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HALLOWEEN HOWLER A HOWLING SUCCESS

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HMF organizer and Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe estimated around 130 kids toured the 11 fabulously decorated boats in three water taxis driven by our dock staff.

Thanks to CGSC members Jen Cheney (Anam

Caram), Jacquie and Patrick Szutar (Bad Kitty), Jim Green and Emy Martinez (Bali Hai), Maryann and Richard Etkin (Brezza), Chris Carlton (Coraggio II), Dan Maher and Chiara Manton (Drift), Alyn and Janice Pruet (Effortless), Jay Lappol (Franela), Geoff Sutcliffe and Diane Ferrari (Moon Glow), Marc and Cathy Buller (Otra Cuba Libre), and Paul van Puffelen (Sweet Lime) for spreading Halloween cheer and an endless supply of candy! The best dressed boat went to Anam Caram with Effortless a close runner-up. On Sunday, all of our courageous



sailors faced the elements again for another day of exciting racing with, at last, two tough races for the Opti Green.

The event closed with a raffle full of great prizes and the awards presented by Commodore Janice Pruet - many of them going to our CGSC young

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we end the calendar year of 2016, the middle of the 70th fiscal year and look ahead to a newly elected national administration, Coconut Grove Sailing Club remains a "happy place" where members agree on one mission: Encourage the sport of sailing, Promote the science of seamanship and navigation, Sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes, and Foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship.

Our youth and adult sailing programs in the Instructional Center continue to grow and thrive. Our coaches and instructors provide excellent support to our adult and youth members and the Adopt A Boat programs provide a valuable and affordable opportunity to encourage and utilize all the benefits of boat ownership and use of our beloved Biscayne Bay.

Our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers and sponsors made the Halloween Howler Regatta and Haunted Mooring Field another memorable event for over 200 youth participants. Parents, race committee, CGSC staff, coaches and mooring holders did a great job under adverse weather conditions. The Howler again lived up to it's name.

Participants of this year's Work Weekend made a huge difference. The Ensign, Sunfish and Cruising fleets got a two day makeover which included new lines, paint, varnish, hardware, repairs and cleaning. The volunteer crews worked well after the keg was tapped and learned some important lessons from Captain Ron. New Adirondack chairs were assembled and painted, the upstairs balcony got a fresh coat of paint and our Strip is more secure with the installation of a new gate and the linesman marked the parking lot., Special thanks to Renny Young and his "Billy Beavers Buggie Brigade" for his dock cart maintenance and anchor

makeovers. I had the pleasure of working on the Club Cruising boats with many of the Adopt a Boat members and we took work weekend to new heights! Both Together and Franela are much safer, cleaner and comfortable for members. Let's keep them in good shape and working order.

Thanks to our Community Service committee along with the City of Miami Regatta Park staff who installed new picnic tables on Shake a Leg and Clarington Island in addition to our monthly clean up.

Our first Annual Give Miami Day gave our members and friends an opportunity to donate tax deductible dollars to CGSC's Instructional Center and our Community Service Committee and club boats provided the City of Miami help in enhancing Shake a Leg and Clarington Islands.

Dragan Savin has found his way back to the club as our new Food and Beverage Manager. He'll be happy to visit with you and share ideas for new events and improvements at the bar and restaurant.

Contact Lauren, Dragan or Jesse to make sure you are on the club email list to receive weekly notices about upcoming events including holiday parties, parades, movies, speakers, rendezvous, regattas, entertainment and meetings.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Bring your family and out of town guests to the club for a great meal, a great view or a great sail on Biscayne Bay.

See you at the club.

Janice Pruett, Commodore
SV Effortless

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

"Where sailors and friends belong"





when: New Year's Eve (Saturday Dec. 31st)

where: Coconut Grove Sailing Club time: 8 pm till ?

Dancing to Almost Blu

tickets: \$45 per person dinner \$15 cover per person~ party only

Includes a glass of champagne at Midnight

(sign up at office or email info@CGSC.org)

wear: Party attire with your FAVORITE HAT!!!

THANK YOU WORK WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS!

Work Weekend honors the spirit of volunteerism we were founded on. Since our inception, members continue to come together in the glorious cause of our club, making CGSC the club Where Sailors Belong for over 50 years, and for that we THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!!



Elaine's view from the top of a mast of the worker bees this weekend.

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Opti Green (59 boats): 3rd James Asturias, 4th Somak Shivilani, 7th Sophie de Leon, and 10th Isabela Kellett. Opti RWB (61 boats): 1st in White fleet / 22nd overall Bailey Knight. Laser 4.7 (12 boats): 1st Chris Purcell and 3rd Antonio Miranda (3rd). Laser Radial (10 boats): 2nd David Perez and 3rd Daniel O’Farrill.

A special Sportsmanship Award was presented to promising 9-year-old, Salvatore Casciola, after his fellow sailors voted that he exemplified the Corinthian Spirit.

Howler co-chair Priska Urban said the regatta showcased how a small but mighty army of 60 plus members, including many youth sailing parents, gave over 1,375 volunteer hours and reflected the community spirit of the club.

She thanked everyone for giving their time so freely to help make the event a success.

Priska, who is also the youth sailing co-chair, said: “We could not have organized the event without

the help of so many fabulous volunteers, and the co-operation of all the members who graciously allowed us to disrupt the club for the weekend.”

She also expressed her immense gratitude to Susan Walcutt (Regatta Chair), Sandrine Quenee, Lauren Simpson (CGSC Manager), Bill Scheuermann (Opti Green PRO), Christian Johannsen (Opti RWB PRO), and James Liebl (Lasers PRO), Koky Gutierrez (Youth Director), Alberto Olivo (Youth Manager), Duane Smallwood (dock master), Jesse Chimerakis and Adriana Gonzalez (CGSC office), and Joel Krieger (Fundraising Chair) who worked tirelessly to ensure the Howler was a safe and competitive event,

Commodore Pruett said: The Halloween Howler and Haunted Mooring Field has become one of the great traditions of CGSC. It continues to live up to it’s name and truly supports the mission of our wonderful sailing club. Thanks to all who made this great event a success.



Photos submitted by Priska Urban

Fun Howler Facts:

CGSC youth sailing team member Karl Waldman, 13, is the only sailor to have competed in all six Halloween Howlers. Karl was just seven-years-old when he took part in the 2011 regatta with his sister Lauren.

The regatta was christened by Karl's dad Joe, who came up with the name 'Halloween Howler' because of the October winds!

Registration at the 2016 event was a 101 percent increase from 2014!

Our 2016 brave youngest sailors just turned 6 in the Opti Green fleet, 9 for the Opti RWB fleet, and 12 for the Laser fleet.

327 young sailors have participated in the Howler since it began in 2011.

Sponsorship

The Howler is a major fundraiser for the CGSC Youth Sailing Program, and this year we have been able to reach half of our goal towards the purchase of a coach boat (boat, engine and trailer) to ensure both the development and the safety of all our young sailors. The event raised an incredible \$8,600 and this year, for the first time, the regatta was given sponsorship from the Coconut Grove Bank (\$2,500) and CocoWalk (\$1,000) as well as backing from Star Clippers. A big thank you to Fundraising Chair Joel Krieger and to our sponsors for supporting the event.

For all the results see http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=11445

Check out all the Howler photos on our Halloween Howler Facebook.

submitted by Sue Thompson



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Hello Sailors and Future Sailors. As I prepare this report, I am preparing for our Annual WORK WEEKEND. We always have a good turn-out to help us spruce up our adult training fleet of Sunfish, Ensigns and the Beneteau cruising fleet. We will also be preparing our newest keelboat training addition, JOLLY ROGER, for additional use in the Member-Use program fleet. You have probably seen this fine boat moored very near the end of our main dock. Donated by member, Dr. Steve Samson, it is a 24' full-keel cruiser sloop, very similar to the Ensign hull, but with a larger cabin and smaller cockpit. Like the Ensigns, the jib is hanked on. While it is not in a good position for our normal non-powered training boats, it will now sport an outboard engine for easy access to the bay and back to the mooring. The primary use of this vessel is still for adult training, however, there will be ample member-use access, even on selected weekends. A limited orientation will be offered to those desiring to use this vessel, once it is completely ready for use.

This has been a difficult sailing season for our training program as well as many recreational sailors. First it was El Nino, then the wettest winter on record in Florida, since 1905, then so many class weekends and private sessions being disrupted by too much wind, and occasionally, not enough wind. We hope as we enter the cooler seasons this year, that we will see an improvement in the weather. Thanks to all of you member students who have been so patient with our classes and private coaching during this challenging weather. Our recent weekend class attendance has slowed slightly due to some scheduling issues, but our private classes have been on a very definite increase. We have experienced numerous students, including complete families coming to us from numerous states for US Sailing instruction and Certification. In fact we have scheduled a complete family from Nevada to be with us over the holidays for the BASIC KEELBOAT class and certification, all the way through to our Cruising and Bareboat Classes with Capt.

Bruce.

Congratulations to members Antonio Girbau, Danilo Gualtieri, Victoria Haller and Eric Lauderback who were BASIC CRUISING Certified with Capt. Bruce Penrod this past month. Further congratulations to Antonio Girbau, Romulo Vallejo and John Savigne who received the BAREBOAT CRUISING Certification the week following. Thanks to Capt. Bruce and these two classes, these members will now have access to our two Beneteau cruising sloops. Thanks to certified instructor, Marc Pendaries, most of these newly certified members have now also received their orientation for use of the Beneteau fleet. Another BASIC CRUISING Class is scheduled for December 2-3-4, followed by a BASIC BAREBOAT Class on December 9-10-11-12.

Need a useful and unique Christmas gift idea? Don't forget our many Gift Certificate offers, from an Introduction to Keelboat Sailing at only \$90, to our Sunfish Classes, to the complete Keelboat Certification System. You will be proud to give this very handsome, unique, nautical designed certificate and the great value it offers. Contact Richard for details.

Finally, even with the challenging weather, the Adult Sunfish Learn-to-Sail program continues on its successful path under the guiding hand of certified instructor and member, Phil Adams. Phil does a great job teaching and guiding the adult students, with a heavy emphasis on safety. If you are an experienced sailor, you may be able skip the formal weekend class and get required private coaching from Phil, to earn an Endorsement for member-use of the popular and fun Sunfish fleet.

Sail Often Sail Safely Enjoy and Protect
Our Beautiful Bay

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YOUTH SAILING

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Eight clubs attended this year with 141 sailors - some hailing from as far away as Ecuador and New Zealand – to take part in two amazing days of racing in very challenging conditions.

With winds gusting to 30 plus mph, the lasers and RWB competitors were able to race on the Saturday: lasers completing four races, while RWB just two.

The Green Fleet youngsters spent the day watching a film and having fun, while they waited patiently for the weather to calm.

After a taco fiesta regatta dinner, the Halloween festivities continued with another record number of brave trick-or-treaters taking on the Haunted Mooring Field.

HMF organizer and Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe estimated between 120 to 150 kids toured the 11 fabulously decorated boats in three launches driven by our dock staff. The youth sailing team will be heading to Naples to participate in the Naples Cup regatta and the red, white and blue Opti team will be also competing at Midwinters in New Orleans trying to qualify for the Spring international teams who will be representing the US at international events.

Fair Winds,

Koky

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FLYING SCOT RACING

The 3rd OD race of the season was 11/5/16, the CRYC 1D Annual Regatta. There were only 4 boats registered. Here are the final standings.

Pos	Sail #	Skipper	Races
1	5566	Jim Signor	1 1 1
2	6075	Ryan Alexander	2 2 2
3	5246	Andrea Hoffman	3 3 3
4	5220	Bud Price	4 4 5/DNS

The next BBYRA race OD#4 run by KBYC on 12/3/16. See you there. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple

Fleet 90 Captain



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Melges 24 World Championships
November 28, 2016
 to
December 3, 2016

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1
December 9-11, 2016

29er Training Clinic
December 19-23, 2016

Open Orange Bowl
December 27-30, 2016

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



2015-2016 Flag Officers

BRIDGE:

Commodore	Janice Pruett
Vice-Commodore	Ryan Alexander
Rear Commodore	Geoff Sutcliffe
Secretary	James Grupenhoff
Treasurer	Olivier DeLavalette

BOARD:

Ed Almeyda ('17)	Nicole Bailey (19)
Patricia Murphey ('17)	Rob Carlson (19)
Richard Etkin ('18)	Frank DeLaurier (19)
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

At CGSC you can observe the power of participation. Our club provides opportunities for our youth to participate in one of the best sports. During Halloween Howler, I saw quite a few young sailors on the water in conditions that would have seasoned sailors thinking twice, yet they continued and returned to the dock with great smiles. On occasion they returned with a much greater smile than that of their weary looking parents. The outcome is, that for future endeavors both the sailor and parents have an elevated level of confidence.

Our recent work weekend had a number of projects undertaken that produced measurable effects. Our new deck chairs were assembled and painted simply by providing materials and letting the

work happen. Our striping, rail painting and boat repairs progressed in similar fashion. By encouraging participation a number of projects were started and completed. The results extend beyond what you can see. Participation is the key.

Ryan Alexander
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!
Summer is going and winter is coming. That means more wind, and "bird poop" on our boats. More wind is great. Take off that 150% foresail and hank on the 100%. Get out sailing and enjoy the breeze on Biscayne Bay. But before you do, what about that "bird poop"? Here's what I've seen over the years ...

If you are out on the mooring field you must put fishing line across the spreaders, and do something to keep the birds from sitting comfortably on your masthead, shrouds, and stays. An easy and popular tactic is to put strings of flags up on a halyard, over the boom, and anywhere else you can. It kinda works, but after a while the birds seem to get used to them. Same with hanging old CDs around. An effective but messy solution is to apply bird repellent (available at Home Depot, etc.) everywhere they might sit. It's nasty stuff, and the birds won't land on it. The down side is that it collects soot from the air, and after a year or two things look black (see Moon Glow's topping lift!). Several people, including the late Bill Beavers, have success with a wonky propeller on a stick at the top of the mast. The boat next to me has propellers all over the place, which is doing OK. The drawback is that you have to take them down

for sailing and put them up again afterwards. My most recent approach, which others have used and seems to work well, is to put cable ties with the end sticking up everywhere they sit. They don't like to be tickled from behind, it seems.

Finally, if you really want to keep the birds off your boat, just put a bird feeder and a bowl of sugar water on the boat next to you :-)

Elsewhere in this issue there is an article about the very successful Halloween Howler Regatta. I won't repeat the news, but just encourage you to read that article. Sue and her team did a great job! Work weekend will have come and gone by the time you read this, and I hope I will have seen many of you down there having some fun sprucing up the club. Then it's back to sailing the next weekend ... woohoo!

See you out on the bay!

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