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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

As always, June brings the Annual Meeting of the Membership of Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and that means my tenure as Commodore will soon be ending. I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors who supported me over the past 12 months. Even prior to the Coronavirus Crisis, this year was full of difficult and time-consuming issues, and the unprecedented closing of the club for the pandemic quarantine has only served to raise the stakes. Know that each member of The Board has given time, effort and expertise in service of the club above and beyond what is typical, and we are all better off for it. Therefore, kudos to:

Past Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe, Vice Commodore Jim Green, Rear Commodore Rob Carlson, Treasurer Olivier DeLavalette, Secretary James Liebl, Director Jennifer Cheney, Director Lisa Harlow, Director Patricia Murphey, Director Dave Martin, Director Richard Etkin, Director Carla Pugh, Director Carlos

Beckmann, Director Priska Urban-DeLeon and Director Elizabeth Bernstein.



I'd also like to thank all of the Committee Chairs who have all done a fine job in their respective roles over the past year, but are too numerous to name here.

I will soon raise the coveted Past Commodore's Flag on Stardust, and the Commodore's Flag will be transferred to Bali Ha'i and incoming Commodore Jim Green. You can all rest assured that the club will be in good hands under his leadership.

Sheet in, hike out, turn on, James

Regards, James

James Grupenhoff,
Commodore
commodore@cgsc.org



75 Years of Sailing on Biscayne Bay from CGSC

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

So finally, the city has allowed marinas to open, we can sail!

There are still significant restrictions in terms of social distancing, mask wearing, on site group size and crew size. Please make sure you have read and understood the city and state notices and regulations, and the CGSC policies and procedures in place now. CGSC has sent notices to all members and moorings holders to regarding these. It is essential to follow the rules fully to keep everyone safe and in compliance, and to ensure we can continue to be open to sailing. Above all we want to avoid transmission of Covid-19 and keep members/moorings holders and staff safe. So, while we now enjoy the opportunity to sail please follow the rules, be ready and willing to follow staff instructions. Be patient –social distancing on the launches means reduced capacity and at peak times it will take longer for us to be taken to and picked up from our boats. Perhaps look to go your boat outside peak times to avoid delays etc. Please remember we are a club, a community, with common interest in sailing and with a shared responsibility for the safety

of everyone at the club

We are duty bound to do everything we individually can to reduce exposure of others, as well as ourselves. For example- Be responsive to other member requests for distance. If they think you're too close- you are.

For me- The key to the success of this phase at the club is patience, consideration for each other, compliance with the various notices and regulations and general safe behavior.

We hope soon to also be able to partially open the Groves Nest, so I am looking forward to that too, even with the restrictions that will be placed on our activities.

Now let have FUN!!-

Jlm

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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Bali Ha'i



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I think that it is safe to say that the reopening of marinas in the City of Miami is something that we can all celebrate. Even more important is how our membership and mooring holders will respond. I am pleased to report that the first weekends of the reopening were extremely successful. My family and I kicked the dust off of our boat and ventured out on the bay after a two month hiatus. As we exited Brennan Channel I could not be more pleased to see a bay full of beautiful sailboats in all directions. Many of these boats flying our prestigious blue burgee (and others that will hopefully in the future). Although I am sure there were stink pipes on the bay as well, all that we could see were sailboats as we made our usual trek across the bay to Hurricane Harbor (aka my favorite napping spot in Miami). After dropping the hook, we enjoyed a great swim, lunch, and relaxation. Just want the doctor ordered.



With all of the uncertainty, information and misinformation floating around, it is important that we remember how lucky we are to be sheltered in place in one of the most beautiful and perfect destinations in the world for sailors. Take this opportunity to enjoy and take advantage of this privilege and luxury.

Check the BBYRA website for upcoming races, take a sail down to Elliott or Chicken Key for a swim, or just venture across the bay for a nap. Just remember to follow the posted rules at the Club (i.e. social distancing and masks), use your common sense, and be kind to one another.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
SV -Zephyrus
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ADULT SAILING REPORT

We are certain that everyone at the club was overjoyed to hear that we will be resuming sailing operations in May. The lockdown has been fraught with uncertainty and anxieties for us all, and the prospect of getting back out on the Bay brings a much needed lift during this dark time. As we take the first steps towards reopening, the whole of the club staff and membership will face new challenges as we implement social distancing and group limitation guidelines. On behalf of the instructors, PLEASE adhere to and abide by these measures; not only will this allow us to remain open pursuant to our lease with the city, doing simple things like maintaining physical distance and wearing face masks acknowledge and reaffirm our commitment to doing our part to keep others at our club and in our community safe. For those privileged certified members using our fleet of Sunfish, Ensigns and Cruisers, the club's guidelines apply to those boat usages as well as instructional and private boat usage. To those users, Thank You in advance for your compliance which will insure your continued use of those club fleets.

Our first priority will be rescheduling the Basic Keelboat class that was suspended halfway through February when the club was initially required to close. In addition, we will begin rescheduling orientations on the Beneteaus and starting to map out what the

instructional classes will look like this summer. We ask for everyone's patience as we learn to navigate this new world, and heed the words of Winston Churchill when he said, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

As of this writing, BASIC CRUISING and BASIC BAREBOAT classes are unavailable at CGSC for the present. Other US Sailing affiliated facilities, such as Offshore Sailing in Ft. Myers is available for those classes and certifications. In the meantime, we are actively searching for a certified US Sailing instructor for these two classes, which requires an active US Coast Guard Captain's License. If you are a member, have a substantial cruising boat and would consider being trained for this position, the club is anxious to work with you. Your requirement would likely include at least one class per month of either a 3-day or 4-day weekend, for which you would be generously paid by the club in addition to the satisfaction of helping sailors achieve their dreams of cruising. A commitment is required, but the club has always worked flexibly with our instructor staff. If interested in discussing or more information is needed, please contact Richard or Alex or club management regarding this opportunity.

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

Alex Fox
Richard Crisler
Co-Chairmen – Adult Instruction



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Adult Sailing



ANNOUNCEMENT

Make-up Classes: Due to covid19 we will be making up the youth classes that were cancelled during spring beginning June 1.

Summer Camp will begin on July 6. Instead of our normal two week session we will be offering one week sessions for \$350 from 9:00-3:30.



Song of the Month

Over the last couple of months the sailors of the CGSC have increasingly been feeling the frustration of not being able to get out on their boats, onto the bay for some social distancing on the water. Everyone from the mayor downwards has been catching grief, stuck between the rock of sensible health policy and the hard place of sailors' demands. I feel for them, trying to do the right thing within these conflicting pressures. Hopefully by the time this article is published we'll be allowed to get out again, almost certainly while keeping distant from each other on the club grounds. In the interim music provides solace, and this old song seems appropriate for now, sitting on the land and not out on our boats. The song of the month for June, nominated in memory of Dr. Li Wenliang, is ...

“Dock of the Bay” by Otis Redding



This is what we feel like, wanting to go sailing again ...

Sittin' in the mornin' sun
I'll be sittin' when the evenin' comes
Watchin' the ships roll in
Then I watch 'em roll away again
I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Watchin' the tide, roll away
I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay
Wastin' time

Listen to the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTVjnBo96Ug>

* 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.



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**CGSC Race Committee
wishes everyone to stay safe**

**We hope to get back to racing on the Bay
by the beginning of August 2020**

**Annual Single Handed Regatta
Saturday
August 1, 2020**

**Annual Double Handed Regatta
Sunday
August 2, 2020**

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