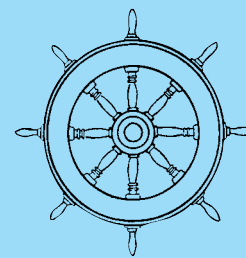


the **COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB**
serving the community since 1945
channel

AUGUST 2016



Installation 2016
Ceremony on the Lawn



Traditional firing of the cannon concluded the installation ceremony.



Past Commodore Jeff Flanagan with incoming officers: Commodore Janice Pruett, Vice Commodore Ryan Alexander, Cathy Buller standing in for Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe, Secretary James Grupenhoff and Treasurer Olivier DeLavalette.



Members enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and steele drum entertainment on the lawn.



Dinner and Dancing
Topped Off the Evening



Commodore Janice Pruett and PC Alyn Pruett enjoy dinner.



COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Dog Days of summer are upon us. Miami and the Grove slow down, it's hot, it's muggy, but chances are if you come down to the club there will be a breeze to greet you and a new launch will take you to your boat for an afternoon or evening sail. Otherwise, you can get a cool drink upstairs in the shade or in the Grove's nest with it's new air conditioning system. Chef Andy will prepare a tasty summer meal for you and your family.

Behind the scenes, the bridge, board and committees are gearing up for the coming year. Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe is on top of our sailing programs, Vice Commodore Ryan Alexander will take on the housekeeping tasks. Race committee is finalizing it's fall and winter regatta schedule. Our fundraisers are seeking sponsors and donations to improve and expand our learn to sail programs. The Adopt a Boat Program is ready to kick off it's Beneteau program. The Scots are flying and expanding our BOB program. The Entertainment committee is seeking new ways to entertain us. The Rendezvous committee is planning new and exotic places for us to go, right around the corner. The Mentor program is taking off. The campers are camping out downstairs and enjoying the bay. The property committee is ensuring that the downstairs bathrooms really are going to get renovated (after the campers leave.) The Mooring committee is inspecting the fleet. Treasurer Olivier de Lavalette takes a break and hopes that we budgeted well so that our club and programs can run smoothly. We leave Clarington Island to the mosquitoes and anyone adventurous enough to go onshore.

This month we will sponsor a free Racing 101 seminar. Look for flyers and emails for dates and times. Of course our Adult learn to sail programs

continue as scheduled as well as our Single/Double Handed Regatta August 6th and 7th. The dogs of CGSC will be celebrated and treated to their own special party and dog show August 27th. There is usually plenty of parking but biking or walking to the club is highly encouraged.

Enjoy your summer, enjoy your club. Get involved in one of the committees or programs that I mentioned above.

See you at the club or on the bay.

Janice Pruett, Commodore
SV Effortless
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
"Where sailors and friends belong"



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The power of participation

Sailing on its own brings many skills which enable us to become better sailors. In addition, sailing gives us many life lessons which we can put into use both on and off the water. Each time we see a group of youth sailors depart from the CGSC for their training we know they will learn skills that go beyond the boat. As children we often were in a position where others did not agree with our position, whether it related to the game, equipment or other participants. Occasionally, one of the kids demanded their position be considered correct, sometimes it did not go their way and they took the ball and went home. Fortunately, this did not happen with any frequency and the playground continued to be a source of joy for the majority of participants. In sailing, some times we have a late start, slow upwind leg, bad mark rounding, disastrous spinnaker set and

downwind leg, but when we drop the kite and round the leeward mark, we have to focus on the next leg, move on from previous mistakes and probably move up in the fleet. While we may not regain our lead, moving forward can lead to positive results. Life can be a lot like sailing, occasionally you have a bad upwind leg or spinnaker set, but you continue on. Participation is the key.



Thank you

Ryan Alexander, Vice Commodore
vicecommodore@cgsc

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

Welcome to summer, the perfect weather for sailing in light summer breezes, rafting up, and swimming in the bay.

You might have noticed my absence from the installation dinner ... I was in Portugal working and taking vacation. I travelled around in Portugal, and found sailing everywhere ... in Porto I watched a race on the river between old fashioned flat-bottom boats used to deliver port barrels; in Figueira da Foz there were kids in Optimists in the river mouth and PHRF-style boats racing in the ocean; in Cascais the natural harbour was full of boats of all sizes; in Sines the sailing club looked almost like Dinner Key marina; and in Sagres there were cruisers off the coast. Sailing is everywhere, and it was great to reflect on CGSC while watching all the activity in Portugal ... CGSC is a great place, in a wonderful location, and doing what sailors do around the world - having fun on the water!

Out on the bay, we have the CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup coming up on 26th September, in which our youth sailors will compete to be pride of the club. If you can get out on a boat to watch, it's good. If not, volunteer for Race Committee - Contact Susan Walcutt and she'll get a day of honest work out of you (and in return you'll have a day on the bay, free lunch, and a

couple of free drinks afterwards). And an advance warning ... our famous Hurricane Howler regatta will be on the weekend of 22-23rd October, in which youth sailors from around the state come down for two days of racing on Biscayne Bay. Along with regatta comes the night of the Haunted Mooring Field, but more about that next month.



I discussed hurricane preparations in the July issue of the Channel, and by the time you read this many members will have attended one of our hurricane preparation seminars. If you missed the seminars, or attended and still have questions or concerns, please don't be shy about asking questions. Plenty of club members have prepared for, and safely survived, a storm. They will happily share their experience and knowledge. Ask me, or ask loudly at the bar ... people will help.

See you out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore
Moonglow
rearcommodore@cgsc

2016 Adventure Rendezvous Recap

After many meetings of planning and preparing, the adventure rendezvous finally arrived. “It was a dark and stormy night” is an appropriate way to begin this story, as poor weather conditions delayed the trip by a week and had participants move from “plan A” – cruising to Bimini, Berries and Exumas, to “plan B” – cruising throughout the Florida Keys.

Fortunately for us at CGSC, “plan B” turned out to be a spectacular amount of fun. Three boats made the trip including S/V Effortless, S/V Ms. Mary Lou and S/V Lionnesse. Lionnesse left first and sailed to Key Largo, Lingumvite Key with a final destination of Newfound Harbor. Ask Brian and Annie When you see them at CGSC about their interesting encounter with the Coast Guard!



Enjoying a quiet, restful day on Effortless.

S/V Ms. Mary Lou enjoyed a few days in Hawk Channel snorkeling before heading into the bay with a final destination of the Content Keys where they met up with S/V Effortless who spent previous days relaxing in the Islamorada and Bahia Honda areas. The Content Keys were truly beautiful with lots of sea turtles and birds. The rendezvous enjoyed a day exploring the Content Keys by dinghy, enjoying the white sandy sandbars.

After dodging storms and enjoying a night in Marathon, the Rendezvous spent the last Friday of the trip at the Upper Keys Sailing Club participating in potluck and drinks at their clubhouse. What a fantastic hospitable group of people and club.

While the Bahamas eluded us this year, no regrets with Plan B! Perhaps Bahamas next year?

Karen Arndt

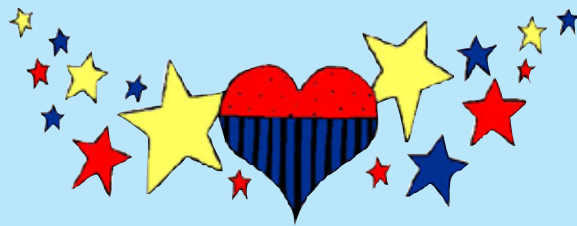


Kayaking back to the boats from Upper Keys Sailing Club and enjoying the beautiful sunset.



Ms MaryLou anchored at Content Keys.

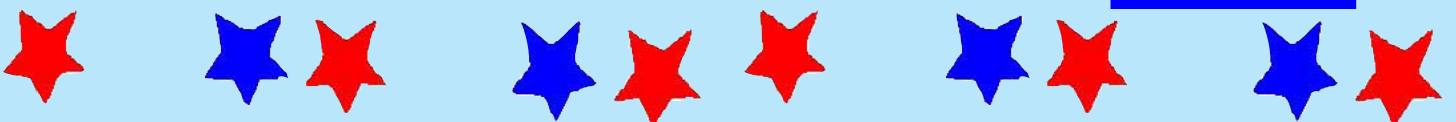
4th of JULY FESTIVITIES



STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER



Everyone enjoyed the food, fun and fireworks!



CGSC Members, Family and Friends

We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of our sailors and parents over the last one and a half years. I want to thank you all for your support and well wishes while we were at Nationals in Houston and in Scotland. CGSC was well represented at the US Laser Nationals in Mentor Harbor, Ohio as well as the US Optimist Nationals in Houston, TX and in the Opti

National Team at the Gill British Nationals in Scotland last month. As you can see we are stepping it up and people are starting to take notice of all the special things that are going on here at your very own sailing club. We are looking forward to a very exciting September, where we hope to be qualifying more sailors into the Optimist Team Trials and continuing to develop a strong Laser team. This month things have wound down for a little bit after a great (but hot!) summer camp, as we gear up for a promising fall season. I hope you continue to follow our sailors and their journeys into this crazy sport we call Sailing.

Sincerely,
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GPS Use & Race Course Geometry

**BBYRA Member Clubs
Race Committee Volunteers**

An Introduction to GPS Use and Race Course Geometry will be hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm. Class is free and open to all RC Volunteers on the Bay. Class will consist of a morning session at US Sailing Center with practice on the water at CGSC.

Participants are encouraged to bring a GPS to class. Instruction will be based on the Garmi 76 or 72 handheld GPS. Please be sure to register so we have a good count for materials.

walcutts@bellsouth.net


BBYRA Member Clubs Race Committee Volunteers

SUPPORT BOAT HANDLING

An Introduction to **Race Committee Support Boat Handling** will be hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm. Class is free and open to all RC Volunteers on the Bay. Class will consist of a morning session at US Sailing Center and move to CGSC for practice on the water in the afternoon.

Instruction will include better boat handling skills, docking procedures, setting and retrieving marks, radio protocols, safety in towing, and capsizing recovery. Some prior experience with basic power boating is suggested.

Contact Julie Hanrahan,
hanrafam@aol.com, to register.

Let's
**EAT
OYSTERS &
DRINK
BUBBLY
SATURDAY**

SEPTEMBER 17th 7:00 PM

**PARTY ON THE
MAIN DOCK**

**SPARKLING
WINES**

FROM ALL OVER

*Bay Oysters Shrimp Cocktail
Snapper Ceviche Conch Salad*

40 PP

WITH RSVP

www.cgsc.org/events



**2016-2017
Flag Officers**

BRIDGE:

Commodore	Janice Pruett
Vice-Commodore	Ryan Alexander
Rear Commodore	Geoff Sutcliffe
Secretary	James Grupenhoff
Treasurer	Olivier DeLavalette

BOARD:

Ed Almeyda ('17)	Nicole Bailey (19)
Patricia Murphey ('17)	Rob Carlson (19)
Richard Etkin ('18)	Frank DeLaurier (19)
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Monday Closed
Tuesday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Thursday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

KITCHEN

Monday Closed
Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Thursday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT!

HAPPY HOUR

Tuesday - Friday 4 - 6 PM

Buy 1 get 1 on select beers, wines and spirits



NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Single & Double Handed Regattas
August 6-7, 2016**

YOUTH EVENTS

**FL State Jr Snipe Regatta
September 10-11, 2016**

**CGSC Jr Commodore's Cup
September 24, 2016**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND
REGISTRATION FORMS ON
RACE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS
OR AT WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2014-15 SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @
WWW.BBYRA.NET

REMINDER:

Articles, pictures and upcoming event notices must be in to the Channel Editor before the 10th of the previous month they are to appear in; September materials are due by August 10th, etc. We want to include as much information as possible but it is important to get it in on time so it can be prepped for delivery.

Thanks, Cherie and Charles Branning



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DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Saturday August 27th at 4:00 PM



Who will win Best in Show?
Bring your best friends down to
CGSC on Saturday August 27th
for a chance at the grand prize!

Enjoy BBQ & Beer

Adults \$15

Children \$5 per person.