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Reaching Out to Our Community

Thank you to Rotary Club Coral Gables and the Overtown Youth Center for granting CGSC the opportunity to host the first annual Sail Day.

First I want to point out, how perfect the children carried themselves. Always “please” and “thank you”, continuously picking up, always with a smile - true role models for our children in many ways. What an honor to host such an amazing group of children, young adults, coaches and parents.

I would like to share a few examples, how special the day was to CGSC:

Our Olympic coach Hernan Peralta took a very brave 4 year-old on a Laser sail. Hernan has no children of his own. His experience with the brave 4 year-old was absolutely amazing. In summary, when it was Hernan’s turn to hand out the medals of participation, he called on that little 4 year-old first – and was at a lost of words. This is not typical for Hernan’s personality.

The scheme was to have these young children experience the sense of sailing. However, it was quite windy; as a result we had trouble getting the children on to the Flying Scotts. Our two professors from FIU, Alex and Joerg, asked us to transport 4 kids to a sheltered area to safely get them on board. Both, Alex and Joerg, were very pleased and heartfelt about this event; they already started to put ideas together for next year.

The breeze simply did not give up, it continued to blow

strong, and therefore only two of the Opti sailors were able to take children aboard. The older kids sailed with Lasers, which are quite fast. Judith

Pantoja from the Rotary Club and I took some of the children on a motorboat and gave each child the opportunity to steer. The results, big smiles on the little captains faces.

One of the young boys told described his experience, while sailing on a laser, it capsized and he helped to bring the boat back up, he was very thrilled and proud. A true success story!

One of the greatest compliments that resulted from this event, two brothers were truly inspired and would like to come back for summer-camp. In which CGSC will assist the two young boys with scholarships, a very exciting and moving moment for CGSC Youth Sailing in giving back to the community.

I could go on and on; however “Rockstar” brother Lyle has more stories....

Many ideas have been bouncing around from all, our children, parents and sailing volunteers of how to improve and grow Sail Day.

I’m not a board member or administrator of the Sailing Club, I’m only a sailor’s mother who helped organize the event, a mother who has





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COMMODORE'S REPORT



I am finding it very difficult to find the words that clearly describe how proud I am to be able to serve the Coconut Grove Sailing Club as its next Commodore. Three years ago I joined the Bridge to serve as Secretary and from that time on, I have been fortunate to work with exceptional men and women who continually demonstrated to me dedicated service and leadership to the CGSC. To be able to follow in the footsteps of those people that I greatly admire is humbling and I will do everything in my power to honor their service to the CGSC.

As Commodore Hanks moves into the ranks of Past Commodores, I must take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of service to the CGSC and his commitment to improving the experience of every member and their guests who came down to the CGSC. From heading up the Entertainment Committee to serving as Commodore, Commodore Hanks has shown time and again his love for the CGSC. Fortunately, we will continue to have Commodore Hanks sitting on the Board of Directors and he has even agreed to head up our Seamanship Committee. Thank you Doug for you leadership and commitment to the CGSC.

During my term as Commodore, I am looking forward to working with the other Flag Officers and the Board of Directors, to build on our past successes and continue to promote the sport of sailing at the CGSC. I have always stood by the belief that our club and in fact every club that promotes sailing is only guaranteed to succeed if there are strong sailing programs in place. With that in mind, I can't help but be comforted by the sight of sails being raised and boats heading out from our docks and mooring field, reinforcing the phrase "The Coconut Grove Sailing Club; where sailors belong".

I hope that all of you will come down and enjoy your club as well as the beautiful waters of Biscayne Bay. We will be trying very hard to hold more rendezvous' and raft up this year, so keep a sharp lookout on our Facebook page to see what sailing adventures are coming up next. For those of you who like to race around the marks, we have some exciting regattas scheduled. In fact the CGSC Commodore's Cup is scheduled for July 20 and I hope to see a good turnout when the start signal is sounded. No matter how you can do it though, please get out there and sail. Thank you.

Fair Winds

Sean Connett, Commodore

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

It was my honor to serve as Rear Commodore this past year. CGSC is such a great place and it just keeps getting better! We've had a great team working on the waterfront this year and we've seen a lot of progress. We have a new rock solid youth coaching staff, additional boats and equipment, sailing days and regatta participation, as well as a new coaching syllabus and team manuals to mark our goals and continue our progress. Thanks to the Flip Flop Fete donors we also have three new club Opti-Cubes to help us expand our Community Learn To Sail program. We've lifted caps on all of our youth sailing activities and expanded our Halloween Howler and Spring camps as well as growing the famous CGSC summer camp. This year we also started the Annual Sail Day with the Coral Gables Rotary club to bring underprivileged kids out on the water as well as sponsoring the new SWIM-SAIL program with the Miami Dade Parks Dept. to get swimmers from the pool to the pond.

Special thanks to Phil Adams who has been the Junior Racing Development Chair keeping things rolling on the ground and organizing our Washington's Day Regatta with the Barnacle and the renewed annual kids Fun Day and Sleepover with telescope action provided by our in house nuclear physicist Joerg Reinhold . Also Angel Lapadula who served as Junior Regattas Chair this year organizing the towing and trailering of our fleet to out of town regattas. Alex Wolfe did a great job creating the "Coconut Navy" to promote the member use fleet as well as Richard Crisler and Bud Price keeping the flag flying high over our Sunfish, Ensign and Flying Scot programs. Many thanks also to our team of coaches and instructors who continue to bring in and train new sailors. Thanks

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Let me start by saying what an honor it is to serve on this Board and with this incredible, talented and committed group of people. CGSC is thriving in all possible ways and this is thanks to an amazing group of volunteers that make this the best place to sail in Florida. This is already showing signs of becoming an even more extraordinary year for CGSC, so I am so grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve this place I call home for this upcoming year. During this past one, I had the opportunity to be part of fantastic events and achievements in Youth Sailing; from the Flip Flop Fete, the Halloween Howler, the First Annual Sail Day, the Swim/Sail program, the Sleepover / Telescope night,..... the list just goes on. We have a great director, the most amazing trio of coaches, new boats and incredibly excited young sailors that are already travelling to far-away places

to Geoff Sutcliff, Brian Donahue and Janice Pruett for helping bring the Annual Rendezvous to Boca Chita after Elliott closed off access. Finally - much thanks to waterfront director Nick Mansbach. Nick saw a lot of changes this year, not all easy ones, and rolled with the punches to adapt and make the youth program and summer camps flourish. Thanks to all for making CGSC "The place where sailors belong"

In the coming months, look forward to an active year, starting with our annual Fourth of July BBQ.

As Vice Commodore I'll work to continue the progress we've made at the club since the heavy lifting of getting a signed lease was completed by our previous bridge. Together with our great team we'll build on our land based activities, continue to improve our club house and services, and work diligently on our improvement projects such as our new mooring field to make CGSC a better experience for all members. With all of that being said, I would like to leave you with one thought - VOLUNTEER! Volunteers are the engine that drives CGSC. It is absolutely the best way to get the most out of your club. Come to meetings, join a committee, help plan the annual rendezvous, Flip Flop Fete or any number of regattas that we host yearly. There are many shore side volunteer activities as well as water based fun such as Race Committee who always needs more hands on deck.

Thank you and see you on the bay!

Paul van Puffelen, Vice Commodore
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proudly showcasing our club's burgee. Exciting times indeed! Now the party moves on to Adult Sailing and Cruising! With the same energy and commitment, we will grow the programs, better our fleets, and start new traditions and events for the adults, in what promises to be a great year ahead. Participate, join us and volunteer downstairs!

Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve the CGSC family.

Fair winds and following seas

Sigrid Beckman, Rear Commodore



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the Overtown Youth Center. The children as well share my emotions of enthusiasm and appreciation.



As a community we came together to provide a positive and rewarding environment to the children of the Overtown Youth Center. We all learned a little about each other and, as individuals each one of us took home a little more personal growth.

-written by Katrin Suess



Parent Letter:

Thank you so much Sigrid for all these great and successful events, the youth sailing team is stronger and more energetic because of it.

I want to say thank you to my husband Angel for always helping out trailering lasers/optis when needed and giving the coaches a hand at the regattas loading and unloading optis and lasers alike.

I'm excited about the upcoming year! Can't wait for all the great milestones we will accomplish in regattas and in events as well.

Thank you to all the parents as well for a great year. Thank you Sandrine for all your outstanding help. The coaches for the exceptional work and energy you put in coaching our kids.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents for coming out on friday in torrential rain and giving your support, it was very inspiring to witness we are truly a team.

Regards,
Yvelisse Lapadula

4th of July Event

Grilled BBQ Chicken

Pulled Pork

Hamburgers

Hot Dog

Potato Salad

Mixed Salad

Macaroni & Cheese

Sweet Rolls

Watermelon

BBQ will start at 6:00pm

Please email Adrianagonzalez@cgsc.org or call 305-444-4571 ext. 10

Hurricane Preparedness

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 helpful for securing boats when implemented. So feel free to request this info. at any time whether or not you attended. Some essential things 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 kelleet, say 30+ #, 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, CGSC member or not. 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 (305.546.6727C, billbeav@gmail.com) on these matters anytime or see me at the Club. Good Luck to us all! Enjoy "Our Place on the Bay". See you there.

Bill Beavers - PC