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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

serving the community since 1945

AUGUST 2018

***Summer Camp in
Full Swing
Whether sailing,
swimming or eating
lunch it is great fun!***



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Sailors!

By the time you have read this I should be back from two weeks of sailing in the Seychelles (or I loved it so much I decided to stay there :-). It is great to note how many long distance sailing trips club members do ... Ed Raiburn took his boat Hells Bells up to the Chesapeake, Vice Commodore James Grupenhoff has just been over in the Abacos for a week, our treasurer Olivier de Lavalette sailed with Phil Kellett from Japan to Alaska, Nick Martens raced his boat Namaste in the Abacos race week, and Mitch Pierce is back in Miami after sailing BreeZen around the Caribbean for a couple of years (with various club members joining at various times). CGSC breeds fine sailors, starting at the youth program in Optis, and ending with grand sailing sagas

on cruising or racing boats. Ask around in the Crows Nest and you'll hear tales of adventure, some mishaps, and glorious days at sea. Anyone can do it ... you just have to sail sail sail, get experience, and the world is your oyster. To begin with, keep on sailing out on the bay. See you out there!

Geoff Sutcliffe,
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings:

The relatively slow summer months are upon us and we are undertaking a number of maintenance and improvement projects around The Club to prepare us for another busy season of racing, teaching and sailing that will soon be upon us. I wanted to make you all aware of what I feel is the most important of these projects, which is the replacement of a number of the moorings, related parts and equipment. This project is part of our ongoing effort to maintain the mooring field which is of such a vital importance to CGSC, which will result in all of the moorings being replaced before the multi-year process is completed. The work will be overseen by Past Commodore Paul Van Puffelen and myself, with the help of the staff. If any mooring holders feel that there are any issues with their specific mooring that may need to be addressed, please notify

the staff; if you have any questions about this project feel free to direct them to me. We appreciate your continued support for our efforts to maintain the equipment and facilities at CGSC to the highest standards possible.

Best regards, James

James Grupenhoff,
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's summer- a quieter time of year. That is if we forget the Junior Summer camp, as usual it has been well attended, the 'kids' are having a great time and learning sailing skills under our Alberto and staff. Fun to watch, come on down during the week to see what's going on. A large group of our experienced juniors are currently in Pensacola for the Opti nationals and look to do very well. Our Laser team is currently competing in Poland as part of the Laser World Championship. Congrats to all on getting to Nationals and good luck and best wishes to you.

The strange wet spring and summer weather has

finally let up. Richard Chrisler has managed to fit in all the delayed keel boat classes and is hopefully able to return to a less demanding schedule. This program is fun, teaches people how to sail well and introduces new people to the club sailing activities. If you have friends and acquaintances that have mentioned interest in sailing - get them to Richard- they'll love it.

Happy Sailing

Jim Green,
Rear Commodore
Bali Ha'i



INSTALLATION OF THE 2018-2019 BRIDGE



YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPRING BREAK CAMP



SUMMER CAMP SAILORS



SUMMER
CAMP
CONTINUED



LASER TEAM ...in POLAND



Our Laser Team,
lead by Coach Tony
are currently
competing in Poland
in the ILCA World
Championship!

ADULT SAILING

This has been a most unusual and unique sailing season for us, especially for the BASIC KEELBOAT classes. 2018 got off to a great start with full weekend classes, as well as numerous private classes. Then beginning in late April through May and into June, we had three weekend classes, that we were not able to complete the second (2nd) day, due to weather. This resulted in a backlog near 20 students, mostly available only on weekends that we owed a second class day to. It has been a real struggle for your instructor staff to make up these days, some just one at a time. However, at this writing we expect to have all students completed by the end of July. Of course, we have been able to complete some full weekend classes, but never have we experienced the consistency of unfinished classes in the past. Many of these students are anxious to get into the BASIC CRUISING and BAREBOAT CRUISING classes, that are now available. Previously these advanced classes were not taught in the Summer and early Fall. We are pleased to have full July BASIC KEELBOAT classes and reservations for classes running into the Fall. Watch for the promotion of the advanced classes on your weekly club email.

We continue to hold Sunfish classes on the first weekend of each month. Thanks to Ed Benitez and Cathy Buller who assisted when needed for our July Sunfish class. Ed is a regular keelboat instructor and Cathy has helped out with our instructional classes and clinics over the years, and she is always a hit with the students. There is a strong need for additional instructors both with the Sunfish and BASIC KEELBOAT classes. Certification is available through US Sailing and CGSC will assist in the training expense, in exchange for a limited commitment for instructional service. If interested in discussing, contact me via the information below. CGSC may consider hosting an instructor training class in the future, provided certain conditions can be met.

It has been great to see our Flying Scot sailors getting out there on Wednesday afternoons especially with

the weekly racing, which is open to all club members and others who wish to join in and experience the fun of racing and sailing the Scot. You don't need to be a racer to join in. It is a social and learning experience, usually followed by a gathering on the veranda, where the camaraderie is contagious.

Congratulations to our new officers and board members. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our Adult Sailing program.

A note on the side: Here's another way to enjoy your club. It is the second Tuesday evening of each month and is called "Open Mic Night". If you sing, play an instrument or just want to come along and enjoy a couple of hours of fun music, this new feature is growing and catching on. CGSC members who play an instrument or sing, or even their guests can join in the "jam session". Those who have attended so far, as participants or spectators have given it five (5) stars for fun. The club provides a nice limited menu for those Tuesday nights. Come on out and join us.

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

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JULY 4TH!





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Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Single-Handed Regatta
Saturday
August 4, 2018**

**Double-Handed Regatta
Sunday
August 5, 2018**

**Junior Snipe Regatta
Saturday
September 15, 2018**

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta
& BBYRA OD #2
September 29-30, 2018**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2017-18 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET



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