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CGSC'S ANNUAL SINGLE-DOUBLE REGATTA

Coconut Grove Sailing Club hosted our long-standing Singlehanded and Doublehanded Regattas Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10. This includes the Annual Race Committee Party Saturday evening. It was a very good summer weekend at the Club and on the Bay.

Singlehanded Race. Thirteen singlehanded boats came out to compete on Saturday. The forecast was SSE at five knots, but the breeze was there early and built to a 13 knot southerly by the end of the day. All this was in bright sunshine, with white poofy clouds and no thunderheads on the horizon. It was truly a "Chamber of Commerce" day that will be remembered.

Seven boats sailed in the PHRF Division, and were sent on a Bay tour race by Principal Race Officer

Dorian Sambolin. It was a long beat to Mark Bravo on the Park Boundary, a reach to Matheson Hammock, a beat down to Snapper Creek, broad reach back to Bravo and a run to the finish – great course. CRYC's Eamonn DeLisser on the Farr 395 Senara ran off and hid as scratch boat in the Class. He easily saved his time over second place Frank Atkinson's Soverel 27 Swift from CGSC.



The two Etchells and four Flying Scots were sent on a relatively long double triangle course. In the Etchells, CRYC's Sharon Bourke aboard John Deere led John Greeven around to course for a wire-to-wire victory. The Scots (all from CGSC) were a bit of a different story. Larry Whipple's Margaritaville took the win when leader Bud Price aboard Air America missed a mark and

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



Summer is gone and we look forward to a busy fall season at CGSC. As I wrote last month we are entering a phase of completing some long overdue projects and it looks like the first is about to get underway.

While our membership has increased steadily over the past several years, our aging physical structures carry an increased workload. Several years ago under Past Commodore Ron Rostorfer's and late Treasurer Tony Battaglia's guiding hand we began the first of our major updates, finally having a lease to give us a basis for improving our facilities. The main dock was replaced after it began failing frequently and dangerously.

The same is now happening with our south dock. With several failures in the past few months that the time has come to push this project forward even with the mooring field replacement looming in our not-to-distant future. With historic high water levels during seasonal tides the dock stringers are ever increasingly under water, rotting and failing.

Engineering and permitting is being completed as I write this article. Our environmental permitting requires that we either dredge or install a handrail in on the fixed part of the dock from the seawall to the ramp. The decision has been made to proceed with the handrails. We anticipate losing very little, if any use since that area is already too shallow and tidal. The additional costs of dredging at this time would add between \$16,000 – \$30,000 to the project (only for south dock) and it is generally felt that the dredging project that must be addressed on a larger scale once the mooring field replacement has been completed.

The impact of this project on our club during construction will not be convenient or pretty. A barge must be brought in for the demo and as a staging platform for the build out. I ask everyone to please cooperate and be patient as we lose usage of this dock for a short time. We will likely install the temporary "regatta dock" which will affect the launching of boats from the strip but allow for Optis, Sunfish and Lasers to launch. This project should not last more than a week or so, however, I am pushing to proceed as soon as possible. The Board of directors will have the final say on the actual scheduling time of the project. The funding is in this year's budget as approved by membership in June.

The scope of work on the dock is the fixed aspect and the ramp. Micro-perf mesh will be used on the surface similar to the main dock. The new ramp will roll on the surface of the floating dock and hinge off of the fixed dock. Unlike our current scenario where it is constantly flexing and bending, this will be a much better surface for launching our dinghy fleets and programs. The seawall will be shored up, the pilings sleeved and the whole fixed portion raised to the level of the main dock.

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Now I would like to use this project to illustrate a point – This project was envisioned several years ago by other groups of flag officers and directors and brought to reality through the hard work and diligence of several different teams over a period of several years. While the different bridge members bring different talents and focus to the table, it is the spirit of teamwork shared by all of these groups of dedicated members that makes this type of progress

a reality. Our current group shares that spirit of comradery and out of this, I am optimistic that many good things are to come for our club. As always, Please bring me your comments, suggestions and concerns as this busy year progresses.

Paul van Puffelen, Commodore
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 Sweet Lime – C&C 30MK-2

VICE COMMODORE’S REPORT

Hurricane season is in full swing. Even with the recent forecast update of fewer possible storms, remember that it only takes 1! You can never be over prepared with a hurricane prep plan so be ready.

We are in the planning stages for Work Weekend in November. The final dates will be announced shortly. Between now and then, the Property Committee will be putting together the list of projects we want and need to tackle. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

A little reminder on a few Club rules. We aren’t allowed to store our dinghies in the water alongside or attached to our boats. They need to be stowed on deck, on davits or out of the water. We also can’t store our personal watercraft (dinghies, paddle boards, kayaks, etc) at the Club. There’s just not enough room right now. Please be sure to take everything with you at the end of the day.

If you have an extenuating circumstance please discuss it with the dock staff to make proper arrangements. We are pretty lenient on the time limit for having a boat at the dock. But please remember there is a 30 minute limit unless there is no other boat traffic.

A shout out (or should I say a few barks) to Brian Donohue and the Entertainment Committee for putting together another Annual Dog Days of August event. It’s always a pawsitively fun and unique CGSC event.

Hope to see you at the Club or on the water.

Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore
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 Golden Greek, Catalina 27



Flying Scot Racing

We had two races in August, 9 & 10, the Single-Handed & Double-Handed races. The Single-Handed race was an E2 course, had 8 to 12 knots of wind and NO rain. The best sailing day of the summer. The

following are the detailed results.

8/9/14 Single-Handed Race

Place	Sail #	Boat	Skipper
1st	5399	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple
2nd	75	Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander
3rd	1111	CGSC 1111	Joreg Reinhold
4th	5220	Air America	Bud Price

The Double-Handed races, two A courses, on 8/10/14 started with light air and picked up to 8 to

12 knots and again no rain. The following are the detailed results.

Place	Sail #	Boat	Skipper
1st	5321	Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein
2nd	5544	Funky Diva	Jim Bigham
3rd	5399	Margaritaville	Larry Whipple
4th	5566		Jim Signor
5th	4595	Being There	Lorie Messer
6th	1111	CGSC 1111	Joreg Reinhold & Richard Etkin
7th	75	Beija Flor	Ryan Alexander
8th	1881	Dom’s Cadillac	James Grupenhoff & Glenn Newland

See you on the bay!

Larry Whipple PC
 Fleet 90 Captain

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!
Slowly we are making our way through summer, with hot humid weather, and the afternoon showers. It's great weather for anchoring out in the bay, swimming, and relaxing under the bimini. Take advantage of the club's amazing location, and get on out there. Don't worry if it's raining on land - it's typically glorious out there even if it is raining at the club, and you can smile while thinking of those who chose to sit at the bar and bemoan the weather!

And as summer goes past, the racing season will soon be upon us. The first BBYRA races are on the 13th and 14th of September. If you are not already a racer, and would like to learn more about what it entails, be sure to attend Bud Price's "Racing 101" seminars, and get involved. If you don't want to race, consider joining the Race Committee.

The Race Committee chair is Susan Walcutt, and she will welcome volunteers with open arms. You'll get training, get to see racing up close, and there's even free lunch and a couple of cold ones afterwards. If you have a cruising boat of 30' or more with a bimini, consider volunteering your boat as the signal boat some time - it's easy, fun, and you get learn a lot about racing. If you have a powerboat (not at the CGSC of course!), you can volunteer to use it as a work boat for racing, with the same benefits. In all cases the club covers your fuel costs, and in the extremely unlikely event of any damage (it never happens), it's covered. Race Committee will also be having its annual "workday" on 13th September, and volunteers to help get all the year in tip-top shape will be warmly welcomed.

The youth sailing program kicked off with its Open House on August 23rd, and there's still time to enroll your children in the program. Sailing is a wonderful way for kids to get exercise, learn self-reliance and discipline, and meet new friends with a common interest. The club coaches are all

US Sailing certified, and we maintain a low coach to student ratio. The registration form and more details are on the club web site. And as sneak peek ahead, we'll be having the annual "Hurricane Howler" regatta for the youth sailors over the weekend of 25th-26th October. This is a signature event on the club calendar, with young sailors coming from many clubs in Florida. A highlight is the "haunted mooring field" ... if you have a boat on the mooring field, don't forget to make it spooky for the evening of the 25th, as the launch brings the kids out for a trick-or-treat.

Ending on a high note, if you want to sail more, and don't know enough, enroll in one of the adult sailing classes. The club offers courses from Sunfish to Beneteaus, with the best coaches on the bay. One you are certified and endorsed you can use club boats and get out on the bay - that's how I started! Contact the adult sailing chair Richard Crisler, or the sailing director Nick Mansbach, for more information.

See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe

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Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

Boat of the Month - September 2014

Bali Ha'i - Jim Green

Bali Ha'i is a 2004 Bavaria 44, owned by Jim Green (he's an Englishman, but we'll forgive him that), and is currently the biggest monohull in the CGSC mooring field. Jim bought Bali Ha'i in 2007, joined the CGSC in 2008, started racing Bali Ha'i in 2009, and put Bali Ha'i onto our mooring field in January 2012. Jim is well known for his enthusiasm for deep water sailing, and participates regularly in the Lime Cup and Hospice Regatta, where Bali Ha'i excels. He is a gracious host when social sailing, always serves a good mimosa, and will happily take you on an unexpected tour of the New River in Ft Lauderdale. You

can also ask him how he got an Englishman's tan by retrieving his swim ladder while sailing. After sailing you can often find Jim having a "pint" at the bar - stop by and to hear about more exploits on Bali Ha'i.



* "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.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

Despite a summer with an exceptional number of cancellations and reschedules due to storms or lack of wind, your Adult Instructional program at CGSC continues to grow and prosper and comply with the Club's mission. Basic Keelboat group classes were at capacity as well as the Sunfish Learn-to-Sail classes and most Sunfish activities during July and August to this point. The first weekend of August saw a capacity Basic Bareboat course with Bryan Wesolek, and another popular and effective Racing 101 course series was conducted by Bud Price.

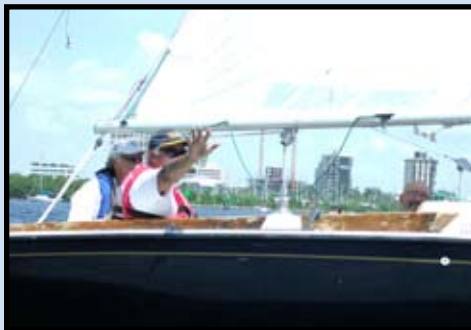
On another note, we are very sorry to be losing the services of our good friend, club member and Certified Basic Keelboat, Cruising and Bareboat Instructor, Bryan Wesolek. We are happy for Bryan and Stephanie as they pursue their dream of world cruising on their beautiful "ARGUS", preceded by a two year unique opportunity in San Francisco. Bryan came to us from California and will be headed back by the time of this issue. Not only is Bryan a talented instructor, but he has significant boat-work knowledge and often volunteered many hours of his services to us for various repairs and updates to the Ensigns and the Beneteaus used in our instructional program. Stephanie, as well, has volunteered her time to help us in our program. Can you imagine crawling into a cramped Ensign cabin to help totally paint the interior? Bryan and Stephanie will be sorely missed by many friends at CGSC. We wish them health and success on their continued adventure,

and we hope their journeys will one day bring them back to visit us at CGSC.

With our growth in the Adult Instructional program, we are always looking for qualified and dedicated instructors. It is not a full-time job, and there is lots of flexibility. If you are interested in more information about becoming a US Sailing Certified instructor, please contact me (below) or Nick Mansbach at Extension 11.

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

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retired after the race. Ryan Alexander's Beija Flor was second.

Race Committee Party. A good crowd attended the late afternoon Singlehanded Race awards and the Race Committee party downstairs at the Club. CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt presided, and presented the year's Race Committee shirts to those attending who qualified through their RC service for the year. Each person is recognized and applauded for their service as they accept their shirts – a nice RC tradition.

Two notable awards are presented here each year. The CGSC RC "Rookie of the Year" Award for the outstanding newcomer on our RC was awarded to Andi Hoffman. The Al Chapin Award for the outstanding Member of the RC was presented to Rick Klein. In addition to his very regular service on our RC at regattas, he is also RC Vice Chair for Equipment and Supplies.

Doublehanded Race. A big fleet of 33 doublehanders turned out on Sunday. The forecast was better than Saturday's, being SE 10 knots. Unfortunately, it did not materialize. The RC, headed by PRO Jo Ann Mathieu, postponed waiting for wind which finally came in at 5-6 knots. Two short races were conducted. First was a Windward-Leeward, and second was a triangle (except for the Scots who stuck to the previous "hot dog" course).

Ten boats sailed in the PHRF Spinnaker Class. The results were the same as Saturday, with Senara taking first (narrowly this time) with a 1-2 series, and Swift finishing second with a 2-4. There

were 13 boats in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class. David Snyder's Nordic Spirit took both races for a decisive win. Nirvana II sailed by CGSC's Adams twins, John and Jim, was second with a 4-3 series.

The same two Etchells competed as on Saturday with the same result – John Deere winning. Eight Flying Scots competed. CGSC's Henry Bernstein aboard Lady Hope won both races for another decisive win. CGSC's Jim Bigham aboard Funky Diva took second with a 3-2.



CGSC Race Committee Chair Susan Walcutt presents Rick Klein with the Al Chapin Trophy as the outstanding member of the CGSC RC. The award is made annually at the Race Committee Party during the Singlehanded & Doublehanded Race weekend in August.



Race Committee. CGSC's Race Committee did another fine job of race management on the Bay. Many thanks to CGSC's Carl Updyke for being Signal Boat with Cool Obsession. Besides PRO's Dorian and Jo Ann, the RC consisted of Susan Walcutt, Marylinda Ramos, Jaime Ramon, Gaston Ortega, Bill Godfrey and Esther DiLeo handling the weather and gybe marks. In addition, on the Pin Boat were Jim Waldron, David Kurtz PC and Ron Rostorfer PC. The Signal Boat crew included Veronic Aghayan, Marlene Erven, Andi Hoffman and Stacie Gleason.

Ron Rostorfer

COMMODORE CUP

It was a six bottles of water day. Temperature hit 90 at 10 am. Race Committee tell tails sagged in under two knots of breeze. PRO Rick Klein postponed the races for an hour and a half until the wind freshened to 4 knots.

In the first race nineteen Coconut Grove Sailing Club vessels and crews raced a short windward-leeward course in 4-6 knots. The second race was more exciting as the race committee was trying to get in another race before a thunderstorm hit the course.

Again, it was once around a windward-leeward course. Except most of the boats beat to weather on both legs as the wind swiveled 180 degrees, blowing chutes back

into cockpits, velocity increased to 16 knots, gusting to 20.

The all female race committee, except for the token male PRO, performed admirably. The mark boat, driven by Susan Walcott, had Marylinda Ramos and Anne Platt assisting our Race Committee Director. On the signal boat were Veronic Vaghayan and Carol Temple on flags and recorder Marlene Erven.

FIRST PLACE FINISHERS:

PHRF	Tiburon	Eduardo Luaces
Non Spin	Nordic Spirit	David Snyder
One Design	Funky Diva	Jim Bigham
Sunfish		Marc Pendaries



CHANNEL NEWS

Input for the Channel is needed by the 10th of the previous month in order to provide time for lay-out, printing and delivery to members by the first. Please e-mail your materials for the October Channel by September 10th to CEBranning@comcast.net.

Articles and announcements should be attached as a Word document. Photographs should be of high quality and attached in the JPEG format.

CRUISING & RENDEZVOUS

SEP - Labor Day Cruising (weather permitting) s/v Effortless is looking to depart Thursday night/Friday morning, heading outside to fish, snorkel, hunt lobster, then head inside. Plan to stay at Upper Keys Sailing Club Saturday night, maybe out to dinner on shore in Key Largo. Then head back on Sunday to Gilbert's or Alabama Jacks; anchoring out for a short trip back home on Monday. If you are interested in joining this, please contact janicepruett@gmail.com

SEP - Labor Day Rendezvous (weather permitting) s/v DRIFT is looking to head out to Chicken Key either Saturday or Sunday (Sunday weather looks better right now) and stay overnight, then do a kayaking tour in the early am. If you are interested in joining this, reply to this email.

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

FL State Junior Snipe Championships
September 6-7, 2014

Columbus Day Regatta
October 11-12, 2014

CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup
September 27, 2014

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta
October 19, 2014

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
October 4-5, 2014

Melges 32 CGSC Cup
October 17-19, 2014

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