



COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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JANUARY 2007

Rendezvous' in Review

Brrr...!
Winter always brings a different set of clothes and events to Effortless. Snorkeling gear and short sleeve shirts are exchanged for blankets and sweaters. Rendezvous' featuring sunset swimming at Nixon's are exchanged for trips that feature warm food and cozy salons. The cool weather – and more wind – is always a refreshing change, and January is always our time to review the past year and plan for the new one.

2006 was the best of years and the worst of years - to paraphrase a famous author! Worst of year's because Effortless was in the yard for four months –undergoing repairs for damage suffered when a boat anchored upwind of us at

Marine Stadium drug anchor and smashed our forward port side during hurricane Wilma. Best of year's because the Cruising and Rendezvous group again managed to find new fun and challenging rendezvous activities, which included the following:



The Progressive Dinner: held in March for the second year, on member's boats in the mooring field, this popular event allows us to share our boats and best recipes with other club members. Effortless, who was still in the yard, was "channeled" through Footloose thanks to captain Nick. Desert at the Club was outstanding!

The Annual Rendezvous: For this event, held in April, we were grateful for Mark and Kathy Buller

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Cover photo by Charlie Rahn; the UM sailing team competing in a collegiate regatta at Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

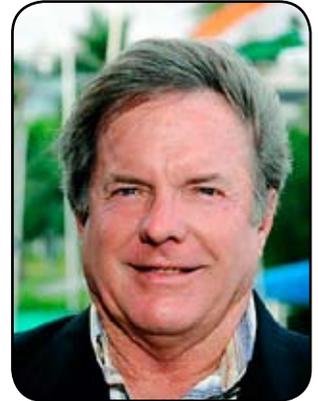
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The club paid the property taxes early to take advantage of the four percent discount. The property taxes are being appealed by a member who is a property tax attorney. As of December 11, 2006, we have not been assigned a hearing date.

On December 11 and 12 there will have been a public presentation by Sasaki about the Waterfront Master Plan. I hope you were able to attend one of the meetings and voice your opinions about the waterfront. We must be involved in the public process.



Stuart Sorg invited me to hear City Manager Pete Hernandez speak at the Boating, Angling and Diving (BAD.) meeting at Coral Reef Yacht Club on November 16. The primary topic was the development of the waterfront from Kennedy Park to Peacock Park, including CRYC and Dinner Key. The talk was informative and interesting. Mr. Hernandez discussion included population growth and traffic concerns.

The boat owners who have not completed their moorings agreement package need to do so ASAP. Please stop by the office to take care of this.

On Sunday, December 10, one of our dockmasters witnessed a powerboat hit and punch out the starboard window on a club member's Catalina 30, which was on the mooring. The powerboat then got tangled with the mooring tackle of the boat moored in front. The incident was reported to the Miami police marine division. Two young men were ticketed for the incident.

Congratulations to Marc Sarnoff for his victory. He won the District 2 City of Miami Commission seat. We look forward to working with Mr. Sarnoff on waterfront issues.

Tacking,

David Kurtz, Commodore



Great picture of the WHO Regatta with Miami in the background.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happy New Year! We hope your Holidays were wonderful. This is shaping up to be a good year for our Club. The City's Waterfront Master Plan is still progressing. We have met with the planners and are striving to keep this Club part of the Coconut Grove Community.

In April, we will host the Florida State Optimist Championship. This will require volunteers from the Club, please step up if asked. Help is needed in the planning stage and as the event nears. See Rear Commodore Charles Rahn about how you can help.

Also new to CGSC is Chef Pete. Come out and support the Galley. Also new is a different format for Tuesday Social Night. In the recent past, we paid staff to provide a meal. In an effort to encourage volunteerism (and reduce costs,) We are asking for members to help prepare a snack or meal. Do you have a secret Chili recipe or another "Special Treat?" Why not show it off to the Club. Let Hugh know what you plan to prepare and on what date. Sometime in the future there will be New

Orleans style Jambalaya, but if you want to try it, you'll have to be at Social Night!

I also hope to see you on the water. The hot weather is gone and NOW is the time to be in South Florida.

*Marc Buller,
Vice Commodore*



Volunteer Award

Eilika Podack was honored with a certificate of appreciation for her "Outstanding Volunteer Spirit" at the last CGSC Board Meeting. Eilika started with us here at CGSC through the Ransom-Everglades Middle School after-school program attending sailing classes every week. She then decided she would try her hand at racing with our Green Fleet weekend program. After a few weekends of racing she decided she was more the cruising type of sailor and opted to stick with the sailing classes. At this point Eilika was getting plenty of tiller time and became quite a good sailor. She was so helpful with her fellow students, it became apparent that she would be an excellent co-instructor for our younger learn to sail kids (ages 6 thru 11). When asked, Eilika jumped at the opportunity. She has an amazing relationship with the kids and she treats her responsibilities as if she were on the payroll.

Eilika still sails with Ransom-Everglades and volunteers her time every Wed. afternoon from 3-30 to 5-30pm. Hats off to Eilika for her spirit of volunteerism! One last thing, Eilika's mother and father will be mooring their boat, a Dragon named "Draca Dormiens" at the CGSC in the coming months

Nick Mansbach



Membership report

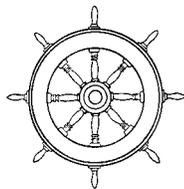
I am pleased to report that some outstanding sailors have been approved and voted in as new members of our club. If you meet them on the dock or in the bar, give them a hearty welcome and "show them the ropes" Invite them to participate in upcoming activities and bring them aboard a committee so that they can learn more about their club.

September meeting: Thomas L. McManus, Jr

October meeting: Philip Adams
Joseph B. Dare
Dr. Thomas Householder
Georgie Kelchner
Patrick Kocica
Charles A. Lininger
Orlando Vega
Ute Carey Vladimir

November meeting: Harold Aiken
Terry Chandler
Cork Friedman
Nina Russell
William Sancho

Karen Young,
Membership Chair



CGSC HOSTS OUTSTANDING SE FLORIDA PHRF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Again this year, Coconut Grove Sailing Club played host to the Southeast Florida PHRF Championship Regatta. The dates were November 18-19, a fitting prelude for the Thanksgiving Holiday the following week.

This year, 21 boats entered to contest the championship, from as far as West Florida and Boca Raton. The PHRF 1 fleet was the most competitive, with half the entries. These included four Tripp 33s, the scratch boat "Thin Ice," an Aerodyne 38 and "Sixx," probably the first Mumm 30 ever to race on the Bay. PHRF 2 was heavy with CGSC boats, including David Kurtz's "Goombay," Pat Cacace's "Blackbird," Russ and Vicki Horn's "Jammin," David Berg's "Hot Air III," and Gert Klein's "Guanabarra." There were three boats in PHRF 3.

It was pretty much "Chamber of Commerce" weather for both days of the regatta with a nice breeze from the Northwest both days. A total of five races were planned for the regatta. Things started out well enough, with the first two races being completed in good fashion. In PHRF 1, "Sixx," the Mumm 30 sailed by Tom Lihan won both races, followed by Stuart Hebb's "Thin Ice." Scott Piper's "Pipe Dream XIV" followed five points back just ahead of several boats. In PHRF 2, "Goombay" and "Jammin" traded firsts and seconds to tie for the lead. In PHRF 3, Michael Carrington's "Susimi" won both races followed by "Blitzkrieg," with Karen Mitchell at the helm.

Unfortunately, things took a turn for the worse in Race 3. There were several aborted starts due to the aggressive PHRF 1 fleet and problems with the Pin Boat dragging anchor. The fleet was finally sent away with several individual recalls. Subsequently, the Race Committee determined that the Pin Boat had again drag anchor which was at least in part the reason so many

boats were over early. The RC determined that this wasn't a fair test and abandoned the race for PHRF 1 and 2 at the first leeward mark. There is an overall Perpetual Trophy for the best placing in PHRF 1 and 2 together, so PHRF 2 had to be abandoned as well. PHRF 3 completed the race with the same results as above. That was it for Saturday.

On Sunday, two more races were completed under similar racing conditions. In PHRF 1, "Sixx" slipped to a 2-3 but



In the competitive PHRF 1 fleet, "Breeze" leads "Moving Party" after rounding the windward mark.

still won the class handily over "Thin Ice." Chris Woolsey's "Mostly Harmless" improved from a 4-6 on Saturday to a 3-2 on Sunday to finish third ahead of the Tripp 33 "Triptease." In PHRF 2, "Goombay" took two bullets on Sunday to win the class and the PHRF 1-2 Perpetual Trophy by two points over "Sixx." Turns out "Sixx" was on its way to a third place finish in the Mumm 30 World Championships off Miami Beach the week after Thanksgiving.

"Blackbird" finished second in PHRF 2 followed by "Jammin." Had there been a Sportsmanship Award, it would have gone to "Jammin." They had spinnaker trouble at the leeward mark and wound up rounding it to starboard instead of port. They subsequently rounded to port, but incorrectly per the Racing Rules of Sailing. When he realized the error, skipper Russ Horn withdrew from the race which cost them a very competitive higher finish. Hats off to Russ!!

In PHRF 3, "Susimi" continued to dominate the class on Sunday with "Blitzkrieg" second and Alexei Vasiliev's "Stalker" in third.

All in all it was a great regatta sailed under beautiful South Florida conditions.

The CGSC RC did a great job. Thanks to all who assisted.



David Berg's crew (CGSC) pays close attention to sail trip downwind at the Southeast Florida PHRF Championships.

Pipe Dream XIV, sailed by Scott Piper of BBYC, under spinnaker in the Southeast Florida PHRF Championships hosted by CGSC.



The windward mark crews included Dennis and JJ Jansma, Phil Kellett, Wil Bourne and Dottie Rostorfer. Pin boat crews included Marc and Cathy Buller, Bill Stites and John Degen. With Mike Castleberry onboard his very nice Tartan 37 Signal Boat were Jo Ann Mathieu, Susan Schultz, Vicki Rosenbloom, Sharon Denaro (1st timer!), Jeanne Bunten and Susan Walcutt, and PRO Ron Rostorfer.

Additional special thanks go to Jeanne for the lunches, Dennis

for making sure our RC equipment was ready, and to Wil for the use of his Intrepid powerboat (renamed "Kokopelli"). Finally, thanks to Mike Weber, Rob Quinlivan and Jack Hamm for hearing protests Saturday evening involving collision damage in the PHRF 1 fleet, and a special thanks to Cindy Saunders who jumped off "Triptease" to come in and do the scoring Saturday and Sunday.

Photos by Wil Bourne



CGSC's "Blackbird," sailed by Pat Cacase, under spinnaker on the way to a second place finish in PHRF 2.

UNEXPECTED REUNION AT CGSC

CGSC's Ms. Vice Commodore and enthusiastic volunteer par excellence, Cathy Buller, is from Houston Texas. She went to college there and also, for a time, worked as a sail maker.

Dottie and Ron (CGSC's Race Committee Chair) Rostorfer have good friends, Lee and Sharon Demarest, who keep a cruising-racing sailboat at Houston Yacht Club. So, it wasn't too



Picture caption: Anne and Ron Pare, of Houston, share an impromptu reunion with former student and CGSC's Ms. Vice Commodore Cathy Buller at CGSC on December 8th. They're giving the University of Houston Cougars support signal!

surprising that Cathy knew Lee due to the sailing connection. We've all gotten together a couple of times at CGSC when they were passing through South Florida.

Dottie and Ron have other, even longer-term friends, in the Houston area as well. They are Ron and Anne Pare, who Dottie and Ron met in the US Army Basic Officers Course in 1965! Ron Pare went on to become a decorated helicopter pilot in Viet Nam, and then settled down in Houston as an engineering professor at the University of Houston. Anne's career was in corporate computer programming. They are now retired.

The two couples get together every year or so, either in Houston or South Florida. The Pares were in the Miami area on December 8th in preparation for a Caribbean cruise, so Dottie and Ron picked them up and brought them to CGSC for dinner and the Christmas Carol performance by the "Miamians" that evening.

The foursome walked into the bar, and there were Vice Commodore Marc and Cathy Buller, so introductions were made. Cathy exclaimed "Professor Pare, is that you?!" She had been a student of Ron's 20 years ago! So, the two couples from Houston that Dottie and Ron know best are also known to Cathy! It's a small world after all.

Ron Rostorfer

ADULT SAILING REPORT

We are pleased to report a very successful Adult Learn-to-Sail course completed on the weekend of December 2-3. This class was formed and the administration done by our sailing director, Nick Mansbach. Eight adults attended this mixed class, and despite some adverse weather conditions, all students completed the course and were anxious to proceed to the next step. Having taught several hundred students over many years, I can justly say that this particular class was one of the most enjoyable I have ever instructed. Students were extremely focused and very supportive of each other, despite less than favorable weather conditions. All students expressed a desire to proceed to the next level that we could offer them. I sent a personal thank-you message and a class picture to each of the students.

We were extremely pleased to have the help of newly certified Level 1 US Sailing Instructor, Cathy Buller, to assist us with this class. Everyone who knows Cathy,

and husband Marc, know what “spark plugs” they are to many contributing programs at CGSC. Even before being certified, Cathy and Marc have often assisted us with our adult learn-to-sail classes. We couldn't be happier about their participation and the skills and energy they bring to our Adult learning program.

We are also pleased to report that we are working on re-establishing our previous, popular Adult monthly SunFish clinics, that were so well conducted by certified instructor, Rob Quinlivan. These monthly clinics will offer students a chance to expand their learning as well as offer members, with their own SunFish, to participate in all day sailing and learning experiences, featuring all day sails to a local sandbar, followed with lunch, and possibly some competitive sailing back to the club, all in the name of learning and increasing skills. Check the website for dates. Recent graduates of the Adult Learn-to-Sail program will be sent invitations for this very fun, safe and well-organized event.



Fair Winds, Safe Sailing, and Thanks for your Support....
Richard Crisler
Adult Sailing Chairman

Richard Crisler, US Sailing Certified Sailing Instructor is at it again with this Adult Learn to Sail Class held over the weekend of December 3, 2006. If you are interested in joining the fun, see CGSC.org, click Sailing Programs, Adult or Youth, or call Nick Mansbach, Sailing Director, 305-444-4571 - Ext. 11.



CGSC Race Committee Help; Run Mumm 30 World Championship

A special thank you to CGSC Race Committee members who served on the RC for the Mumm 30 World Championships, held off Miami Beach November 29th thru December 2nd. The event was based at Miami Beach Marina and Monty's Restaurant. It was exciting and very competitive racing to watch with plenty of wind for the first two and a half days of the four day regatta. There were 30 of these high-performance boats racing, and a 6th place average for the 10-race, no throw out series would have won the regatta! That's tough competition!

Two weeks before, Tom Lihan and his Mumm 30 "Sixx" tuned up for the Championships by winning PHRF 1 in the Southeast Florida PHRF Championships hosted by CGSC on Biscayne Bay on November 18-19. Must have been a good practice, since they wound up third in the Worlds Championships and won three of the 10 races. Just another indication of the high caliber of racing at our regattas.

There were nine CGSC Race Committee members who assisted with the Mumm 30 Worlds. Serving on the windward mark boat were CGSC's Phil Kellett, Bernie Meier, and Karen Young. The gate boat was Bill and Donna Moriarty's "Reef Madness," with Larry Whipple and Dottie Rostorfer. Susan Schultz and Ron Rostorfer were on the Signal Boat.

The very next day, December 3rd, the CGSC RC also assisted Biscayne Bay Yacht Club in the running of the monthly BBYRA PHRF Regatta. Jo Ann Mathieu did an excellent job on the Signal Boat, Dottie Rostorfer handled the flags, and Ron actually served as PRO for the day. Three races were run in steady 8-11 knot winds on truly a "Chamber of Commerce" day.

Wild mark rounding at the Mumm 30 Worlds Championships off Miami Beach, as boats round the windward offset mark and raise spinnakers for the leeward leg. The Race Committee windward mark boat, with CGSC RC members Phil Kellett and Bernie Meier on board, is in the background.



Close quarters off the starting line at the Mumm 30 Worlds, held in the ocean off Key Biscayne November 29-December 2. It really was a Worlds Championships, with the top five finishers being, respectively, French, Australian, American, Dutch and Italian!



Kitchen Hours

**Wednesday, Thursday
and Sunday**

11:00am – 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday

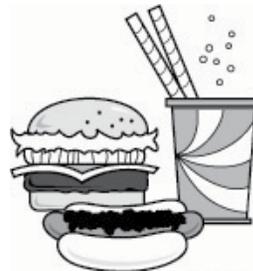
11:00am- 9:00pm

Thursday Night Special

New York Strip Steak Dinner

\$12.00 Between 6-8 PM

You need to call ahead to reserve yours.





allowing us to bunk on Otro Cuba Libre, as Effortless was still on the hard for repairs. Thanks to Dwayne for taking us down to Elliott on the launch.

The Abacos: For our adventure rendezvous this year we expanded on the lessons learned in and headed for the Abacos in mid May. Ray and Elena on Windshadow lead the way for Effortless, Beauty and the Beast (that is the name of the boat, not the captain and crew!) and Meditation. The highlight of the event was our rendezvous at Nippers for the Sunday afternoon Pig Roast. NOT TO BE MISSED! In addition to the above we had Joe and Jennifer aboard Sunday Morning, Jack and Claire aboard Hammertime, Mark and Kathy aboard Orto Cuba Libre, Nick and Cesar aboard Namaste, Steve Neumeyer and Dee, along with Steve's son, and Julio and Mate Rodriguez aboard a chartered Beneteau, and Gwen and John aboard



Intuition – a great turnout for this amazing trip!



Fourth of July: We rafted up with Steve aboard Island Dream and others at Nixon's for a great evening and view of all the fireworks going off around the Bay



Nixon's raft-up: Great August evening swimming in the warm Bay. For this event our social member friends Pat and Adrienne Peters joined us in their Hurricane Wine Down (a powerboat!)



Deep Sea Fishing: A new event this year. In August, we motored (NO wind) to Elliott, where we rafted up with Mike, aboard Makani and Ronnie Romera, along with Will and Gail aboard Sweet Lime, and then went on the next day, via Angelfish Creek to Rodriguez Key. From there we trolled north to Biscayne Channel in 150 – 200 feet of water. Although Ray and Elena aboard Windshadow had brought along fishing experts, Effortless did manage to catch a blackfin tuna. The sushi was great!



Labor Day: Although the weather was unsettled – storms swirling around – Effortless headed south to join Will and Gail aboard Sweet Lime for a couple of days at Elliott. A morning trip to Adams Key brought a beautiful view of Ceasar's Creek and thoughts of "Black Ceasar" the pirate that is rumored to have terrorized these waters many years ago.



Columbus Day: Although Effortless did not race, we sailed to Elliott where we rendezvoused with Will and Gail aboard Sweet Lime, and Gwen and John aboard Intuition. We had a surprise visit from the “Old Man and the Keys” Paul Lombardi aboard Maria V, who was just arriving after a five week cruise around the Keys.



Tailgate Party: We took over the Grove’s Nest for the Maryland vs UM football game, and feasted on chili dogs. Captain Bill Braddon of Tondaleya was in command of our fleet that day, enjoying the food and the game. Unfortunately the Canes lost – but there’s always next year.....

December Holiday Dockside Rendezvous: Intitution and Effortless donned Christmas lights for our dockside holiday celebration. We were “blown away” by the great food (and the wind!)
\\Whew! What a great year.

2007 promises more and better. Plans include (must have events): Nixon’s for the full moon, Progressive Dinner, Fishing (a Janice favorite), Annual Rendezvous, and the Adventure Rendezvous. At our meeting in October, we discussed the alternative destinations – Florida Keys, Abacos, Exumas. The Keys were eliminated (we can always go there!), but the Abacos and Exumas are still in the running! Our time frame still looks like mid May to mid June, but our destination is still to be decided.



Please join us for a meeting, and a rum punch, to plan rendezvous activities for the coming year, and to decide the location for the adventure rendezvous, on Tuesday January 15, 2007, immediately following the social night dinner.



Happy New Year fun and safe cruising

Janice and Alyn
s/v Effortless





Flying Scot Fleet 90

The last One Design race of the year was held Saturday, 12/2/06. Four Flying Scots got out to race in 6-10 knots of wind. Bud Price and his wife gave the rest of the fleet a good sailing lesson. The following are the results for the race.

Place #	Boat Name	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total
1	4156 Enigma	Bud Price	1	1	1	3
2	5399 Margaritaville	Larry Whipple	2	2	3	7
3	5672 Volee	Jean Hester/Philip Messier	3	3	2	8
4	5321 Lady Hope	Henry Bernstein	4	4	4	12

Year to date results are available at http://www.bbyra.net/2006/YTD_OD_2006.htm
The 2006 Annual Results Party and BBYRA registration for 2007 will be at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Friday, 1/5/2007, at 6PM. See everyone there.

We have several CGSC Flying Scots that are available for use by CGSC members. See me or Bud Price for details.

Whip
Fleet 90 Captain

US SAILOR Of The Week Gonzalo Diaz



Gonzalo Diaz, Sr.

Gonzalo Diaz, Sr., affectionately called “the old man” by many, is a meticulously organized man. At 76, he is the patriarch of a wonderful family, a successful business, and three generations of Snipe sailors throughout the United States. In 1963, Gonzalo Sr. breathed several sighs of relief. Not only had he left behind a thriving business in Cuba and successfully relocated his family to the United States, he also managed to get his Snipe, a 15 ½-foot racing sailboat, to North America. He was as calculated in his plans for his family as he was in making arrangements for his boat. Many of the United States’ most accomplished sailors are forever indebted to Gonzalo. Not only did he introduce his two sons and daughter to sailing, he has perpetuated the Snipe Class in Southeast Florida. His daughter Anne and sons Gonzalo Jr. (Gonzo) and Augie can regularly be found on the water and are accomplished sailors (Augie is the 2003 US SAILING Rolex Yachtsman of the Year). Having his son, Augie, win the title of Snipe World Champion in 2005, was probably Gonzalo’s proudest sailing moment. The Old Man spends the better part of his day at the office and the majority of his leisure time organizing the Miami Snipe Fleet. This week, Gonzalo can be found at the Snipe Western Hemisphere and Orient Championships in Miami with his long-time friends from the Snipe class.

GONZALO DIAZ IS ONE OF 

From the Manager . . .

Christmas was great, at least in Macon, GA, where I spent a few days with my family in actual cold weather and a little snow. The Miami weather is great, but seasons are nice also!

We're into the midst of the club's regatta season. The traditional Orange Bowl regatta 12/27 - 12/30 really kicked things off. I'll leave it to the RC and sponsors to fill in the details.

So, what's the plan for 2007? Menu wise, I predict a more streamlined sandwich / pub presentation with a heavier emphasizes on steaks in the evening. Social Night will

HUGH'S Q&A

Q. My boat battery failed and I dropped it off outside the dock office. It's still there, is that OK.

A. No. The law requires that car/boat batteries be deposited in an allowed dumpsite or reclamation facility. CGSC is neither of these facilities. and we do not have the staff to handle this issue for you.

NOTE - Should a representative from DERM pay us a visit (which they do). CGSC would be cited with a fine for having these batteries on premises.

Q. I've seen several club rowboats out in the public anchorage. Is this allowed?

A. No. Occasionally, nonmembers will help themselves to a club dinghy. Use of club boats to attend to their vessels is not allowed. Should you spot this, please immediately inform us.

Q. On many occasions I crew for members for races. I park on the lot, but have been warned to move my car. Why?

A. Parking on the club's lot is restricted to Regular Members with decals. Parking is limited and therefore must be restricted. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Hugh

go back to more member participation and less kitchen involvement.

We're looking at a few other changes and specials along with some club theme nights. If you have some ideas or suggestions, let me know.

We'll talk next month.

Hugh



The Channel



Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 10th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebran-



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Program is recognized by the State of Florida and your boat insurer.

Contact: Cliff Harrison, 305-301-9034, or Sheldon Dobkin, 305-666-6024 for additional information and registration; or check website: WWW.Flottilla 65.org
There is a nominal charge for the program which includes:

Boat for you ?	Equipment	Boat handling
Boat highway signs	Rules of the road	Inland boating
Weather for boating	Navigation intro	Powering your boat
Boat's radio	Knot tying	And much more!

Youth Sailing

Here's what's going on in the club's sailing world:

With the help of Richard Crisler we have been able to schedule adult learn to sail classes for the entire year of 2007. These classes will be held on the 2nd weekend of the month beginning in January, all the way through Dec.



Rob Quinlivan has agreed to volunteer his time once a month to provide "Sunfish Clinics" for all who have completed the adult learn to sail class. For those of you wondering what a Sunfish Clinic is, it is a really fun way to spend a day on the water. We begin on Sunday morning with a basic navigation course and then, based on wind direction, we either head out to the Viscaya sandbar, Matheson Hammock or the Key Biscayne sandbar and have lunch. Once everyone has finished we head back to CGSC to put away boats and then to top off the afternoon we head up to the bar for a beverage and to discuss our day!

These clinics are open to the public, the only prerequisite is that you must have passed the adult learn to sail class. We encourage club members who have their own boats to tag along and offer up their expertise to the less experienced. The cost for full members is \$30; for social members is \$50 and for non-members is \$75 (these costs don't apply to members who have their boats). These clinics will be held on the last Sunday of the month beginning Jan. 28th going through December.

Our youth programs are in full swing on Wednesday's and Saturday's and of course our Green Fleet is busy preparing for the upcoming Jr. Orange Bowl Regatta scheduled for the 26th through 30th of Dec.

If anyone out there is interested in any of these programs, please feel free to contact me for more details.

Tight Lines

Nick Mansbach
Sailing Director
305-444-4571 Ext. 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The CGSC will be hosting the Florida Opti Championship on April 14 and 15. This is a commitment that all major Sailing Clubs have periodically with the Class. We can show our value as a serious sailing organization to the City, the State, the Nation and the World since this event is published and followed up by thousands of people around the world.

WE NEED AT LEAST FIFTY VOLUNTEERS. We have various committee leaders and contributors positions in many areas, such as space logistics, sponsoring, public relations, safety, race committee, food and activities, registration, budgeting and many others. This is an event that will bring around 200 Opti sailors with parents, coaches and friends, so the impact in our community will be great and positive. As you know the difference between positive and negative will probably be having a well organized event or a poorly organized one. This mostly depend of the attitude and number of volunteers we have. If you feel that this is a great cause and you want to help our Opti racing program, please give us a call. Antonio Bejarano (305-588-0084) antonio1bejarano@aol.com or Hugh Stallings at the Sailing Club.

I am looking forward to meeting you.

Parking: Due to excessive crowding in the parking lot, the club will be towing cars without parking stickers. No exceptions allowed! If you are a regular or life member you are entitled to purchase a parking sticker. Please make a copy of your car's registration and take it to the office. Social members, non-resident members and youth members are not entitled to purchase parking stickers. Ample public parking is available across the street at the Sonesta Parking lot.

Dog Policy: Please, please, please:

NO DOGS UPSTAIRS

Dogs are welcome downstairs on a leash. Please show courtesy to the kids and sails drying on the lawn by picking up after your dog. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

A SPECIAL NIGHT AT CGSC!

Please mark your calendars now to attend a very special post-holiday night at Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 – 7:30 pm.

Right after Social Night, CGSC presents noted offshore sailor and sailing author **John Kretschmer**, always a very entertaining speaker. Among other things, he will discuss his latest book, *At the Mercy of the Sea*, followed by a book signing. John has more offshore miles than Josh Slocum, is a prolific reviewer of cruising boats, consults with clients on cruising boat selection, and sails his own 47 foot sloop, *Quetzal*, to destinations far and wide.

At the Mercy of the Sea is a true and gripping story of three boats caught in 1999's "wrong way" Hurricane Lenny, which traveled from West to East across the Caribbean. One of the boats was sailed by his dear friend, Carl Wake aboard *La Vie en Rose*. None of these men knew each other, yet they converged by fate in a tiny circle of the sea in the midst of a hellish storm no boat could survive. It is a taut, suspenseful re-creation that seeks to make the sense of the improbable intersection of three lives at the height of a storm.

For additional information on John, go to www.yayablues.com.

Unauthorized Storage

The following is a list of un-accounted for boats, sails, dinghies and spars that have been left at the club without authorization. If these are yours, please remove or make arrangements for storage with the Sailing Director. Items not removed will be disposed of January 1st.

- Sandpiper dinghy on rack by stairs (Tross is the name on it)
- Lt. blue dinghy on same rack (no name)
- Rolled up Seaworthy inflatable under stairs
- Spinnaker pole on Sunfish sail rack
- 3 Kayaks on strip:
- Blue Old Towne
- Red Perception
- Green Old Towne

Thanks
Nick

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RACE COMMITTEE

SERIOUS FUN!

Contact Ron Rostorfer
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ronsailon@comcast.net

Racing Schedule January, 2007

Fri. Jan.5	BBYRA Annual Meeting & Registration
Wed., Jan.10	Ft. Lauderdale – Key West Race
Saturday, January 13	BBYRA OD #1 – MYC
Sunday, January 14	BBYRA PHRF #1 – CGSC
Mon.-Fri. Jan. 15-19	Key West Race Week
Mon-Sat, Jan 22-27	Rolex Miami Olympic
	Classes <u>Regatta – RS:X Boards – CGSC</u>
Sunday, January 28	BBYRA PHRF #2 - MYC
Sat.-Sun., Feb. 3-4	Commodore Rasco Snipe Regatta-CGSC



CLASSIFIEDS

Month 1

FOR SALE 1977 Choy Lee Clipper Ketch. Luders design, 33 foot, 4 foot draft, loaded. \$32,000. 305 903 1300 or biminilee@aol.com.

SUV For Sale 2003 Subaru Forester 2.5XS AWD, 19,700 Miles, 16" alloy wheels, leather, sunroof, ceramic window tint, anti theft, 6 disc CD, subwoofer, automatic, cherry condition: \$16,500, call John Schoendorf 305-274-4600 days, 305-858-4747 eve

Month 2

FOR SALE: CGSC used B & W Lanier 7228 industrial office copier for sale. Great for home or small business. Collates, staples, front & back copies. "Cash and Carry" as is, \$300. OBO. Call Hugh at CGSC

Month 3

SNIPES FOR SALE OR RENT: Miami Snipe Fleet #7 (Chartered in 1932) Fleet is willing to help the new members to get fast and further develop their boat handling, tactical and boat tuning skills. It is a boat for young and old! Call Gonzalo Diaz, Sr. and join the Miami Snipe Fleet. 305-667-0492 (best 8-10PM) Work: 305-702-8526 (best 4-6PM)

Classified Advertising Policy Classified advertising is for club members in good standing and is limited to personally owned items that are for sale. Ads will be run for 3 months and then will be dropped from the listing, unless the advertiser notifies the Editor to renew for another 3 months. Classified ads should be sent to cebranning@bellsouth.net. A classified ad can be pulled at any time by calling the Editor at (305) 661-2322 or sending an email to the above address.

Commercial Advertising is available for business use by calling the Club Office at (305) 444-4571.

Deadline: All Ads, articles and pictures for The Channel must be received by the 10th of the month. Please send articles and ads as a Word document and pictures as jpeg attachments to cebranning@bellsouth.net.

Social Membership

is available to City of Miami Residents and City of Miami Employees. This membership

is valid Jan 1 through Dec 31,

and is renewable on an annual basis.

Please inquire at the club for details

or call the office at 305-444-4571

GO CRUISING NOW MY BROTHER

On an ancient wall in China
where a brooding Buddha blinks
deeply graven is the message:
It may be later than you think!

The clock of life is wound but once
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the past a golden link.
Go cruising now my Brother.
It may be later than you think!

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Donate Your Old Sails!

I am collecting unwanted sails to deliver to fishermen on the Southern coast of Haiti. They build their own sailboats and fashion makeshift sails from old flour bags, clothing, and plastic bags, among other things. Donated sails in virtually



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Holiday Spirits at CGSC



CGSC Member Dominic Lamberti with a four fellow members of the Miamians, making up a quartet of 'barbershop singers' named "A Good Blend" with Tom, Roberto, Chris, and Mike. The "Good Blend" sang for an hour keeping CGSC members entertained with unique renditions of Christmas music and more crowd requests. It is a treat to have these gentlemen at CGSC, as they are always a crowd pleaser. Thank you for joining us, again. Please visit often.

CGSC Service Staff Member Lisa Visconte along with her sister played Christmas Carols on their flutes warming the crowd for the headlining performance act. They played for about an hour, with a variety of items including a few requests from the crowd. They were well received by the CGSC members, surprised at the 'hidden talent' the club has in-house. You are always welcome to play at CGSC!



The evening wrapped up with holiday beverages and deserts for all present. Thank you, Clare Hamm, Social Committe Chair, for hosting this fine event.



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