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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well, on top of all the impacts and restrictions caused by the pandemic, seems like we're in for a busy Hurricane season.

Isaias came and went, fortunately it stayed offshore, and there was little wind here- Phew!. It was unusually early in the summer and we are told we can expect significant storm activity as we approach the peak of the season. So we'd better not be complacent in any way. As storms develop they are unpredictable and can become dangerous very rapidly.

Most moorings holders reduced windage in plenty of time, some left it late, and some didn't at all. Most of us waited in the moorings in the expectation that the storm would stay offshore, and fortunately it did. Next time we may not be so lucky, so I suggest boat owners might look to act sooner, so that at the very least we have options on moving to safe harbor. I was also somewhat shocked to discover the city closed bridges on the river by 3pm on Friday afternoon, and that if I had executed my hurricane plan (heading upriver, with a few others planning to follow me) we would have been trapped between bridges with no way to dock, and no way out. I guess next time I'll be getting out sooner.

Despite the pandemic restrictions, there is a lot

of activity at the club - sailing is a great way to get out and enjoy the summer. Members are taking full advantage of the clubs facilities, boats and the bay. The Grove's nest is a perfect location to enjoy food and drink, its outdoors and is pretty busy. And, of course the view is unbeatable.

The demand for access to boats and for lessons is high, and we are getting new sailing members at a good rate. Anytime anyone you know is looking for fun activities to do- talk about the club, sailing, and invite them to visit and share in our pleasures. Enjoy the Club and all it has to offer, do it safely and responsibly, let's keep each other protected from Covid- masks at all times on land, and full social distancing, etc.

See you at the club, and on the water.

Jim Green, Commodore
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Bali Ha'i



Flying Scots

Andi Hoffman dominated the single-handed regatta, blasting off the starting line and never looking back. She sailed very well on a challenging day.

Wednesday night racing is going strong, but still with no walk-ons. We intend to start allowing that again as soon as the Covid numbers improve.

Even with that restriction we had 12 Boats out on last Wednesday.

Bud



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Thank you for all of your hard work in helping to secure the club and your own boats in response to Isaias. It is important to remember that we are a club and while we have amazing staff, we rely on our members' participation and support -remember, team work makes the dream work. Notwithstanding the response, if you are a member with a boat, please remember to read our Hurricane and Tropical Storm policy. Of note, it is the individual boat owner's responsibility to comply with the regulations regardless of receiving an email from the club. Specifically, in the event of a Tropical Storm, your windage is required to have already been reduced at the time that a tropical storm warning is issued. In the event of a hurricane, your windage is required to have already been reduced by the time that a watch is issued and your boat is required to have already been removed from the mooring field and strip by the time that a warning issue issued. If you are out of town, it is your responsibility to make sure someone is around to secure and/or remove your boat. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the dockmaster or me to discuss.

With that out of the way, we have finalized the property committee and are working to identify both short and long term goals for maintenance and

improvement of the club grounds and assets. We are also working to identify a list of socially distant projects for the annual work weekend. In the meantime, the staff has been working hard to continue the mooring field replacement and maintenance program and making repairs to the docks.

As I hope everyone is aware, the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is open for business. Whether it is utilizing our sailing programs and instructional center, our adopt-a-boat program, or just having dinner and drinks at the Groves Nest, please continue to use the facilities in a fun and respectful way. This includes wearing facial coverings while on the property (unless seating at a table eating and/or drinking) and maintaining social distancing. It may take a little longer but it is better than the alternative. Relax and enjoy.



Robert Carlson, Vice Commodore
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Youth Sailing

Hello Folks,

I hope you have been having an enjoyable summer as much as you can. This summer has definitely been interesting for us, but not for a lack of fun. We've completed nine great weeks of sailing camp, where, although we were limited in numbers, we excelled in fun. The kids sailed, swam and enjoyed Biscayne Bay all the way into the Fall season where we look forward to cooler temperatures and breezier conditions to test our mettle. We also welcomed new coaches, which we will share with you in a later issue. I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to two ladies who are moving on from CGSC into college, Sofia Aguirre and Luciana Solorzano. Sofia and Luciana both worked this summer and taught our campers the finer points in the art of sailing. Sofia will be attending the University of Florida in Gainesville and Luciana will be heading

off to the University of Michigan located in Ann Arbor. We wish them the best and much success in their studies.

Alberto Olivo
Youth Sailing Director



Luciana Solorzano



REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

The Get Off The Ball event finished up with the winners enjoying their spoils. 1st place was won by Joaquin Vinas on his boat Loquat, 2nd was Ryan Alexander on his boat Beija Flor, and Tom Cobin on Pariaso. Congratulations to our 3 winners! A total of 58 boats ended up participating. Looking forward towards the end of August and into September we have a very busy schedule! The Race



Committee has been very active and held the annual Single/Doublehanded regatta where they registered over 25 boats for each day and will hold a fun ARC race on August 29th for the keel boats. They have begun running Saturday races for the Flying Scots, and are constantly looking for volunteers to assist with the local races. Please contact me or Susan Walcutt if you are interested in volunteering. The Sunfish fleet, headed up by Achene Iddir and Alex Sellar, have now joined the Finns in Saturday racing and are beginning to organize a member use

program where members can sponsor a Sunfish in a fashion similar to the Flying Scots. If you are interested, please shoot me an email and I can get you in touch with the fleet.

Along the same lines, our esteemed Youth Sailing Director Alberto has told us that the youth lasers will be joining the Saturday racing as well! I love it! The more boats we get on the water in our programs the better! Alberto has also been instrumental in working with Andi Hoffman on the creation of our Adult Laser program which is still in its infancy. Together they have identified 4 boats that will be the beginning of that program. The boats will need new rigs and sails before they are ready to roll but progress is being made.

As always the Flying Scot fleet is going strong with Wednesday night racing getting 12 boats out on the water. Many thanks to Missy and Trisha for helping out with Race Committee duties and encouraging others to participate.

Dave Martin, Rear Commodore
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Adult Sailing

These are unusual times, indeed. At a time when many activities and businesses are negatively affected by the pandemic, we are experiencing strong demand for both group and private BASIC KEELBOAT courses and Certification. We are experiencing group weekend classes selling out up to two months in advance and requests for private classes, coaching and testing during the week as well as certain available weekends. To comply with new guidelines, we have reduced our group class sizes to only six (6) and our number of students per instructor on the boats to only two (2). This has caused our classes to fill faster and the availability of classes extended. Also, there are those students who do not wish to learn in a group environment due to caution. Whatever the reasons, it has us busier than ever. Thanks to our Office Manager, Jesse, for helping us with this rush and with our reservations and rosters.

A special thanks to Missy and our dock staff for their quick and efficient help in preparing our training fleet for Hurricane Isaias. Thankfully, we dodged that bullet... this time.

Finally, we are super pleased to be adding long-time member, Alex Valdes-Pages to our BASIC KEELBOAT Instructor Staff. I have known Alex and watched him grow from a small child on a pram to a 26 year old gentleman with an MBA and his instructor credentials. Alex is now actively teaching with us and providing a youthful and vital service to our program.

Sail Often... Sail Safely... Enjoy and Protect

Our Beautiful Bay...

Richard Crisler

Alex Fox

Co-Chairmen – Adult Training



View from the Signal Boat Single Handed Regatta, August 15, 2020



The Sailing Club's Annual Single and Double Handed Regattas were rescheduled to August 15 and 16, 2020, from the first weekend in August due to forecast high winds from Tropical Cyclone Nine scheduled to reach Florida July 31, 2020. We dodged a bullet but were prudent in rescheduling these two days of racing to August 15 and 16.

Single Handed Regatta August 15, 2020

Mid-morning winds on Saturday were light but building as the Race Committee moved into position on our Signal Boat for both days, Coraggio, captained by Chris Carlton and including Susan Walcutt, Sheila Hantman and Sonia Diaz on Saturday and Susan Mohorcic and Martha Ledesma on Sunday. Jaime Ramon, Mark setter extraordinaire, ran the Mark boat both days

dropping marks near Matheson Hammock (M) and Gables by the Sea (S). RC Pin boat was ably manned by Allen Cox and John Kandara both days.

Registered sailors received notices via Regatta Network advising them of starting sequences, Signal Boat Lat/Lon location and four different possible courses for both days of racing. The Finns, Flying Scots and Lasers sailed a 7.14 nm course around the Bay and ARC racing, J70s, ORC1 and ORC2 Cruising Non-Spinnaker fleets were assigned a 13.3 nm course. The One Design Fleets finished their course but with dropping wind speed and some very black, on shore, clouds, the keel boats' courses were shortened with them finishing at mark S (total course 9.06 nm).

Congratulations to our Single Handed Regatta Winners:

Finns

Fabiani Vivacqua - First

Lasers

Francis Hawley - First
Marcello Correa - Second

Flying Scots

Andi Hoffmann - First
Oliver Buckwell - Second
Obie Smith - Third

ARC Racing

Freddie Sambolin - First

J70

Joey Kolisch - First

ORC1 Racing

Eamonn Delisser - First

ORC2 Non-Spinnaker

Geoff Sutcliff



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Double Handed Regatta, August 16, 2020

The winds were perfect from 160° and the sun was shining on Sunday for our Double Handed Regatta. Both One Designs, 6.49 nm, and Cruisers, 7.14 nm, sailed and finished their assigned shorter courses for the day.

Susan Walcutt
CGSC Race Committee Chair

Congratulations to our Double Handed Regatta Winners:

Flying Scots

Andi Hoffmann - First
Oliver Buckwell - Second
Basile Graz - Third

ORC1 Spinnaker Racing

Eamonn Delisser - First
Rick Jarchow - Second
Joey Kolish - Third

ORC2 Cruising Non-Spinnaker

Thomas Cobin - First
Becky Lyons - Second



Sailong Song of the Month

A year ago we all mourned the passing of Barbara Esposito, a wonderful friend to us all, sweet as a pea, and ... well, no more need be said. In the weeks that followed we all thought about her a lot. At some point a group of us were having drinks on the club balcony, and I proposed this "Song of the Month" series of articles as a way to give us some distraction. Now it's twelve months later, and Barbara is not forgotten, is still missed, and ... well, no more need be said. So, to end the series of articles, the September song of the month, in memory of Barbara, is the classic ...



"Sailing" by Rod Stewart

You can all sing this verse ...

I am sailing
I am sailing
Home again
'Cross the sea
I am sailing
Stormy waters
To be near you
To be free

Listen to the song on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOt3oQ_k008

A Word from the Fleet Surgeon

Okay, so we've been at this whole quarantine/semi-quarantine thing for a while. You've started putting on that "Quarantine 15"- don't deny it! And frankly, you're just not up to going to the gym now that they're open-ish (neither am I, but my husband goes!)

So you need to, as PC Ryan Alexander always said, "get butts on boats on the bay"! What better social distancing can you ask for? Fresh breeze, wind in your hair, distance from other people, wear masks on board if you so choose, you're just not sharing an enclosed air space (elevator, gym, restaurant...) This is good.

Oh no, I hear some of you whining, "but it rains every day"! Yes, it does. This is Florida, we have a monsoon climate, and if you're not going sailing because it rains every day in the summer you'll miss an awful lot of fun sailing. So get ready to throw the anchor overboard when that squall approaches, go below if your boat allows, have a nice cold beverage and wait for it to pass. You're in the bay after all. The squall will pass and you're not going to regret your day on the bay.

So hoist some sails! I want to see some winching going on (I give no credit to anyone with electric winches!) Let's get out moving, get out sailing, stay socially distanced. And for heaven's sake people, wear your masks.

See you out there!

Jen Cheney, MD, FAAP



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NOTICE

Upcoming CGSC Regattas

**Radio Controlled Racing
Tuesdays
Weekly**

**Annual Cruising & BBYRA ORC #2
October 17, 2020**

**Flying Scot Fall Series #3
October 25, 2020**

**Halloween Howler
October 31-November 01, 2020**

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