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Rendezvous*





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

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT



Dear CGSC Members,

I have been proud to have served as Commodore of CGSC for the last year. There have been many challenges and opportunities and I am appreciative of the teamwork that has supported all of the goals set forth during this busy year.

I want to personally thank all of the flag officers and board members for their hard work and dedication and wish them the best in the coming times. I am highly confident that the incoming administration is of top caliber and will continue to guide our club thoughtfully through our dynamic and changing times. I am also appreciative of our GM Lauren Simpson's and her staff's hard work in running our club and accommodating an ever expanding demand placed on our staff by the increasing membership.

I would like to also thank our dedicated committee members and volunteers who put in so many tireless efforts again this year. The Corinthian spirit's light burns brightly at CGSC!

CGSC is growing and evolving constantly. These changes bring a lot of hard work and hard decisions to maintain the essence of our historic club. I welcome our evolution as a grand step into future as one of the foundations of the historic sailing community of Coconut Grove and I thank the club members for your ongoing support in this past year's endeavors.

I would like to highlight some of our group's accomplishments from this past year. Many put in hours of duty in making these milestones happen for no other reason than a love for CGSC and an effort to do their best for their club.

- Mooring field engineering and permitting completed.
- Mooring field project financing, funding, bidding, contracts and ultimately commencement.
- Successful Member Forum and Special Meeting with overwhelming approval and support for our mooring field project.
- Restructuring of waterfront and youth programs in a positive direction.
- Establishment of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Instructional Center, our 501(c)3 youth sailing non-profit.
- Rewriting and clarification of the CGSC Strip policy.
- Largest regatta ever held at CGSC with the January 2015 ISAF/ Sailing World Cup.
- Successful summer camp, Flip Flop Fete and Halloween Howler youth regatta.
- South Dock replacement permitting, financing and commencement
- Clarington Island dedication sign. Brennan's Channel sign.
- Resurfacing of lower level floor and completion of the long overdue concrete spalling repair project
- Many updates to clubhouse and a well-attended and successful annual work weekend.
- The addition of the "mini seminar" to spice up our general meetings.
- Successful annual rendezvous, art festival and boat show booths and Clarington Island work initiatives.

- Stepping up our flag handling protocol and reinstating the harbor cannon firing at each days end in honor of our club's historic place in our community and of those who have given the ultimate for their flag and nation.

Finally, I would like to say farewell with the words I started the year with. I wish to recognize and celebrate the 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!

*Paul van Puffelen, Commodore*  
S/V Sweet Lime  
C & C 30 MK-II

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

When you're having fun, the time does fly! Thank you to everyone for your help and support this past year. After a couple of years on the Board, it was daunting to all of a sudden be the Vice Commodore and to look down the line to see the big shoes I had to fill. I'm grateful for the opportunity and have enjoyed the year.

We had a great team of volunteers all around this year and we accomplished much. We achieved more efficient storage use for our youth sailing boats, which allowed us to create more rack storage (and reduce the waiting list). We made better arrangements on the strip so we could accommodate more dry-sailed boats (and reduce the waiting list). We had a very successful work weekend and gave the entire downstairs a new color scheme with fresh paint and As I write this, the concrete floor downstairs is being refinished.

I want to thank everyone who works at the Club for a great year and helping to keep the Club going - Chef Ritchie, Jose

and everyone else in the kitchen; Jeffrey, Dennis and all who tend bar and help keep our thirst quenched; Duane and crew who are always around to help out downstairs or on the water no matter the weather conditions. And of course, I wouldn't be able to do my part as VC without everyone's favorite, our GM Lauren Simpson and the rest of her office staff.

I look forward to serving the Club next year as Commodore and thank you to Commodore Van Puffelen for all his hard work and dedication this year.

I hope to see you at the Club on Friday, June 5 for the Annual Meeting and please save the date for Saturday, July 11 for the Installation Dinner.

See you at the Club,

*Jeffrey Flanagan, Vice Commodore*  
Golden Greek, Catalina 27

## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

Judging by the number of advertisements for bottom paint that I'm getting in the post and by email, it must be time to haul Moon Glow! The Miami area offers a large range of options for getting your bottom done, from the DIY places like Hurricane Cove up the river, the temptingly nearby Dinner Key Marina, and the top-end yards like Rybovich in West Palm Beach. Whatever your wallet prefers, if you need advice and suggestions just say a few words on the topic while you're in the Crow's Nest, and words of wisdom will flow like Mt Vesuvius in 79AD! Spring is a popular time to haul out, with warm-but-not-insanely-hot weather, not much rain, and a lull in the racing calendar. If you've never done it yourself and would like some experience, just let me know and I'll find you work, paid for in beer and sandwiches!

In April we had the Annual Rendezvous, some photos of which can be found in this Channel. About 30 boats and 75 people sailed down to Boca Chita for fun in the sun, with a "Sixties Surfing Scene" theme. Hats off to Janice Pruet and her crew for building the VW combivan bar, Alyn Pruet for leading the lionfish derby, Randy Clee for the best chicken dinner ever, Erik Noonburg and Karen Arndt for inspiring the "Ms Mary Lou Magical Eggs" breakfast, and all those who had fun. Thanks also to the staff, Duane and Javier in particular, without whose

experience the rendezvous would not be possible.

Obviously the next big boating event at the club will be the installation of the new mooring field, with the necessary movement of boats, reallocation of moorings, and adjustments to our old habits in the mooring field. The new moorings will be safer, better laid out, and will give about 20 more members a place to moor at the club. I'm excited to see it all happen; I hope you are too. For those without boats out there, it'll be something to watch from the balcony.

Finally, a report on the Key Largo race! Seventeen boats from CGSC entered, and we did good! Oliver Waite's Pipe Dream XIV took second in PHRF1, Becky Lyons' Osita took second place in PHRF 2, Gary Miller's Windchimes took second in PHRF 3, Dave Snyder won ARC 2 on Nordic Spirit, Bill Beaver's Finesse was fastest in ARC 3 (oops), Doug Robertson took second place in ARC 3, and Stefan Krumbiegel's Ricochet took second in MASF. Well done all ... CGSC is the place where sailors belong!

See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore*  
Moon Glow - Bristol 30'

## COMING EVENTS

### **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

Friday, June 5

Must be a Regular or Life Member  
Accounts must be up to date

### **ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY**

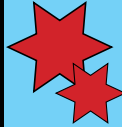
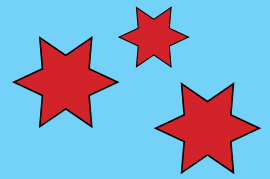
Saturday, July 11 at 1800 Hours  
Cocktails on the Lawn'

Dinner and Dancing \$34+tax/gratuity  
RSVP required-Adriana@cgsc.org  
www.cgsc.org/installation



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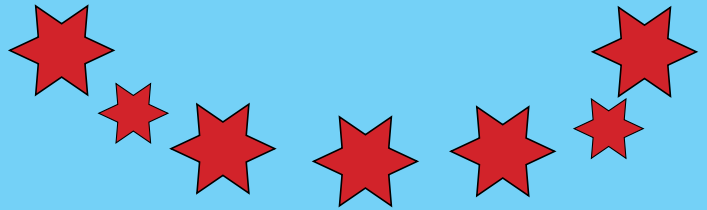
**CELEBRATE  
FREEDOM  
SATURDAY, JULY  
4TH AT 6:30 PM**

**BBQ\* FIREWORKS**

**\$20 - ADULT**

**\$10 CHILDREN**

**UNDER 12**



## **From the Manager**

With the end of the fiscal year approaching, I'd like to thank all of our members for being a part of the CGSC Family. There have been many changes to the club that everyone has been able to experience. The facility has been updated and our membership and club activities have expanded. I would like to see more attendance in our upcoming events so that each of you can get to know each other. We take pride in being a tightknit group and strive to have all of our members be a part of the sailing community; boat owner or not.

Adriana has been working with our WebDiva, making updates to our website in order to

make it user friendly. All members will have the capability to see upcoming club events, bar and restaurant specials, Friday night performances, and create online reservations and process payments.

As we enter a new season, we will be introducing our summer menu in July. With temperatures raising it looks like this summer will be a hot one. The Grove's Nest will be the best place to enjoy specials, from Jeff's well known Bloody Mary's to Ritchie's Friday night specials.

I can't wait to see you at the club!

Lauren Simpson