



**Gulf Yachting Association Semiannual Meeting  
August 31, 2013  
Bay Waveland Yacht Club**

**Call to Order 10:06 hours**

**Executive Committee** members present: Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr., Rear Commodore George Goodall, Immediate Past Commodore Pete O'Neal, Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty, Past Commodore/Parliamentarian Walter Chamberlain.

**Introduction by** Commodore Cary Trapani welcomed the GYA to Bay Waveland Yacht Club

**Roll Call** -22 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GMYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LCYC, MYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC & TYC.

Rear Commodore George Goodall led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediate Past Commodore, Pete O'Neal lead us in a prayer.

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

**Conduct of the Meeting** - Walter Chamberlain stated board consists of the representatives from the general yacht clubs. Five minute limit on individual discussion; only 33 club commodores or their representatives can vote. Reports are limited to 5 minutes.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized:** David Bolyard (PONTYC), Walter Chamberlain (BWYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Stewart "Tootie" Barnett (SYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Kenny Kleinschrodt (BUCYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), John Morrow (GYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Danny Killeen, Sr.(SYC), Bob Mace (FYC)&Michael Johnson (FWYC), Pete O'Neal (BucYC)

**Financial Report-** Balance in checking, \$15,643.32; balance in savings \$15,951.60.

**Minutes** –Past Commodore Walter Chamberlain made a motion, which was seconded & passed to approve the 2013 annual meeting minutes as previously distributed and corrected.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee Report**

Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr.- Recognized Matthew Whitehead of St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, on the Red Bull team. The Executive Committee has been working with U. S. Sailing & Chris Luppens on issues since US Sailing's reorganization.

### **Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.**

Dwight thanked Walter Chamberlain for all his continued diligent work on an appeal which is still pending. Dwight wanted to remind everyone to always present a detailed diagram when possible.

### **Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop**

Gave current standings and thanked Robbie Schmidt, GYA Webmaster, for timely updates. There is a decline in 10 out of 11 events so far in 2013. Excluding major events, there have been 108 starters, which is a 26% decline. Committee would like to change ending for the Capdevielle points each year with Sugar Bowl. Committee wants to reduce the overall schedule of Capdevielle regattas. How to reduce from 16 regattas to 12 regattas, is the question. Seven qualifying regattas debate will be in winter meeting looking for an out of box solution conversion. Use of Gulf Coast invitational to host NOYC & SYC, overall to increase participation and create a schedule to see what regattas are progressively being poorly attended. David Bolyard offers that PONTYC will remove the Capdevielle status on their Back to School regatta. Cary Trapani thanked Kevin Northrop for his committee work. JYC claims it is difficult to get to some of these clubs traveling their distance. Julian Richards of SYC offered all to come over for team racing. Basil Kennedy reminds Capdevielle to bring all changes to rules committee. Danny Killeen, Sr. tried to encourage the challenger division where the clubs are only participating in a four regattas-state recognition program.

### **Bylaws Committee – Walter Chamberlain** – no report

### **Judges & Foundation – Chris Luppens**

There are four new judges. If anyone needs funding for a championship and travel assistance please go to the website for completion of form.

Area D coordinator has charged some items which he is trying to bill us. We are looking for a tighter control on expenditures from U. S. Sailing Area D.

### **US Sailing Report – Chris Luppens**

Annual meeting for U. S. Sailing is at Captiva, FL October 16-19, 2013. There are some ongoing issues as they restructure without having the House of Delegates. As they restructure we will continue to give them support. Adams & Mallory's are our big issues and the championships will be reviewed.

### **Membership - Tony Chavers**

No report

**Race Management - Michael Hage**

No report

**Championships - Karen Reisch**

Report attached

**Youth Committee- Sam Vasquez** - Note: The GYA 420 Championship will be in conjunction with the Wadewitz Regatta at Fairhope Yacht Club, September 28-29, 2013

**Racing Rules - Commodore Larry Taggart**

Larry referred to Walter Chamberlain to explain the tie breaker verbiage on Tim Murray Trophy item 14b to be voted on, copy is attached.

Attached is also the exact report from Larry Taggart, Racing Rules Committee on changing the number of race platform of the Knost. Participators were surveyed at past Knost Regattas. All but one participating team preferred the six race platform like the Junior Lipton.

**Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann (BWYC)** - will be changing procedures for next year to reduce time involved and clarity on boat measurement

**Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright** – no report

**TROPHY COMMITTEE – John Matthews**

Renewal of insurance policy is due for \$150,000 worth of trophies. **The Trophy Committee recommends that an addition of the Webmaster and Directory editor be made to Paragraph 4.4 Reporting Results, Section C – Event Management of the Regulations For Sanctioned Events.** Motion made/seconded & passed. Report attached.

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee- Karen Reisch**

Report attached and anyone that has done a class championship please let Karen know so we can recognize them.

**Offshore Council – Alan McMillan**

Report attached

**PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery**

GYA sanctioned results need all local regatta results working to expand a standardized section for results GYA-PHRF.com. Tom thanked Robbie Schmidt, webmaster.

**One-Design – Ashley Suzalski**

Report read by Janace Batty, attached.

**Multihull Council – Bob Hodges**

Report read by Janace Batty, attached.

**Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt** moved, updated & added database. Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. asked if he would add minutes and reports also.

**Directory - Cheri Dillard**

As soon as new committees have new selected or voted on please update the committee forms at winter meeting letting her know changes.

**Unfinished business**

1) Tim Murray Trophy name change will go to Cheri Dillard on page 101 (from Mid-Gulf to Tim Murray). Larry Taggart made motion for tie breaker John Matthews's seconded motion and motion passed.

2) Knost proposed change on number of races from 3 to 6 race platform, which changes regulations 24 & 32.3b & 32.3d. Larry Taggart made motion, John Matthews seconded and motion passed.

**New Business** – Rumor is out that the GYA has a new boat for their interclub competition. Capdevielle is working on the agenda of the next step for a new boat.

Steve Montagnet is recognized for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year for the Sportsmanship award, which promotes safety and comradery. Please have your team captain fill out the ballots and turn them in.

September 20-22, 2013 there is a new championship to view an aircraft carrier in Pensacola Bay. WFORC & Schreck Regatta are also coming up this fall in Pensacola. FL

420 Championship will be held at FYC Wadewitz September 28-29, 2013

Original proposal from Capdevielle on Ad Hoc committee will have a report at winter meeting.

Reminder of Tim Murray trophy name change, tie breaker and increase Knost number of races & webmaster assignment

Tom Batty moves to adjourn, seconded and passed.

**Adjourned** 11:17 hours.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janace Batty**  
**Secretary Treasurer**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

## REPORT OF GYA APPEALS COMMITTEE

The undersigned would like to thank the GYA Appeals Committee consisting of Walter Chamberlain, Chris Lupens, Pete Morrill, and Don Gridlach. Since last report we have had one appeal to GYA which is from the J-30 North Americans at New Orleans Yacht Club in 2012. Since I was Chairman of the P.C. I could not be on the appeal and Walter acted as Chair of the GYA Appeals Committee.

The incident was about one and half minutes before the start well below the starting line. Boat 5 jibed in front of Boat 7 and completed her jibe with 5 in front of and clear ahead of 7. Thereafter Boat 7 established an overlap with inches separating the two boats. Boat 5 luffed to starboard and contact occurred 8 – 10 seconds thereafter with 5's starboard forward side contacting the life ring holder on the port stern of 7.

### CONCLUSION

1. Boat 5 established an overlap too close to 7;
2. Boat 5 did not give 7 room and opportunity to stay clear;
3. Boat 5 is disqualified

Rule 12 – On same tack NOT overlapped;

Rule 15 – Acquiring right of way;

Rule 16.1 – Right of way boat changes course has to give room to keep clear.

Boat 7 was disqualified by the P.C. and the GYA affirmed this decision.

Thereafter Boat 5 appealed to U.S. Sailing and after sending two different diagrams to U.S. Sailing at their request there has still not been a decision by U.S. Sailing.

One of the lessons learned from this is that one should be able to do a detailed diagram if possible using computerized boats as this is what U.S. Sailing Appeal desired and demanded in this case.

The only thing that the undersigned can assume is that U.S. Sailing has had problems with the fact that the overlap was established for 8 – 10 seconds which means that the boats would have travelled approximately one boat length distance.

The undersigned will let GYA know when a decision has been reached by the U.S. Sailing Appeals Committee.

J. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.  
Chairman of the GYA Appeals Committee

To :Commodore Danny Killeen JR

Subject : your request for the proposed wording re: Tim Murray Memorial Trophy.

The following is the proposed wording for this award. Changes and/or additions are highlighted.

The text is from the 2013 GYA Directory which is on line at the GYA web site

This is found under Section 30 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge on pg 110 and following

The specific section is shown below:

### 30.10 Perpetual Trophies

(g) The club exhibiting most improved performance shall be awarded the **TIM MURRAY MEMORIAL TROPHY**. Regatta performances will be based on the number of clubs defeated at the finish of the regatta. Improved performance will be based on the change in this measurement year over year to determine the winner.

The winning club shall:

- i Have participated in the last two Liptons
- ii Have completed all races the previous year
- iii Not have been disqualified from a race the previous year
- iv Not have been in the top five the previous year.
- v In the case of ties, the trophy shall be awarded to the club that defeated the most clubs in the final standing of the regatta.



# **GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION**

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## **Trophy Committee Report August 31, 2013**

Item 1: Any club having a GYA Championship Banner that appears to be in need of repair or replacement is requested to notify the Chair of the Trophy Committee for action.

Item 2: Any club having a Lipton Keeper Trophy that has had the metal plate replaced with a square plate due to an error in engraving is requested to notify the Chair of the Trophy Committee for replacement.

Item 3: The Gulf Yachting Association Perpetual Trophy Summary as prepared by Chris Luppens will be posted on the GYA Website for review. The summary contains all the information regarding each Perpetual Trophy awarded by the GYA.

Item 4: The Trophy Committee recommends that an addition of the Webmaster be made to Paragraph 4.4 Reporting Results, Section C – Event Management of the Regulations For Sanctioned Events.

Item 5: The annual renewal of the insurance coverage for the GYA Perpetual Trophies is due and will be renewed as required.

Item 6: The Board of Directors is advised that the Trophy Committee will be purchasing 60 Lipton Keeper Award Plaques. 30 will be engraved with the years to be awarded and 30 will have the dates left blank so Club desiring to acquire replacement Lipton Keeper Award Plaques can purchase them when request is made to the Trophy Committee.

Submitted:

John Matthews  
Chair  
GYA Trophy Committee



**For the Record, the following is our written report:**

**Since our last GYA Report, at the Opening Regatta of 2013, the Offshore Council and its Executive Committee have worked with the host clubs to present the following GYA Sanctioned events:**

**The Gulfport to Pensacola Race, SYC, GYA and PYC**

**The GYA Challenge Cup at the Gulfport Yacht Club**

**The GYA Women PHRF Championship at the Pensacola Yacht Club**

**The Offshore Council is currently working with the PYC as it prepares to host the WFORC**

**Submitted, August 31, 2013**

**Alan C McMillan  
Chairman  
GYA Offshore Council**

## **ONE DESIGN, Chairperson Ashley Sukalski**

### **2013-08-30 - ODC Liptons Report**

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Not much to report -

One Design Circuits are rolling and will be wrapping up with the final events of the year.

The circuit scores should be updated and posted by the first week of September.

2014 schedules will be finalized in early November, so if you have any feedback, input, or want to host an event next year, please contact Ashley Sukalski.

Thanks and good luck this weekend.

I will not be in Bay Waveland this weekend for the Liptons so I thought I would send you an update for the executive committee meeting of the highlights of multihull sailing in the GYA since May.

- The Candler Regatta at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (traditionally a Capdevielle only event) opened its doors to the multihull community and was rewarded with an 11 boat A-Class catamaran fleet and an 11 boat Open Portsmouth double handed fleet (comprised of Nacra 17's, F-16's, F-18's, and I-20 double handed cats). Sailors were rewarded with one day of 12-15 knots (4 races) and one day of 5-8 knots (1 race). Ben Moon from St. Petersburg YC won the A-Class fleet and Robbie Daniels from Clearwater YC won the double handed fleet.
- OSYC hosted successful Slip to Ship and Horn Island Hop events in late May and early July respectively.
- StABYC's Taylor Reiss and Matthew Whitehead finished 13<sup>th</sup> of 160 competitors at the F-18 World Championship in Italy in July. They were the top youth team in the event also.
- StABYC's Taylor Reiss with teammate Carson Shores finished second at the F-16 National Championship in a fleet of 16 boats in Racine, WS.
- PontYC's Bob Hodges finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the A-Class catamaran North American championship hosted by Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA in a 19 boat fleet.
- FWYC's Joseph Bello teamed up with Sophia Schultz and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in a 7 boat fleet at the US Sailing US Youth Championships in Corpus Christi, TX.
- StABYC's Matthew Whitehead is preparing to compete in the Red Bull Youth America's Cup event in San Francisco on the USA 45 team competing in the AC45 catamarans. The event begins this weekend.
- OSYC is preparing to host the GYA Multihull Championship in late September. Andrew Luquet is the regatta chairman.

A great summer for GYA multihull sailors for sure and the accomplishments of the youth sailors (Taylor, Matt, and Joseph) is especially encouraging.

Best Regards,

Bob Hodges  
GYA Multihull Council Chairman