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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
serving the community since 1945



JULY 2016

Youth Sailors

What a hot summer it has been! But despite rain storms and heat waves our sailors have been having a great time. Our program continues to grow and improve and we are very excited about the prospect of new sailors joining our fall season from summer camp. In other news, by the time you read this your youth racing team will be in full summer swing, attending the 2016 US Opti Nationals in Houston, TX and the 2016 US Laser National Championship. I will personally be coaching Charlotte Leigh at the Gill British Nationals in Scotland, something that I am very proud to take part in. I am very proud to bring these successes to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club and its members who have supported their young

sailors and myself on the path to bring CGSC back into spotlight. I'd like to thank all of the members, youth sailing parents, and friends of the CGSC for donating to the successful 20/20 Campaign back in May and also to all of those who donated their time and effort to raise money for our Youth Programs. With your generous contributions we have been able to add scholarships to summer camp and upgrade our equipment which was sorely needed. To close I'd like to ask everyone to cheer for Charlie over in Scotland and I know both of us will be proud to represent CGSC among the top level sailors in Europe and North America.
-Koky

COMMODORE'S REPORT

As CGSC enters it's 70th year of serving the community with it's summer camp program, learn to sail, fun races and member use programs, I'm excited to be your Commodore. To build on our existing programs, I have three main goals that I hope we as a club can accomplish this year; educate, communicate, and participate. To get going on these goals I plan to create a mentorship program as outlined below.

Educate:
To supplement our instructors and coaches who do a great job, I would like to recruit mentor volunteers. We have a huge amount of untapped human capital that we can use to mentor our novice sailors and thereby transform them into confident sailors ready to get out on the bay.

Communicate:
Mentors can help our new sailors by providing workshops and seminars, sharing experiences and club history.

Participate:
For those of you who no longer own or sail your boat the mentor program will offer the opportunity

to get back out on the water! If you are new to sailing and need guidance or confidence building, we will get you connected to a mentor who can help. The club has boats, let's get them out on the water!

I've already contacted a number of members who would be great mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or volunteer please email me or talk to me at the club. If you are new to sailing or boat ownership and would like to learn more do the same.

I hope that you can join me and the other flag officers as we start off another great year of service to CGSC at the Annual Installation Dinner/Dance, Saturday, July 9th.

Then, let's get to work...together.



Janice Pruett, Commodore
SV Effortless
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
"Where sailors and friends belong"

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Worldwide access to waterfront is limited. Here in Miami we occupy a spot that is somewhat unique. We are located in one of the nicest areas of the City, yet there is little if any economic restriction to enjoying this piece of waterfront. I recently traveled out of the country and witnessed the exclusion of the majority of a population's waterfront access based solely on economics. You do not have to look far from our location to notice limited access to the water and the inherent benefits of Sailing. Each time we come to the CGSC to participate in any sailing activity or just to have a drink and enjoy the view, we are fortunate in having this access.



Ryan Alexander, Vice Commodore
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Flying Scot Racing

The 9th race of the season was 5/14/16, run by the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. It was a one day race with 8 boats registered. The winds were 8 to 13knots. Here are the final standings.

Flying Scot Results

#	Boat Name	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	5566 USA 5566	Jim Signor	2	1	1	4
2	5544 Funky Diva	Jim Bigham	1	2	2	5
3	5321 Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein	3	3	3	9
4	4595 Been There	Lorie Messer	4	4	5	13
5	5220 Air America	Charles (Bud) Price	5	6	4	15
6	75 BeiJa Flor	Ryan Alexander	6	5	6	17
7	6109 I Gone	Obie Smith	9	dnc	7	23
8	3423 CGSC	Joerge Reinhold/Richard Etkin	7	8	8	23

Whip



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello 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 12 years, having originally been recruited by Bill Beavers as foredeck crew on his boat Finesse. I've been on the club board for quite a while, and was Rear Commodore for 2014/2015. Over the years I have been involved in many club activities (race committee, bylaws, budget, rendezvous, Hurricane Howler, Flip-Flop-Fete, etc.) ... I enjoy 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.

So, as one might say, I'm back in Rear again ... what are my ideas and plans? Let's hit the main point first ... as I said at the AGM, this is not "Coconut Grove Bar, Grill, and Convenient Parking" ... it's the Coconut Grove SAILING Club. As such I will expend a lot of effort making sure that all members enjoy themselves out on the bay, in some way. It doesn't matter if you're boat owner, crew with a friend, do Wednesdays on a Flying Scot, help with race committee, do classes in our instructional programs, or puddle about on a Sunfish (great fun!), as long as you get the full benefit of the bay and our sailing community. If you don't, I'll hunt you down and drag you happily out for some sailing fun. You have been warned!

Other things I'd like to do include supporting our instructional programs as they go from strength-to-strength, integrate the University of Miami Sailing team

more closely with club activities, arrange a Rear Commodore's Cruise again in March (taking youth sailors out on big boats), and help the race committee continue to run successful regattas. Of course the Halloween Howler will be in October, and I'm pleased that Sandrine Quenee has already volunteered to lead that. Similarly we'll have another Flip-Flop-Fete next year, and the CGSCIC fundraising team led by Joel Krieger will organize that. I'll give more details about those events in future articles.

Also now it's summer, it's time to prepare for the possibility of a tropical storm or a hurricane. If a tropical storm warning or hurricane watch 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 warning is issued, boat owners are required to have moved their boat from the club - see your morning agreement for more details of your responsibilities. 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!

See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
 Moonglow
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2016 Goombay PHRF Pursuit Race
 Coconut Grove Sailing Club | May 21 & 22, 2016
 PHRF

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper
1	39509	Senara	51	James Bill
2	12	Tiburon	120	Eduardo Luaces
3	24	Sunquest	125	wilfredo paredes
4	USA532	Hot Streak	183	Jack King
5	60670	Relentless	94	Oscar Valdes
6	3316	Pipe Dream XIV	78	Joaquin Vinas
7	USA 96	Rim Shot	93	Russell Dunn
8	60467	Traveller	129	Gavin Heale

Cruiser/Racing

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper
1	44	Sacrosanct	143	Al Otero
2	22838	Sudaka1954	138	Carlos Mandiola

C/R Non-Spinnaker

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper
1	81	Nordic Spirit	162	David Snyder
2	40	Osita	145	Becky Lyons
3	1	Frenela	195	James Liebl
4	581	Brezza	282	Richard Etkin
5	none	Shenanigans	167	Jeffrey Flanagan

2016 Goombay One Design Regatta
 Flying Scot (6 boats) (top)

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper
1	075	Beija Flor	Danielle Barcion
2	3423	Joerg Reinhold	Joerg Reinhold
3	5246	Culpable	Andrea Hoffman
4	6109	i gone	Obie Smith
5	4595	Being There	Lorie Messer
6	5123	Pearl	Greg McPhee

Sunfish (7 boats) (top)

Pos	Sail	Boat	Skipper
1	75451	New Life	Larry Suter
2	RWB		James Liebl
3	80322		Felipe Solari
4	1		Alex Selllar
5	11		Robert Ryder
6	3	Sunfish Marc	Marc Juan Lopez
6	TBD		Jeffrey Timmons

A "LIGHTHOUSE" REUNION

In lieu of my regular monthly report of our Adult Training activities, I wanted to share a rare experience I had, reuniting with sailing friends and realizing a long time desire to seriously visit a lighthouse. A few years ago, I read an article in the AAA magazine about many US lighthouses that had been retired to tourist designations as B & Bs or museums. It stirred my long-time interest in lighthouses, both their function and their history. I recently had a chance to live that "dream", and at the same time, reunite with dear friends, Bryan and Stephanie Wesolek, former CGSC active members who made many friends during their time with us in 2012-13-14. Bryan became an active member and US Sailing instructor for Cruising and Bareboating, as well as taking on many repair projects for our fleet and, with Stephanie, always in the middle of the action for Work Weekend. Bryan and Stephanie met in Phoenix, but consider San Diego their true home.



They lived and sailed in England before coming to Coconut Grove, and while here began their dream of extensive world sailing with the purchase of their beautiful, strong Cheoy Lee 41. Many of you will remember the main dock, jammed with club members, to watch Bryan and Stephanie go through the "proper" changing of their boat's name to ARGUS, and party afterwards. ARGUS is now in San Francisco Bay undergoing final preparation for world cruising.

When Bryan and Stephanie left the Grove and their many friends here, they took on a most unusual assignment to be the Keepers of a working USCG light station, that was also a Bed and Breakfast. Their two year contract included maintaining the lighthouse, as well as being hosts for the B and B, and the launch service to bring guests to the lighthouse. (Both Bryan and Stephanie have their 50 Ton USCG Captain's License.) It is a full time job, and they do it ALL, starting on Thursday with guests arriving by the unique launch which they drive, in often challenging waters, approximately one mile from the marina where they pick up guests. Most guests are couples and most stay for one night. When we were there, couples were celebrating

birthdays, anniversaries, second honeymoons and more.

East Brother Light Station was originally built in 1873, marking the shallows in the straits between San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay, near the Golden Gate Bridge. Though the light station continued working, the facility fell into disrepair, then in 1979, when it appeared the USCG was going to demolish the building and replace it with an electric light, the local residents of Richmond, Ca, formed a preservation committee and raised enough money to restore the beautiful structure to a B & B, which would pay to maintain it as well as provide the still needed light station. It has been a great success. It is as



beautiful inside as outside, with period furniture and lots of historic literature. Much of the original machinery is still working, and Bryan demonstrates the equipment, including the deafening fog-horn, to



the guests each day. Stephanie runs a tight kitchen and with her culinary skills prepares meals beyond wonderful. Guests have a multi-course, delicious group dinner and a delightful group breakfast the next morning. Most guests return to the marina around noon, then Bryan picks up the new guests starting around 2PM. The military grade, aluminum 28' launch with twin 90 HP engines is a real

The huge gulls, biggest I've ever seen, had their own special places and personalities on the island. We also saw Oyster Catchers in their rock nests, hummingbirds and other unusual species. It was incredibly beautiful and natural. No TV. No WiFi.

No radios or alarm clocks, and barely had phone service.

We joined Bryan and Stephanie on Sunday so we could see the operation in full with both of them at their best. The guests love them. They are the perfect hosts. After the final guests left on Monday morning, we got to spend the next two days with them, exploring the Bay area on water and by land, including Angel Island and China Camp, and just hanging out together, which is something they rarely get to do. Changing linens, laundry, cleaning, re-provisioning, all takes place on a full and orderly schedule, leaving them one day free each week, which they often use to work on ARGUS in the final stages before departure. Their contract is up in October, but they will continue at the lighthouse until February, when they will depart.



workhorse to deal with the strong winds and currents while Bryan skillfully lays the boat alongside the lighthouse dock, in swirling strong currents and 20 plus winds. It was a feat in itself with the tide heights, and especially with the currents, unlike

Their adventures include a visit to our Coconut Grove moorings in late 2017. Pat and I agreed it was the most unusual and enjoyable adventure trip we had ever taken, thanks to Bryan and Stephanie who sent their best wishes to all their friends at CGSC.

To learn more about East Brother Light Station, check out www.ebls.org. Also check out the nice bio on the hosts. Thanks for letting me share.

anything we would ever see in Florida. I learned that more than 20% of the water in the Bay area is replaced each day with the tides. No wonder the strong currents. The lighthouse sits on a solid rock island, about one acre, with another rock island alongside, often covered with sea birds and seals. We watched sea bird eggs hatch on the island.

“Blessed are We, Who live by the Sea“,

Richard Crisler





BAR

Monday Closed
Tuesday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Thursday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

KITCHEN

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Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Thursday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
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July 16, 2016**

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July 23, 2016**

**Single & Double Handed Regattas
August 6-7, 20146**

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- Learn about upcoming events
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DINNER
LIVE MUSIC**
