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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

Last week Adolfo (of the dock staff) very enthusiastically showed me the Channel from August 1992 - the Channel after Hurricane Andrew. On page 21 he showed me the extract shown here. Look carefully ... yes, it's Moon Glow, which I now own! It had broken free and been deposited up on shore. Moon Glow was built in 1973, so she was a tender 19 years old when that happened. Moon Glow also survived Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma in 2005, when she was 32 (does anyone know who owned her then - I think Mike Weber?). Most recently she survived in the mangroves for Hurricane Irma last year, when she was 44 years old. Quite an exciting life for a boat! I'm sure that if someone had told Halsey Herreshoff (who designed the Bristol 30) back in 1973 that Moon Glow would go through so many hurricanes, he would have confidently replied "I doubt there is any weather that that this boat can't ride out".

I hope I am as hardy as Moon Glow, and can meet those kinds of tough challenges. It's been 13 years since I joined CGSC on 8th January 2005 as "Social



Member #418". I'm sure that if someone had told me back in 2005 that one day Dave Martin would be calling me "El Jefe", I would have confidently replied "who the heck is Dave Martin?" I was "conscripted" into sailing and the club by the famous Past Commodore Bill Beavers, to do foredeck on his boat Finesse (which is still on the mooring field). And here's a fun fact ... Bill also owned Moon Glow for quite a while, from 1979 to 1988. What floats around comes around!

The club, its members, and its boats have weathered many storms, and will certainly weather more. If you ever find yourself facing a storm, at sea, at home, or in your mind, keep the faith ... and keep sailing on Biscayne Bay - it worked for Moon Glow and it will work for you!

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Richard Raymond
Jim/Mike Weber

Moonglow
Bristol 30

Boat was on CGSC mooring before the storm. Preparation: reduce windage, tape to waterproof; anchored 1 mile south of the mole on two large Danforth anchors with 200 feet of rode.

Moonglow "rode out the storm all over Biscayne Bay!" It was found on land against a tree 150 yards from shore. Minor hull scratches, rudder and some rigging damage (caused by salvage effort). "We believe someone cast us adrift to use our anchors -- no evidence of chafing or anchor lines were visible."



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

Work Weekend 2018 took place on Nov. 10-11 and was once again a great success. A number of major projects were completed that will result in more efficient operations and make the club look spiffy (see attached photos). Thank you to all of the members who helped by participating in this 70-year tradition of hard work and camaraderie to make CGSC the best it can be.

Regards,

James Grupenhoff,

Vice Commodore

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Flying Scots

The Scot fleet continues to have great turnout for the monthly BBYRA races with 10 boats on the line, all from CGSC. Four of these were club owned boats. First place was won by Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman, in second was Ryan Alexander, Danielle Barcion and Tommy Bremen. Third was Chuck and Sarah Lamphere. The rest of the scores can be seen on the BBYRA site. Wednesday night racing has ended for the season but will be replaced by Saturday racing. It will be the same format but once per month. It will be enhanced with a separate date for keelboats. The start will be at 11:30 right off of quick flash. See the schedule below.

Come out and join us.

Bud

Nov. 17 – One Design
 Nov. 24 – Keelboat
 Dec. 8 – One Design
 Dec. 29 – Keelboat
 Jan. 5 – One Design
 Jan. 26 – Keelboat
 Feb. 2 – One Design
 Feb. 9 – Keelboat
 April 13 – One Design



May 13 – One Design
 May 25 – Keelboat
 June 15 – One Design
 June 22 – Keelboat
 July 13 – One Design
 July 20 – Keelboat
 Aug. 10 – One Design
 Aug. 17 – Keelboat



**Happy
 Holidays
 to All**



*all is
 calm
 all is
 bright*

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Halloween Howler Regatta took place recently, with 182 entries from over 10 clubs, far exceeding last years . With James Grupenhoff's promise of great weather being kept for this year the sailing was spectacular. Thanks and congratulations to all who worked so hard to make the regatta happen, and ran it so smoothly. A number of clubs came due to the red tide problems further north, and were very appreciative we could accommodate them. Now that they've been here to race at CGSC they are eager to come next time, probably with more sailors!! This certainly further enhanced CGSC's reputation as a major regatta "player". Definitely got More Butts on Boats on the Bay!

Coming up soon – The Holiday boat Parade-

Recap of CGSC Annual One Design Regatta

We're blessed with many great sailing days each year on beautiful Biscayne Bay. Certainly, Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30 rank high among them for the 2018 CGSC Annual One Design Regatta. East winds at 15 knots, the Bay littered with whitecaps and bathed in bright sunshine – not many better days than those two. When the spray settled Sunday afternoon, two out-of-town Flying Scots had a real duel for the lead. It was won by Dave Helmick with a narrow one-point margin. CGSC's Andi Hoffman and Dave Martin finished third. In the Lasers, Dave Heibert took a two point victory over Dave Chapin. CGSC's James Liebl was third. Ernesto Rodriguez won the Snipes. Mark Pincus won the J24's, Buddy Cribb won the J70s and Bill Mauk won the Etchells. The trophy presentation was conducted on the Club lawn and led by CGSC RC Chair Susan Walcutt. Perpetual trophies were presented for the Flying Scots and Snipes. Beautiful keeper trophies were presented to the top three finishers in each class.



Pictures and the entire story can be read in the November issue of the Channel.

December 16th. It's a fun time- we decorate our boats, the convoy motors around dinner key to near Coral Reef, caroling as we go, followed by a pot luck party at the dock. If you don't have a boat, ask to come along with someone who has. All are welcome.

The weather out there is great – so let's all get out and sail

Cheers

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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Bali Ha'i



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons

Melges 20
Miami Winter Series #1
November 30 – December 2, 2018

CGSC Race Committee
Annual Holiday Party
December 4, 2018 @ 6:30pm
All CGSC Members Invited

CGSC Open Orange Bowl
Wednesday - Sunday
December 26-30, 2018

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2018-19 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

World Championship Coming in 2019!

It's been a long time since CGSC was founded back in 1946 – 72 years, actually. Finally, next year in 2019, CGSC will host a World Championship at the Club. The 2019 Melges 20 World Championship will be sailed from the Club next April 4-7. CGSC Historian Renny Young took a good look back, and could not find any prior World Championship sailed from CGSC. It will be an exciting time in the life of a great Sailing Club.

LIGHT, BUT GOOD FOR 2018 CGSC ANNUAL CRUISING REGATTA

CGSC's 2018 Annual Cruising Regatta/BBYRA Cruising #2 was sailed on Saturday, October 20th. Our 2018 Annual One-Design Regatta had already been sailed September 29-30.

The wind forecast for the Cruising fleet on the 20th was dismal. Basically, unraceable light air all day long. With the first start scheduled for 1130, our RC announced a Postponement on the VHF at 1000 and displayed Flag AP from the CGSC flagpole.

Half-hour updates were provided until 1100, at which point the RC advised the fleet that no changes would be made until noon at the earliest. This gave the sailors a chance to take care of other things during that period.

Then, things began to change. The Sailflow forecast improved indicating a ESE thermal breeze would bring sailable conditions by early afternoon. The wind instruments on the Club roof indicated ESE 5 knots. At noon, the RC lowered the AP flag and announced to the fleet on the VHF. The RC and fleet came together at the Cruising

boat assembly area by 1300, and the first start sequence began at 1310.

Three fleets were sailing – ORC 1 with five boats, ORC 2 with six, and three PHRF boats. The ORC fleets sailed to a long weather mark at 0.9 nm in the 5-6 knot breeze from around 150 deg. PHRF boats sailed to a short

mark at 0.7 nm. The light breeze had been moving significantly to the right earlier. However, during the first lap of the race, the breeze backed to 120 deg. and stabilized. So, the RC signaled a course change for the second lap of the windward-leeward, twice around course, and sent the fleet that way for the second lap.

There was quite a speed differential among the ORC 2 fleet which caused a bit of a wait between the first

and last boats to finish. In order to get more racing in, the RC sent ORC 1 on the same course for Race 2, but changed ORC 2 and PHRF to a one-lap windward leeward course. Spinnakers were full, the breeze was steady and the racing was good, albeit light – staying in the 6 knot range or a bit more.

Finally, a third race was signaled – a one-lap windward-leeward course for all fleets. All boats were finished by about 1630. So, three good races were sailed and the fleet finished up at a reasonable time. CGSC's RC did its usual good job of race management.

In ORC 1, the overall winner was Relentless, with frequent winner Senera a point behind in second followed by Main Squeeze. All are from other clubs on the Bay. In ORC 2, the overall winner was Swift, sailed by CGSC's Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman. They were followed by Traveler and Maiden. The PHRF winner was Jason Long's Captain Winky. Very nice trophies were presented to the leading boats on

the lawn of the Club around 1800. It was a happy crowd that assembled for the ceremony.

Special thanks to Signal Boat owner Frank DeLaurier and his 36 foot power boat, Rio Rita. Ron Rostorfer PC served as PRO. The Signal Boat crew was comprised of Timer Dottie Rostorfer, Recorder Lovell Luparini and Flag Signaler Martha Ledesma on her first RC outing.

The Mark Boat was CGSC's Angler 24 with Race Officer Julie Hanrahan and crew Liz Balbin and Bill Quesenberry. The Pin Boat was Skipped by RC Chair Susan Walcutt with crew Allen Cox. Many thanks to all for a successful event.

Photos courtesy of Julie Hanrahan and Liz Balbin



BIGGEST & BEST HALLOWEEN HOWLER!

On the last weekend of October, CGSC proudly ran a successful 8th Halloween Howler Regatta. This fast-growing youth sailing event attracted a record 181 entries, represented by four returning Florida clubs and four that were participating for the first time. The CGSC RC managed three different racing circles: Laser Radial and 4.7 (36 boats), Optimist Red White & Blue (76 boats) and Opti Green (69 boats).

This regatta has been known over the years for its howling winds and smashing rains, but this year, it started with a glassy Bay greeting the fleets Saturday morning. Fleets were postponed on shore while the Race Committees watched and waited until 1100 when both reports from RC boats on the Bay and forecasts showed improvement coming. The postponement flag came down at noon and the fleets and RC's headed out. There was good light air racing all afternoon, although a major windshift had to be dealt with.

On Sunday, the game was a totally different story, with

a 14-16 knot westerly breeze right from the get-go. It provided excellent racing conditions for the balance of the regatta. No races could be started after 1400 that day so the out-of-towners could head for home, but the early start allowed plenty of good racing. A highlight for the racers was a short foiling kiteboard demonstration race to welcome the new Olympic Sailing Class for the Paris Olympics in 2024. Team USA kites Daniela Moroz (Gold Medal at the 2018 World Cup in Aarhus, Denmark) and Cameron Maramenides (4th at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina). A huge thank you to the 65 volunteers who contributed time and energy to this 8th Halloween Howler, to the PROs, Steven Stollman (Opti Green), Ron Rostorfer and Carlos Beckman (Opti RWB), and James Liebl (Laser).

An immense thank you to our RC Chair, Susan Walcutt, for her dedication and incredible support to our youth regatta!

Kind regards,
Sandrine



Adult Sailing

October and November weather has been great to date, allowing us to complete our regular classes along with continuing to catch-up with many students from past classes that were affected by weather unsuitable for teaching, especially with our Ensign keelboats, our most popular class, attendance wise. Our two October classes as well as our one November class were full with waiting lists. For the first time ever, in my thirty-four (34) years at CGSC, we held the weekend BASIC KEELBOAT Class concurrent with Work Weekend. By the time we settled on the Work Weekend date, the class regularly scheduled for that weekend was already more than half full. The decision by club leadership decided to go ahead with the keelboat class, which gave us some real challenges. Not only did we miss the convenience of our own facility, there was also the issue of getting supplies and props to another location, providing our normal great club lunch for the students and more. We worked out the use of the conference room at the Mutiny Hotel, which was ideal for the class. We were back and forth to the Mutiny for classroom sessions, then back to the club for sailing practice on the Ensigns. Despite the nice accommodations of the Mutiny, it made the instructors miss and appreciate our great facility, including Chef Jose's great lunches and the great care and attention our staff in the kitchen, bar and dock office give to our



classes and student guests of the club. Some of the inconvenience, however, was made up by two great days of sailing for our students. It was one of our most memorable classes with more than half of the students being new club members.

While this month's article is more about our BASIC KEELBOAT Classes, all of our other classes continue to do well, including Sunfish classes and clinics, Flying Scot private lessons, and the very active BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING Classes with Capt. Bruce Penrod, whose schedule is filling all the way into Spring. The prerequisite for the BASIC CRUISING class is the US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification. BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING CERTIFICATIONS allow our members to take advantage of the Adopt-a-Beneteau program for use of our two Beneteau cruising sloops. Contact Capt. Bruce for information or to sign-up at bapenrod29@msn.com or 814-341-0094.

Here's a final reminder about the upcoming gift-giving season. You would be surprised if you knew how many of our current students are attending our classes, especially BASIC KEELBOAT, with gift certificates. We offer gift certificates for all of our instructional activities, whether it is a two (2) hour introduction to sailing (\$ 90.) or a full certification package. These are extremely handsome, custom-printed, one-of-a-kind nautical theme certificates, which will bring an even bigger smile to the recipient. Interested?, contact Richard to purchase or get additional information. Happy Holidays to ALL.

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

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