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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Members:

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind the membership that 2021 shall mark the 75th anniversary of Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Though technically, the first meeting of the Board of Directors took place on December 19, 1945, we were incorporated in 1946 and therefore we will celebrate the anniversary throughout 2021, with various events being planned. An ad hoc anniversary committee is being formed, with Historian Renny Young and Director Patricia Murphey overseeing the planning of the festivities. We'd like to appeal to the membership to contribute to this effort - if you have stories, anecdotes, photos or other historical materials, please start to gather them in preparation for

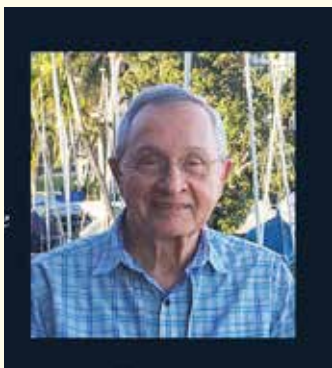
the next stage of these efforts which will begin in the Summer. If you'd like to lend a hand, or offer some ideas, feel free to contact Renny, Patricia or myself and we'll welcome your contributions.



Though we've been through some tough times lately, happier days are on the horizon and I look forward to celebrating them with all of you.

Stay safe, James

James Grupenhoff,
Commodore
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John Schoendorf Sperry Community Service Award Recipient

US Sailing and Sperry partner to recognize local sailors around the country for contributions made to their sailing communities. CGSC Life Member and former club officer JOHN SCHOENDORF has been named a SPERRY LOCAL AMBASSADOR and received the Community Service Award for his role in presenting youth with opportunities to learn and appreciate the value of water in their lives.

John is the current Treasurer of US SAILING and is active at the US Olympic Sailing Center. He recently renovated their locker room including a workbench, vise, high tech drill press, stainless storage racks, new lighting and miscellaneous other goodies. He is also Treasurer and active in Magnus Liljedahl's TEAM PARADISE which has sailing programs and a fleet of boats for teaching the physically challenged and those in underserved communities.

John has been a resident of the Grove since 1957 and was kind of adopted back then by our dock master who introduced him to sailing a Pram. After that, he says he was hooked, sailing Lightnings and with friends on big boats on the bay and across the Gulf Stream with the SORC.

“For the first time in history, we can save the world by lying on the sofa and watching TV. Don't blow it.”

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic is with us, its full extent yet unknown, we are all on 'Lockdown' to hopefully slow its progress and allow the health system to cope with the onslaught. Looks like it's going to affect us for a while, and a return to 'normal' will most likely be slow.

While the club is pretty much closed, management and staff have been working hard on various maintenance projects, and keeping the club secure, so when we are able to open up again, we'll be up and running quickly. The Exec and Board have been meeting on a weekly basis, (what would we do without "ZOOM") making sure we are taking all the steps necessary to mitigate the significant impact of the various regulations and limitations on the club. We are working to ensure the club remains strong and ready.

All that said, let's remember – we are all in this together and need to be patient and supportive of each other, our communities, and our club.

And YES! I am really missing the club social activities, the Groves nest, and SAILING. I am very sad seeing my boat just sitting there on the mooring but fully

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The day I am writing this is April 12. My family and I have been in quarantine since March 12. We were able to go out for a sail one time prior to the closure of the club, but otherwise, our outdoor activities have been limited to the back yard. Life is simple, and we are grateful for it, however we anticipate the "reopening" of the country, and to getting back to the new normal in life. We miss the club. I miss getting a beer at the Grove Nest and arguing with my friends about politics in person.

As far as the club goes, there are things that we can look forward to; the rendezvous scheduled for May (Treasure Island theme) will be rescheduled for August/September. We will still have the opportunity to take our boats out for a stretch and have fun with the whole family.

When the club reopens, we are planning a social distancing boat gathering; picture the holiday caroling event with a parade of boats and perhaps it will involve banging pots and pans from our boats to celebrate the club being open again, to thank first responders, and to welcome everyone back to the water.

If you find yourself at home, missing the boat races and in need of excitement, check out these fun resources:

understand that for now it is necessary to social distance and reduce risk for myself and for others. We are finding new ways to get together- things like facetime, virtual group exercise sessions, some I know have begun having online happy hours. Just get creative in finding ways to be social while distancing- not quite the same but it is fun to come up with new ways to socialize.

I look forward to when I can go sailing with my friends. It's going to feel amazing to be back out there and to spend time at the club again. This really makes me appreciate how lucky I am to have CGSC in my life.

We will be back!!

So be Safe, Patient, and Supportive, and have fun.
Regards

Jim Green, Rear Commodore
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I look forward to seeing everyone back at the club!

Robert Carlson, Rear Commodore
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ADULT SAILING REPORT

Strange Days Indeed

At this writing, the mooring field is quiet. The boats dawdle lazily on their bridles like horses on a hitching post, shuffling in their own length with an air of quiet restlessness. No dollies are scattered about the lawn, no luffing sails snap in the breeze, the launch bell is still and quiet, and most of us are asking ourselves the same anxious question: why has the weather suddenly been so darn PERFECT for sailing lately?!

There are few other topics of conversation on people's lips these days besides the coronavirus, which has upended all of our lives in one way or another. The situation has developed quickly as governments and organizations try to catch up with the latest information and implement directives to help slow the spread. CGSC has been no different, with the board and bridge continually assessing how to best protect our members and club assets. We were able to begin a full group Basic Keelboat class on Saturday, March 14, but later that evening we had to cancel the second day due to city recommended social distancing guidelines (remember that the club sits on land owned by the city and our lease requires compliance with such city directives). As always, the club and instructors remain committed to completing the course through make up sessions and to rescheduling those who were already registered for courses in April and May. In addition, we have three basic cruising graduates who are waiting to join the Cruising Group pending orientation. We will begin scheduling new classes, coaching sessions, and orientations as soon as conditions allow.



So what to do in the meantime? Just because you're temporarily stuck on shore doesn't mean you can't improve your skills as a sailor and deepen your appreciation of the sport. Grab a piece of line and learn some new knots (try animatedknots.com)! Take an online sailing quiz to check and sharpen your knowledge. Or just watch some movies about sailing: Richard's favorite is "WIND" with Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey, while I am partial to the epic (though admittedly less relevant to modern sailing) "Master and Commander: The Far Side Of The World." Also check out "Deep Water," a gripping documentary about Donald Crowhurst's disastrous attempt to sail around the world in 1968.

Most importantly, be safe and take care of yourselves and your families. Limit your interactions outside of your household and stay home whenever possible. In class we tell our students that when assessing sailing conditions, "If in doubt, DON'T GO OUT!" This is good advice for all of us to abide by here ashore for the time being as we weather this crisis. As Queen Elizabeth said in her address this week, "While we may have more still to endure, better days will return. We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again."

Sail Often (just not right now)... Sail Safely... Enjoy and Protect Our Beautiful Bay!

Alex Fox – Richard Crisler
Adult Instructional Co-Chairmen



YOUTH SAILING

Through our 70 plus years of interacting with kids out on the water, we've found that the main thing that keeps them sailing is the hope of every child for a better tomorrow. The desire for a brighter future. Sailing provides the avenue for kids to find a better version of themselves, each and every day - and we see that day in, day out. From the first time they step on a boat to their first regatta and beyond, Sailing challenges kids to think critically, trust in themselves, and put 100% of their effort forward in order to have a rewarding sailing day.

But it's not in the challenges they face every day they go sailing, but in the people they meet and bond with in the shared journey. Sailing brings people together from all walks of life, and no place more than CGSC. We sit at the crossroads of sailing, where World Champions and novices interact on a daily basis.

Fair Winds,
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Proposed Bylaw Change

A vote to amend the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Bylaws shall take place during the Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 5, 2020. The Board of Directors has adopted a resolution proposing that the first sentence of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club Bylaw Article IX, Section 3.g)2)(A) be amended

FROM:

“to nominate a Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer, and to nominate three or more candidates as Directors for election in accordance with Article XII, below.”

TO:

“to nominate a Vice-Commodore, to nominate one or more candidates for Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer, and to nominate three or more candidates as Directors for election in accordance with Article XII, below.”

Radio Controlled Boats Racing at CGSC



John McKnight rowing out to recover his boat after the battery quit.



Song of the Month

In the last month we have all been inconvenienced by Coronavirus. We all have more toilet paper than would be needed for a pandemic of dysentery. Lots of people have complained about how tough their life is, having to work from home, wear a face mask, and queue for some groceries. On the flip side, so many people are doing what is necessary, taking it all in their stride, and in some cases finding new effective ways to get life done! This month's song tries to point out how futile it is to whine and complain about hard times, and instead be grateful that our boats are all afloat, waiting to be used again very soon. The May sailing song of the month, nominated for Coronavirus, is ...



“Sinking Ship” by Cake
Here’s the bit you’ll love ...

You say you had your doubts
Sometimes you wanted to get out
Instead you said give this a little more time
And everything is gonna be fine
We are on a sinking ship
We are on a sinking
Sinking
Sinking
Sinking
Sinking ship

Listen to the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8ME5dYmoS0>

* 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.

April Recap

Washington’s Birthday Regatta

This 24th Annual Regatta had to be delayed due to high winds. However, that did not dampen the spirit of the competitors. On race day the winds persisted at an average of 16 knots. Sailors were saying things like “the rail is in the water...and I didn’t know my boat could sail so fast.” Photos were posted online for all to see. The results were as follows:

Egret Class: 1. Sabrasoura 9, 28’ custom, Pascal Gadema
2. Nomad, 34’ Black Gauntlet 11 Yawl, Bill Randall (New skipper)
3. Effortless, 31’ Herreshoff design Choey Lee, Alyn Pruitt.

Sandpiper Class: 1. Peacock, 15’ Herreshoff Newport, Peter McLennan,
2. Zena, 18’ Marshall Cat Boat, Skip Reichheimer,
3. BettyJane, 20’ Legnos Mystic, Thomas Chapney.

Plover Class: 1. Largo, 17’ Mud Hen, Joe Logan,
2. Scoter, 13.8’ Melon Seed, Mike Rosenbaum,
3. Poulee Moulee, 21’ Beach Hen, Danny Garcia.

Open Class: 1. Elizabeth Bell, 36’ Sabre 362, Jay Flynn,
2. Que Sera, 19’ O’Day Mariner, William Herrington,
3. Bandalero, 40’ 1958 P.T. Bounty 11 Sloop, George Llop.

Open Exhibition: Capt. Winkey, 21’ MBW, Justin Hayes Long.

There were several break downs during the race, but all returned and will be ready to fight another day.

provide gorgeous weather and winds, so the Melges and RC teams headed out Friday morning, optimistic that the sailing would be good. And it certainly was!

With light breezes on Friday morning, Principal Race Officer Blake Middleton announced a brief 30-minute postponement to allow the wind to build and settle in.

Race #1 got underway at 1130 with 6-8 knot winds from the East. The “Russian Bogatyrs” team of Igor Rytov, Anton Sergeev and Konstantin Besputin took the win in the first race, dropped to 10th place in race 2, but rebounded with a 2nd in the 3rd race. Daniel Thielman’s team on “Kauai” battled over the three races, eventually ending Day One with a single point lead over “Nika”. One of the highlights was the ultra-close finish in race 3, when Rhonda Joyce and her “Grinning Streak” team of Matt Woodworth and John Bowden came in to the finish line sailing at a hotter angle, got a great puff of wind and slid to leeward of “Russian Bogatyrs” to take the bullet by mere inches!

After racing we learned that the City of Miami had declared a health emergency Friday because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CGSC Executive Board met and made the difficult choice to suspend all of the current club sponsored regatta events in an official capacity, since the club is on land leased from the city. But that did not stop the sailors and they did sail Saturday. At the conclusion of racing on Saturday, the Melges fleet was informed that since they all use the crane at Shake-A-Leg-Miami, and it too was on City property, they had to pull their boats out that afternoon, or not at all. That was because SALM was shutting down operations. As a result, racing was abandoned for Sunday, and the regatta had come to a close with 6 quality races in the books.

Covid-19 No Match for Melges 20s

With the global concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Melges 20 Miami Winter Series regatta number 3 started under a cloud, when six of the registered boats had to retire due to airline flight issues, health or logistical concerns. Mother Nature was happy to



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**PLEASE CHECK, IN ADVANCE,
REGARDING THESE RACES TO INSURE
THEY ARE TAKING PLACE.**

**Radio Controlled Racing
CGSC Dock - **On Hold****

**Miami Sail Week
Rescheduled to June pending conditions**

**BBYRA ORC #5
(Rescheduled from January 4)
Saturday May 9, 2020**

**Goombay Regatta
Register on Regatta Network
Saturday, May 23, 2020
Pursuit Race ARC
Sunday, May 24, 2020
One Design Racing
No decision at this time**

**BBYRA OD #10
Cancelled**

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