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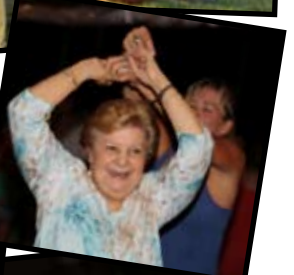
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*Banner: Pencil drawing by Dr. Umpierre who grew up at CGSC.*

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



**I**t is my honor, privilege and pleasure to take the helm this year as your Commodore. Under Past Commodore Sean Connett's steady hand our club has seen incredible growth in the last year with our membership ever increasing, our programs expanding and our community of sailors thriving. Our scholarship programs have increased six-fold in 4 years, our youth programs and summer camps tripled.

Our learn-to-sail and member use programs are humming along and our equipment has begun to see some long needed renewals. Our Race Committee is in top form, bringing in top classes and sailors from all over the world to our club and waters. We've developed new regattas and fundraisers and increased volunteerism. Many thanks are due to our recent past flag officers and directors for putting in place the tools to make these successes to our mission a reality.

This year brings several major projects from a simmer to a boil. These have been in the works since our lease signing in 2011 under Past Commodore Alyn Pruett. The projects are integral to our existence as a club and it will be my primary objective this year to shepherd these projects to their next natural step and conclusion.

CGSC looks different today than four years ago when I became involved with the board. We now have the duty and responsibility to maintain and advance the hard work of our predecessors by building a modern screw-down mooring field with 175 moorings. It is a condition of our lease with the City of Miami that this be completed within 5 years of our lease signing. This year brings the ramp up of the completion of consulting, engineering, permitting, request for bids and selection of a contractor. The goal is to begin construction no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. This will bring many challenges this year and we will be keeping everyone informed and work together as the big picture comes more into focus with town hall meetings and a special membership meeting.

The mooring field project represents the single largest expense that the club has ever seen and I am pleased to have Treasurer Frank deLaurier on board again this year to maintain a steady financial course through this complicated project.

If that were not enough of a project for one year, at the same time we have come to the ultimate end of our south dinghy docks usable life and intend to replace it's structural aspects. The final details of that permitting and planning are being completed now and not a month too soon as the increased pressures of our expanded sailing

programs are placing even more demands on this dock. Expect a raised fixed portion of the dock with perforated surface similar to the main dock, a reinforced seawall, new ramp and sleeved pilings.

As well as Treasurer deLaurier this year brings a strong team on the bridge with VC Jeff Flanagan, RC Geoff Suttcliffe and Secretary Yvelisse Lapadula. Our Board of Directors is also a top notch mix of people representing all of the various diverse factions within the club. All have jumped right in with energy, enthusiasm and cooperation, bringing a wide variety of skillsets to the table. I am quite optimistic about this coming year and I'm confident that we have a great group of players involved.

Finally, I would like to recognize and celebrate the

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am looking forward to the next year as our Club's Vice-Commdore. It is safe to say that this opportunity would not be mine this year if Sigrid Beckman did not move across the pond. As Rear-Commodore, Sigrid worked hard and tirelessly to promote and enhance our sailing programs and the CGSC as a whole. The Club benefitted in so many ways from Sigrid's involvement and I know I am far from the only one that misses her (and her family's) presence at CGSC. Sigrid – I hope we see you soon and that life in España is joyous.

We have made great progress over the last couple of years (since our renewed lease with the City) in implementing upgrades to the property and fixing both the more-glamorous aspects of the Club (such as the center dock) and the not-so-glamorous (cement spalling and leaking sewage pipes). As this year continues, you can expect and look forward to additional enhancements to our Club, both in capital improvements and aesthetics. This will include the new mooring field as required under our lease and is one of our largest-ever projects. Final planning, permits and installation are many months away but this will be the major focus of time and money this coming year. And speaking of the mooring field, I hope you were able to attend Bill Beaver's annual Hurricane Prep Seminar. I always learn something new and it serves as a refresher and reminder to not get

diversity of our club. We are an International and Multicultural group which perhaps well defines where we live and the times in which we live. Sailing is a fellowship which brings all types of different people together and enriches their lives and those of their families. I encourage everyone to get involved. Try something new at the club. Find a way to contribute. And go sailing!

Anchors aweigh,

*Paul van Puffelen, Commodore*

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Sweet Lime – C&C 30MK-2

complacent. Anyone with a boat on the mooring field should have the hurricane evacuation plans ready to go. We've been lucky for many years but it's not a matter of "if," it's just a matter of when. Please have your plans in place and a backup in case you are out of town.



If you missed the Annual Installation dinner you missed a great party and some amazing food. Stop by the Club for a bite to eat and enjoy the revised menu offerings and Chef Ritchie's great cooking. And don't forget about Sunday Brunch on the last Sunday of each month. The menu is delicious so reserve now!

I've been told time and again that the Vice-Commodore's most important job is to make sure the beer is cold! If you have any ideas, thoughts, suggestions (or the seldom complaint..) please don't hesitate to bend my ear. It may cost you a beer but at least it will be a frosty one.

I look forward to another great year of progress for the Club and I thank you for this opportunity.

*Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore*

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

Thank you all who attended the Annual General Meeting and voted for me as Rear Commodore. For those who weren't at the meeting and don't know me, here's a synopsis ... I've been a member of the club for 10 years, having originally been recruited by Bill Beavers as foredeck crew on his boat Finesse. I've been on the club board for a year and a bit, and have enjoyed contributing to the well being of the club. Finally (and really foremost!), I'm the owner of Moon Glow, the Bristol 30 with the "pajama pants" mainsail cover, which you can see from the balcony when you look down the north eastern side of the club channel.

So, what can expect from me as Rear Commodore? One thing that has become very obvious to me is that the club has wonderfully effective staff and member volunteers, who take responsibility and pleasure in making the club successful. The Rear Commodore's job would not be possible without these people, and I will support their work in every way I can. I also have some plans of my own, including encouraging more non-sailing members to come out and enjoy the bay, making the mooring field safer for the moored boats and others who need to pass through, helping promote monthly rendezvous, and improving the Beneteau member use program. If you have ideas for things I can do to improve your sailing life, please talk to me!

Now it's summer the club is buzzing with the youth summer camps. The first one started with a record 84 young sailors who are out there having fun, under the guidance of happy parents, happy CITs and happy coaching staff!

The summer camp team consisting of Nick, Jonathan, Lauren, and Adriana, and the lead coaches Maykal and Tony, deserve applause for this impeccable kick-off! And while we're thinking of the youth program, let's acknowledge the efforts of the youth chair Stephan Seuss - we love the new Cubes and the new rack.

Also now it's summer, it's time to prepare for the possibility of a tropical storm or a hurricane. If a

tropical storm watch or warning is issued, boat owners on the mooring field and strip are required to reduce windage, or move their boat from the club. If a hurricane watch or warning is issued, boat owners are required to move their boat from the club - see the club web site for more details of your responsibilities, and how the club will help you if a storm comes our way. Right now it's time to get your plans in place, conscript friends to help if necessary, ensure you have the equipment you need to comply with the club requirements (e.g., a running engine and fuel for boats on the moorings, or a trailer ready for action for boats on the strip), and attend one of our Hurricane Preparation seminars. Storms are not a drama if you are well prepared!

Back out on the water, Richard Crisler recently conducted another "corporate regatta", this time for the Intertrust group. The group were given half an hour of basic sailing instruction, and then taken out on Ensigns in groups of four with an instructor for some "racing fun" (thanks to Dr. Alan Creed for volunteering his Ensign). This is one more example of how people "Come Sail With Us"!

See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe*

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Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

Come down to your  
Club and have a great  
meal on the veranda  
while taking in the  
beauty of the bay.

## A Fond Farewell

The time has come to welcome our new fiscal year and new Board and time to say goodbye to some Board members that have worked tirelessly for CGSC and are now passing the torch to this new Board. I want to personally thank all those Board members that are finishing their terms for their hard work and incredible commitment to our club and at the same time welcome the new Board members that join the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Board for 2014-2015

Personally, this has been a tough time for me as I have to say a temporary goodbye to CGSC as I have relocated overseas with my husband and three children, taking me far away from my dear CGSC, and keeping me from serving my club as I had hoped.

So it is my turn to say thank you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve The Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Thank you for supporting me through the years, as Director, Secretary Representative, Secretary and Rear Commodore for the past 4 years. Thank you for your patience and trust. Thank you for helping me fulfill the Coconut Grove Sailing Club's mission that leaves behind a legacy of sailing opportunities for generations to come.

It has been the most rewarding and fulfilling experience you can imagine thanks to my fellow officers, Board members, committee members, employees, manager, chairs, director, instructors, coaches, older sailors, younger sailors, parents and all those volunteers that work behind the scenes. I could not have worked without each and every one that supported me from the very start. Special thanks to my mentors that have guided and helped me all this time. Thank you!

Thank you for making this a home for my children

where they fell in love with sailing, changing their lives forever; where they learned not only to sail, but to be responsible, independent, tenacious and strong protectors of our seas. Where they first worked as volunteers at an early age and where they understood the power of working with a committed and passionate group of people to make things happen. Where they learned about teamwork, trust and made friends for a lifetime.

We will cherish our treasured club all our lives.

THANK YOU!



Fair Winds and Following Seas

*Sigrid Beckmann*

Past Rear Commodore

### Flying Scot Racing

We had two races in June, 6/7, 1D #9 held by the CGSC and 6/ 21, 1D#10 held by the KBYC. The following are the detailed results.

June 7, 2014

PLACE	SKIPPER	POINTS
1	Jim Bigham	5
2	Jose Hernandez	6
3	Henry Bernstein	7
4	Bud Price	12
5	Glen Newland	16
6	Ryan Alexander	17
7	Etkin Reinhold/ Richard Joerg	23

June 21, 2014

PLACE	SKIPPER	POINTS
1	Jose Hernandez	4T
2	Charles Price	4T
3	Henry Bernstein	5
4	Jim Bigham	7
5	Richard Elkin	11
6	Larry Whipple	14T
7	Ryan Alexander	14T
8	CGSC Club Boat	14T

Next races are CGSC Commodores Cup, 7/19/14 and the CGSC Single-Handed and Double-Handed on 8/9 & 10/14. Next BBYRA 1D races are the CGSC Regatta OD #9 on Saturday, June 7, 2014, and then KBYC Regatta #10 on Saturday 6/21/14. See you on the bay!

Larry Whipple PC  
Fleet 90 Captain

### CHANNEL NEWS

All material to appear in the Channel must be submitted by the 10th of the previous month. All articles, announcements and pictures (we always need high quality photos, especially of the BBYRA), for the September Channel must be sent by the 10th of August to [cebranning@comcast.net](mailto:cebranning@comcast.net). This gives time for set-up, printing and mailing.

Thank you for all your good work and helping our newsletter to be the best on the Bay.

Boat of the Month - July 2014  
**Windchimes - Gary Miller**

**W**indchimes is a 1979 Bristol 32, owned by Gary Miller. Gary joined the CGSC and brought Windchimes onto the mooring field in 2004. Gary can be found at the club most days of the week, working on Windchimes, entertaining his friends on Windchimes, and of course sailing on Windchimes. He has extensive knowledge of the bay, and has been a calm, patient teacher for many club sailors. He has also done some long ocean passages, including a recent trip through the Panama canal. Gary helps with the "Sailing Heals" organization that takes cancer patients out sailing, and can teach both young and old a lot about fishing. Gary recently installed an autopilot named "Georgette" onto Windchimes - you can ask him the origins of that name! For a good conversation with a sailor with a great sense of humor, don't look much past Gary - he's a friendly CGSC member worth meeting.



Boat of the Month - August 2014  
**Merlin - Rick Timmons**

**M**erlin is a 1982 Gulfstar 39.6 owned by Richard "Rick" Timmons. Rick has been a member of the club since 1978 (yikes, most of us were still in school then!), and owned several other boats before he bought Merlin in 2005. Merlin is one of the first boats you'll see when you come in through Brennan's Channel (mooring ball B1), and Merlin certainly gives a good impression for arrivals to the club. Rick is known as a handyman, doing boat repairs and maintenance on Merlin, and also on other boats in the club. Rumors also have it that Rick once took Merlin over to the Bahamas, but found out when they got there that one of the crew didn't have a passport, so they sailed right on back ... is that true Rick? Rick's smiling face is always a welcoming one in the club, and he is a club member who has been around long enough to have everyone as a friend. Buy him a beer ... he deserves one!

Acknowledgement: Thanks to Marco Oquendo Photography for the photo!

\* "Boat of the Month" is a regular column of the CGSC Channel. Club members are welcome to nominate any boat except their own as "Boat of the Month". Submit a high quality photo, details of the boat and its owners, and any stories about them that are publishable. Email nominations to [botm@coldbeer.cc](mailto:botm@coldbeer.cc).



### *Melges Return to CGSC in 2014-15*

**T**his coming season, CGSC will host the Melges 32 CGSC Cup in October, the long-standing Gold Cup Regatta in November, and the 2014 Melges 32 World Championship in December. In addition, there will be two more Melges 32 regattas later this coming winter season in early 2015. All five of these events will be shore-based at Miami Beach Marina, with racing on the ocean either east of Key Biscayne or east of Miami Beach. Hence, there will be little or no impact of these events on our Club property.

If you are not familiar, Melges 32 racing is very high level, very high performance and very professional – probably

the top big boat performance racing one-design class in the World. It's spectacular racing to witness. Many CGSC volunteers will be needed to assist with these events

If you have comments, ideas, etc., please let me know.

Thanks,

Ron



# Hurricane Preparedness

**H**i 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](mailto: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

## ADULT SAILING REPORT

**D**espite the heat of summer and often tricky weather, most of our adult sailing classes remain at or near capacity. June saw a number of certifications earned for both Basic Keelboat and Basic Cruising along with continued interest in our popular Sunfish program. Thanks to the dedicated instructors who continue to promote and give our adult classes more than just time on the clock. We are proud of the new jibs on our Ensign keelboats that represent a significant investment by your club. For those yet to use the new jibs, please note there are special instructions in the safety boxes for each boat. Most of the wear and tear on our previous jibs was due to handling rather than actual sailing. Please help us keep these new, stronger, more effective jib sails in the best working condition possible by following a few simple procedures set out on the new instruction sheets. Thanks!

Sail Often Sail Safely

Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

Richard Crisler, Chairman, Adult Training

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## Sunfish

**Y**ou are sitting upstairs on the club veranda, enjoying the view and a drink. You see some of the kids sailing effortlessly in their Opti's, to and from the dock, weaving in and out of lots of other youngsters on boats. You think, whether you are new to sailing or have some big boat experience, "Wow, how can learn to sail like that?" The answer is simple: the CGSC adult sunfish program. Whilst the sunfish is the most popular boat every built, it is by no means easy to sail (correctly). In fact, by design, it is a bit difficult. What it does, over time but very quickly, is to make a person learn to sail by instinct, i.e. feeling the wind, the waves, the current. You learn in a short time proper sail trim and boat balance, and with no electronics! The sunfish makes one use that part of the brain (not the reasoning part) that the kids use naturally when they are learning to sail or advancing to racing. If you can sail a sunfish reasonably well, it's relatively easy move up to big boats, but not necessarily the other way around. I know, because

I ignored the advice of wise sailors. You see, I started in big boats and then "progressed" to small boats. As a small boat instructor (as well as keelboats), I can attest that the old adage is true. Learn to sail and race small boats. You will have a terrific time, make lots of friends, and, if you wish to sail big boats, you will be a much more competent sailor.

We offer sunfish learn-to-sail courses as well as sunfish racing clinics at the club. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Philip Adams.

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