

# the channel

COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB  
serving the community since 1945



SEPTEMBER 2016

## COMMODORE CUP



**S**ummer is the time that the CGSC Race Committee takes a breath as the number of sailing events decrease in inverse proportion to the increase in heat. We had two events in July, the final and 12th BBYRA One Design race of the season and our Commodore's Cup, the Race for the Club's Championship.

Congratulations to the following skippers for their first place wins in the Commodore's Cup:

|                        |                                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PHRF                   | <i>Dark Star</i> , Skipper Rick Rahm |
| Cruising/Non-Spinnaker |                                      |
|                        | <i>Misty</i> , Skipper Mike Lovelady |
| Flying Scot            | <i>Lade Hope</i> , Henry Bernstein   |

Their names will be added to the perpetual trophy in the upstairs Trophy Case. A photo of their choice will also be kept in the Trophy Case until next July. Will they keep their bragging rights or be knocked out of the Case by new winners next year?

We will hold the Jr. Commodore's Cup on the last weekend in September and those first place winners' names will be added to the same perpetual trophy.

August has the Race Committee out for CGSC's Annual Single- and Double-Handed Regattas on August 6th and 7th. The Single Handed Race does not allow the use of Spinnakers but the larger boats have just a Skipper although they can have a safety person onboard (who must stay on the centerline of the boat and cannot offer any advice). This becomes

*Dark Star at the finish.*



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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The dog days of summer are over, camp season is history, hurricane season is ramping up. Let's hope all the storm action takes place on the football field in the new Miami stadium while the bay provides fair but fast winds for our incoming and returning UM sailors, youth sailors and learn to sail cruisers and racers. Many thanks go to our tireless volunteers Bud Price and Susan Walcutt for providing the Racing 101 seminar, Rear Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe for the Hurricane Prep Seminar and Mike Lloyd our Benetau Fleet Captain for taking the lead in organizing the Adopt a Boat program for the club cruising fleet. Thanks to the camp staff and coaches for working rain or shine, wind or calm throughout the summer. All of the above mentioned continue to do a great job in promoting and fostering the mission of the club. Congratulations to the representatives from our youth program who completed their summer regatta season with trips to Ohio, Texas and Scotland with impressive results. Read more about them later in the channel.

September brings a lot more activity to the club with the Jr. Snipes kicking off the regatta season, the youth sailing program starting and adult learn to sail programs continuing. Community Outreach and Clarington Island Clean up returns while our Wednesday night races and Sunfish Clinics continue. September also brings Chef Andy's new menu, the return of Tuesday night Potluck, a special Champagne and Oysters event and hopefully by the time you read this, NEWLY RENOVATED DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOMS!!!! Race Committee will have a much more reliable support boat with the addition of a new engine for the Key Largo and we will be on the lookout for the arrival of the new Laser Picos that were purchased with a generous donation from the CGSC Foundation.

I hope that our members with boats on the moorings are enjoying the launch. If you have friends with shallow draft boats under 25 feet or are in the market for a boat of this kind, we have immediate openings in the southwest region of the mooring field to accommodate these boats. Speak to Dockmaster Duane or Lauren for more information. If you have a deeper draft boat and are passing through this area of the mooring field, MIND THE PIPE!! A drainage pipe lies below the surface of the field and extends from the eastern end of the south dock out towards Clarington

Island. There are shallow water marks to warn you of this hazard. Dockmaster Duane has offered to do a seminar of how to AVOID THE PIPE while getting to your mooring safely in different wind directions.

Look for this and other upcoming seminars, speakers and workshops listed on the club calendar and in future email blasts. We will be sponsoring mentor workshops on fiberglass repair, docking and anchoring, repairs under way and Channel 4 weather man Craig Setzer will be our guest speaker on September 7th, talking about, you guessed it, weather. If you don't currently get the club's weekly eblast, sign up or go online to our newly updated website, CGSC.org or CGSCIC.org to get information on future events, classes, the monthly newsletter "The Channel" and much more.

I hope you had a relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you at the club or on the bay. Tell a friend about our great club and encourage them to join CGSC "where sailors belong."

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



COME TO THE

# General Meeting

## CGSC

THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

- \*Welcome new members
- \*Address the Bridge Officers
- \*Learn about upcoming events
- \*Enjoy featured presentations

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**E**arlier this week, while sitting at the bar, we had a lively discussion on the attendance numbers for our events on Biscayne Bay. One school of thought was the cultural differences expressed in our community. Another idea that fell out, was the manner which we are spoiled with our great weather and almost constant year round winds. Some of the participants in the discussion were from areas north of here and remarked that they sailed whenever there was no ice on the deck. For years we have talked about our mission to get "butts on boats" often referred as the "BOB" program. Each week the Flying Scots offer a "free sail" Wednesday night racing series. If you show up around 5:15 we count the number of skippers and crew and launch the appropriate number of boats. It is similar to the sand lot pick up baseball games of our youth. This year there are 12 BBYRA scored events. That means that there are at least 2 chances per month to participate in sailboat racing, either One Design or PHRF boats. If you are not into racing on a sailboat, try Race Committee. Last year the RC spent more than 49

days on the water. You get a day on the water, lunch, 2 free drinks at the bar and may acquire some knowledge. Phil Adams has Sunfish clinics two days each week and normally a couple of weekend clinics per month. If you are geared toward cruising, Eric and Karen offer a rendezvous each month to some destination on the Bay. Richard Crisler, our adult sailing director, can direct you toward any program you are interested in for skill acquisition. As a sailing club our focus is on sailing, from our kids programs to our adult programs. The choice of participation is yours, lets go sailing.



Thank you

*Ryan Alexander, Vice Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!  
Last month I started my article with "Welcome to summer, the perfect weather for sailing in light summer breezes, rafting up, and swimming in the bay." Last weekend I sailed Moon Glow down to Sands Key on Saturday in a perfect 10kt ESE breeze. We spent the afternoon in the water, and then had a lovely cool evening. In the morning we sailed up to Black Ledge where we met up with Hells Bells and Osita. What a perfect trip - no rain, great sailing, and good fun on the bay. I think it rained on land, which is maybe why we didn't see many other boats out. It's a shame that so many beautiful boats sit in the mooring field unused most of the time. Come on out ... it may be raining at the club house, but it's almost always sunny on the bay, thanks to our local weather patterns. If you need help or advice about where to go, just ask me, ask at the bar, or ask our rendezvous chair Karen Arndt (karen.e.arndt@gmail.com). And speaking of rendezvous, Karen is arranging a rendezvous for 24th September, and another over the Columbus Day weekend (for those not racing - see below). I'm already plotting and planning for the club's Annual Rendezvous next April. We will return to Boca Chita (rather than Elliott) because more boats can get into the harbour. The theme will be "Sea Creatures",

so you can start designing your octopus/whatever outfit now. On the regatta front, we have the CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup on 26th September, the CGSC annual one-design and PHRF races on 1st and 2nd of October, the Columbus Day Regatta on 8th and 9th October, and the Halloween Howler Regatta on the 22nd and 23rd of October. Thanks to Susan Walcott and our Race Committee, the Columbus Day Regatta's Gunkhole class has a "one way down the bay" race again, on the Saturday ... Elliott here we come! Whatever your interest, get involved, race your boat, do race committee, or sail out to watch the action.



See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe, Rear Commodore*  
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a true test of a sailor's abilities. For most One Design Sailors, the Double Handed Race is just another race on the Bay but the larger boats have only a Skipper and mate with classes that can fly a spinnaker if so registered. Check the CGSC website for results.

We are working with Adriana in the office to get race results posted on our website as well as posted on the Official Notice Board downstairs. More of our races will be run this year using Regatta Network, a US Sailing Association software package which will allow us to offer online registration, payment and scoring.

See you on the Bay!

Susan  
Susan Walcutt  
Race Committee Chair  
walcutts@bellsouth.net



*Misty and Zephyrus  
at the start.*

*Below, Lady Hope Crew with  
the Perpetual Trophy.*



## FLYING SCOTS

**T**he 12th race of the season was 6/26/16, run by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. There were nine boats registered. Here are the final standings.



### RESULTS

| Pos | Sail | Boat           | Skipper        | Race 1 | Race 2 | Total Points |
|-----|------|----------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| 1   | 5566 | LA             | Signor         | 1      | 1      | 2            |
| 2   | 5220 | Air America    | Price          | 3      | 2      | 5            |
| 3   | 4595 | Being There    | Messer/Renom   | 6      | 3      | 9            |
| 4   | 3423 | CGSC 1111      | Reinhold/Etkin | 2      | 8      | 10           |
| 5   | 75   | Beija Flor     | Alexander      | 8      | 4      | 12           |
| 6   | 5246 | Culpable       | Hoffman        | 7      | 5      | 12           |
| 7   | 3035 | Dom's Cadillac | Newland/Sadler | 5      | 7      | 12           |
| 8   | 5399 | Margaritaville | Whipple        | 4      | 10     | 14           |
| 9   | 6109 | I Gone         | Smith, Obie    | 9      | 6      | 15           |

The BBYRA Awards and Skipper Registration Party is at 3 PM, 9/10/16 at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. See you there. Sail FAST!

Larry Whipple  
Fleet 90 Captain

## ADULT SAILING

Our successful adult classes, coaching, clinics and testing have continued through this very warm summer, despite several weather challenges which have reduced some class sizes and caused multiple rescheduling. We have offset some of those cancellations by offering coaching and testing on weekday afternoons, lasting as late as sunset. Special thanks to Phil Adams, who, despite the heat and weather continues to promote and lead our Adult Sunfish Learn-to-Sail program. One of the most successful adult activities this season has been the Wednesday night racing. Thanks to the organizers and participants for the continued focus on this social, fun and competitive event. Some of our students from the keelboat and Sunfish classes have been participating and increasing their sailing knowledge and skills. In the case of our Basic Keelboat classes and activities, we have had more certifications earned year-to-date than any previous year. This is despite some weather cancellations and other obstacles. We appreciate the efforts of all these students, both members and non-members whose focus and efforts have earned them this highly respected and accepted certification by US Sailing. In many cases their certifications were also followed by their applications for membership. Come join us at the monthly general membership meeting and meet these enthusiastic new members and their families.

We have great news for those now Basic Keelboat Certified members and non-members who are ready to move on to the larger cruising keelboat certifications. We will be hosting both a BASIC CRUISING and a BAREBOAT CRUISING Class in October, conducted by Capt. Bruce Penrod, US Sailing certified instructor, aboard his modern 40' sloop. The BASIC CRUISING class will be held October 14, 15 and 17. These are full day classes aboard the yacht, with the final day including review, testing and certification. Cost is \$850 members - \$950 non-members. The BAREBOAT CRUISING class will be held October 21-22-23-24. This class is fully on-board, sailing to the upper Keys, spending two nights (Friday & Saturday) at anchor in the Keys. This class also includes the required textbook. Cost is \$1025 members - \$1125 non-members. Completion of these courses will qualify you to charter a boat internationally as well as locally, and will also qualify you to join the users group and take advantage of the privilege of member-use of the club's two Beneteau cruisers. The prerequisite for BASIC CRUISING is the BASIC KEELBOAT Certification. The prerequisite for BAREBOAT CRUISING is the BASIC CRUISING Certification. To sign up for these courses or get more information, please contact Capt Bruce Penrod, [bapenrod29@msn.com](mailto:bapenrod29@msn.com) or 814-341-0094.

Thanks to the Officers, Board, Members and Staff for your continued efforts and support in keeping the promise of our mission. "Blessed are We, who live by the Sea".

Richard Crisler, Adult Training Chairman,  
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# CBS 4's Craig Setzer presents: A Sailor's Guide to Weather on Biscayne Bay

WED., SEPT. 7, 1930 HRS  
CGSC MAIN ROOM



Chief meteorologist at CBS 4 and a longtime bay racer, Setzer presents: A Sailor's Guide to Weather on Biscayne Bay and Beyond. Another free talk in the CGSC Main Room. Bring your dinner in and listen!

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1930 HRS.



## BAR

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



## 2015-2016 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) |
| Julie Hanrahan ('18)               | Jeffrey Flanagan, PC |
| Erik Noonburg ('18)                |                      |
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Banner: Youth Sailing Program.

## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**FL State Jr Snipe Regatta  
 September 3-4, 2016**

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

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta  
 October 1-2, 2016**

**CGSC Annual PHRF Regatta  
 October 15, 2016**

**CGSC Annual Halloween Howler  
 October 22-23, 2016**

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

## Club Beneteau Member Use Program.

**A**s the new CGSC fiscal year got under way the Club's two cruising Beneteaus transitioned to a new and different phase of funding. It was decided that, rather than a pay-to-sail system, the boats should be operated in a monthly fee program, similar to that used with the Flying Scots. Initial interest looked promising and, at the time of writing, a dozen members had signed up to the program, with several more committed to do so.

The program was introduced primarily as a way to secure a stable revenue stream, some of which can be used to carry out much needed repairs and improvements to the Beneteaus.

Equally importantly, as a return for a very modest monthly fee, we ask that participants help to care for the boats, both by returning them in good order after a sail and by preparing them properly for the next user.

We also want to instruct and educate our community of sailors, by carrying out ourselves minor repair tasks which are within the scope of the group, and

by organizing workshops and seminars relating to our boats and their safe and enjoyable operation. In this way we hope that we can imbue a sense of "ownership" in the boats and build a happy working and social relationship within our group of sailors. If you would like to know more about the program please contact club Beneteau Fleet Captain, Mike Lloyd, at [dlloyds@bellsouth.net](mailto:dlloyds@bellsouth.net)



### Commodore Email to Members

It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of Past Commodore William (Billy) Beavers.

A true icon of the club, he will long be remembered for his engineering skills in the mooring field, his racing prowess on the bay and his sharp wit at the bar. (The flag was flown at half staff the 24 hours after his passing.)



## In Memorium

William L. Beavers, age 76 passed away early on the morning of 07/27/2016 in the company of his wife and son. Born in English, WV to parents Thomas C. Beavers and Mary C. Beavers. He joined the Navy at age 17. After the Navy he worked for Cook Engineering, AT&T and then BellSouth the later for 33 years. He started out as a communications technician and later worked in long range planning. During that time he also graduated with an MBA as one of the first graduates from FIU. After retirement he spent much time as a member of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Along with racing his sailboat Finesse he volunteered countless hours maintaining the moorings and being Commodore of the club twice. He was a kind man that was always willing to help and always had a humorous and relevant story to tell. His contributions and help to all that knew him will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife Lynette and son Thomas. The service will be held on August 27th at 5pm at the CGSC. His ashes will be scattered on August 28th in Biscayne Bay.



## YOUTH SAILING

**A** hoy!

Welcome back to another racing season at CGSC Youth Sailing. We had a great time in summer camp, braving heat and storms to close out August in style! I would also like to welcome all the new sailors and families to CGSC Sailing, and to welcome back our veterans to another Fall Season. Our open house was on September 3rd and everyone is very excited for what this season has in store. September is already bringing great work and success for our sailors, which will be attending regattas in Jacksonville and Ft. Myers. I would like to give a special thanks to our Coach Christian Johannsen and the sailors who attended USODA Nationals in Houston this August. We had 4 sailors qualify for the 2017 Team Trials in New Jersey which is a huge accomplishment for the sailors and the club, if you see them around the club give them a pat on the back, they deserve it!

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Alexander Cruz-Bustillo | 29th overall  |
| Bailey Knight           | 202nd overall |
| Maya Conway             | 196th overall |
| Alex Garcon             | 93rd overall  |
| Brian Morris            | 146th overall |
| Stefan Sosa             | 153rd overall |
| Daniel Van Puffelen     | 207th overall |

And that's not all! Our Laser team attended the US Laser Nationals in Ohio this past summer and pulled an impressive 2nd in Laser 4.7 by our very own Daniel O'Farrill; congratulations!

Fair Winds,  
-Alberto Olivo

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## Coconut Grove Clarington Island's International Coastal Cleanup Day Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Biscayne Bay Foundation

The Clarington Island Clean Up for the second year will be part of the International Coastal Cleanup September 17, 2016 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Meet inside the Coconut Grove Sailing Club

2990 S Bayshore Dr

Coconut Grove, FL 33133

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

[volunteercleanup.org](http://volunteercleanup.org)

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