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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sailors:

It is an honor and my distinct pleasure to ascend to the position of Commodore of Coconut Grove Sailing Club. As I had mentioned at the Annual Meeting in June, it is a great time to be part of this organization; all of our programs are healthy and growing. We are achieving great success in fulfilling our mission of providing public access to Biscayne Bay, encouraging and promoting the sport of sailing and fostering a spirit of cooperation and good fellowship within our membership and with the surrounding community. It shall be my goal as Commodore to ensure we sustain this momentum and build upon it in the coming year.

In 2019-2020 you may expect continued efforts to expand participation in our instructional programs, racing and recreational activities. You'll also be seeing more improvements to our grounds and facilities, as well as a continued commitment to maintain and protect the environment in our mooring field, Clarington Island and Biscayne Bay as a whole. In these efforts, I pledge to you

that I shall work with the Board of Directors to make sound decisions that reflect the best interest of the membership as a whole and the long-term health and success of the club.

I also encourage all members to get more involved as sailors and/or volunteers within the programs at CGSC, for which the rewards are quite gratifying.

Finally, I welcome the input of all members, and you may feel free to contact me directly if you have questions or ideas on how to improve upon our programs and the experience for everyone who enjoys Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Sheet in, hike out, turn on... James

James Gruppenhoff, Commodore

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Flying Scots

The Flying Scot Fleet has a very active summer going. We are running Wednesday night racing. The Fleet invites anyone who would like to experience racing on a Flying Scot to join us. You need to be a little limber to move around the boat. But there are no other physical or experience requirements. We gather at 5:00 and try to be off the dock by 5:30 to be back by dark. We usually have 9 to 10 boats racing and get in from 3 to 5 short races. We do not keep score or do penalty turns. If you foul someone you owe the skipper you fouled a drink at the bar after.

We are also running a summer series. It involves 6 days of racing starting at 11:15 in the morning. We get three 45 minute races in and are back at the dock around 1:30. This is more serious racing

(guests not invited unless they are officially invited to crew for someone) and there are trophies for the series. We do have club boats available to race. See Bud Price to get certified to use them and belong to the sponsorship program.

The schedule is

6/22 and 29

7/13 and 27

8/10 and 24

In September we will start a new series. Those dates will be published soon.

Bud



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Wow a year goes by fast. The new bridge and officers will be in place on July 1. I am moving up to be (as previous Vice Commodores have jokingly said) VC in charge of toilets etc.

I do however realize my responsibilities are important, and that the protection and development of the club's assets is no joking matter. I intend to walk in the steps of prior VC's and try hard to live up to their contributions to the club.

I love to sail and as always exhort everyone to get out there and sail: whether on your own boat; a friend's boat; club boats(- Sunfish, Flying Scots, Ensigns, Beneteaus); the Harbor 20's (race clinic every Saturday). The scot fleet is also running a summer race series starting June 22nd. Sign up to gain further racing / crew experience - Guaranteed fun for all.

Last weekend (June 15/16)was a 'sucky ' one – the weather restricted sailing, so I am feeling 'sailing' deprived- I aim to make up for it this weekend. Do the same. You won't regret it.

Junior Summer Camp is in full flow with over 75 juniors enrolled in each of the first 2 sessions. 3 more 2 week sessions coming up- if you know anyone whose kids want to have fun in a summer camp- have them contact the club and sign up for our sailing camp. Take

a look around and you'll see the huge smiles on the 'kids' faces – and (BTW) they are getting some serious coaching and learning a lot. Hopefully the newer 'campers' will get hooked on sailing and continue by joining the CGSC junior program in the fall. As members we have a duty to encourage others to become a part of our community, and to enable the development of future sailors. Remember it's all about 'Butts on Boats on the Bay' See you out there



Jim Green, Vice Commodore
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Bali Ha'i

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As July comes in we welcome a new bridge at the CGSC. I am honored to be serving as Rear Commodore this year and following in the footsteps of many dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to promote the sport of sailing and keep our club in existence. It is important that we do not take our success for granted or assume it has come without countless hours of hard work by those who have come before us. For those who do not know me, my wife Mia and I found our way down to Miami nine years ago (via Las Vegas, Nevada and Columbus, Ohio) and consider this our home. I have had the pleasure of serving a variety of roles at the club from Seamanship and Membership Chairman to the Secretary for the past two years. Although I enjoy racing, my ideal afternoon would be rafted up to fellow sailors floating behind Zephyrus -our 31 foot Beneteau, named after the god of the west winds (also known as the "gentlest of the winds").

As Rear Commodore, I have the pleasure of overseeing the club's water-front activities -which also may be the best position to have on the Bridge. My plan is have some fun and hopefully help to inspire others to

participate in the sport (or leisure) of sailing. For instance, if you are a cruiser, lets get you out on a Wednesday Night or BBYRA race. If you are a racer, tack over to Key Biscayne or one of the other cruiser hot spots for some fried chicken (a personal favorite sailing lunch) and a beverage. You may be surprised at how much fun you have. If you are looking for a sailing tune-up, wanting to learn to sail, or know someone who wants to learn to sail, please consider our sailing programs. We have programs to meet every skill and interest level from Sunfish and Flying Scotts to certificate programs relating to keelboats and cruising. Finally, don't forget about our summer camps and youth programs. You just may see the next great Olympic sailor walking around our Club.



Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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SV -Zephyrus

Installation 2019





CGSC Hosts Final 2018-19 BBYRA Race

CCGSC's Race Committee managed this final event on the BBYRA September 1-August 31 calendar, a One-Design regatta on Saturday, June 8th. 26 competitors, including an Etchells, J24s, J70s, Flying Scots and Lasers gathered at the rendezvous point for the 1130 scheduled start. The weather looked good with a steady 6-9 knots from the south, but thunderstorms were forecast for later in the day.

The RC wanted to be certain at least one race was completed before the thunderstorms began. Consequently, for Race 1, the fleets were sent on Course A - a one-lap windward-leeward race. After all boats finished, conditions still seemed good, although clouds were gathering in the west. Race 2 was set for Course C - windward-leeward, twice around.

Regular contact was maintained with Juan in the CGSC Dock Office for radar reports on the storm outlook. About midway through Race 2, he advised that thunderstorms were heading our way. All classes were sailing the course on the second lap by this time except for the Scots, which were last to start. The RC shortened the course for the Scot fleet so their Race 2 ended at the leeward Gate after one lap. The other fleets finished Course C, and all fleets were safely ashore before the rains came. The RC was quite happy with that!

The Flying Scots were won by Cheryl Signor, with Henry Bernstein 2nd and Obie Smith in 3rd. The Lasers were won by Francis Hawley, with Wayne Colahan 2nd and Steve Schwartz 3rd.

The J24s were won by Eamonn DeLisser, and the J70s were won by Joey Kolish. Only the one Etchells participated.

For complete results, please see the BBYRA.net website. Many thanks to CGSC's able crew of RC volunteers, and especially to Juan in the Dock Office.

On the Contender27 Signal Boat, Skipper and Timer was CGSC RC Chair Susan Walcutt, Dottie Rostorfer was the PRO, with Saralee Lamb, Martha Ledesma and Sonia Diaz doing the signaling for this all-female crew. Further, Saralee and Martha handled the scoring after the races.

On the CGSC Key Largo Pin boat, the Race Officer was Ron Rostorfer PC, with mark setters Allen Cox and John Kandara. On the CGSC Contender 23 Weather Mark boat, the Race Officer was Larry Whipple PC, with mark setters Glenn Cunningham and Don Deresz. Three weather marks were required for the fleet.

That's a wrap for BBYRA 2018-19!

Dottie Rostorfer, PRO

YOUTH NEWS

CCGSC Optimist RWB Coach Hernan Peralta has been selected as the coach for the Optimist Mexican National Team that will be sailing in the Optimist World Championship in Antigua, W.I. on July 6th through the 19th.

Coach Hernan has been training with the team in the Caribbean waters off Cancun, MX in very similar conditions to the ones the sailors will see in Antigua. Among the team sailors, there are a few familiar faces such Alejandro Riquelme (who started sailing at CGSC before moving abroad) and a couple of the Cancun sailors that have been coming to CGSC to regattas such as the Orange Bowl and also this year's CGSC Miami Sailing Week regatta.

Current CGSC Opti sailors Daniel van Puffelen and Carlos Beckmann Jr. were also invited to join the team training sessions in Cancun as part of their preparations for their upcoming international regattas. Daniel will be sailing with the USA Optimist Team in the British National Championship later this summer and Carlos Beckmann Jr. qualified for

the Mexican Team that will be sailing in the 2019 Optimist North American Championship to be held in Nassau, Bahamas, September 27th through October 4th, 2019.

Saludos!,
Carlos



ADULT SAILING REPORT

US Sailing Classes and the Summer Weather

Summer weather is here. Almost every morning it starts out calm and in the lower 80's. As the temperature warms, the thermal sea breezes happen and sailing can be good in the afternoon. But many times with that warming comes building thunder storms, sometimes quite severe. These conditions create difficult decisions from our instructors trying to provide safe, enjoyable sailing for the students.

The second weekend of June was one of these. Both a Basic Cruising Class with four students aboard a 40 foot sloop and a Basic Keelboat Class with four students aboard two of our Ensigns were scheduled. On Friday, the Basic Cruising Class spent the morning at the dock going over the boat systems. After lunch we headed out and set sail at the end of Brennan Channel. Storm Clouds could be seen off in the west and phones were handy to check the radar. After sailing for two hours, distant thunder could be heard and the radar showed a pretty wicked storm approaching. As a precaution sails were lowered, engine started, and the boat headed south a bit to try to avoid the worst of the oncoming storms. It is difficult to outrun a storm in a sailboat and soon we were right under it. We had lightning, thunder, hard rain and wind to 35 knots. We turned into the storm and everyone aboard got soaked but the boat motored through it and eventually popped out on the other side to sunshine and almost no wind. Pretty much the same thing happened on Saturday but this time a decision was made to drop anchor at Nixon's and ride out the storm. Just as we reached Nixon's under reefed main and engine, the main was dropped, anchor was quickly set with 100 feet of chain, and students and instructor retreated to the comfort of the cabin. As we bounced around again in 30 plus knots of wind, we reviewed for next day's test. The anchor held and after an hour or so the storm passed and we were on our way again. Students were actually appreciative that they got to experience mother nature's fury with an experienced instructor on board.

Now cut to the Basic Keelboat Class and their decisions of how to run that class and keep everyone safe and happy. Lead instructor Philip Adams, with assist by Alex Fox, had decided to get an early start on Saturday morning and spent it with an introductory sail. But after coming in for lunch, storms headed their way made the decision easy; stay in the classroom to cover that part of the class. On Sunday morning classroom activities dominated the morning and then came the storm watch. Alex had set up a display of current weather on the monitor and as they watched storms south of CGSC showed yellows and reds. Even though these

storms were pretty far away, the instructors know that in the Ensigns without motors, it would be a risk to try to go out. If they were out there and a storm hit they would have to try to sail in quickly before it got too bad. They did not have the luxury of dropping sails, starting the engine, and heading in under power. They would have been forced to sail in those 35 knot winds with just a reefed main, not a good scenario. Eventually the afternoon session was cancelled.

At the important general meeting on June 7th as the budget was being discussed by Olivier, a very experienced sailor stood and questioned the purchasing of motors for the Ensigns in the 2019/20 budget. He felt that the cost was not needed and the Ensigns should remain without motors. Most of the instructors disagree and feel that motors on these instructional boats will make teaching decisions much easier. Motoring out much quicker than sailing out to get to the sailing area, dropping sails and motoring back in if a summer storm happens, and also motoring in if the wind dies will make it much safer and better for the student. Students will still need to practice sailing out and back to the mooring or dock and that will continue to be required for the Basic Keelboat Certification. From an experienced purest sailor's point of view, everything can be done without a motor but when teaching a class, dealing with the safety of students and the value of teaching time, a motor can be a real advantage.

Captain Bruce Penrod
Adult Training Chair.

INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

Sunfish 1st weekend of each month

Basic Keelboat 2nd and 3rd weekend of each month.

Basic Cruising July 12 to 14, 19 to 21, August 23 to 25, Sept. 20 to 22, Oct. 18 to 20

Bareboat Cruising July 26 to 29, Sept. 27 to 30, Oct. 25 to 28

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View from the Signal Boat



**Senior Commodore's Cup
April 13, 2019
Junior Commodore's Cup
April 27, 2017**

We had 14 boats out racing for the Senior Commodore's Cup with winners garnering bragging rights over the next year. Six different types of boats raced, some as the only boat in their class. We had first place trophies for the six winners so all went away happy. Congratulations to:

Dave Martin	Finn
Chuck Lamphere	Flying Scot First Place
Henry Bernstein	Flying Scot Second Place
Nicholas Nathanson	Multihull
James Adams	Cruising Non-Spinnaker
Joaquin Vinas	Cruising Spinnaker
Eduardo Luaces	Racing

The CGSC Youth Program had a great turnout for the Junior Commodore's Cup on Saturday, April 27th. We had 12 Lasers, 12 Red/White/Blue Optis and 11 Opti Green Fleeters out racing. Congratulations to:

Lasers	
Roberto Rodriguez	First
Dorje Hopkins	Second
Marlon Mulkay	Third
RWB Opti	
Carlos Beckman	First
Sophie De Leon	Second
Keith Grupenhoff	Third
Opti Green	
Aden Weinberg	First
Conor Merry	Second
Nicolas Ojesto	Third

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



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NOTICE

**CGSC RC
takes
the summer
off to rest and
regroup for
another fast
paced Fall Racing
Season.**