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ON THE BAY...

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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Members:

At the time of this writing we have completed the restoration of services and equipment disrupted by the close call with Hurricane Dorian. We were very fortunate to have only minimal impacts from this very powerful storm. Based upon the lessons we learned from Hurricane Irma in 2017, our preparations for Dorian were more efficient and thorough; however there is still room for improvement. On several occasions we could have used more hands and we'll be developing some new programs in the near future to set up a more formal mechanism for the members to support the staff in preparations for future storms. More details on these programs will be forthcoming.

As we all know, our friends and neighbors in the Northern Bahamas were not as fortunate as us,

and bore the brunt of Dorian's Category 5-level winds. We've collaborated with Christ Episcopal Church here in The Grove to transport items our members have generously donated over to the affected areas as quickly as possible.

CGSC sailors have long enjoyed the beauty of the Abacos and the friendliness of our Bahamian neighbors, we are committed to doing all we can to help them in their time of great need. You'll be hearing more about these efforts in the future and I urge you to participate to the greatest extent possible.

Sincerely, James

James Grupenhoff, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Happily for us, but extremely sadly for the Bahamas, Dorian came and went. For a storm that was originally forecast to be a tropical storm aiming at Miami, Dorian turned very nasty, becoming one of the strongest storms on record, and decimating the Northwest Bahamas. Our thoughts and concerns are with those so badly impacted.

Our staff is to be thanked for their amazing efforts in securing the club against the potential storm and then getting the club back in action after the storm, not an easy task. Lauren, Mario, Missie, Alberto and every staff member- THANKS !!. You 'guys' are amazing. Also many thanks go to those members whose volunteer efforts were critical in keeping our club, its assets and members safe.

One thing became apparent- most of the local 'safe' havens filled up very early, probably due to there being less places to go. While our hurricane policies allow boats to stay on the mooring field until after Storm warnings are issued, our advice is that moving ahead of that time is the prudent approach. There is nothing worse than waiting until the last possible minute then being unable to find safe haven. Dorian has provided us with a 'dry' run and now we should all review our

hurricane plans to incorporate the apparent changes in safe haven opportunities. GO EARLY.

There is plenty of activity in the Atlantic this year so it's quite likely we'll have to go through storm prep again. Let's be ready.

Given the size of the club, the storm preparation effort involved is massive, so anything you as a member can do to assist, volunteer, provide offsite storage etc is much appreciated, and necessary. By the time this Channel is published we will have carried out a post storm briefing, and will be putting out requests for volunteers etc, under various headings. Please sign up – the club is volunteer driven and very dependent on member involvement. It's also what makes us such a special club and community.

In the meantime- on a positive note- the weather has been spectacular and there's some great sailing out there. Go for it, it's why we're here after all...

Regards

Jim Green, Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we take stock after our first real hurricane scare since Irma, it is important to assess what worked and what we all could do better. First, a big thank you to the Coconut Grove Sailing Club staff for their leadership and hard work securing our facility and assets. For those of you who did not see it first-hand, they were tremendous in how they implemented our hurricane plan and assisted our membership during this difficult and stressful time. The question you should ask yourself, how did your plan work? Did you give yourself enough time to secure your home and/or boat? Did you have the right equipment? Was your safe harbor available? How comfortable would you have been that you protected your assets if Dorian had turned west? Take this opportunity to ask these critical questions and be honest with yourself.

Now with that out of the way, I am pleased to report that our youth program is having record breaking success. More specifically, we are training and teaching more children the sport of sailing than ever. For those of you who are interested, the annual Halloween Howler is scheduled for October 26 and 27, 2019. It is an amazing event that brings sailors from far and wide who want to enjoy our beautiful bay and our renowned race committee. If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know.

If you are interested in learning to sail or want to start to process of becoming certified or joining our member use program, we have openings in our basic keel boat program. If you are on the fence, ask someone who has taken the course or just come down on a weekend and watch. It will be an easy decision. Remember, we are just feet away from the best sailing in the world. Finally, I am pleased to report that our Ensigns: The Crisler and Foundation, are now safe. As required by ancient lore, we invoked the gods of the wind, Aeolus and the sea, Neptune, as well as hailed Poseidon to our main dock on September 14, 2019. We offered libations to great Boreas who is the ruler of the North Wind, Zephyrus the ruler of the West Wind, Eurus the ruler of the East Wind and Notus the ruler of the South Wind. We believe that they have accepted these offerings and will provide our vessels and all those who sail on them safe passage. Accordingly, please feel free to use them.

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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Beavers Memorial Trophy (1 day event) Saturday, October 12

Bill Beavers was a long time racer and supporter of sailing on Biscayne Bay. He held many positions at Coconut Grove Sailing Club including Commodore twice. His last boat, "Finesse", was a fixture on Biscayne Bay and in many BBYRA races. This year, 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 Memorial 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 emphasis 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. The CDR Committee hopes to build this division in coming years and encourages all sailors, not just racers, to join the fun for a run down the bay.



ADULT SAILING

August was a slow month for instruction with only one Basic Keelboat Class with a limited number of students and little private instruction as well. I guess the heat of summer makes potential students look to the cooler months. One private big boat class happened at the end of the month and yes that was the same weekend that Dorian threatened us. The student didn't want to cancel so we cautiously went ahead with it and it turned out to be a great experience for the student. Even as the storm made a jog to the north, we went to Elliot Key for a Saturday anchorage. It was quite strange with only one other boat on the anchorage but very peaceful. We had a great sail back and made it back to the club just in time to get the boat ready for the storm, which by then was predicted to be tropical winds of less than 30 knots. The students helped remove the bimini and jib and tie up the main. They thanked me for the opportunity to get to see how to storm prep a boat, kind of a Tom Sawyer moment.

Speaking of storm prep, I want to thank all that helped including a great effort, as usual, from the staff. We put the Beneteaus in slips at Dinner Key and decided to put the Ensigns behind Clarington Island but then moved them back to their moorings, sans sails, before the storm winds came. The Sunfish were put away and secured. Everything fared well and most were back in service only two or three days after the storm passed and raged further north.

As I write this, a full Basic Keelboat class was held the second weekend of the month and we're gearing up for another well attended class the third weekend of the month. We hope to keep things moving and have offered a discount of \$50 for both of the Basic Keelboat classes in October. If you have been thinking of taking this course, take advantage of that discount. See the full schedule below.

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; Oct. 18 to 20, Nov. 8 to 10, Dec. 6 to 8.

US Sailing Bareboat Cruising Class and Certification: 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.

YOUTH SAILING

Ahoy CGSC Members, Sailors, and Friends -

We have had a smashing success of a summer, which has led into a fantastic fall season. 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

Aside from all the personal victories the kids and coaches achieve every day that they sail at CGSC. I am personally very proud of the coaching staff and would like to congratulate Coach Tony Mier for growing the Laser and Green Fleet programs to historic size (23 laser sailors!). This goes to show that their dedication and instruction has struck a chord with their sailors who continue to sail here.

We would also like to congratulate our own Conor Kellett who recently traveled to Toronto, Canada and participated in the 2019 U21 Laser 4.7 World Championship. Conor ended 37th in silver fleet and in his own words "learned a lot about what it takes to campaign a Laser" and promised to "hit the gym more!". Conor has been sailing with us since 2015 and has gone through both the Learn to Sail Program and the Opti Racing program. We are very proud of Conor for representing CGSC abroad, and wish him luck as his Laser career continues. Check out

some photos below of Conor and Coach Tony in Canada!

But that's not all! 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

And thanks to Coach Osvaldo and Coach Hernan for their tireless efforts in getting these kids into shape! Way to go!

Lastly, we thank you members, youth parents, staff and the administration for continuing to support the Youth Sailing Program. We have been able to be successful because people are willing to advocate for the coaches, sailors, and resources that are needed. Thank you! Please enjoy the pictures, and we will see you next month!

Fair Winds,

-Alberto Olivo

Youth Program Director

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Sailors and Coach Osvaldo at the 2019 USODA Fleet Racing Nationals.

YOUTH SAILING PICTURES



The Girls Squad pose during the USODA ODP2 practice.



Celebrating Carlo Velazquez' 12th birthday CGSC style with fajitas!



All smiles for Conner Brandon receiving his brand new Laser.



Conor Kellett representing CGSC and the USA at the 2019 Under 21 Laser 4.7 World Championships in Canada.



2019 USODA Fleet Racing Nationals in Grosse Point, Michigan.



Southeast Region USODA Development Team Practice August 25-26, 2019.

SUMMER CAMP 2019



FABULOUSLY FUN.....

Song of the Month - October 2019

Back in 2014 Carol Cotterell and Geoff Sutcliffe did a series of articles for the Channel called “Boat of the Month”, which each month featured one of the boats at the club (from Optis to big cruisers). Last weekend some of us (Renny Young, James Grupenhoff, Mike Lovelady, Geoff Sutcliffe, probably others) were talking on the deck and came up with a plan for a new series of articles called “Song of the Month”, to describe those “sailing songs” that we love to play while sailing. Hopefully the musicians at Open Mic Night will pick up some of these songs and play them for us! So here we go ... the October 2019 Song of the Month (nominated by Geoff) is ...

“Beach Please” by Kevin Fowler ...



Here’s the chorus ...

Beach, please, I’m up to my knees
In crystal blue water with a tropical breeze
Cooler full of cold Corona
Girl now if you wanna find me
You know where I’ll be
I’ll be laying in a hammock ‘tween some coconut trees
Don’t wake me up from this dream
Beach please

The verses are fun. They capture what a lot of us think, and after a few beers threaten to do. But we can still all sing along to the dream. Watch the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnClfeZTgAU>

* 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 publishable.

KEELBOAT CLASS





**2019-2020
Officers**

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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock
Tuesday Afternoons**

**64th Columbus Day Regatta*
Saturday & Sunday
October 12-13, 2019**

**CGSC Annual Cruising Regatta
& BBYRA ORC #2
Saturday
October 19, 2019**

**Halloween Howler
Saturday & Sunday
October 26-27, 2019**

SEE NOTICES OF RACE AND REGISTRATION FORMS
@WWW.CGSC.ORG

FOR BBYRA 2019-20 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
VISIT THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.BBYRA.NET

*Columbus Day Regatta <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19529>

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<u>Committees</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Reports to</u>
Executive Committee	James Grupenhoff	Commodore
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