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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

On a recent Sunday afternoon, I was deep in a Zen-like meditative state, lounging in a floaty tethered to a sailboat anchored at Nixon's Sandbar (see photo). I was contemplating if it was possible that there was a better place around to spend a lazy summer afternoon than half asleep, drifting upon the gently undulating bay with feet "a jus". My conclusion was that if anybody would know, it would be you! As the members of CGSC really are the experts on all things related to sailing on Biscayne Bay and all the fun that comes with it, I figured I might ask your opinion on this to foster my research. So, tell me, after a long stint laboring in the mines, when you finally make it down to the club and onto your chariot, what is the destination for which you set sail in order to pursue "maximum decompression"? It could be somewhere with a lot of action (like Nixon's), or somewhere secluded and devoid of humans (and their crappy music). You may submit your entries to me at commodore@cgsc.org; please keep them to local spots within a 1-2 day sail from home. Once received, I'll put in some hard work vetting your suggestions and I'll

pick a few favorites at my sole discretion. The winner(s) shall each receive two free drink tokens for The Grove's Nest from the Commodore's private reserve.

Thank you! -James

James Gruppenhoff, Commodore
commodore@cgsc.org



YOUTH RECAP

Daniel van Puffelen competed in the 2019 US Optimist Team Trails held at California Yacht Club on May 2 – 5. The results of the US Team Trials in this class determine young sailors' position on international teams, the US National Team, as well as the US Development Team. Daniel placed 2nd in Silver fleet, which is a huge accomplishment and from what I understand didn't come easy.



CGCSC 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.

He 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. Current CGSC Opti sailors Daniel van Puffelen and Carlos Beckmann Jr. were 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.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Its summer time- wonderful weather fun sailing etc.

Unfortunately its also that season - Hurricane Season. Its now almost 2 years since Irma blasted us, and we tend to forget how badly damaged the area was. A large number of boats, including a few club member boats were lost, destroyed or badly damaged.

Feeling a little complacent as its now 2 years and the memory fades? I urge everyone to review their hurricane plan, check all systems on your boat are working especially batteries and engines. (Nothing worse than having no way to move the boat to a safer place. Check all lines, anchor tackle, cleats, have backup and redundant equipment in place.

Then relax and enjoy the weather until a hurricane

threatens.

Early action is the best way to avoid a last , minute crisis.

Good news for the club is that our building and equipment are in great shape and with staff and volunteers ready to react to a storm we are as well protected as we can be to minimize storm impact.

Safe sailing.

Jim Green, Vice Commodore
vicecommodore@cgsc.org
Bali Ha'i



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

We are now officially in the “dog days” of summer. This means, BBQ's, summer vacations, and unfortunately, tropical storms and hurricanes. If you keep a boat at the club, it is imperative (as well as required under your agreements) to have a hurricane plan in place. Proper seamanship and boat ownership mean that you have a few alternatives for evaluations (in case that your preferred hiding place is full) and have a plan in place if you are out of town during the season. You should also make sure that you have proper and functioning equipment based on your evaluation plan (i.e. a correct number of anchors, lines, shackles and other gear). You should be familiar with the different requirements and timelines of the Club which apply for tropical storms and hurricanes and be prepared to act. The Club has a significant number of assets which require the full attention of the staff. Remember, a failure to plan on your

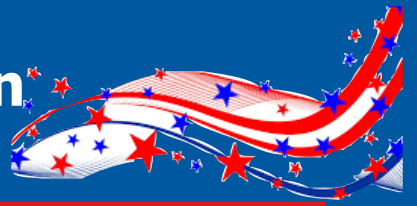
part does not constitute an emergency for others.

With that out of the way, the summer programs are doing great and our junior sailors are making us proud on the water. If you are itching to get out on the bay, remember, there are a number of opportunities. These range from radio controlled sailing on Tuesday nights on the north dock, Flying Scot racing on Wednesday nights (get their at 5:00 and be prepared to have fun), the Coconut Grove Racing Clinic on Saturdays and our wide variety of US Sailing Certified courses. We truly have something for everyone -you just need to ask. If all else fails, email me and we will get you on a boat.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
rearcommodore@cgsc.org
SV -Zephyrus



4th of July Celebration



Installation of the 2019 - 2020 Officers



There were presentations, installations and lots of great food enjoyed by all.



Steve Herman
CGSC Race
Committee
Administrator

View from the Signal Boat



The CGSC Race Committee is happy to announce Steve Herman as the new Race Committee Administrator. As a snowbird living in Massachusetts during the summer, Steve has been a welcome addition to the CGSC RC for the past three winters. He passed the US Sailing Association Advanced Principal Race Officer course and has been running races in MA during the last two summers. As a crack computer and numbers person, he will be assuming many of the RC administrative duties that can be handled anywhere on the planet with a computer and WiFi.

Susan

Susan Walcott

CGSC Race Committee Chair

Flying Scots Recap & Summer

The Scots had their 3rd race of the 3-race series run at the club. The finishes were as follows:

1st place with a 1 2 1 Air America Raced by Dave and Bud

2nd place with a 4,1,2 was Maggie Mae Raced by Carlos and wife and kids

3rd place was Lady Hope sailed by Henry (sorry, crew name unknown)

4th place Scarface sailed by Jorge, Richard and Esther

5th was Obie and his wife in I Gone

Summers Here...

The Flying Scot Fleet has a very active summer going. Wednesday night racers gather at 5:00 The Fleet invites anyone who would like to experience racing on a Flying Scot come out.

There are no experience requirements.

The summer series dates are below. It involves 6 days of racing starting at 11:15 in the morning. Three 45 minute races in and are back at the dock around 1:30. This is more serious racing and guests are only to be there as officially invited to crew for someone. There will be trophies. Also, there are 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



ADULT SAILING REPORT

Why choose Coconut Grove Sailing Club as your Sailing Center?

With so many sailing opportunities in Southern Florida and beyond, sailors and potential sailors are faced with decisions about where to pursue their sport. Coconut Grove Sailing Club Instructional Center is beyond a doubt the best bet. We have a great variety of options.

You can take a US Sailing Small Boat class and learn to sail a Sunfish or other like boat. After that you can participate in the Sunfish Racing Clinics for a modest fee or join the Flying Scot races for free. You can also use the Sunfish at your leisure for a very reasonable price once you have been checked out.

If sailing a keelboat is part of your plan, we have the best programs on some of the best boats for learning to sail and taught by the best US Sailing Certified Instructors in the country. Take the weekend Basic Sailing Class and then move on to private instruction to prepare for your US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification. Once you have achieved that, get checked out to use one of the very same boats on which you learned to sail. Put your certification to use and take your family or friends out on the bay.

After that, move up to the big boats and get your US Sailing Basic Cruising and Bareboat Cruising Certification. The Basic Cruising Class takes place on a very modern 40 foot sloop during a three day class. The Bareboat Cruising Class is an overnight class, 4 days/3 nights, again on the very comfortable 40 foot sloop. After you have accomplished that, you are ready to join our Big Boat Member Use program for one of the best deals around. With that certification, you can charter a boat anywhere in the world. If you are already a sailor or if you dream of being one, look no further than the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

Thanks,
Bruce



The club named one of their ensign training sailboats after Richard Crisler who retired as a tribute many years as chairman of the adult sailing program at cgsc.



INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE

US Sailing Small Boat Classes: 1st weekend of each month

US Sailing Basic Keelboat Classes: 2nd and 3rd weekend of each month.

US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification: Schedules privately as needed

US Sailing Basic Cruising Classes and Certification: August 23 to 25, Sept. 20 to 22, Oct. 18 to 20, Nov. 8 to 10, Dec. 6 to 8

US Sailing Bareboat Cruising Class and Certification: Sept. 27 to 30, Oct. 25 to 28, Nov. 15 to 18, Dec. 13 to 18

Coconut Grove Sailing Club Coastal Cruising and CGSC Certification: 7 day, 6 night live aboard
-TBD in 2020



NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

BRING ALL YOUR TYPES OF BOATING EQUIPMENT OR GEAR!

SATURDAY AUGUST 31ST, 2019

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CGSC GROUND FLOOR

Have something nautical to sell or buy?

Contact Chiara at svDRIFT@gmail.com to reserve a table or RSVP

If you want to donate items, proceeds will go to the instructional program for boat repairs.

Contact info@cgscic.org for Donations



Please welcome new members when you see them around the club.



**2019-2020
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Vice-Commodore James Green
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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**Single & Double Handed Regattas
Saturday & Sunday
August 3-4, 2019**

**CGSC Race Committee Work Day
Sunday
September 15, 2019**

**RC Support Boat Training Class
Sunday
September 22, 2019**

**CGSC Annual One Design & BBYRA OD
#2
Saturday & Sunday
September 28-29, 2019**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION
FORMS @ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2018-19 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NE