



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting  
January 12, 2014  
Gulfport Yacht Club**

**Call to Order 10:58** hours

**Executive Committee** members present: Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., Vice-Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Rear Commodore George Goodall absent due to illness, Legal Counsel Michael Mark, Immediate Past Commodore Pete O'Neal, Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty

**Roll Call** -23 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LFYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PntYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC & TYC. All clubs present at this meeting received a medium size GYA burgee for display at their respective clubs.

Vice-Commodore, Ewell C. Potts, III, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediate Past Commodore, Pete O'Neal led us in a prayer and recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

**Conduct of the Meeting** –Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. recognized Commodore Basil Kennedy who stated that it was an honor to represent Commodore Walter B. Chamberlain in this task. The Board of the GYA consists of the Executive Committee and the representatives from the general yacht clubs along with Past Commodores. The 33 club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes and there is a five minute limit on individual discussion. Speakers may speak twice on any one topic.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized:** David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Danny Killeen, Sr. (SYC), Pete O'Neal (BucYC), John Matthews (PYC), Jim O'Neal (LAYC), Alan Sheppard, (PYC).

Introduction by Commodore Greg Pietrangelo welcomed the GYA to Gulfport Yacht Club

**Minutes** –John Matthews made a motion, which was seconded & passed, to approve the 2013 Semiannual Board of Director's Meeting minutes as previously distributed.

**Financial Report-** Secretary-Treasurer Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of December 31, 2013, the balance in checking was \$6,466.41 and the balance in savings account was \$15,952.40 with \$.40 interest.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.**

No report

**Bylaws- Michael Mark**, Parliamentarian Pro Tem and General Counsel stated that there were several proposed bylaw changes as follows:

1. Article III - Membership, Section 1. Paragraph A

Proposal by Excom to amend the bylaws to add Texas to the area for GYA so such section shall read as follows:

A. Eligibility Requirements. Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs located in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, and other Southern states as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, not connected with any commercial venture shall be eligible to apply for membership in the GYA in the appropriate classification as described in Paragraph B below and meeting the additional requirements described therein. (Page 63 directory).

2. Article VIII Section 15:

The USSA Delegate shall represent the GYA at membership meetings of the United States Sailing Association, the USSA *Regional Sailing* Association Council, and Area "D," shall make periodic reports on such representation, and shall be an *ex officio* member of the USSA Championships Committee of the GYA. The term of office shall be one year corresponding to the calendar year. The USSA Delegate shall be a member of a GYA General Member Club and a member of the United States Sailing Association.

3. Article VIII Section 11: Trophy Committee Paragraph B

Add the following: In addition, the committee shall develop and provide suitable Accountability Forms for each perpetual trophy awarded for GYA Sanctioned Events. These forms shall be made available to each Host Club Race Committee Chair or GYA Committee Chair awarding a perpetual trophy. Completion of the forms shall be the responsibility of the Race Committee Chair or GYA Committee who in turn shall ensure the completed forms are transmitted to the appropriate representative of the Trophy Committee for maintenance of trophy accountability.

As a result of the above the following general regulation should be modified as follows:

All of the above bylaw amendments were moved seconded and passed by a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

Part 1 – GENERAL REGULATIONS Section C – Event Management Subsection 4  
NOTICES

Add: 4.5 Controlling Perpetual Trophies. Each GYA Sanctioned Event Host Club Race Committee Chair shall prepare two copies of the GYA Trophy Accountability Form pertaining to the special type of event being conducted for each GYA Perpetual Trophy being awarded. The Trophy Committee Chair shall insure forms are available for the GYA Perpetual Trophies awarded at the Winter Meeting. The forms shall be completed in a legible and complete manner as prescribed on the individual forms with one copy retained with the trophy and one copy given to the Trophy Committee Representative, if present, or sent to the Chair, GYA Trophy Committee within three days of the awarding of the trophy.

Note: Content of this specific change was not published thirty days in advance to follow protocol for the Board of Directors to bring to a vote of the membership.

**Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop**, Committee Chair reported that the Committee had a very productive meeting and makes the following motions with respect to Capdevielle Activities which were all seconded and passed:

1. Modify the GYA regulations to allow team racing and match racing as an alternate format for Capdevielle events.
2. Eliminate the ability of Capdevielle event sites to have the option of selecting three or five races for their event so as to allow only five race series for non-championship regattas.
3. Modification of Part 2 – Capdevielle Regulations, Section 15 to provide that Section 15.4 being modified to reflect that the Sugar Bowl Race of Champions will be the ending regatta of the year for Capdevielle series annual awards.
4. Reduce the number of Capdevielle series events from sixteen to thirteen for 2014, only, by removing Back to School Regatta, Race Week, and Schreck Regatta from Capdevielle status.

This last amendment to the regulations was passed by a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors and all of the proposed changes to regulations by the Capdevielle Committee will be reviewed by the Racing Rules Committee and suggested language presented by the Racing Rules Committee for final approval by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

(Note: In accordance with Part 1, General Regulations, 1 Applicability, it appears as though the regulations may be amended by the majority of the Board of Directors). Therefore the acceptance of the taking out of Back to School, Race Week and Schreck Regatta appeared to be acceptable; however, all of the regulations affected by this change must be modified and later approved by the Board of Directors after review by the Racing Rules Committee.

### **Judges – Chris Luppens**

There are three new judges that have passed the test. George Goodall, Wallace Paletou and Janice Griglack are the people who passed their judge test, we're waiting on their completion of paper work and certification. There are currently 24 active judges after the retirement of Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Sr. Written report is attached.

**U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens**, stated that Area D coordinator has been more communicative with the GYA and we are looking for tighter control on expenditures associated with U. S. Sailing and Area D. U.S.Sailing Counsel Association has had some significant changes recently and we are making progress with respect to GYA representation at the U. S. Sailing level. A discussion was had with respect to the possibility of the GYA becoming its own Area within the U. S. Sailing guidelines and the committee is working on issues within the reorganization of U. S. Sailing. Chairman Luppens represented that the GYA was well represented at the annual meeting of U. S. Sailing in Captiva, Florida and has provided a written report with respect to such meeting which is attached.

### **Foundation – Chris Luppens**

Chris Luppens, Committee Chair reports he is the outgoing president of Foundation and will seek a new president and new officers for the Foundation. He reported that the silent auction brought in \$2245 last night and that the financial stability of the Foundation is good as a result of the stock market and other investments having a gain in excess of twenty percent. The Foundation will be studying the possibilities of financing and/or leasing inter-club competition boats for the GYA and that the Foundation is still working on reaching its goal of having assets of \$200,000.00. A written report was provided and is attached.

**Youth Committee - Sam Vasquez**, Committee Chairman will be resigning as Chairman of the committee and Holly Murray of Long Beach Yacht Club will be taking over his position. This will need to be confirmed by the Excom.

Sam is real excited about high school sailing among all three states, MS, AL & LA. Fairhope High School in AL is really going strong. How to keep these kids sailing all year round with getting parents and high schools involved. If you want any direction on insurance and how to get these programs started in the high schools, please let Sam know. He has some power point presentations that will start them up.

Sam Vasquez, Committee Chair, advised that Erin Keefer will be the new GYA Junior Board Chairman and he introduced Ms. Keefer to the group. Ms. Keefer indicated that she will work diligently to move forward with the Junior Board and is working on several issues including the following:

- 1) Opti circuit trophy
- 2) Age requirements for 420 championship to allow 12 year olds to participate in the event.

A motion was made by the Chair of the committee to amend the regulations with respect to the 420 championship to allow for and require minimum age of participants in the 420 championship to 12 years of age with top age limit still being age 18 in accordance with the Sears regulations. This motion was seconded and approved by the Board of Directors. Larry Taggart of the Rules Committee advised that he would work on language of the regulation and present it at a later date for approval.

### **Membership - Tony Chavers**

No report

**Race Management – Michael Hage** reported that the Race Management meeting was well attended with over twenty-five people. Many items were discussed including the following:

1. Better record keeping at events especially Liptons and Junior Liptons is needed so as to accurately record the historical participants and results. Accurate information with respect to spelling and scoring is needed.
2. Commodore Harry Chapman advised that he is working on producing a book including all of the Lipton Race results back from the 1920's until current day. Commodore Nofie Alfonso started the project and Commodore Chapman intends to complete the project and have available for sale at an approximate price of \$50.00 per copy for use by the general membership of the GYA.
3. The newly formed Qualified Observer process for regattas has begun and many suggestions have been made by Karen Reisch with respect to the process. The Committee will study the process. Five events were asked to have a Qualified Observer consisting of the Knost, Liptons, Women's PHRF Championship and WFORC. Clinton Edwards, PRO for the 2013 Lipton's received the Race Management award for 2013, presented Saturday night at the banquet.
4. Any clubs interested in conducting a race management seminar should contact Michael Hage.
5. The Race Management Committee is still working on the standard NOR's and SI's for Lipton's and Junior Lipton's for future approval.

Report attached.

**Racing Rules - Commodore Larry Taggart**, Committee Chair, indicated that the following individuals will serve on the committee from their respective states. Commodore Kenny Kleinschrodt for AL, Commodore John Matthews for FL & Commodore Judy Reeves for MS & Commodore Larry Taggart for LA reviewed Trophy Committee will serve on regulations committee. Flying Scot class might allow VHS radios for OCS reporting and is under vote on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Commodore Taggart will know before May and whether this can be optional to have a VHS radio. If this passes, regulations will have to be modified and his committee will review the regulations should the use of VHS radios is approved.

The Committee is studying the change of format for the Knost Regatta so as to allow more races than three and the Committee will review and make appropriate suggestions for changes to accomplish the ability to sail six races in lieu of the historical three races. Please refer to report attached.

**Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann**, advised the meeting attendees that all Flying Scots must be registered with the Flying Scot class and pay dues of \$25. He suggested that all clubs review their records for proper registration with the Flying Scot class. Please bring your boat early 11:00 to 16:30 any time you can for measurement. Written report attached.

**Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright** – The 2014 Racing Schedule has been completed. This proposed schedule was voted on and approved by the Board of Directors. Please let your members know any ***changes have to be approved by Excom and dates can't be changed any other way.***

**TROPHY COMMITTEE – Commodore John Matthews**

Report attached.

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee- Karen Reisch**, presented a written report, which will be attached. She recognized 38 sailors at banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2014, and asked all of the member clubs to consider hosting a 2015 U. S. Sailing Championship and participate in the championships.

Karen Reisch also reported that U.S.Sailing Men's championship was changed to Adult Championship for Mallory competition in 2014. The Adams Cup was not held or awarded in 2014. The Area D Chubb Championship was held here at Gulfport Yacht Club and was very successful.

**Offshore Council – Alan McMillan** reported that 19 people were present at meeting where they reported on all five sanctioned events. Report is attached.

**PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery**

Offshore & PHRF Handicap are joined at the hip work close together. Alan McMillan retires this year and will be replaced by Craig Wills from FWYC. GYA sanctioned results are needed and all local regatta results working to expand a standardized section for results GYA-PHRF.com. Commodore Beery encouraged more clubs to try to participate in the Challenge Cup. 2014 will be Wes Stanley's last year for MS and they are looking for his replacement. Commodore Beery will be happy to do mailing labels, send flyer to him for PHRF certificate holders. PHRF certificate boats have dropped slightly.

**One-Design – Ashley Sukalski**

Committee Chair Sukalski reported that an online registration program is being worked on by Kevin Blank and a presentation will be provided at a later date. 18 clubs attended her council meeting indicating there's still a big interest in one design.

### **Multihull Council –**

Report read by Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., from Bob Hodges and both reports are attached. David Johnson will be new president of Red bull America's cup. This sailing program has made Matthew Whitehead a very strong sailing competitor. Taylor Reiss's story was told by Bert Rice about his trailering experience in Manhattan. This committee will be moving to increase youth to the wave catamaran.

**Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt** Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., thanked Robbie for updating the website to word press and congratulated him on his efforts.

**Directory - Cheri Dillard**, requested that after all new selected officers are voted on and approved, all committee chairs are asked to provide the information to her as quickly as possible. Most importantly, Chairman Dillard needs current email address for each of the current commodores of the general member clubs of the GYA. Report attached.

### **Unfinished business- Executive Committee Report**

Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. explained that the Excom has reviewed the Terms of Reference, used by U.S.Sailing. He is proud that the GYA was very well represented in Florida at the U.S.Sailing Annual meeting and believes that they got through to them with the GYA's concerns. Chris Luppens is working towards better communication and Bob Porter has resigned. GYA will become an area to itself, in hopes; Susan Epstein is doing a study to accomplish this. Commodore David Bolyard urges everyone to join U.S.Sailing, so we can be strong in numbers. Everyone needs to examine U.S.Sailing web which shows benefits with their use of their U. S. Partnering program. When member's sign up for this program they will receive bonus points for other use with their membership card which will have their yacht club name on it.

**New Business** – nominating committee letter read by Commodore Pete O'Neal all approved an accepted. Catherine Cromartie was introduced by Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. A copy of the nominating letter is attached.

Vice Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III presented the GYA gift to Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr.

Commodore Potts reported that he will be picking the ball up on a new boat and running with it in an effort to move the matter forward.

Commodore John Matthews moves to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Adjourned** 12:50 hours.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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

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

**2014 GYA Winter Meeting Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**OFFSHORE COUNCIL**  
**Gulfport Yacht Club**  
**January 11, 2014**

Chairman Alan McMillan brought meeting to order at 12:50

Vote for 2014 Chairman – Unanimous for Alan McMillan

Karl Boehm acting Secretary agreed to be Secretary in 2014

Board members present:

1. Alan McMillan – Chairman
2. Karl Boehm - Secretary
3. Bob Reedy
4. Benz Faget
5. William Zehner
6. Sam Vasquez
7. Winfield Scott - Treasurer

New Business

2015 GORC - BYC put in a formal written request to hold the 2015 GORC at BYC. GYC put in a verbal request and was in the process of writing a formal request. Board agreed that GYC would have to have a written request in within 30 days from the GYC board. GYC requested that we wait to after the GORC this year to make a vote on their request. William Zehner made a motion to wait until after the 2014 GORC but no later than opening regatta to award the 2015 GORC. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Boehm. Motion was amended to also state that no bids for the GORC would be considered after March 1<sup>st</sup>. If clubs did not have their bids in formally then they would not be considered

Vote passed

1. 4- For
2. 1- Against
3. 1- Abstained

2015 Gulfport to Pensacola race – No issues

Challenge Cup

GYC needs to formally request in writing from the board a request to hold the 2015 Challenge Cup. Request must be in by March 1, 2014 then they will be awarded the 2015 Challenge Cup.

Motion from Benz Faget was to lower the rating bands in Class A from 15 to 9, motion died from lack of a second.

Staying with the same bands, Alan will see what happens to the Melges 32 rating at the annual review and if anything changes then he will conduct a telecon to vote on lowering the rating to allow the Melges 32 in.

Challenge Cup PHRF Bands - A - 15-72, B - 75-11, C - 114- 150, D – 153-213

Alan McMillan made a motion that PYC race committee must attempt 1 upwind finish per day, Second by Sam Vasquez, all in favor. Motion Passes!

Offshore council needs to draft official protocols for bidding any GYA Sanction events and what are the host clubs responsibilities, to be added to the bylaws. Some requirements are already in the bylaws but will update all. Karl Boehm will work with Tom beery to get this drafted.

WFROC – No Issues

2015 Women's PHRF Championship

Alan McMillan will draft a letter to all GYA Clubs from the Offshore Council asking if any clubs are interested in hosting the 2015 championship. Letter will be sent out no later than March 1, 2014

At our next meeting we will follow up on the Safety recommendation that were discussed on offshore races. Sam was going to gather some more information on what the offshore council can do to help.