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A Cat racing in
March 2019

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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Sailors:

In July I had the pleasure of visiting Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Michigan while my son was competing in the U.S. Optimist National Championship. While there, I exchanged club burgees with my counterpart, GPYC's Commodore Ilja Vreeken (see photos). This gesture of goodwill and fellowship was warmly received by both, and in the course of our discussion we gained insight into how each other's clubs operate; the many common threads and some significant differences. I am certain we will both utilize this knowledge in our ongoing efforts to make our respective clubs the best they can be.

You'll soon see GPYC's burgee hanging in The Grove's Nest, alongside the dozens of others which we have collected over the years. We



encourage our members to seek an exchange of burgees when traveling to other clubs in the U.S. and around the world, to establish relationships and foster our reputation as an advocate for the sport and art of sailing, and as the club "Where Sailors Belong". If you anticipate you may have an opportunity for such an exchange in an upcoming trip, visit the club office to acquire a burgee...



Fair winds, James

James Grupehoff, Commodore
commodore@cgsc.org

NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons

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.NET

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Summer time- Its hot Humid and stormy! Our local thunderstorms can pack a pretty big punch- wind and rain, so be sure to check your boat is not letting in rain, has bilge pumps working, has sails properly furled or stacked securely (even better if you're not sailing much – remove your sails and store them) and has biminis etc in good condition and sturdily attached.

A few years ago a small tornado came off the Seminole ramp, turned into a waterspout and ripped up sails and biminis on several boats and pulled a couple of boats off their bridles (on the old moorings) so it's worth being cautious while on the moorings.

Speaking of moorings- the inspection and maintenance of the moorings is moving along well, with very good news- the equipment is in pretty good condition- apparently better than originally expected. Missy is doing a great job

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Fall is upon us, and for many of us, with this season comes prepping & shopping for back to school. Whether or not you have kids, I find this is a fantastic time of year to “reset” and prepare for hurricane season. While we are lucky to be here in South Florida where fall does not give way to the end of the boating season, we must rise to the challenge of getting through a few hot, sticky, and sometimes edgy months with the prospective onslaught of storms. I would like to share with you some of my top tips for going into the season.

First, I recommend that you become familiar with the club's hurricane plan. This can be found at www.cgsc.org. Second, decide what you will want to do with your boat in the event that all boats need to be removed from the club. Will you store your vessel on land or water? What location? A last minute plan is a TOO LATE plan! There are some great YouTube videos on materials and “how to” guides to securing your boat to a dock and other locations in the water. According to the National Hurricane Center (NHC), about 25% of hurricane fatalities result from boaters trying to secure vessels in deteriorating storm conditions. Be prepared. Next, make your boat an Instagram star, and by that,

of leading this important effort. This should be finished in a few weeks.

The building is in good shape as are the club boats; launches etc. Our dock and land based staff are clearly doing an exemplary job of maintaining and repairing our property. Well done everyone. “All systems are go”!!

We are starting to put together projects for the work weekend later this fall, so if you have any suggestions for projects we could do and/or you can assist with, let us know. All help is, as always, much appreciated.

Have fun out there, watch the weather carefully, and if you're weather-bound, stay dry and enjoy some time in the Crow's Nest. Cheers,

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



I mean take photos of your boat from many angles so you have a good representation of your investment pre-hurricane condition (of course, make sure your insurance is up to date and familiarize yourself with your policy). Finally, make sure CGSC email communications are making it to your inbox: when a hurricane is imminent, it is of utmost importance that special attention is paid to communications from the club regarding reducing windage and potentially moving boats.

The CGSC is an amazing club where sailors- new and seasoned, look out for one another. As we go into hurricane season, please remember that your preparedness and attention to detail will help you and your fellow sailors stay safe. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team (maybe buy them a beer first) for their hurricane checklist or list of resources/ advice for the season. Enjoy the fall reset; soon you will be the envy of all your friends up north this winter!

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
SV -Zephyrus
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Flying Scots

Wednesday night racing is still going strong with between 5 and 10 boats going out every week. Last week the wind was too light so we had a spinnaker seminar on the strip with the boat on a



trailer.

We have also had a capsizing and recovery drill this year.

The races are video recorded and available to view on the club website. If you have ever wondered if you would like to try racing this is your chance. Just show up on Wednesday night and we will get you on a boat and racing.

No experience is needed and it is free! The pur-

pose of Wednesday nights is to introduce people to the sport and the fleet and build a new group of fleet members that are as passionate about racing as we are. Come and join in on the fun.

If you want to participate be at the dock at 5:00 to help put the boats in the water for a 5:30 departure. We are back at dark (right now around 8:00) for drinks, food and discussion on the veranda.

See you down there.

The 24th is the last race of the Flying Scot summer series. I will report the winners of that in next month's channel. It is time now to sign up for the fall series. If you have not been out in a while come and try out the new format. We are now racing right at the end of the channel and are back in much earlier with the same quality (if not better) of racing.

Bud



ADULT SAILING REPORT

I mentioned in last month's article about using the club's Beneteau Fleet. Many of the users have taken the Basic Cruising Course and Certification but haven't yet taken the Bareboat Cruising Course and Certification. Consider that 4 day/3 night class that makes you eligible to take the Beneteaus out overnight. As the fall and winter months approach, plan an overnight trip down the Bay. Consider anchoring out at Elliot Key or if it is a weekday, consider staying at Boca Chita.

Both of these spots are a short day sail south and you'll be amazed at the sunsets and quiet during the night. Even though both Beneteaus are somewhat spartan, they have sleeping accommodations and heads. You'll need to plan to bring your own grill or cooking surface but both have ice boxes for keeping things cold at least for one night. Waking up at one of these spots can be glorious. Take a look below to see when you could sign up for a Bareboat Cruising Course. Bruce Penrod

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; scheduled privately as needed

US Sailing Basic Cruising Class 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 16.

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

CGSC Flying Scot Summer Series 2019 Comes To A Close

The final Saturday of the Flying Scot Summer Series was scheduled on August 24, 2019 but the weather did not cooperate. The threat of thunderstorms, rain, and all around nasty weather prevented even one race from being held so the fleet decided to call it a day and hold the post-racing party early. Skipper and Crew were treated to pizza, fruit, cookies, and drink tickets to celebrate the 6 different weekend events that made up this first annual CGSC Flying Scot Summer Series. If you want to learn more about this kind of racing and these events, please visit the Flying Scot page on the website at cgscic.org/flying-scot-fleet/ where all the results, news, sailing instructions, and videos are posted.

Ryan and Lorie Messer won the first race back on June 22nd and never looked back maintaining their lead throughout the entire series. Dave and Andi were in a good place to potentially win the series but with the bad weather and no racing on the final day they did not race in the required 4 events which took them out of contention. Many of the boats traded skippers between the different dates such as Phillippe and Francois shared the helm on different dates and Bud

shared the helm with Gary Shroat on more than one occasion. The 3 ladies of Lucky Dog, Ashley, Jennifer, and Jessica all helmed different races throughout the series. Many of the boats sailed with different crew members at different times including Obie, Alex, and Joerg.

The successful conclusion of the Summer Series was very encouraging for the fleet. This was our first attempt to run our own races and see how successful we could be. The exciting thing was that we successfully attracted 8 boats to this first series but even more exciting is that the upcoming Fall Series has 10 boats registered already! Look for more information on the Fall Series as it approaches or check out the website for news and results here: cgscic.org/fallseries/

Congratulations to the top 3 finishers. There were six races in the series and competitors were required to compete in 4 of the 6 events to be eligible for trophies. Here are the final results:

Dave Martin



Coconut Grove Sailing Club's Annual
Single and Double Handed Regattas
August 3 & 4, 2019



Stormy weather was on all minds as the CGSC Race Committee prepared for our Annual Single & Double Handed Regattas. NOAA' chart of building potential depressions had us on a daily watch as to their daily forecasts. It finally disappeared off the map by the end of the week – Whew. Local forecasts still were predicting thunderstorms both afternoons. Saturday morning had no breeze which delayed the starts until after 1:30. We were able to get one race in then sent all races back to their docks as a heavy weather squall moved across the Bay. Sunday had better wind with no delay in the fleets' starts. Again, only one race in the bag before squalls chased all sailors back in to shore.

Congratulations to:

Single Handed

Flying Scots 1st
Laser 1st
Finns 1st
Jr Finns 2nd
Cruising Racing 1st
Racing 1st

Joerg Reinhold
Steve Schwartz
Fabiano Vivacqua
Dave Martin
Cathy Buller
Pedro Camargo

Double Handed

Flying Scots 1st
Flying Scots 2nd
Cruising Non-Spin
Cruising Racing 1st
Racing 1st

Dave Martin
Ryan Alexander
James Liebl
Cathy Buller
Pedro Camargo

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair



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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



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