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COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB

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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

### 75 years and counting!!

**C**CGSC is going strong, and looking forward to continued success and achievement. Scanning back over the club history it is quite amazing how the little club started by a small group of sailors way back in 1945 has become the club we know and enjoy now. There have been many challenges over the years- including natural disasters (several major Hurricanes) and economic downturns, but the passion and dedication shown by the club and its members has meant the club has grown stronger and more resilient year by year.

We are currently dealing with a major pandemic, which has affected everyone, and will continue to challenge us. The club may right now be somewhat limited by the consequences of the pandemic but we continue to operate and are fulfilling our mission to the best of our ability. All sailing programs –youth and adult are active and in great demand. The Grove's Nest is operating, and members are partaking and enjoying the club facilities- it's still the best view on the bay.

Unfortunately we are unable to meet the full demand due to the various restrictions placed on us by social distancing rules. Hopefully we will be able to get back to 'normal' sooner rather than later.

But- rather than dwell on our current challenges,

let's celebrate Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Patricia Murphey and Renny Young are spearheading the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, already working on a number of initiatives, themes and events. Celebratory items are being designed- including a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary burgee, coffee table history book, new shirts, 'swag' etc. Join them in this fun effort. All efforts and thoughts are gladly invited. It's going to be interesting to see how we celebrate together with social distancing- I'm betting you'll all come up with some creative, 'out of the box' ways to do so...

I've recently managed to do some sailing- I had missed it so much, for many reasons. It's peaceful, relaxing, and such fun to be out on the bay. If you haven't been able to yet- get out there and enjoy. After all it's a major reason we're here.

Jim  
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## Flying Scots

**T**he Scot race for July was a little more exciting than usual. We had a micro blast hit the fleet at the weather mark of the second race. Seven of the 10 boats racing capsized. Because of the intensity of the first blast most of the boats had to be rescued as the masts got stuck in the bay bottom or the centerboards went into the boat and there was nothing to stand on to bring the boat up. No one was injured. Everyone got back in safely. Philippe and Jason did not capsize and sailed around retrieving equipment and crew from the water. They also picked up marks for the race committee who was busy for hours righting and towing in boats.

A special thanks to Susan Walcutt and Sheila Hantman who were great hands on the committee boat during the rescues. They really made things go smoothly and safely. I could not have done it without them.



The scoring was as follows.

Andi and Dave Nolo Contendre 1  
Phillippe and Jason Dida 2  
Jim, Andy and Evan Two Docs 3  
Ryan and Carla Beija Flor4  
Obie and Lorie I Gone 5  
Alex and Ahcene Bandit 6  
Basil and Luis Lucky Dog 7  
Ollie and crew unknow Culpable 8  
Paulo and Daniel Maggie Mae 9  
Gary & Bill Air America 10  
Bud



## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

I would like to start off my wishing everyone a very happy August! August is my favorite month for a number of reasons. First, it is my birthday month. Second, growing up, August is when we would go on vacations, baseball games and otherwise relax before starting school. As adults, it is easy to forget the true greatness of August since most of our jobs do not provide a "summer break." With all that is going on today, we can sure use one. So, if you find yourself stressed out, close your eyes and think back to your favorite August. If you are able, take a break and get out on the bay and relive your favorite August. You deserve it.

With regards to club operations, we have been adopting to the ever-changing State, County and City restrictions. For instance, when we entered phase 2 reopening, we opened the Groves Nest and have modified service in accordance with applicable restrictions. The Bridge fully understands your frustrations, however, keeping the Groves Nest open (in fact, keeping the CGSC

open) depends on our members following the rules. This means mask wearing and social distancing. As frustrating as it may seem to be asked to wear a mask and socially distance, I can guarantee you that it is even more frustrating for our staff and club leadership to have to police grown adults to follow the rules.

Finally, one of the most important duties of the Vice Commodore is to oversee the club's physical assets. I am working to finalize the members of the Property Committee. If you are interested in being a member of the committee please let me know.

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## Installation

Among the events cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis was CGSC's annual Installation, which recognizes outgoing Flag Officers and Directors for their service and welcomes the new volunteers to their positions. In lieu of this formal event, on June 28th the Flag Officers met at the club to perform an ad hoc ceremony to maintain the tradition of recognizing the transfer of responsibilities. Outgoing Commodore James Grupenhoff transferred the flag to incoming Chief Jim Green; outgoing Past Commodore Geoff Sutcliffe was thanked for his 7+ years of service on The Board; Rob Carlson, though absent due to self-quarantine, was recognized as the new Vice Commodore; Dave Martin was recognized as the new Rear Commodore; and Olivier DeLavalette and James Liebl were recognized for continuing their roles as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively (see photos).

Of course, masks were worn by all and outside of the snapping of some quick photos, social distancing was maintained. There were no spectators. We had run out of blank shotgun shells, so the canon could not be fired (we improvised with a horn). We lacked all the proper flags, but we were undeterred. As we've all been forced to do over the past several months, we adapted as necessary and got the job done safely, with the resources at hand. We hope that we have pleased our CGSC forebearers by maintaining the tradition of the transfer of leadership, and we look forward to a time (someday soon) when we can once again devote our full energy and resources to CGSC's mission, unhindered.

James Grupenhoff, PC  
Stay safe, James



## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**I**t is already July and that means afternoon thunderstorms, rain showers, and high humidity. But that has not deterred the dedicated CGSC fleet from showing up every Wednesday for Flying Scot racing, the cruising fleet from venturing out to Elliott Key, or the youth sailors from ripping it up on the bay with their coaches chasing after them. There is always some form of sailing happening at the Club and we truly are blessed to have such a resource at our disposal.

As your new Rear Commodore, my push to integrate the sailing programs continues to gather steam. This month we will see the first ever "Get Off the Ball Rally" where we have nearly 50 boats registered to sail their boat off their mooring ball (or off the Strip) past a buoy a mile away showing their commitment to the Club and sailing in general. It has been a very rewarding experience. Richard Crisler and Alex Fox, as chairs of the Ensign fleet, were able to get their classes to participate in the event along with our Youth Director Alberto getting the kids involved and showing their mojo. Bud Price, as Strip Chairman, has been successful in getting the majority of the Flying Scot fleet "Off the Strip" and is also giving a Learn to Sail lesson that incorporates our rally as well. The fact that we can get 50 members off the ball supporting club events is really amazing and fun to watch. Look for photos in next month's Rear Commodore's address to see winners of the raffle and pictures of a very fun event.

Other forms of integration have been happening with the small boats. The Sunfish fleet has started to race with the Finns on the weekends while having on the water instruction from our esteemed coaches. If one ever had any interest in sailing small boats, CGSC is certainly the place to be.

Andi Hoffman is starting an adult laser program where the club will allow adult members to charter and use club lasers for a small fee. This is a great feat because the lasers have traditionally been used only for the youth sailors but we are broadening our

sights to include adults who want to improve their sailing skills or, if more advanced, test their skills against other members. This program is very new and not fully formed so stay tuned for news related to the Adult Laser program.

Our hope is that we can encourage local laser sailors to join the club and store their boats here as well as have a grass roots adult laser program of our own to develop a strong local fleet. We are very excited about these new opportunities for sailors!

The Race Committee, specifically our fantastic Susan Walcutt, has been extremely busy putting together the new calendar for the next season and they have agreed to start participating in the Flying Scot racing. This local race committee function provides a mechanism for future Race Committee members to hone their skills and develop as Principal Race Officers, Judges, or other officials if they so desire. If you have interest in becoming involved with the Race Committee, please drop me a line and I can connect you with Susan, our RC chair. We are super excited to have the depth and skills of the CGSC Race Committee providing services to our local fleets. It makes us all better sailors and better competitors.

If you or someone you know ever wants more information about our sailing programs or how to get involved, please do not hesitate to send me an email at [davem@manageinc.com](mailto:davem@manageinc.com).

You can always hike harder,  
Dave Martin

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## Adult Sailing

July 11-12 saw the first US Sailing BASIC KEELBOAT Course since the club shutdown this past March. Since we restarted operations, our emphasis has been on trying to make up the missing class parts, for those whose full class was interrupted and cancelled after only the first of two weekend days. That has yet to be fully accomplished, but we are now back on schedule with our BASIC KEELBOAT Classes which have sold out for July and August at this time. To comply with CDC, City of Miami and the Club restrictions, we have, of course, required masking and distancing, which has reduced our class size to only six (6) students from the usual nine (9) or larger. We have added personal microphone head-sets to allow greater distance between lecturer and students and other changes. The reduced class size and resultant unavailability of seats in current classes has resulted in consideration of adding another class on the fourth weekend of the month, if we can easily staff it. These are good issues and in line with our mission of the club and its dedicated adult instructors.

We are pleased to see our Sunfish activity on the increase and thank instructor Marc Pendaries for stepping up to help with our classes and clinics. Our adult Sunfish classes under the US Sailing format haven't now been in effect for more than 25 years.

In other news, our Flying Scot activity is really impressive. If you are around the club, you can see it in action. Congratulations to that program and its leadership.

Finally, we continue to be in great need of a US Sailing Cruising and Bareboat Instructor, who must also be USCG licensed. We have an attractive, non-demanding program for the right person. If interested, or you know of someone who might be (does not have to be a member), please contact our Club Manager, Lauren.

Sail Often.. Sail Safely.. Enjoy and Protect  
Our Beautiful Bay..

Richard Crisler / Alex Fox  
Adult Training Co-Chairmen



## Youth Sailing - Summer Camp

**H**ello everyone, another month of sailing completed and grateful to have it. It has not been easy to keep the kids on task and social distancing, wearing their masks, and following the rules but we've been able to finish a great 4 weeks of summer camp, with 4 more to go. Because of social distancing limitations we have become the "social media" program! I've been putting out content for the parents and sailors to watch to make up for the lack of parents day. You can catch it on any of our social media:

FB: cgsc youth sailing team  
Instagram: @cgscyouthracing  
YouTube: CGSC Youth Racing

The kids have been pretty good sports and although we've cut class size in order to be in line with CDC and state guidelines for summer camps, all of them have been asking to come

back and sail in the fall. The coaching staff should be commended for their work and we are continuing to make sailing happen in our little corner of the grove.

There are many changes already enacted and there are plenty more to come due to the current situation but we will always strive to make CGSC the place to forget about it and just be able to enjoy ourselves and get out into nature. I'll be back with more to share next month, see you around the Bay.

Fair Winds,



## Song of the Month

**W**hoooopeeee, it's summer! The sun shines, the afternoon storms roll through, and the sun shines again. It's too hot for anything but sailing and swimming. I am not the first person to have noticed the joy that sunshine brings into our lives. Plankton and plants were first I think. Then dermatologists. Calendar makers added SUNday (before that there were only 6 days in a week). Noel Coward noted that only Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go Out in the Midday Sun. And at some point George Harrison wrote a song about the sun. He lived in England (which, ironically, doesn't have sun). I digress. Let's leave the land and its virus, get on our boats and head down the bay for sunshine and fun. With that hasty introduction, my song of the month for August is ...

### "Here Comes the Sun" by The Beatles



#### Many of you will know these lyrics ...

Here comes the sun, doo-dun-doo-doo  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right  
Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter  
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun, doo-dun-doo-doo  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right  
Little darling, the smile's returning to their faces  
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here  
Here comes the sun  
Here comes the sun, and I say  
It's all right

Listen to the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmBTYK7XZQk>

\* If you have a nomination for the "Song of the Month", email it to [sotm@coldbeer.cc](mailto: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.





## 2020-2021 Officers

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Commodore	James Green
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75th Anniversary	Patricia Murphy/Renny Young	Commodore

### NOTICE

#### Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing  
Cancelled for now. Watch for updates.**

**Race Committee Work Day  
Sunday  
September 13, 2020**

**CGSC Annual One Design Regatta  
BBYRA #2 & Finn/FS #2  
Saturday & Sunday  
September 26-27, 2020**

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