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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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SEPTEMBER 2017

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

Alive and Well at CGSC

Despite the heat and patches of unstable weather, this has been a busy summer at C.G.S.C. for our Adult Sailing activities. By the time you are reading this, we will have completed another Sunfish Learn-to-Sail course, two (2) Full BASIC KEELBOAT Classes on the Ensigns, continued successful Wednesday evening racing on the Flying Scots, an ever increasing number of uses of our Beneteau fleet, and the single and double-handed regatta.

In late July, two of our CGSC members successfully completed the US Sailing Evaluation for BASIC KEELBOAT instructor and received their certification at a US Sailing facility on

Captiva. Congratulations to John Emblar and Max Boschetti who will be joining our adult instructor crew and providing welcome assistance for our regular classes as well as coaching. We are also very pleased to be extremely close to having an



in-house BASIC CRUISING instructor, possibly by the end of August. This will allow us to continue training for those certified in BASIC KEELBOAT, who are now ready for the next big step into BASIC CRUISING. For members, this means you will be able to take advantage of our Adopt-a-Beneteau program and enjoy the privilege of use of the Beneteau fleet. Shortly following this big step, we expect to once again be able to provide

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Recently, I participated in the annual CGSC single hand and double hand regatta. As I left the north dock on "single hand day" I narrowly missed "T boning" another boat while trying to get to Brennan Channel. As I tacked out the channel numerous opportunities were presented to lose control and go careening through the mooring field "pin ball style". After raising the centerboard from a grounding along Clarrington Island, a gust filled the sails and sent me toward marker 14, which I rounded to port. As I continued toward the open bay in search of the RC, I began to wonder how all those pesky lines were ever going to be managed. Upon locating the committee boat the competitors started to stalk their position on the starting line. We had 3 starts, ORC spinnaker, ORC non spinnaker and OD, which included Flying Scots and Lasers. Generally the starts were a bit more civilized than a regular race day. The one exception would have been the ORC non spinnaker boat that started in the middle of the OD racers. Fortunately, everyone understands the "tonnage" rule. The up wind legs were quite a handful because of the number of tacks and line "spaghetti" on the cockpit floor. Downwind, there were fewer jibes to contend with relative to tacks on the upwind legs, however, any thoughts of relaxing were quickly put aside as the leeward mark approached. At

every mark rounding and at some crossing situations, collisions were narrowly avoided. A couple of times I heard the crossing boat before I saw them, this made for some colorful comments and quick evasive tacks. When we finished the first race a collective groan came from our fleet as the RC announced their intent for a second race. I finished on the podium, but I am not certain exactly how that happened. On the dock at the conclusion of our day it was apparent that all competitors were mentally and physically spent and had a great day. The theme of "every line wrapped around our legs at some time" was universal. I think we also shared the importance of having a talented dedicated crew on board. When you get a chance, do something nice for your crew. Let's all go sailing.



Thank you
Ryan Alexander,
 Commodore
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Florida State
 Junior Snipe Championship
 September 9 & 10, 2017**

**Race Committee Work Day
 Sunday, September 24, 2017**

**CGSC Annual One Design &
 BBYRA OD #2 Regatta
 September 30-October 1, 2017**

**Columbus Day Regatta
 October 7 & 8, 2017**

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



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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

Much of my time at the club in the last month has been focussed on plans to make improvements to the property. The Property Committee has met, and there are projects in progress. The chair of the committee is Nicole Bailey, who has her fingers in various pies, including getting the downstairs bathroom floors sloped so water runs off faster, inspecting the docks to see what maintenance is needed, and sorting out the plumbing that causes the smells in the upstairs ladies' bathroom. Ed Raiburn has been conscripted as the bathroom czar, and is looking at ways we can further improve the sailors' bathrooms downstairs (last year the socialites' bathrooms upstairs were greatly improved). Jen Chenney has taken on beautification of the gardens, and is planning some new plants and something around the tree where the rocks are rolling. Jen and I are also fixing the arrangements in the big room upstairs. Duffy Samuel is working on a prototype of new racks for the Sunfish and Lasers, which will allow us to store more boats in the south lawn. I'm also hoping to put artificial turf in that area, so the last

vestiges of muddy lawn are gone. Finally, we are planning to repaint the downstairs floor.

Work weekend will be the 18th and 19th of November, and already we have people planning their projects. Karen Arndt and Erik Noonburg are going to tackle the row boats. I'm looking for someone to build some racks under the ramp next to the south lawn. I bet Renny Young will be greasing the dock carts again. The Adirondack chairs need some maintenance, and I'll be looking out for help there. If you have any thoughts on things that need to get done please let me know (and hopefully take charge of the project!).

That's enough about the landside property ... time to get out on the bay!

Geoff Sutcliffe,
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

A few weeks ago I went out for a summer sail on the bay with a few friends. When we left CGSC it was bright and sunny, with only a few clouds around. However, within an hour of the beginning of our leisurely sail we could see conditions over land rapidly deteriorating; what began as a line of small storms was merging to create one big, scary storm. We briefly contemplated running for home, but even while we discussed it a black curtain of rain had obscured all land and was advancing onto the bay. We cranked up the engine and made a beeline for Key Biscayne and the shelter of Hurricane Harbor, where it was still clear and sunny. As we rounded the mark to enter Hurricane Harbor, the first cool blasts of air hit us and a squiggly white band drew around the front edge of the cloud, with little tentacles stretching down in a few places not far from us. With elevated heart rates now slowing a little, we slipped past the undaunted power boaters at the sandbar and into the cove. We got Franela's anchor set and made sure everything was tied down tight just as the palms on the far point were being pinned back by the burgeoning winds. Then, just when we were preparing to be pummeled, there was a lull in the winds and the sky got lighter. The storm split, half of it veering

North of us and half going South. Outside of being buffeted by a little rain and some smoke from a hibachi on a nearby catamaran, we were unscathed. We took that opportunity to weigh anchor and boogie home, and in an hour we had Frannie tied to the main dock at CGSC. Although in hindsight I can't say that this experience wasn't fun, it was certainly not what I'd hoped for or expected that morning. However, I will remember it and I felt like I was a better sailor when the day was over than when it began. Years ago in my first lessons in sailing I was taught to train to react to the unexpected, and I have found that to be very solid advice.

Stay on your toes out there...

James Grupenhoff,
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BAREBOAT CRUISING classes and certification here at CGSC, which for qualified members, means additional use of the Beneteau fleet to include overnight stays on the boats.

We are sorry to see the departure of our Beneteau Fleet Captain, Mike Lloyd and MarySue, as they head for central Florida to their new home. Their dedication and service to CGSC is so very much appreciated. They will be missed, and we wish them safe travels and smooth sailing. Commodore Ryan has delegated Joel Krieger as our new Beneteau Fleet Captain. Beneteau users should now address their fleet concerns, questions and volunteer spirit to Joel.

September's Sunfish course is the weekend

of September 2-3, and two September BASIC KEELBOAT Classes are scheduled for the weekends of 9th-10th, and again on 16th-17th.

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

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CGSC Junior Commodore's Cup

It was a blustery day but that did not stop 43 Junior Members and Youth Program participants from reporting to the starting line for the 10th Annual Junior Commodore's Cup. Winds were a steady 14 to 15 knots from the ESE all day. After completing two races, sailors returned to the Club for their end of Spring Season Pizza Party. Commodore Janice Pruett was on hand to present trophies to the First, Second and Third Place winners.

The Race Committee's Signal Boat was Sweet Lime, captained by Past Commodore Paul Van Puffelen. Parent volunteers provided the Race Committee on the Signal Boat and CGSC Coaches provide the rest of the race support by setting marks and helping track finishes.

Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers, coached and CGSC Staff that made this event possible.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

Congratulations to the top finishers:

Laser Fleets

1. David Perez
2. Daniel Ofamail
3. Antonio Miranda

Red/White/Blue Opti Fleets

1. Giulio Zunino
2. Alex Cruz Bustillo
3. Martin Berrera

Opti Green Fleet

1. Jack Gonzalez
2. Will Wardlaw
3. Carolina Zager



CALLING ALL CGSC MEMBERS

The CGSC Race Committee is looking for volunteers to serve as Signal Boats during our upcoming racing season. If you have a boat over 30' with shade and a head, let us know if you are interested in volunteering. We feed lunch, give you two free drink tickets at the end of the day and you will receive a \$50 credit on your CGSC account for every day you volunteer. Contact me at walcutts@bellsouth.net and I will add you to our RC Signal Boat distribution list.



CGSC Race Committee Annual Awards Party

The Sailing Club's Race Committee holds their Annual Awards Party every year after the Single Handed Regatta Trophy Presentation. Single Handed Skippers joined RC volunteers at the ground floor beer tap to congratulate the RC Volunteers awarded this year's Chapin Trophy and Rookie Trophy. The Chapin Trophy is presented to the individual who has made a major contribution to the RC during the previous season. This year, in a slight break with tradition, we awarded the Chapin Trophy to the Dynamic Duo of Connie and George Bradley. Since they are still up north handling their summer RC duties, Dottie and Ron Rostorfer accepted for them. Our Rookie Trophy was presented to Bill Quesenberry, a new and very active RC volunteer this past season.



After the presentation of the Awards, Andi Hoffman, Chair (and only member) of our RC Shirts Committee, passed out beautiful new RC shirts to those volunteers that assisted in several events this past season.

FLYING SCOT RACING

The Flying Scot fleet has had successful Wednesday night racing all summer. This month we had around 8 boats out each night, with all five club boats participating on one occasion. We held a performance clinic one Thursday night. Gary Fretz made videos of the races and the clinics. They are great watching with excellent commentary. Eight boats came out for the double handed regatta with Henry Bernstein taking first, Andi Hoffman second, Bud Price 3rd, Jeorg Reinhold 4th, Ryan Alexander 5th, Larry Whipple 6th, Philippe Dusser 7th, and Obie Smith 7th. We also sailed in the single handed race with 6 boats competing. Jeorg Reinhold won this one with a very consistent performance, Ryan Alexander was second, Philippe Dusser was third, Bud Price 4th, Lorrie Messer 5th and Larry Whipple in 6th.

Bud Price
Fleet Captain





View from the Signal Boat

Congratulations to all of the sailors that raced in the CGSC Single and Double Handed Races, August 5 & 6, 2017. We had perfect conditions on the Bay with a steady breeze out of the ESE and averaging 10 knots. The Race Committee Signal Boat crew had a good laugh when I reported the detail from the NOAA station on Virginia Key. At 8:30 am, the air temperature was 86°, water temperature was 87° and a 0' snow depth. The PHRF fleets had one race with a course that gave them a tour of the Bay. The One Design Fleets sailed 2 Windward/Leeward courses each day.

The First Place Single Handed winners:

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| PHRF Racing | Scouts Honor, Capt. Freddy Sambolin |
| PHRF Cruising | Lokura, Capt. Victor Leon |
| PHRF Non-Spin | Sunquest, Wilfredo Paredes |
| Flying Scot | CGSC 3423, Capt. Joerg Reinhold |
| Laser | Steven Schwartz |

The First Place Double Handed winners:

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| PHRF Racing | Gaicho3, Capt. Tiani Hausen |
| PHRF Non-Spin | Sunquest, Capt. Wilfredo Paredes |
| Flying Scot | Lady Hope, Capt. Henry Bernstein |

Race Committee's new 2017-18 season starts in September. We are always looking for new RC volunteers. You don't have to have any RC experience and we have RC positions on the water and shore-side. Contact me, walcutts@bellsouth.net if you would like to be added to our RC email distribution list. In addition to being part of the largest and most active committee at the Sailing Club, you are helping to advance sailing on the Bay, we feed you lunch and give you two free drink tickets at the end of the day.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



YOUTH SAILING

Hello members, friends and readers – The Sailing Season is upon us and the club has never looked better. The summer got off to a roaring start with record numbers of kids sailing in the summer camp, our racing teams going off to find success in Virginia, and bringing on interesting projects in the STEM fields to supplement the learning that happens only here, at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

US Opti Nationals

Our racing team attended the 2017 USODA Nationals with a record ten (10!) sailors who battled shifty breeze, current, and a 300+ boat fleet to place nationally with 5 sailors getting into the gold fleet and very respectable finishes in silver fleet. 7 sailors overall qualified for the 2018 USODA Team Trials where they will be competing here on Biscayne Bay for a much-coveted spot on the US National Opti Team. Congratulations to these sailors on their achievements at this regatta:

Gold fleet – Top 104

Maya Conway: 37th

Brian Morris: 48th

Giulio Zunino: 49th

Nico Garcia-Castrillon: 70th

Alex Cruz-Bustillo: 101st

Silver Fleet – 204 total sailors

Daniel Van Puffelen 10th

Bruno Wencelblat 28th

James Asturias 106th

Summer Camp

Just like that summer came and went; we are sad to see it go but are looking forward to cooler temperatures and breeze! The kids (all 316 campers) had a fantastic time this summer and loved sailing so much they are joining the fall and spring programs to continue their careers in sailing. Enjoy these pictures from the end of the summer.

STEM and other projects

We had the pleasure of hosting Waterlust, a marine-conservation and awareness brand, for a day of filming for the US Sailing REACH initiative which is a program based around science and mathematical applications in sailing. We filmed over a course of a few days some footage on our RS Sailing Qubas to demonstrate the effects of apparent wind, airflow, and current for the US Sailing program. We really recommend you check Waterlust and the REACH initiative to learn more about what these organizations are doing for marine conservation and education.

We have also been hosting the local R/C Sailing fleet here at the club on Tuesday nights, and it has been a great success with the kids as we have recently gotten enough boats to start a junior fleet! The kids have been learning plenty about electronics and radio as well as boat and sail design, sailing tactics and strategy; it's been a whole lot of fun!

Alberto Olivo



In Memorium...

Robert Howard Downey

1942-2017



Past Commodore Robert Howard Downey was born in Detroit and graduated from General Motors Institute with a mechanical engineering degree. He worked for General Motors for nine years, went on to earn an MBA from Wayne State University while working for Ford. He later worked for Corning Glass Works. In

1976, Bob and his family moved to Miami and he went to work for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. His 39-year career with NML started in sales and he rose to eventually manage the Coral Gables office as a District Manager.

Bob served as Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in 1987. He is a past president of the Perrine-Cutler Ridge Rotary Club and was a member of the Coral Gables Rotary Club. He also served as President of NML District Agents Assoc., NALU, as

a member of Kendall United Methodist Church for many years and as an Elks Club member.

Bob's passion, besides his family, was sports - especially sailing. He grew up on Lake Erie boating with his grandfather. Bob lettered in baseball, football, and basketball while in school. He shared that love with his family, and both of his sons, Kevin and Pat, went on to win Sailing National Championships. He coached youth football, baseball, and soccer, as well as sailing.

He is survived by his wife, Derita, his sons Kevin and Patrick, his daughters-in-law Cristi and Nydia, and four grandchildren. He and Derita travelled the world together, and after retiring, enjoyed spending half of the year in Miami with grandchildren, and the other half of the year with grandchildren and family in Connecticut.

Bob touched many lives with his passion for coaching and mentorship. Bob will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Gerald Richard Green

1950-2017



Past Commodore, Gerald Richard Green, 66, passed away on August 16, 2017. He is survived by his wife Barbara, sons Will (Patty), Steven (Sara) and Tom and three grandsons. He was devoted to his three boys, encouraging them in everything they pursued. He nurtured their curiosities and

cultivated their passions. He taught them all to sail and drove them all over the country for regattas, and he never missed a basketball game.

Jerry taught himself the nuances of countless topics and skills. He was a sailor, a pilot, a fly fisherman, a musician, an astronomer, a computer genius, an award-winning advertiser, an antique car collector, a botanist and a wildlife expert. A past Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in 1994, he also

ran the club's sailing program. He taught his children and many others to sail, instilling in them confidence, independence and judgment. As Rear Commodore in 1992, he helped bring CGSC through the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew; during the cleanup, he was elbow-deep in the seaweed that had filled the club.

He sailed Biscayne Bay with his family on their 30-foot Catalina, *Advocation*. He skippered them to the Bahamas and single-handedly sailed *Advocation* from Miami to Key Largo, just to know he could do it. In the mid 1980's, Jerry earned his pilot's license. In his Beechcraft Musketeer, he flew his family to the Bahamas, the Keys, and the Everglades Seafood Festival.

A man of few words but many (silly) faces, Jerry's dry wit, sarcasm and love of corny jokes and puns highlighted his rich sense of humor. A fighter until the very end, he adopted the motto, "Never give up! Never surrender!"