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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
serving the community since 1945



OCTOBER 2016

2016 (58th Annual) Florida State Snipe Junior Championship Coconut Grove Sailing Club, September 3, 2016

Eddie Mintzias won the Florida State Snipe Junior Championship after 5 races sailed on Saturday September 3 in the waters of Biscayne Bay. Winds from the South East 10 to 14 mph. Second Place was taken by Paul Lobree, skipper and Alex Sidi crew. Third place Jonathan Gleason with father Art crewing for him and sailing my old boat Jupiter II (28814). Fourth place taken by Isabel Guaragna with her father Roberto crewing for her.

Thanks to Ken and Kay Voss for running the races with their motorboat. To Baird and Helene Lobree for helping setting the marks, start and finish lines also using their own boat and to Susan Walcutt and the CGSC for their help in organizing this Event.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.
Fleet Captain.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

October is one of the busiest months at the club. We start off with our Oktoberfest celebration and UM football watch party. Nothing to do with sailing, but what sailor doesn't want to enjoy a brew with a water view! October days are still long, the evenings are cooler, but water still warm with fair breezes. Perfect for an afternoon sail on one of our club member-use boats. If you have a boat on the mooring, make a point to take your boat out this month and better still, invite a member to join you who doesn't own a boat. Keep an eye on the weather and if a severe storm threatens, be prepared to secure your boat or lend a hand to help your fellow members. Come sample Chef Andy's new menu and try a super cool draft from Jeff's newly installed beer lines.

PC Doug Hanks and Alex Wolf's speaker/film series continues on Wednesday, October 5 with world travelers Phil and Nell Kellet who will be sharing stories of their Perils of the Pacific. Watch for an email blast and flyer for the date of the screening of "Tabarly" a thrilling documentary, featuring French sailor, Eric Tabarly. This film is tentatively scheduled for October 18 th.

The Columbus Day Regatta, a Biscayne Bay tradition, has a new trophy to race for in the Gunkhole class this year. The "One Way Down the Bay" William L. Beavers Memorial Trophy will be presented to the winner. The Rendezvous Committee is also sponsoring a raftup/rendezvous at the end of the race course for cruisers who would like to watch this beautiful regatta, and racers may join after the race. Special prizes will be offered to the participants.

Denise Schneider and the Biscayne Bay Foundation's Clarington Island Clean Up continues, which is a great way to meet members, earn community service hours and explore the island.

Our 6th Annual Halloween Howler Regatta and Haunted Mooring Field is scheduled for October 28-30. We are expecting 125 participants, ages 6-17 to participate this year. Many volunteers are needed for this event including mooring holders. Saturday evening, the regatta "goblins"

will be water taxied through the mooring field for tricks or treats. Decorate your boat and participate in this fun CGSC club tradition. A huge thank you to Star Clippers, Coconut Grove Bank and The Sonesta for their generous sponsorship of this regatta. If you know of a business that would like to sponsor this event contact Sue Leigh at info@cgscic.org for more information.



In an effort to cut production and mailing costs, we will be printing only a limited amount of Channels this year, December, March and May. The Channel can be viewed on our website for all months. We will also print Channels for those who may not have internet access. Please contact Manager Lauren Simpson if you want to receive a printed copy.

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

COME TO THE

General Meeting

CGSC

THE 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

- *Welcome new members
- *Address the Bridge Officers
- *Learn about upcoming events
- *Enjoy featured presentations

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

While our club has a declared focus on sailing it is really about the people that utilize our facilities. Sailing can bring a boatload of people together but the club concept represents a community that is worldwide. I have met a number of people through sailing that I would probably not have encountered if not for our club. Many of these people are quite interesting and come from diverse backgrounds. Often my first contact has been through a racing or race committee setting, but the event that has shown to be most fruitful in getting to know people is our work weekend. This year our work weekend is 12 and 13 of November. The majority of our projects are those that do not fall under general maintenance. This year we expect to tackle a number of them, they include but are not limited to, painting, light carpentry, furniture assembly and concentrated

cleaning. While you can get to know a person pretty well while racing on a sailboat, try assembling an Adirondak chair, or holding a ladder, or cleaning and organizing a storage room, to find out what makes a person tick. In addition to our land based projects we will also be tackling some boat maintenance. From our Optis, Sunfish, Lasers, Flying Scots, to our Ensigns and Beneteaus, we will be working on all of our assets. There is something for every one to do. Participation is the key, you get out what you put into any endeavor.



Ryan Alexander, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!
Remember the hurricane chant ... "June too soon, July standby, August a must, September for ever, October not over, November remember". We are now in the final month of hurricane season, but it remains important to be alert, watch the weather, and keep your boat prepared for evacuation.

A great way to keep your boat ready for action, is to keep it in action - keep up the Florida chant ... "Sail early, sail often!".

The big event for October is the Halloween Howler Regatta, which will be on the weekend of 28-29th October. This is a high profile event on the Florida youth sailing scene, featuring Opti and Laser sailing. Sue Thompson and her team are preparing for around 100 youth sailors coming to CGSC for the racing, and for the famous "Haunted Mooring Field" on the Saturday evening. Owners of boats on the mooring field will be spookifying their boats, ready for trick-or-treat visits by the youth sailors who come out on the club launches after dark. If you have a boat on the mooring field, this is an opportunity to have some fun, decorate your boat, and give out huge quantities of candy. There are prizes for the decorated boat, best costume, most sugar-hyped sailor, etc.

Also for the youth program, we will have another Rear Commodore's Cruise on 19th November, when youth sailors are taken out on the "big boats",

to experience something a little heavier than an Opti. You should see two 10 year olds grinding a winch on a 42' foot boat! The more boats we have the more youth sailors can come out, so if you would like to join in please let me or Jim Green know - each boat gets (depending on its size) two to four youth sailors accompanied by one or two parents. There's a free T-shirt for every boat owner and one crew member who is part of the cruise.

By the time you read this I will have (hopefully) survived another Columbus Day Regatta. As I noted in my September Channel article, the Gunkhole class has a "one way down the bay" race again, on the Saturday. With the help of friends in the CDR committee and support from the club board, CGSC has provided a new perpetual trophy for the one-way race, in the name of Past Commodore Bill Beavers. Thanks to Susan Walcutt for donating the trophy, and to Renny Young and Mike Lovelady for preparing the trophy for us.

Billy will never be forgotten.

See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
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"The Art of Fiberglass"

"A fun and informative time was had by all at "The Art of Fiberglass" workshop at CGSC on September 10th and 11th. The seminar was hosted by Phil Kellett, who imparted some of the wisdom he has amassed over 40+ years of sailing (and repairing all kinds of boats) all over the world. The workshop began with a primer on the different types of materials used and the safe handling thereof, and progressed to the proper techniques for prepping and application as one of CGSC's veteran Sunfish was given some much-needed attention to a split bow. On day 2, the focus was on sanding and finishing, and our Sunfish is well on its way to being back in action on the bay. Many thanks to Phil and all of the attendees who made this event a success."

James Grupenhoff, Secretary
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ADULT SAILING

By the time you see this report it will finally be Fall. Good bye to summer and those more than frequent "no-wind" days towards the end of summer that resulted in lots of cancellations of coaching and testing sessions, especially in the mornings. We did manage to have an extremely large class of twelve (requires four keelboats and four instructors) in early September and were blessed with two days of enough wind to complete the class. The group classes for SUNFISH occur twelve (12) times per year on the first weekend of the month, and the BASIC KEELBOAT classes are conducted twice each month, on the second, and again on the third, weekend of each month (22 times per year), except for February and November. Private classes, coaching and testing are held year round in both the Sunfish and Basic Keelboat categories. Thanks to Capt. Bruce Penrod for conducting a "last minute" BASIC CRUISING Class over the Labor Day weekend. Our demand for that class exceeded our scheduled offerings, so Capt. Bruce stepped up to serve the mission of CGSC and added this last minute class which was Full. Congratulations to members, Sarah Jernigan, Janel Kuhl, Armin Dilles, Greg McPhee, Max Boschetti and Eric Chavoustie for completing the class and receiving their BASIC CRUISING Certifications, allowing them to take advantage of our member-use privileges for the Beneteau cruisers. Thanks also



to certified instructor Marc Pendaries for continuing to provide the Beneteau orientations to our newly certified members. Our next BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING Classes are the third and fourth weekends of October, plus Capt. Bruce is scheduling additional classes to serve the current demand of our Basic Keelboat Certified members. Contact Capt. Bruce at 814-341-0094 or bapenrod29@msn.com.

Work Weekend will be here in November before you know it. Besides the care and maintenance of our club house and other facilities, we also provide considerable work towards the maintenance and care of our teaching fleets, the Sunfish, Ensigns and Beneteaus. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with these tasks over that weekend. This is also an excellent time for new members to pitch in, help serve the mission of our club and meet other members.

Watch for more announcements regarding Work Weekend.

We have a continuing need for certified instructors within our Adult training program. If interested, please contact me.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay

Richard Crisler, Adult Training Chairman
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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

Monday Closed
 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
 Sunday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT! HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday - Friday 4 - 6 PM
 Buy 1 get 1 on select beers, wines and spirits



2015-2016 Flag Officers

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Commodore	Janice Pruett
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
October 1-2, 2016

CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta
October 15, 2016

CGSC Support Boat Training
October 16, 2016

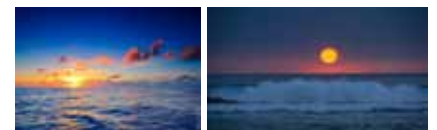
CGSC Annual Halloween Howler
October 29-30, 2016

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

Perils of a Pacific Crossing: Sinkings, Shootings, and other Hazards We Saw (and Dodged) on the Ocean

A Talk by Dr. Phil Kellett

WED., OCT 5, 1930 HRS



Longtime CGSC member and veteran world sailor Dr. Phil Kellett will share his tales of crossing the Pacific, and the mechanical — and medical — problems he and wife, Nell, saw during a 20-month voyage. Sinkings, dismastings, gunfire and more. Come early for a seat!

CGSC Main Room

YOUTH SAILING

What a wonderful surprise it has been to see so many sailors this fall season! We opened up with a packed open house, and 90 sailors attending classes this season at CGSC! This couldn't be possible without the generous support from our officers, parents, and coaches. We all ensured that CGSC is The Place to sail and it shows. By the time you read this, we will have attended the USODA Southeastern Championship in Jacksonville, and had our 2016 Jr. Commodore's Cup. Congratulations to all of five sailors who qualified for team trials, and to the sailors who braved their first regatta on September 24 and battled it out for bragging rights at their club. Tune in next month when we give you the full low-down on our first ever Youth Sailing Baseball Game!



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Thanks to Race Committee Members who helped at a special work weekend.