU DO NOT SEND BACK THE PA-
PER TO RECEIVE THE CHANNEL AT
HOME, YOU WILL HAVE TO PICK IT UP
AT THE CLUB OR LOOK AT IT ONLINE.**

**It is still hurricane season and you need
to keep an eye on the weather.
Keeping your club safe is
everyone's responsibility.**

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we enter the fall and the new sailing season starts it's a good time to remember that we all share a facility that is chock full of activities. On any given weekend we have youth sailors, one design sailors, PHRF racers, and day sailors all using our facilities. So in order to help every member enjoy their time at the CGSC, I would like to call on everyone to be courteous and respectful when taking advantage of the facilities we all share.

Parking will always be a challenge at the CGSC but the Board of Directors has taken steps to limit the impact during weekends and special events by budgeting for a parking attendant who will ensure that only CGSC members with the appropriate parking sticker are in our lot. If you do come down to the club and find the parking lot full there are some options that will make parking easier for you. I personally use the "Pay by Phone" system that is advertised at the pay station outside of the CGSC main gate. I like it because if my time is about to run out, I can reset the parking time without going to my car. I have even reset my parking time from the middle of Biscayne Bay. Pretty Cool, right? If you don't want to do that, you can park in the public parking lot below the Sonesta Hotel just up the street on McFarland. Have your parking ticket validated at the club and you'll receive a discount when leaving the parking lot.

For our members with boats on moorings – We all appreciate having a full time launch service to bring us to and from our

boats when we need them. Of course at the end of a beautiful day, it seems as though everyone comes back to the mooring field at the same time and all want to get picked up at the same time. On those busy days, please be patient and understanding that our crew is working hard to get everyone where they want to be. You could also help the process by ensuring that you are ready to leave your boat when the launch comes alongside.

Dock courtesy on a busy day is always appreciated and goes a long way in keeping everyone happy. If you pull up on the leeward side of the dock, use only a bow line or only a stern line if you can. That will leave room for other boats to come in. Of course, don't forget a fender if someone comes in alongside of you. Also, if you're done loading or unloading your boat and see another boat coming in to tie up, go ahead and pull away and make room. We all have to work together to make the dock available to everyone.

Keep in mind that the CGSC is a community and like all good communities, it takes the effort of everyone to make it a fun place to be. With good planning, courtesy and respect we can all get the most of the CGSC facilities.

I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Fair Winds –

Sean Connett, Vice Commodore
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COMING EVENTS

ABANDONED and RECOVERED!

Avenir's Return from Bermuda

Avenir's crew boards a RIB from the Norwegian Star

A presentation by the all-CGSC crew:

Skipper Ron and Dottie Rostorfer

Marc and Cathy Buller

Dennis and Debi Jansma

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

7:00 pm – Main Room

Coconut Grove Sailing Club



Oktoberfest

Saturday

September 22nd

**"Football Game
on the Sail"**

GAME TIME TBA

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a summer it has been! I like to think of CGSC as the reward for all of the work and hustle bustle of living in Miami. Stress melts away at our club as generations share their love of sailing and just being on the water.

We are heading straight into a busy fall season with two regatta hosting's and the start of our yearly youth racing program. This year some of our focus will be on creating more involvement of parents and families in the youth program. Sailing is a family activity and I would like to see us create more family events and opportunities. One of the things we will be doing to promote this is offering a group Learn-to-Sail program for parents while their kids are out on Saturdays. We also will be promoting our youth laser team with a special push this year and have added an additional three lasers to our fleet. We are looking forward to a challenging year full of regatta participation and fun!

If you are a parent who has kids that enjoyed the summer camp, why not consider putting them in the fall schedule. They can sail every Saturday and keep sailing through the year to next summer. It's also a great way for both kids and parents to make good friends. After some years of youth racing participation as a parent, I can count other youth sailing families as some of our best family friends.

Racing 101 is a runaway hit with its 1st of 3 clinics

well attended by over 40 sailors looking to learn more about racing rules and techniques. By the time you read this the 2nd and 3rd sessions will be over. The focus of the class was to show how much fun racing can be along with the basic skills to get started. Thanks to Bud Price for running such an overwhelmingly successful seminar. We hope to do it again next year.



At the time of this writing, we have had two sessions for expediting members into the member use program. Bruce Penrod held a well-attended session for the new Beneteau 32.5 S/V Together while Richard Crisler cleared the smoke for a group of folks with a Saturday open house workshop to show how they can get certified or otherwise get on the user-lists for our club boats. The member use program has been a huge success to this point and we are happy to see it continue to bring enthusiastic members to the club. If you would like to know anything about getting involved in this program you can find info on our website or contact myself, Bruce, Richard or sailing director Nick Mansbach.

Cool breezes,

Paul van Puffelen, Rear Commodore
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Upcoming CGSC Race Committee Events

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

ADULT SAILING REPORT

S*uper Summer* is a good description of the continued growth and activity of your club's Adult Training Program. Sunfish Learn-to-Sail classes continue to draw eager first-time sailors, while our newest Tuesday Novice Sunfish Clinic along with our regular long-running Thursday Advanced Sunfish clinic have enjoyed strong participation and growth through the summer month afternoon sessions. Basic Keelboat classes have been at or near capacity into August. Interest continues to run high with our Cruising and Bareboat classes and the opportunities involving our larger cruising boats, Franela and Together. Special orientations were recently conducted to promote a better understanding of the Member Use policy and an Introduction to our newest cruising boat, Together.

In July, we had the distinct privilege to host twenty-six (26) members of the Royal Marines from UK. These fine young men, called a Batch, were in the U.S. for specific training at Quantico, which was preceded by a recreational but dedicated instructional event of four days of sail training, with the last day being a regatta. Sailing Director Nick Mansbach made special arrangements with Ransom Everglades school to use their fleet of 420 sailboats as well as a dedicated classroom on the campus. CGSC provided safety boats, members and staff for the training. Members Bud Price, Bruce Penrod, Phil Adams, Nick Voss, yours truly and youth instructor Maykil Alonso

served as instructors and coaches for the four days. No small amount of planning was involved, and the original contact with the group came through Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer. The club was presented a prized Royal Marine flag and a handsome engraved plaque from the Marines with a promise to return. This is an event that those of us who participated will long remember. It was good for the club as well. Special thanks to Susan and our wonderful Race Committee for their efforts for the final day regatta which concluded with a special "Miami Only" dinner and a fun awards ceremony.

Finally, our club is hosting a Basic Keelboat Instructor Evaluation Course in early October. This is conducted by US Sailing officials on our site. Several of our CGSC members have signed up for the course, and we are looking forward to strengthening our instructor staff from the graduates of this course.

Thank You for your continued support of our Instructional Program at CGSC.

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

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Entertainment Committee

The Dog Day Afternoon party was a tremendous success; even scattered showers wouldn't keep the CGSC's best pals from attending this long standing club tradition. The front lawn was happy to substitute sails for squeak toys, while dozens of paws congregated for their annual meeting. All owners and spectators alike enjoyed the festive atmosphere, festooned from "bow wow" to stern with toys, competitions, a very popular watering hole, and even an inshore poop deck...

Guests enjoyed cold refreshments and an aptly provided "hot dog" buffet, while the honorees mingled amongst their fellow sea dogs. Those daring enough competed in 7 events, ranging from the best dressed to the much coveted "sit and stay" (Buddy Rosen is already back in training for next year). Prizes were awarded the victors, but I think it is agreed that all dogs were big winners at the Dog Day Afternoon.

A special thanks to the entertainment committee, Jon Rosen (great playlist!), Adrienne Peters, Patrick Soto, Marcella Poczik and Janice Pruet for all their hard work on the event; we hope to see everyone next time.

Meanwhile, gear up for our next big event on Saturday, September 22nd, Oktoberfest. For the first time ever, we will be showing a "Football Game on the Sail" (pending game time TBA), as our mighty Hurricanes take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Keep an eye out for flyers around the club as this event approaches; we'll also be raising money for UM Sailing Canes!

Thank you

Brian Donahue
Entertainment Chair

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August 11th was also the CGSC Race Committee Annual Dinner Party and Awards Presentation. The Al Chapin RC Award was presented to the Race Committee Member who contributed the most to the RC Team. Their name will join others on the perpetual trophy in our trophy case. We also recognized a new member of our RC Team as our Rookie of the Year. Race Committee Polo shirts were distributed to those RC Volunteers that donated their time by working on several RC events over the past year. Look for names and photos on our website.

September is our 'Junior Month' with the Florida State Junior Snipe Championships, September 8th and 9th, and our Junior Commodore Cup, September 15th. We encourage all of our Junior sailors to come out, complete and have fun on both events.

Susan Walcutt
Race Committee Chair

