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**August 2023**



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**COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB**  
serving the community since 1945 [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

**M**iami is in the middle of the hot season. From watching the national weather reports it is nice to note that Miami, as a weather destination, is also cooler than many locations up North. All good for our sailors. But still use plenty of sun block and watch out for the thunderstorms!

Activities continue and long-term planning goes on. The Club sits on city property, and our commitment is also to the community at large and not just the membership. This recognition is part of our process, as we will be engaging with the city in terms of our new lease. We believe it is in the interest of the city and the club membership to be a community asset on the bay. In this way we propose to

think and plan with a long-time horizon. We can imagine and reimagine what the Coconut Grove Sailing Club programs and facilities will look like well in to the 21st century. Enjoy the summer, and do your "no hurricane" dance every night.

Richard Etkin

*Richard Etkin, Rear Commodore*  
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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**E**very year during the summer those of us who live in Miami can appreciate some of the benefits that come with this time of year. For example, there are far fewer cars on the road thanks to school and university classes not being in session. The amount of regattas (other than major national competitions) seems to be less compressed and the schedules a little more leisurely. The days are longer, so when we get out of work, we are no longer greeted with darkness and the question of what happened to the day? All in all, despite the heat, the summer is a great time to be in Miami and at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. But let's not forget the time we spend with family and friends. I am reminded of this as July 4th has recently passed and I was able to spend a wonderful evening with my family (actual and adopted) at CGSC for a great fourth of July celebration. These events are organized by our dedicated staff and member volunteers. There was food, music and friends; fireworks

and drones and many of our members and their families. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the club and for the membership who make this a place worth the the work. As summer continues on, let's take the time to appreciate the club and the opportunities it continues to provide us for making memories and enjoying time with our friends and family.

Regards,  
Keith

*Keith Heinrich, Vice Commodore*  
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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**A** hoy!!!

Dear Member Family,  
I am so glad you are here and being able to share with you that if you want to race, get on the water to sail or learn to sail there are endless opportunities. I am happy to report that I participated in my first race last month by entering the Moonlight race on Friday's where everybody is welcome. It was a great experience in a beautiful setting (see photos) followed by a social gathering around a cold beer, appetizers, and lots of laughter. Not wanting to toot my own horn, but glad you asked, I was on the winning boat. This achievement has nothing to do with me, but all to do with longtime CGSC member and skipper Mark Pincus and his boat Scouts Honor. There was a fantastically skilled crew composed of two CGSC Opti sailing Alumni who grew up on our beloved Club grounds and learned to sail here. They were Daniel Septembre, who will be racing a J24 in Ohio at the North American Championship and her brother Sam Septembre, both are children of lifetime member Tom Septembre. A great moment to show that the kid that just crossed you on the club's ground or sailed by you in her Opti, might be a successful future racer or member. Our youth are part of the continuity of our club. Please support our youth program whenever possible. Be on the look out for our Annual Fundraiser Event FlipFlopFete. Other ways to get yourself on the water is by signing up for our wonderful adult sailing program. Learn to sail on a single handed Sunfish, race with the Flying Scots squad, Pearson Ensigns or cruise on our two Club vessels (the 26ft Beneteau and 30ft Catalina) which are all in our member boat use program and can be used if you have proper training

and/or certification. Both can be acquired at CGSC. Our Adult Keelboat classes already have an amazing success and are completely full for this season. Due to unpredictable summer weather, we have been on backlog with make up classes. If I piqued your interest, please feel free to reach out to our fantastic Adult Sailing Coordinator, Phil at [adultsailing@cgsc.org](mailto:adultsailing@cgsc.org)

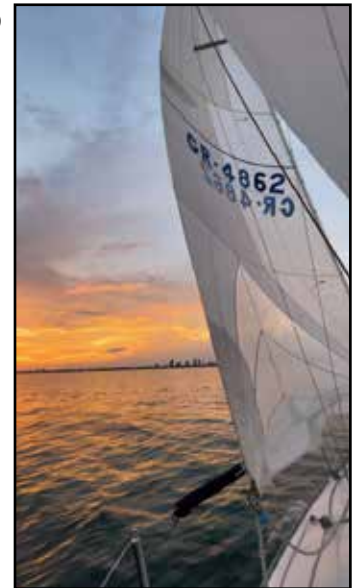
For our little Sailors our summer camp is going without a hitch. And a little-known fact, most of our coaches in training at our summer camp are instructors that have learned to sail and race at CGSC. It always comes full circle at CGSC. We teach the younger ones how to sail, they come back to volunteer their time to teach the next generation, come to sail and race as adults and bring their own children to learn to sail.

CGSC, THE CLUB WHERE SAILORS BELONG!! Small and big

Thank you and with kind regards,

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*Priska Urban*  
Rear Commodore



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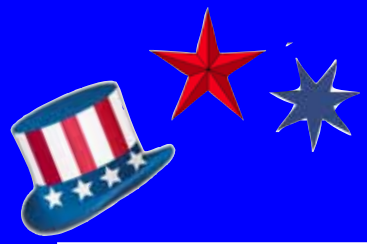


HAVIN' FUN  
IN THE SUN  
AT CGSC

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# 4th Party at CGSC



## Flying Scots

**B**oth Saturday racing clinics and Wednesday night racing are going strong through the summer. If you have ever wanted to find out what sailboat racing is like come and join us.

We leave the dock on Wednesday nights at 5:00 so you need to be here between 4:15 and 4:30 to be assigned a boat and get it into the water. It is free to anyone including non-members. The racing is very casual with the emphasis on showing new people the fun. It will run until the time changes.

If you can't make Wednesdays that early, give the Saturday clinics a try. You need to be here by 10:00am to be assigned a boat and get it in the water. The racing starts at 11:30 so you need time to sail out and find the start. This event is a little more formal with the emphasis on teaching the basic concepts and tactics of racing. It includes post-race debriefs and videos of the race with commentary and suggestions for performance improvement.

The cost is 65.00 per person unless you own a Scot or sponsor one. There discounts for those participants.

The next races are August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23.

You should get on the email list if you plan to come so you know when we cancel for weather reasons. We have been rained out a few times on Wednesday nights and we don't go out for either in winds over 12 knots to keep it friendly for beginners.

My email is [bud5220@gmail.com](mailto:bud5220@gmail.com). Please state whether you are interested in Saturdays, Wednesdays or both. They are separate email lists.

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*One Night  
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## SAILING LESSONS AT CGSC

Learn by doing--get out on the water with an instructor for private sailing lessons for 1 or 2 adults (years 14+)! 3-hour lessons on a club Flying Scot are customizable to the student's learning goals.





Sign Up for your next  
sailing course!



## **BASIC CRUISING COURSE AND CERTIFICATION**

This course covers all concepts of sailing as well as basic boat systems, maneuvering under power, weather awareness, safety aspects and preparation, chart reading, navigation, and more. Most of the course will be on the boat with the third day reserved for practical skills and written test.

**Prerequisite:** US Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification

## **BAREBOAT CRUISING CERTIFICATION**

The course reviews basic cruising and considers planning an extended cruise, provisioning, power under difficult and emergency situations, anchoring for the night, advanced sail handling and trim, dinghy handling, and more.

**Prerequisite:** US Sailing Basic Cruising Certification.

[PLEASE CHECK OUR CALENDAR TO SCHEDULE  
YOUR NEXT COURSE](#)

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[More questions: Contact Phil at adultsailing@cgsc.org](mailto:adultsailing@cgsc.org)



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August 06-07,2022**

**J24 FL State Championship  
August 20-21, 2022**

**Dinghy Summer Series #5  
August 13, 2022**

**Dinghy Summer Series #6  
August 27, 2022**

**Flying Scot Summer Series #5  
August 14, 2022**

**Flying Scot Summer Series #6  
August 28, 2022**

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