



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting
January 13, 2013
Fairhope Yacht Club**

Call to Order 11:04 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore Pete O'Neal, Vice Commodore Danny Killeen, Rear Commodore Corky Potts, Immediate Past Commodore John Matthews, Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty, Past Commodore/Parliamentarian Walter Chamberlain.

Roll Call - 24 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LFYC, LBYC, MYC, NYC, NOYC, OSYC, PCYC, PYC, POINTYC, PONTYC, SABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC, TYC

Immediate Past Commodore Matthews led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The recently deceased were remembered with a moment of silence (list attached).

Commodore Pete O'Neal introduces the Excom

Conduct of the Meeting - Walter Chamberlain, **three** minute limit on individual discussion; only club commodores or representative can vote.

GYA Past Commodores were recognized: David Bolyard (PONTYC), Walter Chamberlain (BWYC), Stewart "Tootie" Barnett (SYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Bill Dietrich (PONTYC), Kenny Kleinschrodt (BUCYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), John Morrow (GYC), John Matthews (PYC) Tom Beery, Mike Johnson, Janet Miller-Schmidt, Danny Killeen, Sr. Bob Mace FYC, Jerry Ellis, BYC

Introduction of Dan Herzog of FYC – thanks all the GYA and Cathy Cromartie, and it is a privilege to host this Winter Meeting.

Financial Report- Balance in checking, \$6,659; balance in savings \$15,951

Minutes - A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the 2012 Semi-annual meeting minutes as previously distributed and corrected.

Executive Committee Report

Commodore O'Neal feels the year went well with a review of the Ad Hoc Committee, Youth Mason Sheen coming on board and writing their by-laws. Support your youth and contact Sam Vasquez anytime you need his help or direction with the youth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation - Chris Luppens

Thanks for the auction support and help in bringing such a good variety of items in for the event, which rose approximately \$1700.00. Foundation distributed \$7,172.31 to sailors who requested funds in 2011. Approval for the distribution of \$1,450.00 for 2012 was achieved. The cash position of the GYA Foundation as of December 31, 2012 is \$122,863.72 and they are striving for \$200,000.00

U.S. Sailing has some good race official incentives.

Judges – Chris Luppens

There will be a seminar on Aug. 3rd for \$85 inclusive of all fees to US Sailing (USS) and even some food provided. There is a rules seminar on Friday evening at SYC. USS national policy says it is our responsibility to supply housing or hotel in helping people interested in promoting these Judge programs.

Directory - Cheri Dillard

Report attached

Executive Committee Report

Commodore O'Neal said the Ad Hoc committee findings will be presented by their committee.

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.

No report.

Bylaws & US Sailing Report - Commodore Walter Chamberlain

Past Commodore Chamberlain USS representatives are continuing to tie up their latest reorganization, doing away with councils in relation to the board. Terms of reference are a new committee of by-laws and Walter has given them some suggestions, written by Mike Dawson, Area D Representative. GYA will still be part of an important committee, but it won't have the representative accountability that it used. Olympics weren't too good for the U.S.; U.S.S. hired a full time Olympic staff member and fund raiser. Finances of USS are good and sound with knowledgeable people.

Championships - Karen Reisch

- ✚ -need for everyone to be active this year
- there will be no Adams and not sure about Mallory's this year

Youth interest and participation is good with Sam's help last night recognized 57 sailors for their part. There is a five year sailing planner on the website governed by Area D agreement.

Capdevielle – Carl Wainwright

Covered point standings of PCYC .9733 and .9727 BWYC, which were very close in the results for the Challenger series. STABY come off probation from last year. Louisiana didn't have a qualifying club for 2012. First time in twelve years there was no perfect attendance due to rescheduled regattas.

Recommendation 19.2 number of races to be scored presently at 50%, ADD – when the number of raced is divided in the occurrence a regatta is not sailed, that the number required for scoring be “rounded down” to the next whole number. Motion made/moved/passed.

Knost All-Female Championship 32.2 (a) to mirror the Junior Lipton's Eligibility 31.2(b).i.e. There shall be no minimum age “Except” that at least “one” crew member on board each boat shall have reached her “Thirteenth” birthday during that Calendar year. It was asked to get an explanation of present rule. Concurrent with Junior Lipton's will allow the Knost to have more participation of women and Pass Christian is in agreement. Motion made/moved/passed.

Vice Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. made suggestion to discuss going to six races. Past Commodore Larry Taggart wants it to get into the regulations. Past Commodore will have to suspend another regulation, which could exclude the Knost. This should be offered to the Racing Rules Committee and Capdevielle. Walter made a motion to exclude the Knost as suspended for 2013, moved and passed.

Recommends that the Scheduling Committee set aside an open date the weekend before the Thanksgiving Holidays, in the occurrence the Lipton's are not sailed the Labor Day weekend.

Recommends there is a need for Ad Hoc Committee be placed by Bridge as soon as possible, to include some of the past members, so that they place defined boat parameters.

Membership - Tony Chavers

No report

Race Management - Michael Hage

The Race Management needs plenty of time for entries on the Race Management award. They are working on standardizing SI. We need more race management seminars. 36 people attended committee meeting 1-12-13. Please look at website and call for help to run regattas.

Youth – Sam Vasquez Mason Sheen, Past Commodore of GYA Youth and Eric Keefer is the present GYA Youth Commodore. Please let us know if your kids want to participate and check on our facebook page and on the regulations and handbook. Also, Vice Commodore is Kloe Ollinger, GYA Youth. Any information needed can be received from Sam. Schedule as much as all of the clubs can on different types of boats, to get the kids

interest. U. S. Sailing has their junior sailing championship and 420 championships, June 21-23, 2013. Please have all the club members encourage your juniors to travel to these regattas and ask foundation for money to get to these events. There is a need for a race management and rules clinics. We hope to vote on the junior handbook, which has already been sent to EXCOM. Mason Sheen introduced himself and showed his design of the Junior Commodore flag.

George Goodall told all that U.S. Sailing area regional instruction courses council courses will be at PYC. Motion made/passed on junior regulations per Larry Taggart.

Offshore Council - Commodore Allen McMillan

Applause for Tom Batty in all his years of service on the Offshore Council and the Chairman position.

GORC 2013 schedule is at Biloxi Yacht Club on April 5, 6 & 7. Bids to host the 2014 GORC have been submitted by Long Beach and Biloxi, which will be reviewed prior to the end of 2013.

GYA 2013 Women's PHRF Championship will be hosted by the Pensacola Yacht Club on June 29-30, 2013.

Challenge Cup 2013 will be hosted by Gulfport Yacht Club. The PHRF rating bands will return to the 2011 bands for Class A & Class B. Class C & D are unchanged. This change integrates "Sport Boats" back into Classes A & B. The goal of this is to tighten the rating bands. The Host Club shall attempt a windward finish on the first race of each day, with the goal of a minimum of three races with windward finishes. Race Committees will continue to have the discretion of shortening course as conditions warrant. The past practice of rotating the Challenge Cup between Gulfport and Pensacola was reconfirmed and Pensacola will host the 2014 Challenge Cup.

There was discussion whether the wording on the windward attempt must go to the Rules Committee. Vice Commodore Danny Killeen says there's no definite wording needed. Past Commodore David Bolyard feels the wording should be closely evaluated and goes to the Rules Committee. After discussion it is agreed that this Council has its own EXCOM to decide this wording.

April 14 & April 28, 2012 there were two accidents San Francisco which shutdown their coastguard. In our races on the Gulf coast, as Gulfport to Pensacola or the Isla Mujeres there are recommendations on how to make these safer.

Navy 44 is Sept. 26-29, 2013 National Championship and there are all categories of boats. Alan McMillan wants to get a team up for this event.

PHRF – Tom Beery

This is the last year for Alan McMillan to serve on the committee. Tim Molony is replaced by Merlin Wilson which we welcome his knowledge. There is concern over a 3% decrease. PHRF certificates decreased from 504 to 491. Please send race results to Tom Beery.

There is a new entry form on gya-phrf.com which includes a listing of 30,000 on their by-laws appeal forms, and minutes from the past few years.

One-Design - Karl Kleinschrodt

SYC races in March will provide boats, sails & equip. Flying Scot hasn't been raced and there is low interest. Judy Ward Memorial one design regatta 45.1(a) needs a new regulation written. Past Commodore Larry Taggart already has this on their Rules Committee agenda. Flying Scot regional Gulf coast Championship will have five races. Larry Taggart will present wording for this change at Open. Perpetual trophy requirement will be placed on display.

Multihull Council - Mike Pedersen –be sure to changed him to PBYC

Hobie wave was extremely busy last year and this year's schedule will be just as fun. There has been a huge surge in one design multihulls in 2012 on the west coast of FL. There will be a wave class for the women in race for roses. Applause for Bert Rice as outgoing Committee Chairman for the past years.

Trophy Committee- John Matthew

John Matthews will be replacing John Curren as he is resigning his position of head of the Trophy Committee. Appraisals are under way of all of our outstanding trophies and keeper perpetual. Lipton plaques are needed and this committee has ordered ten years of plaques at a time. Trophy committee wants to allocate the EXCOM to decide on the purchasing and a provisional budget, motion/made/passed out for bids. Past Commodore Harry Chapman said there should be an estimate of \$41/per piece. There is a motion made/passed on the replacement of Jack & Flo Scheib service award trophy. This service award was presented to Karen Reisch. Chris Luppens has worked great things on website of trophies and detail; we all want to thank him.

Racing Rules - Commodore Larry Taggart

Asked to get reports to Secretary on Regulation 30. Tim Murray wording is wrong and the committee will be changing this along with a few other changes as Regulation 31.5, according to written report from Larry Taggart (attached). Motion passed reviewed on regulations per new rules and didn't see anything earth chattering.

Schedule/Web- Catherine Cromartie

Need multihull schedule question on Cock of the Walk. There were sixteen clubs represented and the schedule was passed

Measurement - Claude Dannemann

Call me if anyone needs Mr. Dannemann for any guidelines.

Appeals - Commodore Walter Chamberlain for Dwight Leblanc, Jr.

No report

Unfinished business

**March 16, 2012 Seminar for women on or about women information sheets contact
PYC**

New Business – Nominating committee scan letter motion made passed

Letter attached

Adjourned 12:55 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Janace Batty
Secretary Treasurer**

Approved: _____