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INCREDIBLE SUMMER WEEKEND AT CGSC

It doesn't get any better for a summer weekend in Miami on Biscayne Bay. Sunny with a few poofy white clouds, breezy and of course, hot. Sunlight sparkled on the water. CGSC's long-standing "Summer Sailfest Weekend" was August 10-11. The Singlehanded Races are Saturday, followed by the Annual Race Committee Party and awards. Then, on Sunday, the Doublehanded Races are sailed.

Singlehanded Races. For Saturday's Singlehanded PHRF race, the five competitors were sent on a 10.9 mile "Bay tour" course. Up to windward for a mile, then a port tack fetch (barely) to Mark Bravo, then downwind to a mark off Snapper Creek, back to the start area, and finally, up to windward once again and back to the finish.

Good sailors in fast boats are hard to beat, and that was these case here, as sailmaker Eamonn Delisser aboard his Tripp 33 Main Squeeze ran off and hid from the fleet – which, due to the PHRF handicap time allowance, he needed to do anyway.

Knot Gay sailed by Justin Long took second, with Bob Valledor's Boy Toy in third. Linda C. and Moon Glow rounded out the fleet.

Seven Sunfish came out to contest the short course – a triangle. Four races were conducted. At the top of the fleet with four bullets was former Olympic sailor Freddie Sambolin. Wife Dorian Goldberg sailed to a strong second place finish and a six point lead over Maykel Alonso in third. Jeff Timmons, Lorie Messer, Don Deresz and Ryan Alexander made up the rest of the field.



At the trophy presentation, these events are unique. The array of prizes was displayed on the trophy table. Starting with the two first place finishers, the winners have their choice of prizes. Then, the second placers choose from what's left, etc.

Annual Race Committee Awards. Attention then shifted to the annual CGSC Race Committee awards. The perpetual Al Chapin Trophy with keeper is awarded to the year's outstanding Race Committee Member. Very deservedly, the award

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Recently, a lot of time and effort has been put into our new mooring field project and I am glad to say that the permit applications have been submitted. With the applications being processed, it appears that we are on schedule to have the new moorings installed by June of 2016 (hopefully sooner), as required by our lease. In the meantime, our boats in the mooring field continue to safely swing back and forth on their pennants, safely protected by the island that lies between us and Biscayne Bay. Today, we have over 140 boats that take advantage of our protected mooring field.



In 1958, there were only 20 members, the club house was a small cottage with a screened porch, and there were only 5 boats moored in our field. The club was growing though and there was a need to hire someone who could keep things maintained and running around the club. It was then that the club hired Mr. Robert Clarington. Working his way from janitor to Dockmaster, Robert became a fixture at the sailing club and during his years of service, he influenced and guided many club members. He was loved and respected by those who knew him and he is most surely missed.

Robert was 25 years old in 1958 and had no experience driving boats but he had a willingness to learn. Not only did he learn to drive boats but he also learned how to build, install and maintain moorings for a growing CGSC fleet. So, one mooring at a time and year after year, Robert was responsible for taking our tiny mooring field and making it the mooring field you see today. It was a 40 year project that Robert cherished and it showed in his smile. Even after he retired, Robert could be found driving the launch or splicing mooring lines for member's boats. He was a true fixture of the CGSC and he helped make our club what it is today.

On November 19th, 2008 Robert Clarington



Charlie Rahn, PC speaks at the Commission meeting.

passed away and it was soon after then that people around the club started to talk about finding a way to honor Roberts's memory.



Photos courtesy of Liam Crotty Photography

Thanks to the persuasive efforts of Past Commodore Charlie Rahn and other members of the CGSC, the City of Miami Commissioners considered and passed a resolution changing the name of "Spoil Island E" to "Clarington Island". It was on September 12, that Past Commodores

Robert's wife Thelma joined CGSC members at the Chamber to thank the Commission.

Charlie Rahn, March Buller and Alyn Pruett joined Rear Commodore Sigrid Beckman, Vice Commodore Paul Van Puffelen and me at City Hall to witness the City Commissioners pass the resolution. We were also honored to have Robert's wife Thelma and other members of Robert's family join us and witness this historic event.

The naming of Clarrington Island will keep us all confident to know that Robert will continue to watch over our mooring field and keep our boats from harm. I am certain that as we install our new mooring field Robert will keep a taught watch and ensure we do it right again.

Fair Winds Robert –

Sean Connett, Commodore
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After the council meeting the Clarrington family, alongwith club officer past and present take time for a photo displaying the club burgee.

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As Summer turns into Fall, the sailing season in CGSC gets back in full swing. Downstairs has been really busy with dozens of children coming back to our youth program. I am happy and very proud to report that our youth sailing program grew this season to more than double thanks to the great efforts of our two Youth Chairs, our phenomenal coaches, and a handful of parents that have worked very hard to make this the best program in the bay. Last year, our beginners and racing group had 28 children, this season we have more than 80 children in several groups and days during the week. Our Laser Class increased from a mere 5 boats a year ago to a strong team of 16 sailors. We have given out more than 40 scholarships to children of all ages in an effort to reach out more and more to our community. Youth Sailing has brought dozens of new members to our dear club. As you can see the numbers are phenomenal.

I have no words to express my gratitude to all these volunteers that help every single day to get more children out in the bay and fall in love with sailing for the rest of their lives.

All of our young sailors are eagerly awaiting two of our very own CGSC events: the Junior Commodore Regatta and The Halloween Howler. They promise to be exciting events and very well attended. Will keep you posted on the results of these two events in the next Channel.

The adults are also out in the water with regattas, seminars, and classes. Be on the lookout for the famous Racing 101 series, the Basic Keelboat week and the Annual Columbus Day Regatta. This year CGSC will host the skipper's meeting for the historic run south, which promises to be a hit.

I invite you to take a class with any of our fabulous instructors or join any of the offered weekly courses. With this weather

and these great instructors you really need to be out there!

Finally, I want to take a moment to also thank the incredible CGSC staff and especially our GM Lauren Simpson for supporting everything sailing and making my role as Rear Commodore easier!

I really look forward to seeing you around the club..... downstairs, upstairs or in the water!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Sigrid Beckman, Rear Commodore



In Memorium

Finley L. Matheson 1916-2013

Finley Matheson, age 97, died at his South Miami home on September 12, 2013. An avid sailor, he was a founding member of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, a former Commodore of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and The Seal Harbor Yacht Club, and a long-standing member of the Cruising Club of America. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Commanding Officer of a patrol boat in the Aleutian Islands and in Key West. He was the grandson of W.J. Matheson, an early Coconut Grove pioneer and an owner of a majority of land on Key Biscayne. W.J. Matheson donated the property for Matheson Hammock, and Finlay's father, Hugh M. Matheson, gave land for Crandon Park on Key Biscayne. Each generation shared a history of generosity, philanthropy and service to Miami-Dade County. Services were held September 19th at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

was presented to hard working, experienced and very capable Dennis Jansma. The Rookie of the Year award was presented to Sandrine Quenee. She's been a very enthusiastic and able addition to the Committee this year.

Doublehanded Races. The word apparently got out about how great the sailing and the weather was, because we had a big fleet for Sunday's Doublehanded Races. Congratulations to our first place winners in the CGSC Annual Double Handed Race. Our One Design Fleet sailed two races, each one with two triangles, for the Flying Scots and Snipes. Freddie Sambolin showed all that he could race both Sunfish and Snipes with three bullets on Saturday's Single Handed Race and two bullets sailing Black Jack, in Sunday's



Photos courtesy of Marylinda Ramos

Double Handed. Larry Whipple, Margaritaville, was first in the Scots after their two races.

We had an excellent turnout from the PHRF Fleet with ten boats sailing in the PHRF Spinnaker Class and five boats sailing in the Non-Spinnaker fleet. Race Committee sent them all out on one long tour of the Bay. Mark Pincus, Scout's Honor, took first place in the Spinnaker Fleet with John Adams, Nirvana II, taking first place in the



Non-Spinnaker Fleet. We had wind, warm weather and bright sunshine...what a perfect day on the Bay.

Race Committee Volunteers.

Many thanks to Cathy Buller for bringing the Buller's Otra Cuba Libre as our Signal Boat for the weekend. Saturday's Principal Race Officer was Dottie Rostorfer, with RC Chair Susan Walcutt assisting. Rick Klein was the Timer, Carol Temple and Veronic Aghayan were the Flag Signalers, Susan Ressler handled the Recording, and Susan and Veronic did the scoring. The Mark Boat crew was Skipper Ron Rostorfer PC, with Jim Waldron, Esther DiLeo and Mary Ramos aboard. The Pin Boat Skipper was Dennis Jansma with Bruce Forman crewing.



Dottie Rostorfer and Susan Walcutt



Adult Sailing

Your Adult Sailing program hasn't missed a beat through the summer months. Every scheduled Sunfish class and most clinics have been conducted, and every Basic Keelboat class has been conducted, most near capacity. Our bigger cruising boat classes are getting back on schedule with the September 20-21-22 Basic Cruising course, and by the time of this CHANNEL, we will have another Basic Cruising / Basic Bareboat instructor trained on staff. Phil Adams, working with Marc Pendaries, has done a big job in getting our Sunfish fleet back in shape following our largest summer camp ever that made very significant use of the Sunfish.

Basic Keelboat instruction includes learning to sail a keelboat by steering with the sails only. This is an excellent way to teach the importance of helm balance. While we always practice this skill, and include it as part of the Basic Keelboat Certification test, we actually had it put to the real test this month when the rudder post snapped on one of our hardest working instructional Ensigns, FOUNDATION. At the time we were giving a private lesson and had started to head back into the club when the post snapped. The student was quite surprised when the tiller went "soft" in his hands and the boat was unresponsive to tiller movements. Our training, which had actually been covered in that session, kicked in, and we were able to sail the Ensign all the way back to its mooring without the use of the tiller. This was a real life adventure, while trying to avoid traffic in the channel as well as our moored member's boats, and also proved the value of developing the skill of balancing the helm. We immediately set about hauling the boat to find the problem and realized the rudder was basically un-

repairable. The Ensign rudder is quite unique and the original Ensigns were not manufactured past the 1980s. Through connections, we were able to find a new rudder in a Dunedin warehouse, which has just arrived at this writing, and will be installed at Grove Key Marina in time for a large keelboat class on September 21-22. This is the first Ensign equipment failure we have had in this hard-working fleet since we first began with only one boat.

We need a mainsail cover for one of our 23' Ensigns. Anyone have one they would like to donate, or know where we could get one at a real bargain?

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

Richard Crisler, Chairman – Adult Training
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Congratulations!



Here's the Finesse crew (minus Captain Bill Beavers, PC) celebrates after picking up the BBYRA Seasonal 1st in Fleet trophy at MYC, 9/6/13.

THE 2013 (LVI ANNUAL) FLORIDA STATE SNIPE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

15 snipes competed in the LVI Annual Florida State Snipe Junior Championship with 13 year old Ivan Shestopalov from Miami winning the Regatta with 4-1-3 by one point over Clyde Wright III from Ft. Lauderdale with 5-2-2. Third Place Jensen McTighe with Junior crew Kyle Pond also from Ft.Lauderdale, one point behind second place with 2-7-1. The Championship was highly enhanced by the participation of 3 boats from Tampa/St. Petersburg under the guidance of Kevin Reali (two of them in 4th and 5th places and using junior crews). See the Results for details.

We had no wind and no races on Saturday but on Sunday, with a bad forecast including storms, we were able to hold 3 very nice Windward/Leeward races before the limit time of 2 PM. Winds were from the East and Northeast 10 to 15 mph. The Race Committee did a beautiful job taking care

of wind shifts, moving the pin mark and the weather mark when needed !

Big thanks to Coconut Grove Sailing Club for sponsoring this Snipe Regatta and special thanks to the Race Committee with PRO Dottie Rostorfer and Assistant PRO Susan Walcutt. With the help of: Timer: Elizabeth Balbin. Recorders: Esther DiLeo, Sandrene Queenee and Marlene Erven. Flags: Jim Waldron and Maria Caldwell. Line Spotters: Dottie Rostorfer and Susan Walcutt. Signal boat Captain Asaad Masoud. Pin boat: Carl Updyke, Dennis Jansma and John Pardillo. Mark boat: Carl Updyke, Dorian Goldberg and Lorrie Sein-Messer

We continue to have excellent results with our program to allow adults and owners to crew for the juniors. With that we can level very young Juniors with older Juniors and be able to end up with a sizable fleet. 7 out of the 15 teams had an adult as a crew.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. Regatta Chairman



Winners Ivan Shestopalov and crew Roberto Guaragna.



Above, second place winners Clyde Wright III & Peter Commette



Third Place went to Jensen McTighe & Kyle Pond

FL State Junior Snipe Championships September 7 & 8, 2013

Rank	SailNo	HelmName	CrewName	R1	R2	R3	Total
1st	29992	Ivan Shestopalov	Robert Guaragna	4	1	3	8
2nd	29442	Clyde Wright III	Peter Commette	5	2	2	9
3rd	30027	Jensen McTighe	Kyle Pond	2	7	1	10
4th	29112	Tim Siemers	Mac McKenzie	1	3	8	12
5th	9112	Melany Johnson	Colleen McClung	6	4	10	20
6th	29778	Andre Guaragna	Eduardo Mintzias	8	9	5	22
7th	30741	Caroline Webber-Dubois	Sharon Johnson	7	8	7	22
8th	28466	Sean Brennan	Wade Waddell	10	10	4	24
9th	29781	Charlie Bess	Pere Puig	3	11	13	27
10th	28702	Paul Lobree	Baird Lobree	9	13	6	28
11th	30321	Julia Leighton	Freddy Sambolin	14	5	11	30
12th	26763	Ben Herman	Kristen Herman	11	6	15 ^{DNS}	32
13th	30531	Grace Howie	Katie DeLisser	13	14	9	36
14th	30336	Danielle Valdes-Pages	Gonzalo Diaz Sr	12	12	12	36
15th	28812	Henry Reich	Bryan Reich	15	15	14	44

Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Entries: 16, Scoring system: Appendix A

Results are final as of 8:21 on September 10, 2013

SAVE THE DATE!

Award winning sailing author and
ocean passagemaker

JOHN KRETSCHMER

Returns to Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Wednesday, November 13, 2013

at 7:30 pm

To discuss his new book:

*Sailing a Serious Ocean: Sailboats, Storms,
Stories and lessons learned from 30
years at sea*

John will be doing a book signing
immediately after the presentation

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

CGSC Annual Jr Commodore's Cup

September 28, 2013

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta

October 5-6, 2013

Columbus Day Regatta

October 12-13, 2013

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta

October 20, 2013

CGSC 3rd Annual Halloween Howler

October 26-27, 2013

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS

ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS

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FOR BBYRA 2013 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Flying Scot Report

The CGSC Single-handed race on 8/10 had only one FS entered, Ryan Alexander on Beja Flor who finished 7th. The CGSC Double-handed race on 8/11 had five FS's with Margaritaville with Larry Whipple & Lorie Messer in 1st place, Jeorg Reinhold in 2nd, Jim Bigham in 3rd, Ryan Alexander in 4th and James Gruponhoff in 5th place.

The BBYRA Awards & registration party for the 2012/2013 season was held 9/6 at the Miami Yacht Club. The BBYRA SI's require a boat to compete in 7

of the 10 BBYRA races and since only 2 FS's did so only 2 trophies were presented in the FS 1D Class. First place was awarded to Henry Bernstein on Lady Hope after winning 7 of the 8 races he competed in! He was 2nd in the 8th! Second place was awarded to Larry Whipple on Margaritaville.

Next race is Sunday, 9/15/13!

See you on the bay!

Whip

View from the Signal Boat

Congratulations to the First Place winner of the Florida State Junior Snipe Championships that were held September 7-8, Ivan Shestopalov. See Gonzalo Diaz's article elsewhere in the Channel.

September starts our busy season - two out of the four weekends are devoted to Youth Racing with the Junior Snipe Championship, September 7-8, and the Club's Junior Commodore's Cup on September 28. This event is only open to CGSC members and is for the winners' bragging rights for the next year.

The other two weekends and several week days as well are devoted to training with the US Sailing Association's One Day Race Management Seminar on Sept 21. Ron Rostorfer developed two training classes for GPS Use and Support Boat Handling that are now offered by CGSC on an annual basis and are open to all Race Committee members and sailors on the Bay at no charge.

October showcases our two Annual Regattas

with One Design Fleets racing two days the first weekend in October. Our Annual PHRF Regatta is on Sunday, September 20. Sandwiched between these events is the 59th Columbus Day Regatta, one day of which will be sailed on Columbus Day (October 12) and Sunday, October 13. We top off all of these weekends with our 3rd Annual Halloween Howler Youth Regatta whose registrations are growing to over 80 participants. This Regatta is combined with our Haunted Mooring Field and has become a much anticipated event for our trick or treaters.

Don't have a boat but want to get out on the Bay - donate some time as a volunteer on the Race Committee Crew. Email me (walcutts@bellsouth.net) and I will add you to our distribution list.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

