



Halloween Howler

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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Members:

I'm reporting to you now from the from the factory floor here at Coconut Grove Sailing Club, where our latest models are being assembled. The sparks are flying as our production managers, Crisler, Fox, Olivo and Padron have our team of highly skilled technicians cranking out the finest new sailors on Biscayne Bay. This year's line includes comfy cruisers, hot-rod racers and many others; young ones, old ones, re-tuned veterans and eager neophytes. For almost 75 years, you've been able to count on the quality, safety and variety of our products, which have carved our name through the waves and on trophies all over the world.



So the next time you're out on Nixon's highway cruising around with the windows down, and you pass a sleek, confident new skipper riding on the edge, you can say: "we built that". Because Coconut Grove Sailing Club is not only "where sailors belong", it's where they're forged.

Signing off, James

James Grupenhoff, Commodore
s/v Stardust
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Annual Work Weekend

Saturday, December 7th &

Sunday, December 8th

8:00AM—5:00PM

We Need YOU



CGSC Needs YOU!

Bar & Restaurant will be closed

Launch service will be

suspended 8:30am —5:00pm

Lunch & drinks will be provided

Keg tapped at 4pm

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons

Annual Race Committee
Holiday Party
Wednesday 6:30pm
December 4, 2019
Everyone is Invited

Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1
Friday – Sunday
December 13-15, 2019

Open Orange Bowl
Thursday – Monday
December 26-30, 2019

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION
FORMS @ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2019-20 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

So we appear to have survived a year without a hurricane. Phew.. But thanks to all who so ably worked on the Hurricane preparation for Hurricane Dorian, a necessary process and one which further enhanced our awareness and ability to protect the club from major storms. Happily for us we did not suffer the wrath of Dorian. Thoughts still go to the northern Bahamas which were absolutely devastated by Dorian. They still need help, so please continue to donate to the relief effort through the club. Contact Lauren with any charitable donations you wish to make- they will be directed appropriately.

On the 'Home front' our annual work weekend is coming up quickly- Dec 7/8. The club operations will be shut down to allow our volunteer teams and staff to work on the necessary projects. So please don't come expecting to sail, spend the time on club projects instead. Notices and emails of these have been sent, sign up to assist where you think you can most help, or on projects you have a

particular wish to do. We are a volunteer run organization, so all help is essential and very much appreciated. It's a great way to meet other members and bond in our common interest to serve our gem of a club. I'll see you there.

The property committee has selected and obtained Board approval for the upgrades to the main function room- new floor, and modern lighting - it's going to look spectacular! Particular thanks go to Lisa Harlow for her tireless efforts in making this happen.

Its Holiday season- celebrate in style, at the club and get on the water. It's a great sailing season.

Cheers

Jim

Jim Green, Vice Commodore
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Presentastion of CG History

On October 24th, the first time presentation of Dinner Key Marina historical photos, was presented by Renny Young. It was well attended at the Route 1 West Marine store. Many in the audience were CGSC members!

Pan Am Clippers, early bi planes, sea planes beginning in 1917, all included, with detailed, interesting facts. Excellent presentation, parts also set to Music!



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

December is here, and that means a few things around the CGSC: the holiday boat parade is around the corner, I hope you are enjoying your boat and many boat projects (and of course sailing) during this beautiful time of year, and when in doubt- and the holidays have you stressed- boat it out!

The boat parade is an annual CGSC tradition of which I am very fond. Ask anyone who has caroled with me on their boat (I have actually never been invited back to the boats I have caroled on but many people cannot handle that much talent in one boat and I understand). To give you an idea of what the boat parade is like, here is what you need to know:

- Participants “dress up” their boats with holiday décor.
- Usually people bring festive food and beverage to enjoy with their friends during the parade
- Make sure to bring the lyrics to your favorite holiday songs- a copy for everyone joining on the boat
- The boats typically make their way through the mooring field over to Dinner Key and then meander through the channel to return to the club.

This event is family friendly and a fun way to get into the holiday spirit. I hope to see many of you there.

Keep in mind that the months of November, December, and February are the best times to work on boat projects (less sweat!) Remember too to make your boat projects enjoyable- invite a friend, get some beverages and snacks, and make a social day of it. I have found that club members really enjoy helping one another; such a great aspect of our club is the camaraderie.

Finally, the holidays can be a stressful time for all. Memories of loved ones who are no longer with us can cause sadness; having a full house of family may lead to some anxiety, and when you toss in

the regular stressors of work and Miami traffic, you soon realize how this time of year can cause stress on the mind and body. Being on the water is a natural de-stressor. Flowing water's soothing sounds have long been associated with meditation, a well-known relaxation method. Michael Wenger, dean of Buddhist studies at the San Francisco Zen Center, tells us that, “Moving water is ‘white noise,’ in which you can hear many things. Each individual may hear a different song in the water. Just listening to the sound--not tying it to anything, just letting sound wash over you--is a way of letting go of your ideas and directly experiencing things as they are.”

I wish you the joys of experiencing “things as they are” now and in the New Year.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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Happy New Year

HALLOWEEN HOWLER





YOUTH SAILING

Takes A Day Off to Learn
Sail Making

Youth sailors visited Bremen Sails and learned about designing and making sails. They even had hands-on time and made sails. This was a rewarding experience for all and an eye-opener into what it takes to make great, go fast sails. Thanks to Tommy Bremen for this opportunity.



Adult Sailing

Dear Members... Thanks for all of your support this year. Your Adult Instructional program at CGSC is running smoothly and continuing to grow.

BASIC KEELBOAT weekend classes are at capacity, along with the associated coaching and testing for certification. Congratulations to Steve Neumeyer, Ricardo Pisano, Bill Finan, Damian Sarno, Jeremy Vincent and David Tait, all recently earning their US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification through our program at CGSC. Basic Keelboat certification is the prerequisite for training for BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING. Beneteau fleet manager, Glenn Cunningham reports more members joining the Beneteau users as a result of their respective certifications. Glenn also advised they have added two members to their committee and have significant plans for the future of the fleet. For the schedule for either of the cruising classes, please contact Jesse in the office at extension 10. Our very popular BASIC KEELBOAT classes for December have been rescheduled. The first class is December 14-15, almost full at this time, and December 28-29, between Christmas and New Years, which still has some slots available. Both the BASIC CRUISING, Dec. 6-8, and BAREBOAT CRUISING, Dec. 13-16, have limited space still available at this writing. Congratulations to Luis de la Vega (Basic Cruising) and Ricardo Pisano and Ricardo Vazquez (Bareboat Cruising) for their recent certifications.

Please be reminded of the important Work Weekend coming up December 7-8. Projects will include work on our Ensign fleet as well as other fleet boats. Please also be reminded that a perfect gift might be a sailing class or introduction to sailing session. CGSC offers handsome gift certificates, and don't wait until the last minute, as sometime occurs. Preparing the gift certificate and in some cases getting it to the giver or recipient can take some time.

Finally, there has been a change in the chairmanship of the Adult Instructional program. We now have co-chairmen, Alex Fox and Richard Crisler, helping to administer this program. Your suggestions are always welcome.

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

Richard Crisler, Co-Chairman – Adult Training

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Song of the Month - December 2019

A long long time ago I was on Otra Cuba Libre, and Marc Buller played me the "Fake Boobies" song by the Barefoot Man. I bought the CD online (it was delivered from the Cayman Islands packed between two pieces of Kalik beer box) and discovered "Sandford's Song". It's a song to be played while riding a ferry, e.g., on Sydney Harbour in the summer, watching all the boats sail by. The link to our sailing from CGSC is in the YouTube link below, which shows the Barefoot Man playing "Sandford's Song" at Nipper's on Great Guana Cay. That's a bar that many of us have visited while sailing in the Bahamas, but sadly it was pretty much destroyed by Hurricane Dorian. So, in memory of Nipper's, the December 2019 Song of the Month (nominated by Hurricane Dorian) is ...

"Sandford's Song" by the Barefoot Man

Here's the chorus ...

You don't have to shine to be a star
You don't have to play rock to play a guitar
You don't have to fly to go first class
You don't have to be a mule to be an ass
You don't have to be a cowboy to ride a horse
You don't have to cheat to get a divorce
You don't have to be straight to go and marry
You don't have to be gay to ride a ferry

Watch the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFfkyTvX2q0>, and buy the CD at <https://www.barefootman.com/store.html>



* If you have a nomination for the "Song of the Month", email it to sotm@coldbeer.cc. Please try to include a photo, some explanation of why you love it, and any stories about the song that are plausible and publishable.

Geoff Sutcliffe

**All CGSC Members are cordially invited to the
Race Committee Annual Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
The Great Room
Coconut Grove Sailing Club**

Buffet courtesy of RC Volunteers

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB ANNUAL CRUISING REGATTA AND BBYRA ORC #2

Great day to race, a south wind blew 13-16 knots most of the overcast day for our annual cruising regatta. We ran three windward-leeward races, twice around, with the furthest weather mark 1.2 nautical miles from Signal Boat.

Signal Boat for the day was the beautiful "Coraggio", captained by Chris Carlton who very capably manned the horn for all starts. Laura Sherman handled anchor duties and flags for the three starts. Laura also took 1000's of photos with her "I" phone in one hand and holding on with the other while balancing on a rolling deck. Dottie Rostorfer kept us all in line as our timer. Martha/Nina Ledesma with a big smile on her face and excitement in her voice was our recorder, master of flags, cheerleader and all around good sport.

Ron Rostorfer piloted the pin boat with all around great hand, Allen Cox and support from Jurgen Teintz. Ron is always very supportive and ensures that we do a great job representing the CGSC Race Committee.

Weather Mark vessel, captained by Susan Walcutt, who also scores, creates unique trophies, hands out rewards to the race committee and picks up our lunches, set her marks with speed and precision. This year she has acquired the assistance of a fantastic data manager/organizer/PRO Steve Herman who keeps us straight from his home in Boston, before he migrates to Miami for the winter. Assisting Susan on Weather Mark boat was Forrest Hinkle, Sonia Diaz and John Pardillo. They all did a great job and the Club is most appreciative of their time and efforts.

In ORC Racing Class it was a tightly fought series, eventually won by THIN ICE, on a tie-breaker, over SENARA. In race 3 SENARA lost time at the leeward mark due to a fouled spinnaker they couldn't get down to round the mark. THIN ICE had to win a protest to tie SENARA. A well sailed series and congratulations

to both crews.

- 1st Thin Ice (Stu Hebb/John Vincent)
- 2nd Senara (Jim Bill/Eamonn Delisser/Horst Baler)
- 3rd Man O War (Gavin Heale)

In ORC Cruising/Racing it was a tight battle between Maiden sailed by Doug Broeker/Bill Scheuermann and Lokura sailed by Amado Leon. Both boats had firsts, but Maiden barely edged out Lokura for a first in the series.

- 1st Maiden (Doug Broeker/Bill Scheuermann)
- 2nd Lokura (Amado Leon)

In arc non spinnaker there was a battle between Sunquest and Captain Winky with Sunquest grabbing the gold and Captain Winky the silver.

- 1st Sunquest (Wilfredo Paredes)
- 2nd Captain Winky (Justin Long)

Racers and Race Committee all had fun while enjoying another breezy day on Biscayne Bay.

Rick Klein
Principal Race Officer



Computer Geek? Sailor!

Several years ago at work (I teach in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Miami) I got yet another a call from someone looking for “a grad student who can help me write a computer program for my great idea”. I have stock replies for these frequent enquiries, but this one turned out to be of interest to me ... it was from Chris Branning, son of CGSC life member Peter Branning, related to our Channel editor Cherie Branning, and maybe more famously known as a sailor on Morning Light in the 44th Transpac race in 2007 (see Chris at the 40s mark in the movie trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9TxerbH4Ek>). Chris had the idea to compare a racing boat’s telemetry data against weather forecast GRIB files, to determine which forecast is most accurate for the boat at its current location. We met up, and it looked like an interesting project for me - a professional computer geek and an amateur sailor. I recruited Ubbo Visser (also in Computer Science at UM) and Tom Beavers (CGSC member, son of Past Commodore Bill Beavers, and who also works in computing), and the software adventure began. Now, years later, our product “Model Accuracy” is starting to gain traction. The famous navigator Will Oxley gave Model Accuracy a thumbs-up in the November edition of Yachting World (see

<https://www.yachtingworld.com/publication/yachting-world/november-2019>), and a full article about Model Accuracy appeared in the November edition of Sailing World (see <https://www.sailingworld.com/grib-games-no-more/>). Model Accuracy might seem to be of little interest to your average CGSC sailor - the only boat on the bay that I know of rigged with the necessary instrumentation is Eamonn deLisser’s “Senara”, whose navigator, Joe Goulet, uses Model Accuracy onboard. On the other hand, Model Accuracy is useful for coaches during inshore racing, using Model Accuracy to compare NOAA weather station data against forecast GRIB files. Regardless of whether or not Model

Accuracy becomes part of your sailing software suite, the take away message of this article is this ... it is nice to know that being a computer geek is another pathway to contributing to the sport of sailing.

Geoff Sutcliffe



Chris Branning

Flying Scots

The Flying Scot group had their November race this week with only 5 boats attempting the strong winds Achene capsized on the way to the course and Obie had equipment failure. This is the lowest attendance in years but was mostly due to the high winds. Here are the results



Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Entries: 5, Scoring system: Appendix A

Place	Boat Name	Sail Number	Skipper Name	R1 11/16	R2 11/16	R3 11/16	Total	Score
1st	Nolo Contendere	6138	Dave & Andi	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
2nd	Beija Flor	6075	Ryan Alexander	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	6.0
3rd	Dida	49	Phillipe Dusser	3.0	3.0	3.0	9.0	9.0
4th	I Gone	6109	Obie Smith	6.0/DNS	6.0/DNC	6.0/DNC	18.0	18.0
4th	Hell Cat	4595	Achene Iddir	6.0/DNS	6.0/DNC	6.0/DNC	18.0	18.0



**2019-2020
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**Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
Hanukkah**

