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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Friends:

In recent years, it has become clear that the water quality in Biscayne Bay has been deteriorating, as evidenced by massive sea grass die-offs, increases in bacterial contamination and levels of phytoplankton and phosphorus. Earlier this year, a grand jury convened by the state attorney's office determined that if corrective action is not taken soon, the decline may be irreversible. It was for the purpose of initiating such action that the 2nd Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit was convened on September 20th at FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus. I represented Coconut Grove Sailing Club at this event, along with Past Commodore John Pistorino and Community Service Committee Chair Denise Schneider; we joined 100 representatives from environmental NGOs, government entities, private businesses and educational institutions.

The Summit consisted of a number of presentations and discussions regarding the challenges the bay is currently experiencing. Contributing factors to the decline were identified such as old, deteriorating septic tanks and wastewater drain pipes, stormwater runoff and plastic waste that makes its way into the bay. Possible solutions for addressing these problems were contemplated with input from the diverse group of attendees. The immediate result was a public declaration of a State of Emergency for Biscayne Bay. Specific plans for action shall be forthcoming by January, 2020. Also present at the event were City of Miami Mayor Suarez, City of Miami Beach Mayor Gelber, State Attorney for Miami-Dade County Fernandez-Rundle and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Higgins, and the support they all expressed for the goals of the Summit was very encouraging.

My intent in attending this gathering was to represent that the members of Coconut Grove Sailing Club are committed to protecting the long-term health of Biscayne Bay by being directly involved in this community-wide effort. It is a vital resource for all Miamians; our children's backyard;

it's where we live. You can trust that you'll be hearing more about these efforts in the coming months and I invite all members to participate in any way they can.



Sheet in. Hike out. Show up.

James Grupenhoff, Commodore
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Regards, James

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**GPS Use & Race Course Geometry
Training Class
Saturday
November 2, 2019**

**Marstrom 32 North Americans
Saturday & Sunday
November 15-18, 2019**

**Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #1
Friday – Sunday
December 13-15, 2019**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND
REGISTRATION FORMS
@ WWW.CGSC.ORG
FOR BBYRA 2019-20 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

CCGSC VICE COMMODORE ARTICLE Nov 2019

Another month of Hurricane season has passed, quietly for us. Hopefully the rest of the season will be quiet too.

You may have noticed and will be noticing work being done on the club infrastructure. The wash down area has been re-surfaced – looks good...; the boat racks are about to be installed; the ceiling downstairs will shortly be painted; as will the floor. On the interior: the floor for the Main room has been selected, Ed Raiburn and Lisa Harlow are currently working on designs for the lighting. The plan is to install the floor in the next few weeks, to be followed by new lighting- the room is in need of an upgrade and will become a very nice area to hold functions, meet and run sailing classes. I am looking forward to it!

Moving ahead: the club work weekend will be December 7th and 8th. Projects are being

selected. If you have any project suggestions or pet improvement ideas please let us know. This is the key club volunteer maintenance and improvement effort of the year. Whatever your skills we can put them to use, so sign up and let us know what activities you can do and would like to be involved in. It's always a fun weekend, very social, with a big impact on both the way the club looks, and the way it functions. We'll be putting a signup sheet in the bar areas in the next week or 2. CGSC is our club, let's do ourselves proud.

Thanks, Jim

Jim Green, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

It's early Saturday morning. You wake up early and your sailing gear is already by the door. You reach into your fridge for your provisions, and text your friends to confirm your meeting time and raft-up plan. Welcome to fall/winter on Biscayne Bay. Lucky for the members of the CGSC, the club is situated for an optimal launch directly down Brennan's channel for a short sail to any one of the relaxing and picturesque anchoring spots in the bay.

Here are my top anchoring spots where I like to make plans to meet up with friends for a quick sail out, to enjoy lunch and some beverages, take a short nap, and mosey back to the club. I recommend taking a "no scheduled time" approach for ultimate enjoyment.

1. Hurricane Harbor. Relax in the shadows of some of Miami's most beautiful real estate. Sail East out of the club towards the sand bar, mind the depth going in (the stay towards the left going in) and set your anchor for a day of quiet.
2. Chicken Key. If you fancy a longer sail to your

destination, select this spot for clear waters, turtle sightings, and if you have a paddle board make sure to pack it.

3. Marine Stadium. A Miami Classic. Marine stadium presents a short sail, no barriers to entry, and a rich history. The site was actually created to host powerboat events, and now reflects the talent of Miami's graffiti artist scene. This spot is ideal for the sun lover as it offers little to no shaded areas.

I encourage you all to join the CGSC Team App [CGSC Rendezvous] or just look for the our burgee. Looking forwards to seeing you out there.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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GREAT CGSC ANNUAL OD REGATTA!

CCGSC's Annual One-Design Regatta was sailed on Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29, 2019 on beautiful Biscayne Bay. The Wind Gods were smiling on the Bay the entire weekend, and the competitors and Race Committee were smiling, too! Good breeze, bright sunshine – a great weekend to race on the Bay. The event was also BBYRA OD #2.



The Wind. Winds were generally ENE – around eight knots on Saturday, and up to almost 20 knots on Sunday. Saturday's breeze saw a cyclic shifting pattern greater than we normally see from this direction, but it centered around the course axis. Sunday's stronger wind was right out of Bear Cut and quite steady.

The Fleet. Six classes raced on Saturday – Flying Scots, Snipes and Lasers for the centerboard boats, and Etchells, J70s and J24s for keel boats. The Scot fleet was by far the largest, with 19 competitors for the Regatta – several from out-of-town. It was a smaller fleet on Sunday, in spite of the excellent conditions. The Snipes had already said they would only sail Saturday, but neither the Lasers nor the J24s sailed Sunday. The J24 Worlds are upcoming very soon on the Bay, but staying ashore is a strange way to prepare.



The Courses. The Race Committee set windward-leeward, twice around courses for all races, with two windward marks – a long one for the keel boats and a shorter one for the centerboarders. The RC was concerned about a multi-class jam-up at the leeward mark, so used a BBYRA course providing for two leeward marks on Saturday. The RC put a couple of minutes between each 3-minute start sequence, and no jam-up occurred. So, on Sunday, a leeward gate was set which is a more conventional race course. Five races were scheduled and sailed – three on Saturday and the remaining two on Sunday. All five race scores counted for each competitor.



The Results. The “no surprise” winner of the Scots was renowned competitor Jeff Linton from Tampa



with wife, Amy. Jeff has been Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, and has won the Lightning and Sunfish Worlds, among others. They won by 15 points. So, over the five races, they beat the second place boat by an average of three points each time! Second was Scot 6163, but no other information was available. Third was Scott Marriott and his wife, also from out-of-town. CGSC's Dave Martin and Andi Hoffman were 4th and won the perpetual trophy for the top CGSC Scot in this regatta.

The 4-boat Etchells fleet was won by Ezra Cuvler by 5-points over Chris Lanza. The J70s were won by long-time Bay competitor Joey Kolisch by 8-points. Among the one-day fleets, Rogello Villanueva won the Lasers by 2-points, Patrick Rynne won the Snipes by 4-points, and Eamonn deLisser won the J24s by a single point.



The CGSC Race Committee. The RC did a fine job, and received lots of kudos among the happy competitors at the trophy presentation Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to our two volunteer Signal Boats – Becky Lyon's Tartan 40 on Saturday, and Jay Flynn's Sabre 36 on Sunday. CGSC Regatta Chair Ron Rostorfer served as PRO. The Signal Boat crew included Timers Susan Mohoric and Dottie Rostorfer, Records Sonia Diaz and Nell Kellett, and Flag Signalers Carol Cottrell and Jan Dillow.



Upwind in the Club's 24-foot Angler were RC Chair Susan Walcutt, assisted by Phil Kellett, Christine Van Hulle and Bob Valledor. The Pin Boat was the Club's Contender 23 with Rick Klein as Race Officer assisted by Allen Cox and Bill Quesenberry. Many thanks to all!
Ron Rostorfer



(Right) Patrick Rynne and wife Fiona, Winners Of The Annual Regatta Sn Ipe Fleet presented by Gonzalo "Old Man" Diaz.



Adult Sailing

After US Sailing Basic Keelboat classes and certification, club members can sign up to use the 23 foot Ensigns and the 24 foot Jolly Roger. After that, sailors can move on to the US Sailing Basic Cruising Class and Certification and then become member users of the 26 and 32 foot Beneteaus. This is a unique and great benefit at Coconut Grove Sailing Club and many people have taken advantage of it.

The Basic Cruising Class is a three day class that includes the test and certification on the last day. Even though sailing is of course part of the class, it also covers motoring, docking, anchoring, boat systems, terminology, navigation, and much more. We usually begin the class on Friday with the 40 foot sloop at the dock. The entire boat, below and above, is discussed. We cover the engine, electrical systems, water and marine sanitation devices, and then the rig, lines, controls, and electronics. We usually eat lunch at the club as we go over using charts and the details of where we'll be sailing. After lunch we head out to the bay to both motor and sail the boat, getting comfortable with handling a large sailboat. Later we return to the mooring field and cover picking up mooring lines.

On Saturday we head out to the boat at 9 AM and cover more information, usually discussing how tides and currents have to do with navigating when plotting a course. A sail across the Biscayne Bay to No Name Harbor and we have lunch either at anchor or we dock and eat at The Boaters Grill. After lunch we often head out to the Biscayne Channel and sail through Stiltesville back into the Bay. We practice tacking, jibing, crew overboard drills, heaving to, and much more. Everyone

gets a turn at the helm and at the crew positions. Later we head in to Dinner Key Marina and use their empty slips to practice docking.

Sunday is a day to review and test practical skills on the boat. We return to the club for lunch and continue to review the written part of the test. Then the test is given, scored, discussed, and if successful, the log book is filled out and the Basic Cruising Sticker is inserted. Students are now eligible to join the Beneteau member use program. Next month, we'll cover the next class, Bareboat Cruising.

Upcoming Classes

Captain Bruce Penrod
Adult Training Chair and Cruising Instructor

Upcoming Classes

- 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; 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 liveaboard, TBD in 2020.



Song of the Month - November 2019

I told your Board of Directors about the “Song of the Month” articles, the first of which appeared in the October Channel. Within 2 minutes at the board meeting I got a text suggesting a board member’s favorite song. It’s a song that’s on so many sailors’ playlists, and one of those songs that really get you going. And strangely, the chorus refers to sailing in seriously bad weather. So, here it goes, the November 2019 Song of the Month (nominated by Dave Martin) is ...

“Tubthumping” by Chumbawamba



Here’s the chorus ...

I get knocked down
But I get up again
You’re never gonna keep me down
I get knocked down
But I get up again
You’re never gonna keep me down
I get knocked down
But I get up again
You’re never gonna keep me down
I get knocked down
But I get up again
You’re never gonna keep me down

Quite a complex chorus, but I think most sailors can memorize the words. Some of the lyrics also refer to another favorite pastime while sailing – you know what I’m talking about J. Watch the song on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/2H5uWRjFsGc>

* If you have a nomination for the “Song of the Month”, email it to sotm@coldbeer.cc. Please try to include a photo, some explanation of why you love it, and any stories about the song that are plausible and publishable.

RECAP SEPT/OCT

YOUTH:

This summer we saw almost 500 sailors sail with us which, to my knowledge is a record for CGSC! Many happy families have returned to sail with us this Fall, which has started with over 120 sailors. We are beyond excited to share this with you as this forms part of a new era in CGSC Youth Sailing. Within one year we have:

Had 476 sailors over the summer

Helped 20 families sail thanks to our generous scholarship program

Hosted an internationally recognized regatta with participation from 5 countries and over 20 clubs/organizations for the 2nd year in a row.

Hosted the first ever USODA Development Team practice in the Southeast Region, and having several of our sailors join it.

Begun the sailing season with more than 120 sailors

Begun a pilot program for homeschooled children

Continued the STEM program into its second year and have added a 2nd coach

This summer the Opti team came in hot with 5 sailors qualifying for the 2019 USODA Team Trials. These sailors fought hard and represented CGSC well and we’d like to give a shoutout to the following sailors for making the cut: Sophie De Leon, Keith Grupenhoff, Carlo Velazquez, Sara Ortiz Vey, Antonio De Andrade.

ADULT SAILING:

Classes were slim in August and began to fill up in September and October. The weather hindered many classes.

FLYING SCOTS:

The Flying Scots had a great summer series on Wednesday Nights. The sessions were also used to introduce interested parties to the sailing of the Flying Scot. The new series began in September.

Bill Beavers was a long time racer and supporter of sailing on Biscayne Bay. The Columbus Day Committee and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club have decided to honor Bill’s memory by dedicating a perpetual trophy in his name. The Bill Beavers Mewmorial will be awarded to the winner of the newly created “One Way Race”, starting at the North end of the bay and finishing near Black Point. The emphases is on participating in the Columbus Day Regatta while having fun and spending the night down south with no urgency to get back for Sunday’s start.





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Flying Scots

Our annual regatta had 19 Flying Scots out for the 2-day race. Jeff and Amy Linton won. Scot and Laura Marriott were third. Dave Martin and Andie were fourth and the top CGSC boat followed by club member Jim Signor and Cheyrl. Wednesday night racing is still going on with 8 to 10 boats out. It is starting to get dark earlier so it will end soon. We are talking about a monthly weekend, Wednesday night format, race to replace these when we must stop. More on that next month. Bud

