



JUNE 2016

Youth Sailors Show Their Stuff

The youth sailing program had a great showing at the 2016 US Team Trials hosted by San Francisco Yacht Club. There were thrills and spills all the way as our three young CGSC sailors took part in the Opti team trials in San Francisco. Battling it out against the top 230 Opti sailors in the country, Alex Cruz-Bustillo, 11, Karl Waldman, 12, and Charlotte Leigh, 13, did us proud. Even with the magnificent backdrop of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco's skyline, conditions out on the water were very hard; really strong currents one day, 5.7 Knots, which made it really hard for planning tactics and strategies. The sailors had two days of practice before they met at the venue to figure out

the conditions. Overall, Karl finished 125th, Alex 145th, and Charlotte 72nd, and 19th amongst the girls, qualifying her for the gold fleet and a coveted place in the U.S. Optimist Development Team. Charlotte will represent the Club and the USA

team at the VOLVO BRITISH NATIONALS in Scotland. She will be attending with coach KOKY, who has been selected to coach the US team at that same event. Coach 'Koky' Gutierrez said he was extremely impressed with the way all three youngsters, part of our RWB sailing team, competed. "I am so proud of them for putting the name of Coconut Grove



Sailing Club at the top of youth sailing," he said. "They all did really well in very tricky conditions." The coaches were really thrilled with the way our

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The time does fly by. We are wrapping up another year at the Club and I want to thank everyone for their support this past year. As usually seems to be the case, we managed to accomplish many of our goals.

Our various events continued to grow and are bigger and better than ever. We seem to have had record attendance at just about every event or function we have held this year.

We also hit two very important milestones this year. We were able to finish what was started several years back with the Mooring Field replacement, as required under our lease. And we managed to commence and complete construction within 2 months. That was a huge team effort and thank you to everyone involved, including all our boat owners, for helping out.

As of July 1 we will be at the end of the first 5 year term of our lease. I effectuated the renewal back in December so we are heading into the next 5 year term. Some significant capital projects and

deferred maintenance have been completed in the last 5 years and the list of needed repair items should continue to get smaller. The renovation of the downstairs bathrooms was on the list this year but due to contractor availability, it won't start until after summer camp.

Thank you to everyone again for all your efforts to and behalf of the club! It's your club, so make the most out of it and get involved. Please mark your calendar for July 9 for the annual Installation Ceremony to welcome and celebrate the incoming bridge.

Regards,

Jeffrey Flanagan, Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Recently I attended our annual rendezvous to Elliott Key. The weather was a bit overcast but around 15 boats from CGSC attended the event, including the entire Beneteau Fleet. Sailing times varied for the 22.6 mile distance but most arrived in under 5 hours. The weather seemed like it was going to deteriorate but cleared up for an day of activities on Elliott Key. The coaches brought about 20 youths to the Key in a couple of inflatables. The kids seemed to have a great time before returning to CGSC at around 5 pm. The remainder of attendees stayed on the Key and enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, and kebobs and a keg of beer well into the night. We had a rib providing launch service to the boats anchored out until around midnight. Saturday night the winds picked up a bit and sleeping at anchor was a little bumpy but tolerable. All the boats had applied plenty of scope and were able to stay in place. The next day, Sunday, we gathered on the Key for breakfast and to help break down the camp for our return to CGSC. We had a couple of equipment problems on the way back but were able to return within 5 hours. While this event may not have been on the same level as an Atlantic crossing or rounding the "Horn", experience levels were increased.

The weeks before our "rendezvous" myself and the vice commodore were contacted by some sailors regarding crew to Elliott Key. We attempted to pair up experienced sailors with some less confident boat owners and succeeded on a couple of boats. After the rendezvous, I

was approached by a couple that we had assisted with crew and they were appreciative of our efforts. When I asked if they were looking forward to next year rendezvous, they both said yes and that they felt their skills had increased enough to make the sail without any assistance.

In the future we hope to assist all boat owners get additional use out of their boats. We have a great resource of boat owners and experienced sailors here at CGSC. We should get out and participate, sail our boats.

Thank you

Ryan Alexander, Rear Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

As the fiscal year comes to a close, so does my term as Vice Commodore. It has been an honor to serve the club this year. According to the by laws, I am slated to move up to the position of Commodore. I will not take this office lightly, and will continue to serve the club and it's members to the best of my ability.

Over the last year, I have had the opportunity to observe and work with a great crew that keeps our aging clubhouse, boats and equipment working to facilitate our programs, and the many volunteers that develop and run our sailing programs and committees. Thank you all for your hard work and support.

We accomplished a huge feat in record time (the mooring field) which satisfied our lease requirements and will allow our boats to be safely moored for many years to come. It was tested during tropical storm Erika and all boats remained secure. As we continue to pay off the loan at an accelerated rate over the next three years, we will save \$250,000 in finance fees but must still address pending capital needs.

We had a very successful work weekend, and made several improvements with the help of over 200 volunteers who came out despite the rain to better utilize our limited space and enhance the club's appearance. New furniture and lighting on the upstairs balcony made a huge difference in the look of the club. Artificial turf and the south dock make launching prams, optis and lasers much easier and safer. Final bids and plans for the downstairs bathrooms are complete and renovation will be done at the end of summer camp.

Our sailing programs are strong. On my first day out on the water at summer camp, I observed our youth director Koki Gutierrez and his staff teaching future commodores, racers, cruisers and olympians the sport and fun of sailing. Their efforts and support resulted in having CGSC youth sailors represented at the National Team Trials in San Francisco and on to Scotland for a coveted place on the US Development Team. Richard Crisler and his team of adult coaches and instructors continue to add new members to our sailing community through sunfish, flying scot, keelboat and cruising classes, clinics and races. Our member use Beneteaus made it to their first Annual Rendezvous on Elliot Key this year with crew of pirates, and came back!!

We have a new fleet of instructional boats coming in time for summer camp. The Coconut Grove Sailing

Foundation has generously donated funds to purchase four Laser Picos, which can be used for adult and youth instruction.

Our race committee, chaired by Susan Walcutt assisted by her certified officers continue to provide excellent race management on Biscayne Bay

and afford CGSC members the opportunity to get out on the water for the numerous regattas and races throughout the year.

The future development, and budget committees have collaborated to look at how the club can be run more efficiently, provide better education and instruction and continue to be an asset to our members and an anchor in our community. In addition to paying off the loan we will continue to upgrade our support boat fleet

Lastly, it's been great to work with Commodore Jeff Flanagan. We set out to work together as a team and he has been with me every step of the way. There were many board meetings, breakfast meetings, phone calls, emails, and texts exchanged to keep our lines of communication open. I believe this year we have accomplished our mission which is to "encourage the sport of sailing, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation, to sponsor cruises, races and instructional classes and to foster a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship."

I hope that you will join me Saturday, July 9th as we celebrate the beginning of CGSC's 70th year at the installation dinner and plan our course for the coming year.

See you on the bay or at the club.

Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore
SV Effortless

Coconut Grove Sailing Club

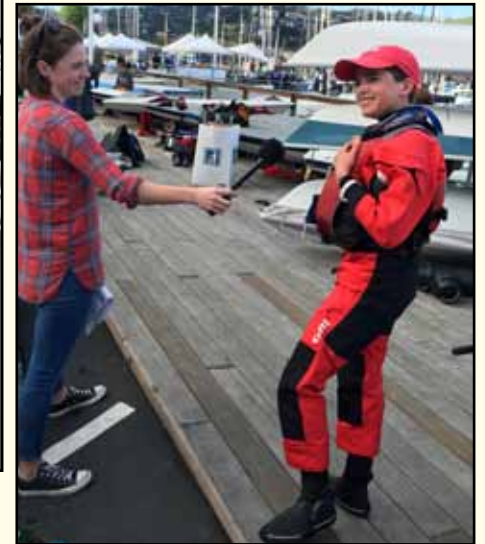
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JUNE 3, 2016
6:00 PM

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sailors developed in such a little time and very happy with the commitment of sailors to CGSC and the sailing program. "Next year I'm confident we'll have even more CGSC kids competing at team trials," added Koky. "Youth sailing at the club is getting stronger every day." Now every sailor feels that they have a chance to qualify for team trials, and go further in their dream of getting onto the National team. The youth sailing team will be travelling and competing this summer at the US Nationals in the Laser Class in Ohio and the Opti Nationals in Houston. A lot of travelling and a lot of exciting news for us. They are making the club very proud and putting CGSC in the top.
Dave Leigh/Koky Gutierrez



2016 RENDEZVOUS

Getting everything ready for a fabulous weekend.



Marika and friends on Together before heading south.



Together and Franella entering Featherbed Channel on the way to Elliott Key.



Some crazy people we found; err, I mean the VC and others.



Trying to roast marshmallows.



Getting creative to make s'mores when you have tiny marshmallows.



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Banner: Photograph of Charlotte Leigh
 relaxing between races at Nationals.
 Submitted by David Leigh.

NEW LAWN

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their
 time and labor and/monetary contribution to
 help with the recent redo of the main lawn!

Jeff



ADULT SAILING REPORT

It has been a busy month for our adult instructional activities, thanks to many things, including better sailing weather, an increase in certification testing, and at least three hours of sailing, coaching and testing opportunities after 5PM daily (thanks to Eastern DST), and often resulting in pleasant sunset sails as we are returning to the club following the various sessions. Remember also, that these longer evenings are providing great sailing opportunities for Wednesday evening racing on the Flying Scots and other participating boats. Have fun, meet new friends, have a new experience of racing and sailing aboard a Flying Scot or other vessels that may participate. Be at the club by 5PM for a 5:30 departure....beginners and novices are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun, social racing and camaraderie.

Congratulations to new members Romulo Vallejo and Jared Flurry who were recently certified in BASIC CRUISING with Capt. Bruce Penrod. Following certification, Romulo and Jared participated in the required Beneteau orientation for our site-specific requirements for the use and care of our cruising fleet. Thanks to Marc Pendaries for conducting our Orientations for us as needed. Congrats also to several members and non-members who have achieved US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Certification on the Ensigns in the past few weeks.

With the constant use of the Ensigns for many group and private classes, there is always the chance that some over anxious student or member-user, during de-rigging will pull an unsecured halyard unintentionally, resulting in the halyard going all the way up the mast, making it unreachable. Over the many years of Ensign usage, however, it had only happened once, until this past month, when it happened again. As stout and heavy as the Ensigns are, the masts are not quite substantial enough for an average person to be pulled up on. One solution is to take the boat to a yard where a large fork lift or other lifting device could allow

someone to get the wayward halyard. When this incident happened, we needed the boat the following day for a large class. To the RESCUE came Cathy and Marc Buller. They volunteered Otra Cuba Libra and their services to bring the halyard down. We rafted the Ensign to their boat, and Cathy went up their mast with Marc cranking as I was tailing. Marc prepared a long dowel with a hook on it and Cathy was able to reach across and secure the Ensign's halyard on the first try. Marc and Cathy have always been very supportive and helpful with our instructional programs, especially with the Sunfish and Ensigns. Thanks Marc and Cathy (check the picture below).

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

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June 4, 2016**

**BBYRA PHRF #10
June 5, 2016**

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July 16, 2016**

**BBYRA One Design #12
July 23, 2016**

**Single & Double Handed Regattas
August 6-7, 20146**

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