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COMMODORE'S REPORT

On a rare day last month, I found myself on my boat "Fiji", spending a relaxing afternoon sailing. As I looked up at Fiji's mainsail, I noticed that some seams were opening up a little, and the batten pockets had some small holes at the corners. With this being my last article in the Channel, I think I feel a little bit like Fiji's mainsail. Both of us have seen some light breezes that kept us ghosting along, and other times the wind blew a gale and we hunkered down while we made our way to weather.



Since joining the Bridge in 2010 as Secretary of the CGSC, I have had the distinct privilege of working with many dedicated individuals, who taught me the ropes and helped me work up through the ranks. Those same people were always there for me when I had a question, or needed their opinion. It reminds me that the CGSC is a success not because of one person but because of one community. One community that keeps our mission in the front of their mind when making decisions for the CGSC.

Since this will likely be my last article in the Channel, I will once again share our Club's mission statement because I think it is that important for everyone to remember:

"The purpose of this organization is to encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, to sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship."

I urge you to keep our mission in mind when you choose to volunteer, to participate in meetings, or suggest a new program or policy. When the Club's future leaders are proposing changes, ask yourself if those changes adhere to our missions. That mission has sustained our Club since 1946 and it will continue sustain our Club well into the future.

Thank you for letting me take the helm for a little while. It's been an honor to be your Commodore.

Fair Winds
Sean Connett, Commodore
 Coconut Grove Sailing Club

THE CGSC
 ANNUAL MEETING
 AND ELECTION OF
 OFFICERS WILL
 BE ON
 FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH
 AT 1800 HRS.

Please be prompt.

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Goombay Regatta
 May 24-25, 2014

BBYRA PHRF #9
 June 7, 2014

BBYRA OD #9
 June 8, 2014

CGSC Sr. Commodore's Cup
 July 19, 2014

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND
 REGISTRATION FORMS ON RACE
 BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS OR AT
 WWW.CGSC.ORG FOR BBYRA 2013-14
 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @
 WWW.BBYRA.NET

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The 2013-14 season has been a real work in progress for the Club. As Vice Commodore the grounds and building maintenance have been my responsibility. We have tackled some major issues starting on day one, some at will and others with a little nudging. Many projects have been deferred long past their due so we have made an attempt to bring things up to snuff both from a fire code compliance and a lease compliance standpoint. The positive impact of these works on the Club should be apparent by now but we are not yet done. Finishing off the year will be several additional much needed projects that should be completed by the time you read this newsletter. The main two are:

Sod replacement. Work is in progress to replace all of the lawn with a more salt tolerant species. Many years of abuse, packing down, salt water rinses and trampling by our recent regatta success has pretty much choked the last breath from our struggling lawn (although not necessarily the weeds). Now we will have a new lawn to go with our new tree. Please be patient while we let it grow three mowing cycles before using it. It will be a challenge to keep everyone off for a few weeks and when it is done we hope it will last a while. Kids will launch from the strip in the meantime.

Upper bath renovations. Works are now underway to spruce up the upper hallway and baths as promised in the annual meeting last year. Tile flooring is being replaced and partitions, paint and fixtures will be new. A new water fountain will be installed in the hallway. Big thanks to designer and member Kathy Kessler who gifted us with an outstanding working design that fits our budget, makes sense and steps up our game in the members area of the clubhouse. I encourage all to buy her a drink next time you see her at the Club on

Friday night (but not all at once). For the common areas we now have combo locks to repel the onslaught of bathroom users from the park during busy events. Ask the office or dock staff for the code.

I will be reporting on the full scope of works completed this year as well as plans for next year at the Annual Meeting on Friday June 6th. We invite and encourage all members to attend this important and informative event to hear the Commodore's State of the Club report and our plans for next year as well as to vote in next year's new team and budget.

My next Channel article will be written as Commodore and I would like to thank all of my many CGSC friends and family for your support and input over the last few years.

Until then,

Paul van Puffelen, Vice Commodore
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ADULT SAILING REPORT

One of the best measurements of the success of an adult instructional program such as ours at CGSC, is the number of US Sailing certifications issued. CGSC is a proud US Sailing authorized instructional facility. Among the various levels of sailing classes offered, we are also a strong participant in the US Sailing Certification System. This includes the certifications for Basic Keelboat, Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat, each being a prerequisite for the next. Since our last month's report to you, we can proudly say that we have issued the most certifications at these three levels combined than any previous like period since our program began. The majority of these certifications were earned by our own members, though our program is open to and taken advantage of by non-members of CGSC. Congratulations to all our members who have earned certification through our instructional program and can now take advantage of our Member-Use program as well as rent and charter sailboats nation-wide and beyond. Thanks to all of our dedicated instructors, supportive staff, members and officers for the continued support and efforts toward the success of our instructional programs and the pursuit of fulfilling our club's mission.

We are keeping our report short for the abbreviated CHANNEL issues through the summer, however, don't forget the extended daylight evenings we now enjoy. It's a great time for those qualified members to take out a club boat for an evening sail. It is cooler, the winds are usually steady and you are treated to the beginning of a beautiful Biscayne Bay sunset. Remember, all club boats must be on their moorings or out of the water and stored by sunset. For unlighted boats, it's the law. For the cruising boats, it's a club rule.

Sail Often..Sail Safely..Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay
Richard Crisler, Adult Training Chair

You Are Cordially
Invited to the
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Installation Ceremony
and Dinner on
Saturday, June 28th at
1800 Hours.
Reservations required.

The Optimist - Our Youth (and Older) Sailors!

So many CGSC members were introduced to sailing on an "Opti" that it might be said it's the most popular boat in the club. Starting with the Green fleet (new sailors), progressing through the White and Blue fleets to the Red fleet, our youth sailors have been learning their sailing skills on Optimists for many years. The club currently owns 28 International Optimists, and there are 13 private International Optimists stored on the CGSC racks. The club also owns 3 SailCubes, a newer boat design that uses the same rigging as the Optimists. In the last year over 200 youth sailors participated in the weekly, spring, and summer sailing programs on the Optis. The CGSC Race Committee hosts three regattas that include Optimists: the Spring Break Youth Regatta in March, the CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup in September, and the Halloween Howler in October. A Past Commodore recalled that there also used to be a 4th July "Around the Island" (Clarrington Island) race for adult Opti sailors ... let the Rear Commodore know if you'd like to join in a resurrection of that race. All-in-all, the Optis are a seriously active fleet! Take some time to hangout downstairs and say "hello" to the young Opti sailors ... and be nice to them - there are future commodores in the group!

Acknowledgement: Thanks to Marylinda Ramos of Regatta Imagery 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.

Geoff Sutcliffe



In Memory... Owen Brown 1958-2014



Owen Brown, 54, passed away on April 9, 2014. At his side were his wife Rebecca and children Karra and Lucas. Owen was a native of Miami, born May 28, 1959. He graduated from Miami Palmetto High School, and received his Associates of Arts degree from Miami Dade Community College. He was a long time employee of Miami Dade County Water & Sewer Department. He is survived by his father Joe Brown, sister Martha Newberry and brother James. His passions were caring for his family, sailing, fishing, gardening and his backyard barbecues with his many friends. He truly enjoyed the outdoors and felt strongly about conserving the environment. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, April 26th at the Coconut Grove Sailig Club where he was a second generation member.

Flying Scot Racing

The May 4th BBYRA 1D race was the Key Biscayne Yacht Club's Annual 1D Regatta. It was a fast race with winds 10 to 15 knots and above. Funky Diva & CGSC 1111 had to drop out of race #3 due to boat damage. Congrats to the winners who sailed a very tough race. The following are the detailed results:

FLYING SCOT	SKIPPER	POS
Air America	Charles (Bud) Price	1
Funky Diva	Jim Bigham	2
Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander	3
CGSC	Joerg Reinhold/Richard Etkin	4
Dom's Cadillac	Glen Newand/Tom Sadler James Grupenhoff, Margarita Borda	5

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