



Past Snipe Regatta



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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Wow- what a difference a year makes - this time last year CGSC was on a long-term upwards roll. All programs were highly successful, and we were fulfilling our mission to increase participation in sailing on the bay and increasing community access to sailing, along with our commitment to actions to improve our local environment.

The exec and board, under the strong leadership of Commodore James Grupenhoff continued this high level of success through March- all was good. Then- Covid 19 hit us.

The Club's mission has not changed, but we had to put things on hold and retrench to ensure the Club survived the impact of the pandemic induced shut down etc. Again, James led us through the worst of this, calmly and effectively, and we all owe him a great debt of gratitude.

The club has now reopened, albeit under restrictions, and sailing programs are back up and running, the Grove's nest is open for business. We are back!

Thanks go to all members for continued support of the club, and I hope you are getting to enjoy CGSC again. CGSC members have a history of volunteering with shared commitments to the club and to our community, and I know we'll all move forward in the same spirit, strengthened by the recent adversities. Everyone is working hard to ensure our programs and activities come back strongly.

This time of crisis and lockdown has reinforced to me how much the club means to me. I've really missed sailing and the companionship of fellow members and sailors, both on the water and on land. Feeling this has made me want to redouble my efforts to serve the club and now as Commodore to try to lead the club forward into the 'new normal'.

This year is the 75th anniversary of the club's founding. I wonder if the original founders imagined how the club would develop and the important leadership role that CGSC would play locally and nationally. I am sure they'd be proud of their 'little club on the bay'. We will be celebrating this important milestone throughout the year, with a variety of activities – Renny Young and Patricia Murphey have taken on this fun task – keep an eye out for celebratory happenings.



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

While we had to postpone the formal installation ceremony, life still goes on and the new Bridge has taken their leadership roles at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. For me, that means I have the pleasure of assuming the role of Vice Commodore. For those that are not aware, the Vice Commodore is responsible for overseeing the physical assets of the club. This includes everything from our mooring field to the beer in the bar.

For those who attended the budget town hall meeting, the annual meeting, or if you reviewed our budget for 2020-2021, you will see that we have been fiscally conservative for our planned expenditures. However, because of our financial plan and the work of the Board of Directors, management and staff, the Club is in a good financial position and we are hopeful to be in a better position to revise our budget and spending projections. At the same time, as always, the club depends on its members. I am already working on a list of maintenance and improvement projects that will enhance the club and the overall member experience. These include items such as needed maintenance on the mooring field and crane, repairs to the docks, a new railing for the second floor of the clubhouse, and addressing the concrete spalling that plagues the building.

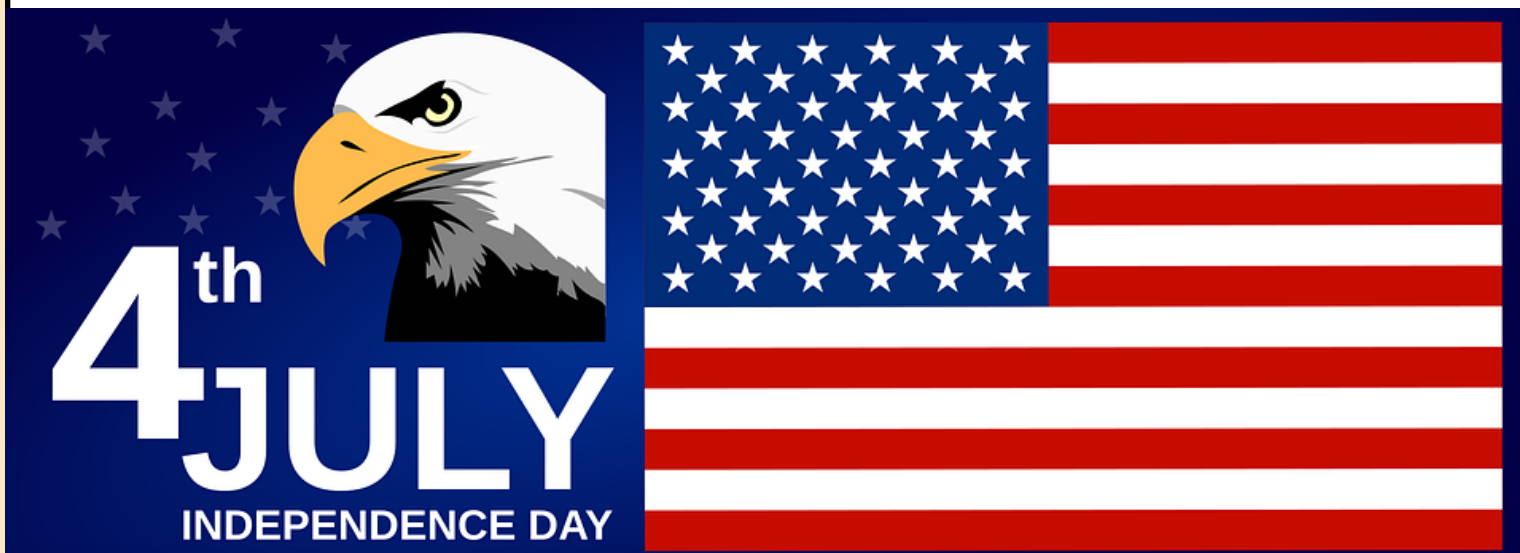
If there is one thing that I know about our members, they have opinions. Accordingly, I invite your comments, criticisms and suggestions. I also

invite you to volunteer to serve on the property committee with me. If property is not your thing, we have countless other committees for you to join—at worst, you will make some new friends. The committees will be listed in a future channel along with the contract information for the person responsible for the committee. It is a great way to be involved, meet people, and connect with club members.



Finally, I would like to recognize Past Commodore Grupenhoff and his family for the incredible leadership and support that they have provided to the CGSC. From Hurricane Irma which occurred shortly after assuming the role of Rear Commodore to a global pandemic which forced the club to close and operate under restrictions, Past Commodore has provided incredible leadership, insight and decision making. I would also be remiss to not recognize the hard work and dedication of Sue Grupenhoff to our youth program. James, enjoy your new role as Past Commodore. You deserve it. I look forward to seeing you in the back corner of general and annual meetings with the other Past Commodores providing witty insight and debate.

Robert Carlson, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

My name is Dave Martin and you very graciously voted me in as your new Rear Commodore for 2020-21. I can't tell you how much of an honor it is and I am committed to serving you diligently throughout my tenure.

I started sailing in the cold waters of Puget Sound on big boats in 1995 and eventually fell in love with the Star boat which I actually qualified for the 2008 Olympic Trials with my buddy Dave Watt.

As some of you may know, I am an avid sailboat racer and also a cruising sailor and I've sailed on all kinds of boats on all kinds of seas in all kinds of weather and in all kinds of ways. The sea is very special to me and I simply love being on the water. I currently sail a Flying Scot with my partner Andi and sail an Olympic Finn class dinghy with fellow club members. I also have a Soverel 27' keel boat on a mooring ball that we race in BBYRA events and attend the cruising rallies on her.

I've done other long passages and have sailed in the Vic Maui Pacific Ocean Race which is between Victoria, British Columbia and Maui several times, the Pacific Cup which is between San Francisco and Kaneohe, HI a few times, and circumnavigation of Vancouver Island in the Van Isle 360 which is a fabulous event. I have been very lucky and blessed.

Locally I've participated in the Miami to Nassau, won the Lime Cup, won the Wirth Monroe Cup onboard the fabulous Osita helmed by Becky Lyons, raced in the Miami to Key Largo race on the Finn, 3rd in the Star Western Hemispheres in Cleveland, OH, 4th in the Star North Americans in Tom's River, NJ, and more.

As your new Rear Commodore one of my major goals is to spread my love of the water and of sailing to the rest of the members and in doing so I hope to ignite this same passion in others.

To this end I will be promoting more club-wide sailing. Sailing of all kinds. Racing, cruising, fun day sails for the club boats, integration of youth sailors with adults, cruisers with racers, adult

racers with cruisers, and more. CGSC is the last true sailing club on Biscayne Bay and we are going to strut our stuff in 2020 and 2021.

The first of these many initiatives will begin on July 19. I am introducing the "Get off the Ball!" fundraising event for mooring field maintenance where we will try very hard to empty the mooring balls AND the Strip of all boats, club owned or private, and have a huge rally where we invade the Bay with our battle cry of "more butts on boats on the bay!" There will be more information on this fabulous event so stay tuned and save the date. We want to have as many boats off their moorings as possible AND, we plan on having this event every other month raising money for different needs throughout the club. No more excuses! Let's go sailing!!!

You can always hike harder,

RC Dave

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Flying Scots

The Flying Scot fleet is back in action. We have a summer series scheduled. The dates are on the website. Wednesday night racing is back. We have had 9 boats out the past two weeks. Unfortunately we are not doing the same format. Until Covid restrictions ease a bit more only boat owners and sponsors with their crews are invited. The popular walk on option is on hold for now. We will try to return to that format as soon as it is safe to do so. Saturday morning racing is set to restart The last Saturday in June. Further details will be released on that as we get closer.

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Adult Sailing

It has happened! Our first BASIC KEELBOAT Class in exactly ninety (90) days since we were shut-down by the pandemic. The students in this first class were actually some of the students from the March 13-14 class that got cancelled before the second day could be finished. Much planning and improvising has been done during the shut-down period to present a plan for resumption of our classes which meets all the restrictions and guidelines, and we finally got it approved for the BASIC KEELBOAT Classes. Thanks to certified instructor, Marc Pendarias, Sunfish clinics have now re-started, and Sunfish classes will resume in July. Saturday racing clinics with the Flying Scot fleet has resumed, and we are starting to look like an active sailing club again. Thanks to all the leadership and instructors who are carrying forward with these activities. For the popular Basic Keelboat classes, size will now be limited to six (6) students with three (3) instructors, giving one (1) instructor for two (2) students on the training Ensigns. Masks, distancing and any other club requirements remain in effect for these classes. Our July

BASIC KEELBOAT Classes will begin the weekend of July 11-12, with the second July class on the 18th-19th.

We are pleased that the member use of Ensigns is increasing very favorably. We now have two member-use Ensigns with outboard engines and furling jibs. The Windward 24, Jolly-Roger, also is included with the Ensigns for member-use for BASIC KEELBOAT Certified members. If you are certified and have not used Jolly-Roger, contact us for a check-out.

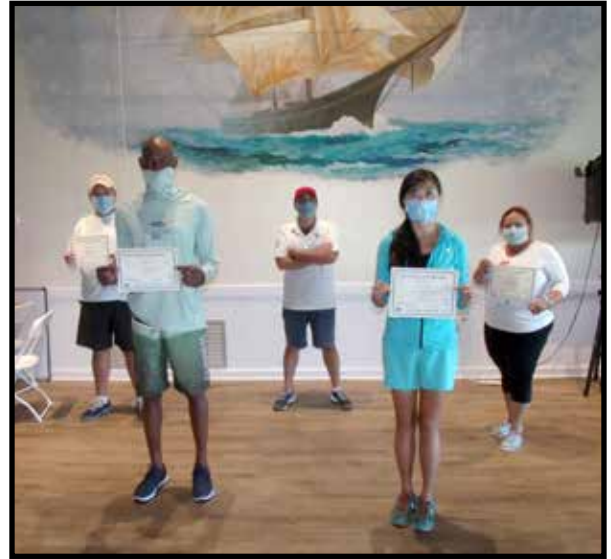
Last, but very important, is our search for a US Sailing Certified BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING Instructor. A USCG current captains license is required along with the teaching certifications which are attainable. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact our manager, Lauren.

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Richard Crisler – Alex Fox
Co-Chairmen – Adult Training



Adult Sailing Continued



Youth Sailing

Covid has impacted so much in our daily lives but luckily we were able to turn things around at CGSC and keep on sailing. We've successfully finished our Spring 2020 season and are now in the midst of our Summer Camp. Obviously it is quite different than last year with reduced numbers to allow for social distancing, temperature checks and mandatory face masks at the club. But that's not keeping these kids down! They are extremely grateful to have the chance to sail after 2 and a half months in quarantine.

We are also proud to say that we've been selected as a Supporting Siebel Center in the Florida Region, alongside Team Paradise here in Miami and others. The Siebel Program is a joint

venture between US Sailing and the Tom and Stacy Siebel Foundation dedicated to expanding access to our beautiful sport and make sailing more inclusive to all - a mission which is very much in line with ours. We are excited to bring on this addition to the program as we believe it will help better serve the sailors that participate with us and bring more of the Grove community to sail.

Please enjoy the pictures below and we will see you out on the Bay!

Alberto Olivo
Youth Sailing Director



Song of the Month

Back in May I took my boat Moon Glow up the river to Hurricane Cove boatyard to paint the bottom, install an access hatch in the cockpit sole, reinforce the cockpit sole, and most importantly tighten up the rudderpost packing nut to stop an incessant leak of 2 drips per second. It was a week of hard work, and I'm grateful to Shawn Beightol for stepping up and helping me get R done (you know who your friends are when you are in the yard, that's for sure). All the jobs got completed (including a couple of corona virus dots on the bottom), *except stopping the leak from the rudder post! We brought her back to the club after a week, and happily with the help of chemicals and a hammer I managed to tighten the packing nut. I celebrated with a Sunday sail on the bay, anchored for swimming, etc. So, my song of the month for July (although it all happened in May) is ...*

“Boatyard Song” by Rick Simpson



Here's the bit I really like ...

So you scrape and you sand
You work like hell
Ain't nothing worse than the barnacle smell
Then a buddy comes by
Slaps a beer in your hand
Have one on me, boatyard man

Listen to the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNjrVjJuvb8>

* 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.