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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

serving the community since 1945

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

The club's dock staff are indispensable to the club's mission of sailing. We rely on them to help with our boats in the racks, on the strip, and on the moorings. They help the youth program, adult sailing, and the race committee. They maintain the club boats, provide advice to boat owners, and always have a friendly word when you pass by. In the last couple of months you have probably noticed two new faces - Mario Posse the Marina Manager (reviving the position previously held by Nick Mansbach), and Missy Milanese the Dock Master (replacing Duane Smallwood). I thought you might like to know a bit more about them, and their duties at the club.

Mario was born in Cali, Colombia. He finished school there before coming to the US in 1981. He studied at MDC for a while, then worked in landscaping and construction for five years before becoming the dock master at Grove Key Marina for 18 years. After that he took a break from the boating world, until 2007 when he became the fleet manager for Sail Time Miami. Most recently he became owner/operator of Sailing Miami, and worked for the City of Miami Marinas before joining CGSC. Over the years he has acquired his USCG 50-ton master license with sailing endorsement, got ASA 104 certified, did his PADI SCUBA ticket, and has done many hours at sea as a charter and delivery captain. As Marina Manager at CGSC Mario is responsible for all waterfront activities, club assets, and is a marine mechanic. He is the first point of contact for activities on the club's lower grounds, repair & maintenance, and is the liaison between the Youth Sailing Director (Alberto Olivia), the Adult Training Chairman (Richard Crisler), and the dock staff. He reports to our General Manager (Lauren Simpson).



Missy was born and bred in Ft Lauderdale, where her father had a 50' Hatteras. By the time she was at high school she was taking the boat out as captain. After school Missy studied philosophy at the University of South Carolina, where she completed her BS and MS degrees. During her undergraduate studies she took a year off to live in Key West, where she worked for Southernmost Sailing School as an ASA instructor. After graduating she got her captain's license in Ft Lauderdale, which she used to work and travel until moving to Connecticut to be dock master in Mystic. Her last move before joining CGSC was to the position of dock master at Castle Harbor. As Dock Master at CGSC Missy is responsible for the safe mooring of vessels, general operations of the service docks, and membership boat use programs. She facilitates and assists in coordinating the arrival and departure of vessels, and acts as the initial liaison between members, transient renters, and the Marina Manager. She is responsible for the management and maintenance of the moorings, working directly with the Moorings Chairman (Paul van Puffelen). She supervises the dock hands to ensure that all tasks are being handled properly. She reports to the Marina Manager (Mario Posse).



Geoff Sutcliffe,
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors:

CGSC's "Annual Work Weekend" will take place this year on November 10th-11th. For decades this event has been essential in our efforts to maintain our equipment, prepare for the busy regatta season and make improvements to the facility. We can use all the help we can get, so I urge all members to volunteer to pitch in. There are no specific skills required, and everyone will be able to find a job that suits them, whether it be varnishing oars, repairing sails or painting the sea wall. I can tell you from experience that this event is a great way to make new friends, get

more deeply invested in the club, and if you're not careful, have a little fun. Please join us if you can.



James Grupenhoff,

Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Looking out from the club it's a beautiful day. Sunny, light winds, the club looks great. A perfect day to sail. Somewhat different from this time last year - Irma. The club has recovered spectacularly.

The juniors are back in full swing. It's only 6 weeks or so until the Halloween Howler regatta. Comes around fast.

The flying scot fleet continues to grow and involve new members and guests. The Beneteau fleet is strong, the boats are being used regularly and enjoyed. Adult sailing is active, Richard continues to develop new sailors at a rapid pace, Sunfish classes are well attended.

Cruising classes are starting up again. These are a great way to spend time sailing, developing skills and certifications that enable you to sail pretty much anywhere. We are now looking at additional ways to involve and guide new and less experienced sailors and to grow our community outreach, providing ways to enable access to sailing on the bay!

Sailing is an adventure too. I recently spent a perfect couple of days hanging out at anchor down the bay. Blissful until some rather nasty thunderstorms came through overnight. Bali Ha'i was struck by lightning, through the mast. Very scary, the boat

shook like crazy, electronic and electrical equipment blown, with an unpleasant and worrying smell of burnt electrics. Happily we were unharmed, BH was still floating, and we were able to sail back, even though GPS, depth etc were out. iPad and phone based nav systems are very useful backups. I am now fully aware of the power of lightning storms! Be careful out there when lightning is around. Also make sure your boat has strong grounding all the way to the keel to help the lightning pass through.



So get out there and enjoy safe and fun sailing folks. Then come back to the club for refreshments while you regale others with your exploits and relive your glorious day.

Cheers
Jim

Jim Green,

Rear Commodore

Bali Ha'i

ADULT SAILING

Once again, our unstable weather upset out schedule for September, allowing for only one full BASIC KEELBOAT COURSE in September, but we did get in several private sessions as many students are progressing towards BASIC KEELBOAT Certification. Congratulations to John and Gigi Bek for completing their BASIC KEELBOAT Certification last month then going on to complete their BASIC CRUISING Certifications with Capt. Bruce Penrod in September. Congratulations also to new member Mickel Leduc for earning his BASIC CRUISING Certification as well. These members can now participate in the Adopt-a-Beneteau member user program. WE are very pleased to have Capt. Bruce back who has planned an active Fall-Winter-Spring Cruising instruction and certification offering for those who qualify. Watch the club emails for announcements of upcoming classes.

If you haven't noticed, one of our workhorse Ensigns, FOUNDATION, has just returned from the yard with new deck and topside paint along with rebuilt benches and more. Thanks to Juan, who will start similar work on another one of our Ensign trainers this month. This will bring all of our Ensign trainers up to date, after which we plan to offer a BASIC KEELBOAT Instructor Evaluation Course, conducted by US Sailing.





Activity remains strong with our other adult programs for Sunfish, Flying Scots and the Beneteaus. Before you know it, gift giving season will be here. Looking for a unique gift of great value? Consider giving a gift of one of our instructional courses. We have our popular Introduction to Keelboat and Cruising sessions as well as full classes for Sunfish, Flying Scot, Basic Keelboat and our Cruising Courses. Contact Richard for more information about these attractive nautical certificates.

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

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NOTICE
Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons

CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
& BBYRA OD #2
September 29-30, 2018

Columbus Day Regatta
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17471>
October 6-7, 2018

CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta
& BBYRA ORC #2
October 20, 2018

2018 Halloween Howler
October 27-28, 2018

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2017-18 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET



**2018-2019
Flag Officers**

BRIDGE:

Commodore	Geoff Sutcliffe
Vice-Commodore	James Grupenhoff
Rear Commodore	James Green
Secretary	Rob Carlson
Treasurer	Olivier DeLavalette

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Ed Raiburn ('19)	Priska Urban ('20)
Frank DeLaurier ('19)	Richard Etkin ('21)
TBA ('19)	Dave Martin ('21)
Dr. Jennifer Cheney ('20)	Carla Pugh ('21)
James Liebl ('20)	Ryan Alexander, PC

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Flying Scots

The September race was very interesting for the Scots. Twelve boats showed up to race, making us the largest fleet on the bay and all from CGSC. Half of the fleet was confused about the marks and went to the wrong one. After that half of the fleet retired the score ended up with;

Culpable - Dave Martin and Andy Hoffman in first
Lady Hope - Henry Bernstein in second
Jeorg Reinhold, Richard Etkin and Esther Delio in third

Beija Flor - Ryan Alexander and Danielle Barcilon in third

Cool Change - Cheryl and Jim Signor in 4th

Air America - Bud Price and Toni Bucacci in 5th

Hell Cat with "Achene Iddir in 6th

In all there were 4 club sponsored boats racing. A new all girl crew raced for the first time helmed by Jennifer Rehage, and crewed by Ashley Duvall both new club members. Wednesday night racing continues for a little longer then will switch to Saturdays. See Bud Price to find how to get involved in the racing. New people are always welcome and it is very instructional.

Bud

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Committees	Chairman	Reports to
Executive Committee	Geoff Sutcliffe	Commodore
Finance Committee	Olivier de Lavelette	Vice Commodore
Race Committee	Susan Walcutt	Rear Commodore
Adult Sail Training	Richard Crisler	Rear Commodore
Youth Sail Training	Priska Urban	Rear Commodore
YST Vice-Chair	Eric Crep	Rear Commodore
Property Committee	James Grupenhopff	Vice Commodore
Membership Committee	PC Doug Hanks	Commodore
Nominating Committee	PC Ryan Alexander	BOD
Librarian	Renny Young	Commodore
Public Relations	Janice Pruet	Commodore
Entertainment Committee	Alex Fox	Commodore
Cruising and Rendezvous	Eric Noonburg	Rear Commodore
Future Development	PC Alyn Pruet	Vice Commodore
Bylaws Revision	Ed Raiburn	Secretary
Marine Council	James Liebl	Commodore
Chamber of Commerce	Carla Pugh	Commodore
House Committee	Birgit Bogler Emmy Martinez	Vice Commodore
Mooring Committee	PC Paul Van Puffelen	Vice Commodore
Strip Committee	PC Bud Price	Vice Commodore
Channel Committee	Cherie Branning	Secretary
Protocol Committee	PC Jeff Flanagan	Commodore
Webmaster	Marc Allen	Secretary
Community Service	Denise Schneider	Commodore
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Jennifer Cheney	Commodore/Rear
<u>Ad hoc Positions</u>		
Fundraising	Joel Krieger	Treasurer
Beneteau Fleet Captain	Joel Krieger	Rear Commodore
Lease Renewal/Expansion	PC Jeff Flanagan	Commodore