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Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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A San Juan '28 (1981) has been owned by Larry Whipple [Past Commodore] since 1984. He has raced this boat for 18 years, winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies over the years in the Lime Cup, BBYRA and Columbus Day Regattas.

His partner, Susan Walcutt, has also earned firsts in various WYRA races over the past five years, including the C-Gull Cup, Coral Cup and Nielsen-Morin Cup.

These above pictures were taken during the 2002 C-Gull Cup Regatta, where Margaritaville took a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place under the leadership of Susan Walcutt, with Dugan Patchett [Past Commodore] as skipper, and crew members Jennifer Kila, Gabby Milley and Andrea Stringos.

Larry Whipple is currently Chairman of Miami's 2002 Columbus Day Regatta; Susan Walcutt is Treasurer of the Regatta. Anyone who wants to assist or be a part of the Columbus Day Regatta should get in touch with them through the Club.



*Want to be famous? Submit a 5x7 photo (either digital or regular) of your boat and a short paragraph or two about the vessel and we'll attempt to showcase your boat on the front page of the Channel (provided Editor's discretion).*

# COMMODORE'S REPORT



The City of Miami's - Water-front Advisory Board held a public meeting on July 11th regarding the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) Report on the establishment of a managed mooring/anchorage field in the Coconut Grove Area. The report is available on-line at <[www.ci.miami/fl.us](http://www.ci.miami/fl.us)>. Look under "Citizen Information" and click on "Technical Assistance Team Report" and you can download the report. Copies are also available at the City Clerk's Office at 3500 Pan American Drive in Coconut Grove. In brief, the report calls for replacing all moorings and anchorage's (including our own mooring field) with screw down moorings. The TAT believes that they can get Federal funding through grants to cover the cost of the new moorings. The choice of the screw down moorings system relies on the belief that it is both environmentally safer for the sea grass, and that it is reputed to be hurricane safe. The TAT believes that with hurricane-proof moorings, boats will not have to leave the area during a hurricane watch or warning, and that this will lead to more boat ownership in the bay. The TAT envisions as many as a thousand boats on moorings. Shore services and amenities, under one scenario of the report, would be provided by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

During the public meeting portion, questions were raised about the issue of how truly safe the moorings would be. One speaker pointed out that should they fail during a hurricane, the damage to the shoreline would be immeasurable, and indeed mentioned that it was irresponsible to encourage boat owners to leave their boats in an exposed area during a hurricane. The TAT representatives insisted that the screw down moorings are hurricane proof. Questions were also raised about enforcement issues, which one speaker said seemed weak at the moment. A representative from the city's Marine Patrol spoke and stated that there is an active enforcement program in the anchorage area and security is not a problem. As Commodore of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, I stated that we have been a proven "managed mooring facility operator" for 55 years and offered to share our expertise by assisting the City and the anchorage in working out an amenable plan. I also noted that no financial information had been included in the proposal and pointed out that mooring facilities are not highly lucrative operations. Vice Commodore Bud Price spoke about our children's and adult sailing programs and mentioned that extra land would be needed if we were to include additional amenities for the anchorage at our site.

At this point, the city's planning process is just starting, and I am sure that there will be many adjustments and changes to the initial TAT proposal. The club is actively researching mooring facilities and investigating all options. The impact on CGSC is unclear at this time, but many see a natural partnership between us and the anchorage, so it is clear that we will have to be involved in the development and planning phases. If you are interested in these issues, please e-mail me at [anstring@earthlink.net](mailto:anstring@earthlink.net). or call me at 305-662-7020.

## **NOTE:**

General Membership Meetings  
will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday  
beginning August 23, 2002

## **NOTE:**

Board of Directors Meeting  
time changed to 7:00 PM

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

To insure that our Club facilities and equipment are kept in good repair and order, I will be assembling a six member Property Committee this year. We will be meet once a month and my goals at this time are to: implement a plan for outboard motor scheduled maintenance and replacement; develop a repair and replacement schedule for the roof, the boat docks etc. Anyone who is interested in serving on this committee, please contact me through the Club Manager.

Hurricane season is here. If you do not already have a plan for removing your boat from the moorings or off the strip, now is the time! It is important both for the protection of our Club and your boat that we must ask you to leave the property. If you are a new member and are having trouble formulating a plan, please talk to some more senior member for advice. I am sure anyone you speak with will be happy to share their strategies with you (if not their secret spot).

Any comments? Please let me know.

*Bud Price  
Rear Commodore*

### **The Coconut Grove Sailing Club is scheduling a Luxury Cruise on Carnival's Fascination for 3 Nights.**

The dates are Friday, November 15  
through Monday, November 18, 2002.  
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\$308.**

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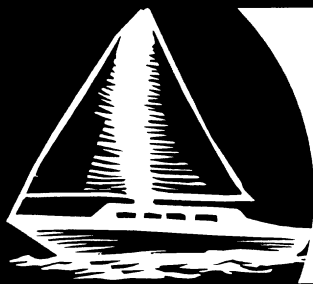
**Deposits are needed in early August.**

**We shall have a GREAT TIME.**

**Contact: Eda Umpierre at  
305.238.9919**

# August 2002 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p><i>Tuesday Nights</i> Social Night <i>Friday/Saturday/Sunday</i> Grill Open 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> </div>						
4	5 Office & Bar Closed	6 Social Night BBYRA Meeting- MYC	7	8	9	10 BBYRA One Design #8 KBYC
11 BBYRA One Design #8 KBYC	12 Office & Bar Closed	13 Social Night <i>Name the Bar Night</i>	14	15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17 BBYRA Cruising #8 CGSC
18	19 Office & Bar Closed	20 Social Night	21	22	23 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	24 Adult Sailing #1 Conch Cup - MYC <i>HURRICANE PARTY</i>
25 Adult Sailing #2 BBYRA - Make Up Day	26 Office & Bar Closed  Quota Meeting 7 PM	27 Social Night	28	29	30	31



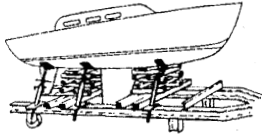
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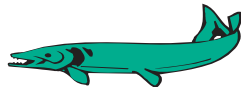
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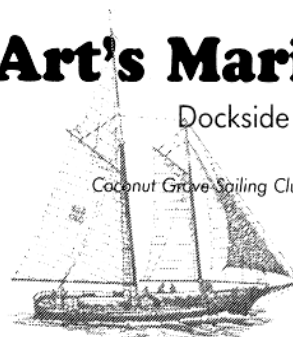
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work with other people. You'll

make new friends. It is a matter

of connecting with the right fleet and the right boat. Believe me,

exchanging 'high fives' after a good race is a real thrill.

'I am a beginner. I don't want to let the team down by making a

mistake'. Name a sailor who didn't start as a beginner. Almost any

racing boat can use a novice to provide weight and help out. You will

be given assignments commensurate with your level of experience.

Your participation will be appreciated.

'I don't have the budget'. You can spend as much or as little as you

wish. It costs nothing to crew.

'I don't like being shouted at'. On good racing boats, the skipper

drives and stays quiet. Decisions are made calmly. A good skipper

will value your input and maintain an up-beat dialogue on the boat.

'I am too heavy/I am too light to be a good crew'. Stars and Etchells

use 250-pound 'guerillas'. Lasers use light people. Almost all other

boats can use people of every weight. Find the type of racing and the

boat that matches your profile.

'My boat is too slow/My sails are too old/I don't want to take off my

cruising equipment'. Ask Bill Beavers for an 'assigned rating'. Sail in

the 'ARF' ('Assigned Rating Fleet'). Basically, a PHRF rating

assumes your boat is 'race ready'. An 'Assigned rating' handicaps

your boat as it is, race ready or not. This allows you to avoid

sophisticated and expensive up-grades. The ARF is a 'kinder, gentler'

form of racing ideal for marginal as well as experienced racers.

'I don't know whom to contact'. Check out BBYRA.net and enter

your name in the crew page. Call any one of the fleet captains (My

number is 305-609-8107). Just walk up to people on the dock. Ask in

the club office. People will welcome you and help you find a boat and

a fleet that matches your style.

'Racing requires commitment. I am not sure I have the time'. BBYRA

races occur once a month. You can be very active, sail in more than

one class and participate in all the races. Or, you can race occasionally.

Almost all boats have 'core crew' and others who fill in sporadically.

Some crew commit to specific boats. Others race on different boats on

an un-committed basis. Both styles are acceptable and widely practiced.

Once you get known you'll be in demand and you'll be able to decide

what level of commitment suits you.

'I don't know the rules. I am afraid of making a fool of myself'. As a

beginner, you don't need to know the rules. It won't be long before you

discover the most critical ones. Then you can learn the more complex

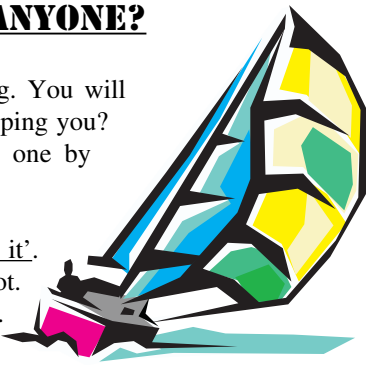
ones as you come up the curve. Just be sure you are on a boat

controlled by someone who knows them and the racing instructions.

See you out there! Find the racing style that best suits you and

get out and race... Call me if you have any questions.

*Lionel Baugh – Fleet Captain PHRF 2*



## ***We, the officers, "Pledge Our Allegiance" on the 4th of July***

*L to R: Jean Ann Davis, Secretary; Manny Pacin, Rear Commodore, and Commodore Andrea Stringos*

### **In Memorium**

Katherine (Katie) Lee Hoffman  
1983-2002

Katie, daughter of Jane McGill and brother of Mike Hoffman, died on June 5 in a car accident in Lynchburg, VA.

She was known to many at CGSC and at Miami Yacht Club as an avid sailor in her IODA pram Boomerang. Sailing and the ocean were very close to her heart and she planned a career in marine science.

Four years ago, Katie moved to Lynchburg, where she became very active at Rustburg High School. She was to have graduated with honors on June 7, 2002. She would have entered the fall term at Carolina Coastal University.



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# Independence Cup Regatta

## CGSC Volunteers for Shake-A-Leg

On June 29, our Club provided a top-notch Race Committee team, as well as a mark boat and equipment, to run the Area D Elimination for the U.S. Independence Cup / North American Challenge Cup hosted by Shake-A-Leg. Since 1989, the U.S. Independence Cup has been U.S. Sailing's national championship event for disabled sailors. The top two qualifiers from the Area D Elimination will move on to the finals, hosted by the Chicago Yacht Club in August.

We were extremely fortunate to get a break in the weather for the late afternoon start. Instead of the constant rain and spotty winds that persisted through most of June, we had partly cloudy skies and mostly easterly breezes in the 10-14 knot range for the entire Regatta.

CGSC Race Committee Chairman [Wil Bourne] controlled the clock, the visual signals and the sound signals without a single glitch through four races. Past Commodore Larry Whipple handled flag duties on the signal boat, while Susan Walcott meticulously recorded finishes, wind observations, and just about anything else that's relevant to a sailboat race. Wil, Larry and Susan were fresh from the U.S. Sailing race management certification seminar they had completed the week before, and the knowledge and experience gained from that program were evident on this race course.

Club members Rob Quinlivan and Dave Goldberg were aboard Mako 1. Throughout

the afternoon, they set one perfect start line after another, took finishes in one race, and generally seemed always to be exactly where they were needed, doing exactly what needed to be done. With all of this excellent help, it was a pleasure for me to serve as PRO for the event.

The regatta itself presented some interesting challenges. The boats were Freedom 20's, each with two disabled crew and one able-bodied ("AB") crew. To keep things fair, the AB's rotated between each race and boats were traded between Races 2 and 3, adding some logistical complexities. We also had an equipment failure on one of the boats which we were able to resolve on the water with help from Rob and Dave, as well as the support boat and crew provided by Shake-A-Leg.

The racing itself was excellent. We had oscillating winds from 85 to 115, aggressive starts, and constant luffing and tacking duels leading to tight finishes both upwind and down. At the end of the day, and after redress was given to the one team that had suffered the equipment failure, only one point separated the top three finishers. Second place (and the final spot in the championship) was decided by a tie-breaker.

All in all, it was an exciting regatta, a wonderful opportunity for CGSC to shine in a U.S. Sailing event hosted by another community organization, and a great reason to spend another beautiful day on the Bay.

*Mike Weber*  
Past Commodore



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## LABOR DAY WEEKEND RENDEZVOUS

**Date:**

**August 31 -Sept. 2, 2002**

**Location:**

**Somewhere in Biscayne Bay University Docks - Maybe?**

**Organizers:**

**Bruce Schneider and Denise Baker on "Unwinder"**

**Contact: Bruce Schneider**

**(305) 854-2864 (H)**

**(305) 716-1584 (W)**

**2002-2003 Cruising & Rendezvous Committee**

**JoAnn Pzenny & Elaine Long**

### CGSC Cruising and Rendezvous Schedule 2002-2003 Season

Date, Time, Organizer	Location	Description
Labor Day Weekend August 31-September 2, 2002 Bruce Schneider (Unwinder) and Denise Baker	Somewhere in Biscayne Bay. (University Docks - Maybe??)	Details to follow.
Thanksgiving Weekend Jo-An Pzenny (Dona Pituca) <b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Elliott Key Park	Thanksgiving Dinner at Elliott. Turkeys provided. Bring hors d'oeuvres or side dish to share.
January - Martin Luther King Weekend 2003 Manny Pacin (Cherubim)	Gilbert's - Key Largo	Arrive Saturday. Saturday night dinner at Gilbert's. Return to CGSC on Sunday or Monday.
Early May 2003 - Date to be determined. Weekend in Bimini with optional extension to Berry Islands Jonathan Milley & Gaby Clapp-Milley	Weech's Marina - Bimini	Details to follow. Customs fee is \$100 per boat to check in at Bimini.

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# INSTALLATION BANQUET – JUNE 15, 2002

## FAREWELL SPEECH

Tonight we celebrate a tradition of over 55 years. The men and women who have gone before us have given our club a

solid tradition of service, both to the “Sport of Sailing” and service to the City of Miami.

This year’s Board and Committee Chairmen have done much to make sure our club continues to serve the sport we love and the city we service. From the U.S. Sailing Rolex Miami Olympic Class Regatta and the Future Development Committee’s work with the disadvantaged, to the wonderful adult sailing instruction, to the flotilla we presented to the Amistad as she sailed into our city’s harbor – this club has been there for our city. Our Youth Program is second to none; we are truly the “Flagship Club on the Bay.” I am sure with our new commodore Andrea Stringos, our club will continue for another 55 years to contribute to our city and our sport.

For me this past year has been one of both exhilaration and moments of despair. The July 4<sup>th</sup> changing of the guard was a moment I’ll never forget. I couldn’t believe I was really the “Commodore,” but slowly the weight of command came upon me. We all know the story – from computers to ADP, the job became very demanding. And I took Mike Weber’s advice and sought answers in the bylaws for the rules of engagement, which were thought out many years before I became commodore. It was his and now my belief in the bylaws and the support by the majority of the board members which got me through those moments of doubt that I’m sure any commodore in the past has been affected by in one way or another.

Of course I never thought that our club or I personally would be attacked in public by some of our own members – but it happened, and we all came out the better for it. It’s just been in these last four months that we all have begun to realize the true potential of our club – wonderful parties, great social nights, superb racing, a wonderful new manager and the best financials the club has seen in years!

Before I say goodbye and step down, please thank my wife, Carol. She gave me the spirit to hang in there. Andrea, remember to keep your cards close to your chest and when things look bad, just take a moment and walk out on our dock and look back at the Club. The memories will not only haunt you but they will give you the energy to keep moving forward. At all costs, keep the ship afloat and moving.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for the privilege of being of your Commodore!

*Reginald F. Nicholson*



*L to R:  
Commodore Reggie  
& Carol Nicholson  
with Past  
Commodore  
Pistorino greet  
Club members  
before dinner.*



*L to R:  
Jose and Beth  
Hernandez,  
Jennifer and  
Charlie Abell on  
the Club’s upper  
deck before  
Installation dinner.*



*Commodore Reggie  
Nicholson with Past  
Commodore and  
Mrs. Mike Weber*



*Past Commodore  
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