



**Gulf Yachting Association Semi-Annual Meeting
September 5, 2015
Bay Waveland Yacht Club**

Call to Order 10:00 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore George Goodall, Vice-Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Rear Commodore Michael Hage, Immediate Past Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Alan McMillan, Parliamentarian and Secretary Treasurer, Janace Batty

Roll Call -29 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BSC, BUCYC, CYC, FYC, FWYC, GMYC, GLYC, GYC, HYC, JYC, LAYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, NOYC, OSYC, PCYC, PeiYC, PYC, PBYC, PNTYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SSYC, SYC & TYC.

Vice Commodore Catherine Cromartie led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan led the assembly in a prayer and recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

Introduction of all the Excom members as listed above.

Conduct of the Meeting – Parliamentarian Alan C. McMillan explained to the assembly that the 32 club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes. Maximum number of voting members per club is one.

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), Danny Killeen, Jr. (PCYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC), John Morrow (GYC), John Matthews (PYC), Tootie Barnett (SYC) & Ewell C. Potts,III (SYC), Bill Dietrich (PontYC)

There was an introduction of Commodore Richard Heausler, who welcomed the GYA to Bay Waveland Yacht Club. Commodore Heausler thanked his staff; wished everyone an excellent meeting and good weekend, and invited all to make themselves at home.

Minutes –Commodore John Matthews made a motion, which was seconded & passed, to approve the 2015 Annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes as previously distributed.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer. Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of August 31, 2015, the balance in checking was \$11,293.98 and the balance in savings account was \$15,954.78, including interest of \$.79 Y-T-D.

Executive Committee

Commodore Goodall said that Executive Committee, had its meeting on Friday night, addressed several items on agenda.

- 1) **Fish boat trophy- where to house**
- 2) **Sarasota Sailing Squadron membership**
- 3) **2014 GYA Lightning Championship issue**

FYC Commodore Gary Garner made motion to hold all discussion to three minutes. Kevin Polk seconded. There being no discussion the motion passed.

Commodore Goodall thanked all the GYA Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge judges and all of the other volunteers at BWYC. The judges for this weekend are Chief Judge, Chris Luppens, Jim O'Neal, Dwight LeBlanc and Karen Reisch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Offshore- report- Sam Vasquez report available on website. Review of 2016 GYA sanctioned events, GORC, Challenge Cup, Gulfport to Pensacola & Women's Championship. 2016 GORC is voted on to be held by the MS bid. 2015 Challenge Cup was well attended and competitors liked the western course. Discussion will continue at the Annual meeting about a random leg race or other features.

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. – no report

By Laws Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy has no report

Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop - Committee Chair reported that there are a few items that are written down in his report indicating attendance is below historical levels. Report available online on website

Judges – Chris Luppens & U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens, next newsletter will have information bringing everyone up to speed on judges and U. S. Sailing.

Historian-no report

Membership Committee – Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. reported that Sarasota Sailing Squadron, located 1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236, has applied for general membership into the GYA. Harry Chapman made motion to approve SSS's

application, which was seconded by John Matthews. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

Race Management –Race Management held a meeting at 9:00am to discuss the 2014 GYA Lightning Championship issue. Committee member Randy Fitz-Wainwright reported their findings: that the event NOR was not properly noticed in accordance with RRS Appendix 01.1(1). Commodore Goodall placed the question before the Board for discussion of whether the event was properly noticed and whether to award the 2014 Lightning Championship. Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr., made motion to award to 2014 Lightning Championships and Commodore Richard Heausler seconded. Commodore John Matthews opposed awarding this trophy as the event was not advertised and noticed properly. Commodore John Morrow, of the Race Management Committee, believes that the Lightning class should comply with the *RRS*, which was not done. Motion to award trophy does not carry.

Racing Rules – Commodore Larry Taggart suggests several regulation changes are needed if we remain with Lipton 8-race or similar format. House cleaning and Dane Masters event included in report available on website. Brief discussion on whether Appendix T should/should not be utilized was presented by Commodore Goodall. Larry Taggart and Chris Luppens need to work with Race Management on this topic.

Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann - All is good with sail measurement. Mr. Dannemann and his measurers processed the 2014 top 10 boats, all of which measured in for the 2015 Lipton Challenge.

Commodore Goodall announced the GYA Winter meeting will be held at Fairhope Yacht Club, the second weekend of January, 2016.

Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright – The 2016 Racing Schedule will be submitted via Google calendar. More information on the 2016 calendar forthcoming.

Trophy Committee – John Matthews - The ‘Commodore John Dane Memorial’ trophy needs to be corrected to read as ‘Commodore John Dane’ trophy. Commodore Matthews asked that when sending in skipper and crew names, that spelling be double checked for accuracy. Standardize Jr. Lipton plaque. Discussion followed by recommendations on the committee plaque. The Trophy Committee has no decision on where to house the Fish trophy. Commodore Harry Chapman reminded all that the Dane Masters can have mixed clubs represented. Use the word team to describe. Report available on website.

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch, presented a written report, which will be available on website. U.S.Sailing website lists all event dates and whether they are a qualification. All registered events for October are in her report. Sears was held at JYC in J22's and GYC won over area D. FWYC Junior team was second. GYC came in 3rd overall. Sam Vasquez promoted this with US Sailing paying to go. Chris Luppens explained if you go to the nationals and you don't get reimbursed let Foundation know for help.

Youth Committee - Holly Murray - no report

Foundation – Tod Holman

Foundation reported all their monies and this was distributed to all earlier this year. Foundation wishes to help with finances to purchase the new boat with a 2-1/2% administrative fee. If board is in favor, it can start immediately disbursing loans. Commodore Killeen, Sr. feels that the Foundation should cover the administration fee since the clubs are giving Foundation \$75 per year. Commodore Goodall announced that it would be up to the Foundation board.

PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery

PHRF GYA certificates have decreased 3%, from 512 to 497. Karl Boehm has completed his five years of service as of this year. Lee Eikel will begin in January, 2016. Commodore Beery reported that he has not been receiving race results. He reminded everyone that the Committee has a gum label system available for mailing. Full report is available on website.

One-Design – Kevin Blank

One Design Committee Chair, Kevin Blank, reports that committee is monitoring championship events to be sure Notice of Regattas are in compliance. There is a need for all those to turn results in on time. Effort for standardizing one design participation.

Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt

Commodore Goodall thanked Robbie & Jennifer Schmidt for updating the website and congratulated them on their efforts. Deadline for newsletter is September 15, 2015.

Directory - Cheri Dillard, directory update needed. Help us with your personal information and email addresses updated. Forms will be sent out in October for updates.

Old Business – None

New Business

Commodore Goodall asked Immediate-Past Commodore Potts, III, to make a few comments regarding a good boat to replace the Flying Scot. This new boat interest started in 2011 & formalized in 2012 with criteria from all clubs. Fourteen people met every two weeks by phone conference. Implementation is the next step after the boat vote which will be the next issue to solve. Commodore Potts briefly reviewed the history of moving from Fish boats to the Scots within the GYA. In 1967 Scot took over from the Fish.

Commodore John Mathews moved that Written Ballots be used for the boat selection vote and retained for the historical archives. It was seconded. Discussion followed. B. J. Baldridge of Houston, who wants to destroy ballots afterwards. It was mentioned there has not been much discussion of the new boat choice. Motion for Ballot Vote did not carry.

A Motion was made and seconded for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried.

Commodore John Matthews motioned that selection of either the VXOne or the Viper640 be made as the replacement boat to start the replacement process for Capdevielle Competition. This motion was seconded by Commodore Merlin Wilson of SYC. A Roll Call Vote was taken. The Viper 640 was voted as the new boat for Capdevielle competition, with 14 votes for the Viper 640 and 13 votes for the VXOne. Lake Arthur, Point and South Shore (3) clubs abstained from voting.

Commodore Goodall reminded everyone of the Sportsmanship Award and introduced Steve Montagnet, who will be here on Monday to present this trophy. This is the 26th year for this award.

The New Boat Committee will begin working with the various committees on the implementation phase of the Viper 640.

Commodore Goodall hopes that everyone enjoys themselves this weekend in Corinthian sailing. Commodore says there's no group like GYA, make it special.

Flag raising ceremony is at 12:00.

Adjourned 11:17 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janace Batty, Secretary Treasurer Approved: _____

MEMORANDUM

TO: GYA COORDINATORS, STATE REPS AND CLUB COMMODORES
FROM: KEVIN NORTHROP
SUBJECT: CAPDEVIELLE REPORT
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
CC: Janance Batty

2015 Attendance to date

With two regattas left to sail in the 2015 season, year over year attendance continues to decline. Overall participation is down 11% at non-championship events, while Championship attendance remains flat, but well below historic levels. As illustrated in the chart below, average participation is down by one full club when compared to 2014.

Non- championship	2015	2014	2013	2012
Mardi Gras Regatta	4	8	6	13
Meigs Regatta	10	7	7	15
Candler Regatta	7	8	6	10
Spring Regatta	6	10	11	13
Summer Regatta	8	12	14	13
Weatherly Regatta	12	8	13	14
Wadewitz Regatta				
Sugar Bowl Race of Champions				
Total	47	53	57	78
Average	7.8	8.8	9.5	13.0

Championship	2015	2014	2013	2012
Knost Championship	10	10	11	12
Junior Lipton Championship	14	14	13	15
Lipton Championship	14	15	15	14
GYA Opening Regatta	15	15	15	18
Total	53	54	54	59
Average	13.25	13.5	13.5	14.75

On the competition side, the series is as competitive as ever with four teams in contention for the Capdevielle trophy. Hopefully, the parity among clubs will ensure that the final two events, the Wadewitz and Race of Champions, boast a strong turnout.

CLUB	Number of Events sailed	Score
PCYC	5	0.9492
MYC	5	0.9358
SYC	7	0.8539
BWYC	6	0.8238
BucYC	5	0.8100
GYC	8	0.8013
FYC	6	0.7802
StABYC	8	0.7734
PontYC	6	0.7557
FWYC	7	0.7554
NOYC	6	0.7489
BSC	1	0.7250
LBYC	2	0.7184
BYC	5	0.6998
TYC	1	0.6739
PYC	4	0.6566
NYC	2	0.6464
JYC	1	0.6196
GLYC	1	0.6170

What’s going on now, what’s coming after the vote?

As mentioned in my e-mail to the Capdevielle committee (dated July 21st), the committee in concert with the “new boat” committee is moving forward by setting the framework for a parallel sport-boat series to begin in 2016 and run until the new boat takes over as the official platform in 2018. Based on the responses, members of the committee are in favor of this approach and believe that anywhere between 7-9 clubs will participate in year one.

After the vote to confirm which boat we are moving forward with, the Capdevielle committee will begin the process of changing the appropriate regulations and seeking feedback on possible weight limits and number of regattas, among other considerations. Our plan is to present the final package at the Winter meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Capdevielle Committee who have provided feedback to the new boat process, as your input is vital.

The numbers above clearly indicate a waning interest in Capdevielle sailing, the factors of which can be debated, but there is no doubt that changes need to be made soon. I have witnessed the lack of new blood at events over the years and personally attribute this mainly to the lack of excitement by juniors and young adults to sail Flying Scots. There is no doubt this is a disruptive change to the status quo, but I believe (as do many current Capdevielle sailors), that we must evolve to a higher performance platform that will appeal to younger sailors to ensure that interclub sailing in the GYA will remain viable and relevant in the future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend.

Best,

Kevin Northrop

GYA Membership Committee Report for 2015 Semiannual Meeting

The membership committee has received one application for General Membership to the GYA.

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron application was submitted to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer on a suitable form and they have been recommended for General membership by:

1. St. Petersburg YC
2. Pensacola YC

The membership Committee, consisting of Commodore Kenny Kleinschrodt Buccaneer YC, Commodore Jim O'Neal Lake Arthur Yacht Club, Robin Rafferty Pass Christian Yacht Club and chairman Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. Pass Christian Yacht Club, has reviewed the application, letters of recommendation and Article III of the GYA By-Laws.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, B; the membership committee does hereby recommend that the Sarasota Sailing Squadron be accepted as a General Member of the Gulf Yachting Association.

Motion for SSS approval for membership.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 6: Membership Committee, B- Duties,

The membership committee has received no resignations. (Article III, Section 5. A)

The membership committee has no recommendations for Suspensions. (Article III, Section 5. B)

Untitled

2015 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge
GYA Race Management Committee Meeting

Topic: 2014 GYA Lightning Championship

It is the opinion of GYA Race Management Committee that the

2014 GYA Lightning Championship was not proerply noticed per RRS Appendix J1.1(1).
No complaints were received by the GYA Race Management Committee per GYA Regulations
for Sanctioned Events 19.2(e).

Chair: Clinton Edwards
Vice Chair: Randy wainwright

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RACING RULES COMMITTEE Semi-Annual Meeting Report

September 5, 2015

1. Several areas of the GYA Regs will need to be reviewed and updated if we remain with the Lipton 8-race or similar format.
2. There will be a house-cleaning proposal presented at the Winter Meeting to delete the last sentence of GYA Reg PART 1, Section D-10 "*This changes RRS 1.2.*" RRS Rule 86.1(b) prohibits changing the racing rules of RRS PART 1, which the above referenced sentence incorrectly does.
3. There will be a review of the Regs pertaining to the Dane Masters event with respect to entry fees. Historically entry fees were not charged to participants in this event, but this was not the case in the last two.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.

Commodore Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.
Chairman

Committee Members:

Commodore Ken Kleinschrodt
Commodore John Matthews
Commodore Judy Reeves

Report of the GYA Trophy Committee
Semi-Annual Meeting
Bay Waveland Yacht Club
September 5, 2015

The following items were reviewed by the Trophy Committee. Recommendations are included where appropriate.

1. A review of the paragraph 43 of Section J – Sanctioned One-Design Events revealed that this paragraph incorrectly refers to the event as the GYA MASTERS REGATTA FOR THE COMMODORE JOHN DANE MEMORIAL TROPHY. According to the engraving on the trophy it is the COMMODORE JOHN DANE TROPHY. Therefore, it is recommended that the title be changed to correctly identify the event.
2. In addition, paragraph 43.7 of same section states: The winning skipper's club shall be awarded the **Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy**. The Deed of Gift for this trophy clearly states that the trophy is to be **awarded to the winning skippers and crews**. Therefore, it is recommended that this paragraph be corrected to reflect the appropriate changes.
3. The Trophy Committee is going to standardize the marker plaques awarded to the First Place, Second Place and Third Place teams of the Junior Lipton Challenge. Camellia Trophy Shop in Mobile will continue to be the repository of all Junior Lipton Challenge annual marker awards.
4. It has been reported to the Trophy Committee that the Knost Champion Banner awarded to the winner of the Knost Ladies Championship is in need of repair or replacement. The Trophy Committee authorized the expenditure of funds to either repair or replace the banner after inspection by Dave Bolyard, Sail Maker.
5. The issue of correct spelling of team skippers and crews is a major problem when engraving GYA trophies and marker awards. An announcement will be made to the Board of Directors underscoring the need to have all registration forms, crew lists, and other related documents correctly and accurately identify all participating members of the team to include their proper suffix, i.e., Jr or III.
6. The Trophy Committee unanimously agreed that the awarding of the GYA Lightning Championship Award for the year 2014 would not be in accordance with the GYA Regulations para 3.3(a) 3.5 since the NOR did not properly identify the event and therefore the event as conducted was not in compliance with the GYA Regulations. It is recommended that no award be given for the year 2014.

Submitted by:

John H Matthews
Chair, GYA Trophy Committee

**GYA Championships Committee
September 5, 2015**

The Committee did not meet at this GYA Meeting.

The Committee has kept up with the U S Sailing Championships Calendar during the year. The GYA sailors who have participated in the championships held to date have been identified, and a list has been circulated among the committee members.

Upcoming list of championships and competitors:

**U S Adult Championship, October 9 - 12, Manhattan YC, Jersey City, New Jersey
Benz Faget (SYC), Randall Richmond (SYC), Devon Sweeney (NOYC) U S Offshore
Championship, September 24 - 27, U S Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
SYC Team Norman Vallette, Jr., Burt Benrud, Andrew Eyring, Larry Frost, Matthew
Knoll, Michael Levert, Patrick Ryan Championship of Champions in VX One, October 8 -
11, Gulfport YC**

**Applicants: Shelly Caplan (BWYC) for Flying Scot Ladies NAC; Andrew Eagan
(BWYC) for Flying Scot NAC; John Dane III (PCYC)**

**Looking at the 2016 calendar, BWYC will host the U S Junior Women's Doublehanded
Championship. There are a number of opportunities to host championship in 2016 and in
the future.**

**Sailors representing the GYA in other championships (Class, NAs) may be recognized at
the GYA Awards Banquet in January.
Please send those names and the events to any member of the Championship Committee
or to championships @gya.org.**

**Presentation of the Area D Adams Trophy / Plaque to Amy Kleinschrodt and crew for
representing Area D in the 2011 Adams Cup, at Lake Norman Yacht Club, NC.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Reisch
Chair**

Gulf Yachting Association Foundation Report

5 September 2015

The GYA Board of Directors selected the Viper 640 as the new boat to replace the Flying Scot as the Capdevielle boat for interclub racing beginning in 2018. The turnkey price of the new boat is estimated to be approximately \$33,500.

After much discussion, the GYA Foundation wishes to help GYA member clubs in the purchase of these new boats by accepting tax deductible contributions from GYA members, other individuals and businesses and then making grants back to the clubs. We have also looked at the possibilities of making loans to clubs but our endowment is not sufficient to underwrite this. Further, we have looked at purchasing boats and leasing them back to the clubs but don't have the financial resources for this either.

Because our plan would require very careful documentation of donations and must meet IRS guidelines for our 501(c) 3 to provide letters to donors validating the tax deductible nature of the contributions, we feel that we should charge a small processing fee of 2.5 percent to help cover the administrative costs involved. If donors would write a check to the Foundation instead of using a credit card, the net amount to the GYA clubs would essentially be the same.

Members wishing to make a tax deductible donation should make their checks out to **GYA FOUNDATION**

Michael J. Bauer-Treasurer

1634 Marina Drive

Slidell, LA

70458

Please include the name of your yacht club in your correspondence.

Tod Holman—President—GYA Foundation

GYA PHRF RATING COMMITTEE REPORT, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 497, which is a 3% decrease from the 512 certificates reported at the May 2 board meeting. This decrease is attributed to the lack of renewals during the summer months. Hopefully the renewals will pick up as the weather gets cooler.

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "GYA.ORG"

Each Area Handicapper serves on the PHRF committee for 5 years. We rotate one change per year. December 31, 2015 is the last year for Karl Boehm, who is the AREA Handicapper for the Louisiana North Shore area. Karl has been an excellent Area Handicapper for the Louisiana North Shore and the GYA as a whole. After receiving recommendations from the Commodores of Area yacht clubs and other interested sailors, I was pleased to recommend Lee Eikel from Pontchartrain Yacht Club as Karl's replacement. Lee has been a very active sailor in the GYA, has owned and raced displacement and sport type boats and crewed on many others. Sam Vasques (GYC), Chairman of the GYA Offshore Council, has made the appointment official and Lee will officially take over on January 1, 2016.

Timely submittal of race results at gya.phrf@gmail.com (or regular mail) insures that skippers from your Club will have their race results data reviewed by the PHRF Committee at our Annual review in December. Boats that have no current year race data recorded will not receive the same level of review as boats with recorded race data. Submittal of results this year are way behind previous years submittals. I encourage all commodores to have their race committees submit regatta results in a timely manner. Large submittals at the end of the year may not be input in time for the PHRF Annual Review which is scheduled for December 8, 2015.

The PHRF Mailing list on excel spread sheets or Gum Labels are frequently requested by Clubs putting on regattas. This is a free service and is provided immediately, when requested. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail (gya.phrf@gmail.com), or phone (228-769-6718 – leave a message).

GYA Club	Abbreviations Used	Viper640	VXOne	Absent	Abstain
Apalachee Bay	ABYC			X	
Bay-Waveland	BWYC		X		
Biloxi	BYC		X		
Birmingham Sailing	BSC		X		
Buccaneer	BucYC		X		
Cypremort	CYC	X			
Fairhope	FYC		X		
Fort Walton	FWYC	X			
Grand Maumelle Sailing	GMSC	X			
Grand Lagoon	GLYC		X		
Gulfport	GYC		X		
Houston	HYC	X			
Jackson	JYC		X		
Lake Arthur	LAYC				X
Lake Forest	LFYC			X	
Long Beach	LBYC	X			
Mobile	MYC		X		
Navy	NYC	X			
New Orleans	NOYC		X		
Ocean Springs	OSYC	X			
Pass Christian	PCYC	X			
Pelican	PeYC	X			
Pensacola	PYC	X			
Pensacola Beach	PBYC	X			
Point	PointYC				X
Pontchartrain	PontYC		X		
Sarasota Sailing Squardron	SSS	X			
St. Andrews Bay	StABYC	X			
Singing River	SRYC		X		
Southern	SYC	X			
South Shore	SSYC				X
St. Petersburg	SPYC			X	
Tammany	TYC		X		
Totals		14	13	3	3