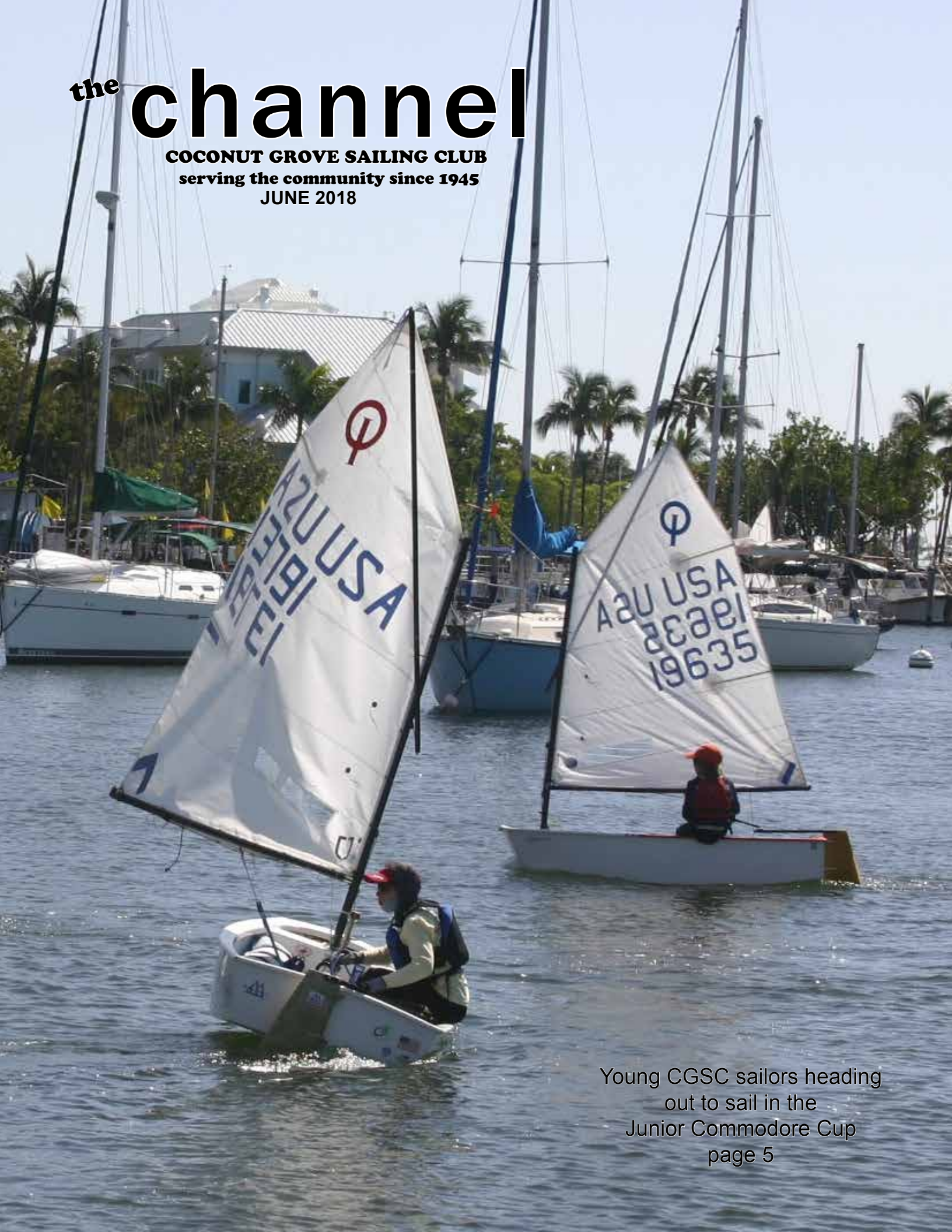


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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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Young CGSC sailors heading  
out to sail in the  
Junior Commodore Cup  
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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ere at the CGSC is it easy to see examples of sailing. We have a good range of sizes and types for boats from the Optimist, ( I sailed one myself recently) to the Sunfish, Lasers, Qubas, Flying Scots, Ensigns and of course our Beneteaus. Getting instruction on how to sail these boats is equally simple. During the process of learning to sail another facet of sailing comes into play and it is often just accepted as something that sailors do. These items are seamanship and responsible boat ownership. While it may seem ordinary for the members of CGSC, these traits are not shared by all boat owners. Our most recent weather event in September 2017 showed the difference between boaters that learned about sea-

manship and being responsible boat owners and those that did not. Going forward, we at CGSC will continue to focus on our mission of getting people into sailboats and out on the Bay. While this happens we will also be developing our seamanship and responsible boat ownership state of mind.



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

**F**riends:

As June rolls around we will once again convene for our Annual Meeting, where we will discuss the overall direction of The Club and hold elections for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the upcoming new fiscal year which begins July 1st. This is the perfect time for all members to consider how to get more involved in the programs and operations of CGSC. It is a constant truth that the more of your time and effort you put into The Club, the more rewarding your experience here will be, and volunteering for a Committee is a great way to start. We can always use help on the Property Committee, overseeing the grounds and equipment; on the Community Service Committee, organizing and executing the Island Cleanup and similar activities;

and Membership Committee, helping to identify and recruit the new members that will help to keep our organization healthy and growing. Overall, there are more than 20 Committees at CGSC, so the chances are there is one that will suit you. If you are interested in volunteering, come to the next General Meeting and raise your hand, or contact me directly.



Regards,

*James Grupenhoff,*  
*Rear Commodore*  
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# VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**H**ello Sailors!

When I joined the club in 2003 I had no idea that 15 years later I would be a boat owner, writing my last Channel article as Vice Commodore. As Forrest could have said, sailing is like a box of chocolates. I bought Moon Glow in March 2011, and over the last seven years I have learned some PROs and CONs of boat ownership. Here's how I see it ...

- CON: Buying a boat is expensive. PRO: Not really - I got Moon Glow for \$5,500.
- CON: You spend 50% of the time working on your boat. PRO: You spend 50% of the time sailing on your boat.
- CON: Your life revolves around sailing and the club. PRO: Your life revolves around sailing and the club.
- CON: You lose contact with your non-sailing friends. PRO: You gain contact with a lot of sailing friends.
- CON: You spend hours working on your boat. PRO: The pleasure of standing back with a cold beer and looking at a job well done is worth more.
- CON: Your mast might get hit by lightning while sailing in a storm. PRO: The Rybovich boatyard is very luxurious.
- CON: You have to clean the boat's bottom every month. PRO: A mother manatee and her calf might swim by (it happened to me!).
- CON: You get sunburnt: PRO: You have spent a day out on the bay in the sun.
- CON: You tend to drink too much rum. PRO: Sailors are excellent dancers.
- CON: Maintaining a boat is expensive. PRO: You have no fear of buying the good wine at a restaurant, because it's a lot cheaper than the stainless steel doo-hicky you just bought at West Marine.
- CON: You have to climb the mast every-so-often, to change the anchor light. PRO: The view is fantastic.



□ CON: You get pushed up the greasy pole of the board and bridge. PRO: You get very slippery.

So, for every CON there's a PRO ... every cloud has a silver lining, and even better you can get some good breeze off the leeward side.

See you out on the bay!

*Geoff Sutcliffe,*  
*Vice Commodore*  
*Moonglow - Bristol 30'*  
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# Adult Sailing

All phases of the Adult Sailing program are running well and continuing to experience growth. Our Adult Sunfish classes continue to be held on the first weekend of each month, with our BASIC KEELBOAT Classes held twice each month on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) weekend, and then again on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) weekend. These are separate weekend classes, and for year 2018, all of our keelboat classes have been Full, and we continue to have reservations for BASIC KEELBOAT extending into the July classes. Thanks to the club staff and all members for their continued support of our Adult classes and providing the facilities for same.

Our proud Flying Scot fleet continues to grow and prosper. Daylight Savings time now has us back offering Wednesday evening racing on the Flying Scots, followed by good camaraderie afterwards on the veranda. Want to participate? Just be there at the dock on Wednesday around 5PM and they will get you on a boat for this fun and learning event weekly. They tend to leave the dock around 5:30, so don't be late. Thanks to the active fleet members for continuing this fun event in keeping with our club's mission.

The Beneteau fleet continues to see improvement and increased usage by those qualified members in the Adopt-a-Beneteau program. Just this past month, new

jib sheets were added to TOGETHER. Almost daily you will see one or both of our Beneteaus headed out on the Bay. That's CGSC, with an emphasis on the "S".

For the last couple of years, we have offered a two (2) hour Introduction-to-Keelboat Sailing course, primarily for people interested in keelboat classes, but not sure they want to make the investment because they don't know what to expect, or if they will even enjoy sailing. This is especially true with couples looking to make a substantial investment in their US Sailing certification level classes, beginning with BASIC KEELBOAT. The popularity of this class is growing, and has been successful in gaining new students for our keelboat program. It also makes an attractive Gift Certificate at only \$90 for the two hours. Want to know more about it? Contact Richard.

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

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## Junior Commodore Cup

The Junior Commodore's Cup is an annual test of racing skill to determine the CGSC Club Champion. And, it was that this year. But, this year's Junior Commodore's Cup was also a lesson in science and a display of just about all of the pages in the seldom checked section of the rule book "conduct of a race!" We had great breeze, no breeze, wind shifts, race course changes, shortened legs, and shortened races. All of that for just two races! Whew.

The Junior Commodore's Cup crowns five separate champions, one for the Laser fleet, one for Optimist Red fleet, one for the Optimist White fleet, one for the Optimist Blue fleet, and one for the Optimist Green fleet. The Optimist dinghies are divided into 4 separate fleets (the colors) by skill level. The Green fleet are for sailors just beginning to sail. As a sailor improves their skills, they advance upward in the colors.

All of the fleets launched on Saturday morning in a strong, 15 knot, westerly breeze. We had a great first race with the wind steadily decreasing through the race. While we were hoping that the westerly breeze would hold on for several more good quality races, Mother Nature and science did their thing and shut the breeze off during the second race. As they shut the breeze off,

they caused a couple of gigantic wind shifts too, causing all the moved marks, changed course legs, etc.

So here's the science lesson on why the breeze went away. The day started with wind out of the west caused by a front that had passed. As the day progressed and the sun heated up the land, it set up the conditions for a thermal wind (or seabreeze) to come from the east. When the east flowing seabreeze ran into the west flowing frontal breeze, the different breezes stopped each other in their tracks, leading to no breeze.

That "no breeze" led to the Race Committee to hoist a postponement flag prior to running additional races. We were hoping the thermal seabreeze would finally get strong enough to offset and overcome the westerly front breeze, but it wasn't to be after several different attempts

With that, we headed back to the dock for the beautiful prize giving and champion crowning ceremony. See the results below.

Huge thanks to the race committee for their incredible patience and tremendous hard work of resetting the course multiple times. The race committee members were Mark Boat, Susan Walcutt and Max Boschetti, Pin Boat, John Kandara and Paul Plump, and Signal Boat, Sandrine Quenee and Phippe Dusser.

James Liebl



(See results on page 6)

## Senior Commodore Cup

**S**unday's Commodore's Cup, in 6-8 knots of breeze, was a great day for racing. In the first race the Flying Scots had a picture perfect start with all six bows nudging the line at the gun.

Three windward-leeward races went off effortlessly run by PRO Rick Klein and his stalwart crew of Susan Walcutt, Mike Stephens and Paul Plump on the Mark Boat; Allen Cox and John Kandara on the Pin Boat and Anne Platt and Susan Mohorcic on Signal.



Free beer and tall stories were shared by all.

Commodore Alexander and crew tied for second after three races, but all agree that his sartorial splendor at the awards ceremony was first rate.



### Junior Commodore Cup

#### Opti Green Fleet

First Place	Olivia Drulard
Second Place	Mateo Beckmann
Third Place	Marcos Rodriguez

#### Opti Red/White/Blue Fleet

First Place	Sophie de Leon Urba
Second Place	Carlos Beckmann
Third Place	Alessandro Gregori

#### Laser Fleet

First Place	Giulio Zunino
Second Place	Humberto Porrata
Third Place	Bruno Wencelblat

### Senior Commodore Cup

#### PHRF Racing

First Place	Carlos Beckmann
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#### PHRF Cruising Spinnaker

First Place	Becky Lyons
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#### PHRF Cruising Non-Spinnaker

First Place	Jim & John Adams
Second Place	Geoff Sutcliff
Third Place	Bruce Hutson

#### Flying Scots

First Place	Joerg Reinhold
Second Place	Philippe Dusser
Third Place	Ryan Alexander

# YOUTH NEWS

**H**ello CGSC Sailors!

Summer is here – and we say goodbye to our sailing season and welcome Summer Camp to CGSC. We had a great time this season with all the kids and we celebrated our end of year with our first ever Sink-o De Mayo Cup where parents got into the teeny tiny optics and got a taste of what their kids do every weekend. It was a great success and fun was had by all. I'd like to congratulate the winners of the 2018 Jr. Commodore's cup as well, and especially thank all of the Race Committee Volunteers and PRO James Liebl for

running a spectacular event. We are looking forward to a spectacular summer and we will see you on the bay!

Fair Winds,  
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## FLYING SCOTS



**W**ednesday nights are in full swing. Come out and join us. Get a ride on a Scot. See what fun it is and why the fleet is growing.

Be there at 5:00 to get assigned

to a boat. We leave the dock at 5:30 and are back by dark. Get on the mailing list for weather cancellations and updates by emailing Bud at [bud5220@gmail.com](mailto:bud5220@gmail.com)  
Bud

### RESULTS FOR THE MAY RACE FLYING SCOTS

Cool Change Jim Signor 1 1 1 3 - 1

Fiona Chuck & Sarah Lamphere 6112 22 4 8 2

Lady Hope Henry Bernstein 5321 4 3 3 10 - 3

Air America Bud Price 5220 3 7 2 12 - 4

Beija Flor Ryan Alexander 6075 5 4 6 15 - 5

Dom's Cadillac CGSC Philippe Dusser 49 6 6 5 17 - 6

CGSC 3423 Scarface Joerg Reinhold/Richard Etkin 3423 8 5 7 20 - 7

I Gone Obie Smith 6109 7 8 8 23 - 8

## NOTICE

### Upcoming CGSC Regattas



#### PHRF Pursuit Regatta

**Saturday**

**May 26, 2018**

#### One Design Regatta

**Sunday**

**May 27, 2018**

#### BBYRA Cruising #11

**Saturday**

**June 23, 2018**

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