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Mooring Field Project Completed Ahead Of Schedule!

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Construction projects finished ahead of schedule and under budget. That doesn't happen. Except at the CGSC! I am very pleased to be able to report that the Mooring Field project was completed on August 7, 2015 and all the boats were back in the mooring field that weekend! You should have received an e-mail blast about the project being completed and I can report to you that the project was completed within one month and is under budget. There are so many people to thank that I cannot begin to name everyone. This project started years ago and there was a tremendous amount of planning involved on so many different levels. The implementation of the project also took a great deal of time and coordination. As a result of the immense coordination, not only was the project finished approximately 11 months before the requirement under our lease but also one month sooner than we projected. With such

a short duration, and with a huge amount of effort by our dedicated dock staff, we were able to minimize the disruption to our members and to save some significant money on the rental of the moorings from Dinner Key Marina. I do want to thank Stephen Bogner and Patrick Monty at Dinner Key Marina for their efforts to work closely with us during construction and to accommodate our ever-changing needs with regards to the number of moorings we needed and the duration for which we needed them. The mooring field looks great and we do also need to thank our contractors – Glenn Larson of Dock & Marine Construction Corp. and David Foster of American Underwater Contractors, Inc. They



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were also very accommodating and flexible to our schedules and needs and they really acted like our partners in this project. Thank you both! And thank you to everyone else that has been involved throughout the years, including our engineers at Coastal Systems International and our consultant at Ocean Consulting. This was a huge member-driven project and the number of volunteer hours that was put into it is incalculable. To all the members that volunteered your time and efforts, your dedication is what helps make out the Club such a wonderful place to be.

In addition to finishing the Mooring Field, Dock & Marine Construction has started the new south dock. As I write this, the dock has been demolished and construction of the new fixed portion of the dock will start any day. I know we are all looking forward to having a proper and safe dock to use that also won't be flooded with water at high tides.

On less than a positive note, while the City finishes the renovations to the parking circle, their contractor blockaded the circle and prevented any vehicular access for one week, which served to effectively shut the club down. Our apologies for all the inconvenience but it was out of our hands and GM Lauren Simpson has been trying to get it resolved so that we can have immediate access


(of course by the time you read this the project will be finished; well at least it should be finally finished...). The renovations do look good and will hopefully be a benefit to us with the increased number of parking spaces and better access throughout the parking circle.

With the new mooring field in place (which was a requirement under our initial 5-year term of the lease), we will be letting the City know that we are exercising our option under our lease for another five years. I hope to be able to report back within the next couple of months that our lease has been extended so that we can continue to plan for various needed capital improvements so that we can all continue to improve and enjoy our time at our club. If you haven't been to the Club recently, be sure to visit soon!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Now that the weather will start to cool off and the breezes become a little more consistent, get out on the water and enjoy great resource of Biscayne Bay at our doorstep!!

See you at the Club!

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The mooring field has been completed in record time due in large part to the cooperation and hard work of our great dock staff. A special thank you goes out to our Dockmaster, Duane Smallwood and his crew. They worked long hours 7 days a week shuffling boats in and around the mooring field, moving boats to and from the outer mooring field and making sure that the mooring construction crew could work efficiently, safely and ahead of schedule. Thanks to the boat owners who "weathered" their stay on the outer mooring field during construction, under less than ideal conditions. Those of you who spent time out there can really appreciate the value of our protected mooring field. Thanks also to the City of Miami for their cooperation in allowing us to moor our boats as a group on the outer mooring field and for keeping a watchful an eye on them during our stay. Lastly, thanks to PC Paul Van Pufflen who spent countless hours on this project.

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing the club for our busy sailing and racing season. The south dock construction should be completed by the time you read this article so that our small boat sailors can safely launch their boats. A new lawn for drying and folding sails will be installed, an upgraded boat staging area and the downstairs bathrooms will get a facelift. The property committee recently met and we have a long list for work weekend, so I'm hoping many volunteers we come out to help. We'll wait until the weather

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Some of us remember time before the internet. A time with 3 or 4 channels on television, possibly black and white. We used to have 2 states of mind, reality and imagination. Our parents let us walk to school and return. We were no more important than any other person, unlikely to be stolen. We got wet with rain, burned by the sun, participated in activities and somehow reached adulthood or not. Independence and initiative were shown on a daily basis and rewarded by another day to grow and mature. Sailing contains all of the above. Each time we leave the dock or mooring, skills are required and refined. On the water our actions are a type of time travel. We use the same techniques

cools a bit before bringing you to task however.

Mike Lovelady has completed the Clarington Island sign and it will be installed at the entrance to the Island at our first fall cleanup event. It's quite "sturdy" and will require many hands to get it out to the island. Look for an email announcing the date and time. One of the main reasons that our mooring field is so safe is because of the protection from the island. It's only fair that we protect it as well. Attention all CGSC boat owners! Renny Young, our club historian, will be archiving the boat pictures displayed in the bar that are no longer at the club. If you own a boat and your picture is currently not on the wall, please speak to me or Renny. If you have a great picture of your boat, we would like to see it displayed in action.

I look forward to seeing you at the club or sailing on the bay.

*Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
SV Effortless*



as sailors through history, although with more advanced equipment, but the same wind and water. Think about it, exactly the same wind and water molecules as the Vikings and Pacific Islanders used centuries ago. Get out on the water and experience actual time travel, then actually talk to some one about it.

Thank you
Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore



SUMMER CAMP 2015

The 2015 Summer Camp was a resounding success, seeing record numbers of sailors and major improvements in teaching done by the coaching staff. We fielded 6 groups of sailors- the Beginner and Intermediate Optimist, Sunfish Class, FJ Class, and also hosted an Optimist Racing Clinic each session for competitive sailors. We also for the first time ever held a Laser Racing Clinic during the 5th session.

Aside from having a large variety of sailing classes, we also revamped our powerboat fleet to enable us to better serve the sailors in camp, with the addition of a 16 foot Zodiac inflatable and the refurbishing of the Seacraft 19 before summer camp. CGSC Youth Sailing also renewed its commitment to safety by hosting a 4 day instructor seminar to practice our coaching and powerboat driving skills.

We also improved on the curriculum for summer camp, putting the focus on quality teaching and ensuring that the kids are learning how to sail. We increased revenue for the Summer Camp by instituting Parents Day at the end of every session. Parents of the summer camp sailors

have the chance to come out and see their child sail, as well as enjoy some refreshments and food. We also brought up a new long sleeve shirt design and sold it to great success, further increasing summer camp revenue.

Summer 2015 was also very rewarding for our renewed Racing Team, with Charlotte Leigh qualifying for the 2016 Team Trials Regatta, a selection regatta for the US National Optimist Team. They trained and played all summer long and we are looking forward to good results this upcoming Fall season.

Fair Winds,
Diunieski "Koky" Gutierrez– Youth Director
Alberto Olivo Alberto – Program Manager



<i>Summary by the Numbers</i>	
<i>Session</i>	<i># Sailors</i>
1	94
2	72
3	81
4	67
5	93

NOTICE
Upcoming CGSC Regattas
FL State Jr Snipe Championships
September 12-13, 2015

CGSC Jr Commodore's Cup
September 26, 2015

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
& BBYRA #2
October 3-4, 2015

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta
& BBYRA #2
October 17, 2015

CGSC Halloween Howler Youth Regatta
October 24-25, 2015

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
ON RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

CGSC ADDS OCEAN REGATTAS
FOR 2015-16 SEASON

Coconut Grove Sailing Club has added three ocean events to the 2015-16 regatta schedule.

December 5-6, the Laser District 13 Championship is planned to be sailed off the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park with racing in the ocean east of Bear Cut.

In addition, two keelboat events racing three days each have also been scheduled: February 19-21 and March 11-13. As in the past, these events are shore-based at Miami Beach Marina with racing in the ocean as with the Lasers. Invited classes are sportboats: C&C 30 One Designs, J-88's, J-80's and Melges 24's. For these classes, our events will be combined with January's Key West Race Week for a three-event Florida Winter Series.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with these events, including providing a spectator or RC boat, please contact regattachair@cgsc.org.

ADULT SAILING REPORT

It has been a long and definitely hot summer for your Adult Sailing program, but the activity rate, especially with the keelboats and Sunfish has been as high as ever. The loss of Phil Adams for a few weeks during the summer took its toll on some of the Sunfish activities, but Marc Pendaries, with help, stepped up to instruct our August Sunfish Learn-to-Sail course, which was at capacity for the number of hulls that we had available. The busy and successful summer camp program always takes a toll on our lively, but slightly fragile, Sunfish. We should be back up and running with an adequate number of boats and sail rigs by mid-September. Special thanks to member Marty Mann for donating two brand new red/white/blue Sunfish sails to our program.

The success of our BASIC KEELBOAT instructional program, with two (2) full classes every month, along with coaching and testing sessions, attests to the quality of the program and satisfaction it brings to our students, both members and non-members. The beginning summer months saw a higher than normal level of certifications being earned. Congratulations to all those newly BASIC KEELBOAT Certified sailors, most of whom are now approved member-users of the Ensigns. It is a mark of excellence in a program that continues to grow, year after year. For the year 2015, every BASIC KEELBOAT Class has been at capacity. We offer this course twenty-two (22) times a year, and at the current pace, we should set more records on attendance and certifications earned. Thanks to all the keelboat member-users, especially for the Ensigns, for your patience during the mooring field construction. This work-horse fleet of boats, more popular than ever with our member-users, were rafted on moorings or at the One Design dock, and not suitable for member use. By the time of this publication, these boats should be back in full member-use service as well as the instructional service which continued throughout the construction, despite the inconveniences.

Throughout the summer, the success of Wednesday night racing, especially for our Flying Scot fleet has been noticed by and enjoyed by

a lot of sailors, both veterans and newbies. Congratulations to Bud Price and those involved with this very much enjoyed and appreciated activity, which has been open to all who cared to join in.

Our Basic Cruising and Basic Bareboat classes have been on "hold" while we work out an instructor arrangement. US Sailing Cruising and Bareboat instructors, must also be US Coast Guard licensed captains. We would certainly like to train and certify someone from our club, who is a licensed captain and already has cruising boat experience, to participate in this fun and rewarding program. In the meantime, it is our plan to bring in outside instructors to fill our current need while developing our own instructors from within. If you have interest in instructing at any level, through US Sailing and for C.G.S.C., please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Finally, we are very pleased that certified instructor, David Escudero, has begun working with our Adult program. David has also been a Summer Camp instructor, this year and in the past, for the advanced students. David is off to a great start with high marks from our program appraisals that the students turn in at the

end of each course. Thanks, David.

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

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Great CGSC Single-Double Regatta Weekend

The reality turned out to be much better than the forecast for CGSC's Annual Singlehanded-Doublehanded Regatta, August 8-9. Both Saturday and Sunday, the SSE wind built to 10-11 knots under hot, sunny skies.

Singlehanded Races. Saturday was the Singlehanded event. Five boats sailed in the PHRF Classes along with seven One-Designs of which six were Flying Scots. The breeze had begun to build early, so the racing got off on schedule. The PHRF boats were sent on a "Bay Tour" course – a two mile beat to Park Boundary Marker Bravo, then a reach to Matheson Hammock and back, followed by a run to the finish. The One-Designs sailed two windward-leeward twice around courses. In these races, a safety person can also be aboard, but has to remain on centerline and cannot assist. Spinnakers and autopilots cannot be used, but tiller or wheel ties are OK.

Winning the PHRF event was Jim Bill's and Eamonn DeLisser's *Senara*, followed by John Emblar's *Reprivee* and David Torkington's *Rumble Bee*. In the One-Designs, the Flying Scot results were Lorrie Messer in first place, followed by Larry Whipple and Jose Torres. Thanks also to

Steve Schwartz and Freddie Sambolin for sailing their Laser and Snipe, respectively.

Race Committee Party. Saturday evening was the Annual Race Committee Party. Awards for the past season are made at this event, with RC Chair Susan Walcutt acting as MC. The Race Committee "Rookie of the Year" trophy was won by Philippe Dusser. Past Commodore David Kurtz was awarded a Service Award for his long participation on the CGSC RC, including volunteering his Robalo power boat as a support boat for many regattas. The Al Chapin Award for the most valuable Member of the RC this year was won by Shore-side Regatta Chair Sandrine Quenee. Following these presentations, Race Committee shirts for the year were awarded to all qualifying RC Members based on their service. Thanks to Andi Hoffman for getting this organized.

Doublehanded Races. Sunday's breeze was a tad late showing up. The resulted in a 45-minute postponement while the RC waited for the breeze to fill in. Spinnakers can be used in these races for the appropriate classes. First off was the PHRF Spinnaker Class followed by the Non-Spinnakers. Three boats in the first start and nine in the second. Then,



David Torkington in Bumble Bee



Above, Loved Lion with Joaquin Vinas



Right, another beautiful day on the bay.



Sunquest with Wilfredo Parades

Below, John Emblar in Reprivee

Loved Lion rounding the mark



eight Flying Scots were joined by Freddie Sambolin's Snipe in the One-Design start. The PHRF Classes sailed a 1.25 nm windward-leeward, followed by a close reach to Matheson Hammock, a beam reach to Marker Bravo and a run to the finish. The One-Designs sailed windward-leeward twice around courses, except that Race 2 was just one time around.

Winning the PHRF Spinnaker Class was *Senara* again, followed by Jon Ewing's *Three Way*. In the Non-Spins, it was John Embler's well-sailed little *Reprieve* followed by Wilfredo Paredo's *Sunquest* and David Byck's *Kaze*.

Race Committee. Marc (PC) and Cathy Buller's *Otra Cuba Libre* served as Signal Boat on Saturday, with Rick Klein as Principal Race Officer. On Sunday, Michelle Niemeyer's *William T* was Signal Boat with Dottie Rostorfer as PRO.

Mark and Pin Boat for both days included RC Chair Susan Walcutt, Gary Ellis, Denise Schneider, Esther DiLeo, Dorian Sambolin, Jaime Ramon and Ron Rostorfer (PC). Signal Boat crews were Marlene Erven, Veronic Aghayan, Charity Johnson, Liz Balbin, Peter Gumble and Dan Littell.

Ron Rostorfer



Race Committee enjoyed their day after the race was complete.

Participants gathered for the awards ceremony.



The Race Committee honored David Kurtz for his years of service.



Susan Walcutt presents the Al Chapin Award to Shore-side Regatta Chair Sandrine Quenee.

Single Handed Results

PHRF Non-Spinnaker

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper
1	39509	Senara	Bill/Delisser, Jim/Eamonn
2	520	Reprieve	Embler, John
3	26	Rumble Bee	Torkington, David
4	24	Sunquest	Parades, Wilfredo
5	1044	Loved Lion	Vinas, Joaquin

SNIPE

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper
1	30321	Black Jack	Sambolin, Freddie

FLYING SCOT

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper
1	4595	Been There	Messer, Lorie
2	5399	Margaritaville	Whipple, Larry
3	5788	Reset	Torres, Jose
4	75	Beija Flor	Alexander, Ryan
5	5321	Lady Hope	Bernstein, Henry
6	5246	Cupable	Hoffman, Andi

Principal Race Officer: Rick Klein

Double Handed Results

Sail	Boat	Skipper	Pos
5544	Goombay		1
5566	5566	Signor, Jim	2
5399	Margaritaville	Whipple, Larry	3
5321	Lady Hope	Bernstein, Henry	4
4595	Been There	Messer, Lorie	5
5788	Reset T	orres, Jose	6
5246	Culpable	Hoffman, Andi	7
75	Beija Flor	Alexander, Ryan	8
3432	CGSC	Reinhold, Joerg	9

Sail	Boat	Skipper	Pos
520	Reprieve	Embler, John	1
1	Wind Chimes	Miller, Gary	2
80	Lionesse	McGrath & Cepero	3
715	Misty	Lovelady, Mike	4T
1871	Kaze	Byck, David	4T
7	Nirvana II	Adams, John	6
40	Osita	Lyons, Becky	7
24	Sunquest	Paredo, Wilfredo	8
60670		Valdes/Santiago, Oscar/Carlos	9

Sail	Boat	Skipper	Pos
26	Rumble Bee	Torkington, David	1
73093	Three Way	Ramond & Ewing	2
39509	Senara	Bill/Delisser, Jim/Eamonn	3
185	Dark Star	Rahm, Rick	4T
505	Contessa	Greeven, John	4T

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Sail	Boat	Skipper	Pos
30321	Black Jack	Sambolin, Freddie	1



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Commodore's Cup July 18, 2015

The Commodore's Cup, which is for club members only, was held on a beautiful summer day on the Bay, Saturday, July 18th. The event which gives each fleet's winner bragging rights for the next year had 13 boats out battling for first place in their divisions. Congratulations to our first place winners:

Jim Signor	Flying Scot
Marc Buller	Sunfish
John Emblar	PHRF Non-Spinnaker
Oliver Waite & Joaquín Vinas	PHRF Spinnaker

In addition to their photos on display in the Trophy Case, first through third place winners received commemorative Knot mugs with instructions for eight classic sailor knots (including string for practice!).

Susan Walcutt
 Race Committee Chair



First Place went to Jim Emblar and crew of Reprive shown here with Jeff Flanagan and Susan Walcutt



Jeff Flanagan and Golden Greek crew finished in Second Place.



Knot mugs



Commodore Cup Trophy