



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting
January 14, 2018
Southern Yacht Club**

Call to Order – 1030 hours by Commodore Michael Hage

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Michael Hage, Vice Commodore, Chris Luppens, Rear Commodore, Shan Kirk, Immediate-Past Commodore Catherine Cromartie, and Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt.

Roll Call – 21 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, HYC, JYC, LWYC, LBYC, MYC, NYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PontYC, StABYC, SYC, TYC, and TCYC, a quorum was met.

SYC Commodore, Guy Brierre led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Past Commodore Janet Miller-Schmidt led us in a prayer. Commodore Hage recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

Introduction of all the Ex-Com members & other members as listed above.

Conduct of the Meeting – PC Cathy Cromartie- We honor Robert’s Rule of order. Anyone may make a motion, take part in discussion once recognized. Seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes, comments to three minutes. No one may speak until recognized by the chair.

GYA Past Commodores Recognized: John Matthews (PYC/NYC), Henry G. “Harry” Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr. (SYC), John B. Morrow (GYC/St.ABYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), David Bolyard (PontYC, NOYC, TYC, GYC, PCYC), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), George Goodall (FWYC), and Catherine “Cathy” Cromartie (FYC).

Introduction of Special Guest – Commodore Hage recognized Buttons Padin, Viper 640 Class Administrator, Dan Tucker, Vice President, Rondar North American Marketing and Sales, Jack Gierhart, Chief Executive of U S Sailing & Bruce Burton, President of US Sailing

Welcome: Commodore Guy Brierre (SYC) welcomed the GYA to Southern Yacht Club (SYC). He thanked all for coming and is humbled by the stewardship. He has been a member of SYC for 33 years, is also a current member of Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, a past member of Pass Christian and Buccaneer Yacht Clubs and was the Junior Commodore of Singing River Yacht Club 43 years ago. He thanked everyone for their service to the Gulf Yachting Association. SYC will celebrate its 170th year and the 300th birthday of New Orleans this year. He encouraged all to visit and to please contact him if he can provide any further assistance.

Minutes – Zack Fanberg (BWYC) made a motion, second by Josh Murray (MYC) to waive the reading of the minutes, unanimously approved. PC John Matthews (NYC) made a motion, seconded by Josh Murray (MYC) to accept the minutes as presented, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Jennifer Schmidt reported as of December 31, 2017 \$11,250.07, Invest I (Trophy) \$13,786.86, and Invest II (GYA) account \$17,346.08, Total of all accounts \$42,383.09. Per 2016 motion, any funds over \$5000 in checking account to be transferred to investment account. \$6,250.00 is the overage for 2017 and will be transferred to the GYA and Trophy investment accounts. During the executive committee meeting the 2016 motion was amended to divide the overage between both GYA and Trophy investment accounts.

Executive Committee – Commodore Hage reported that the Ex-Com will make a request to the GYA Foundation to cover Area D Entry Fee reimbursements. The John C. Curren Trophy will continue to be insured through the GYA self-insurance account. The Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Archived results, in the possession of Harry Chapman, will be given to Gary Rogers to have scanned and to be placed in the GYA Archives. No Original archived documents will be allowed to leave the library at the University of West Florida. A standard Sir Thomas Lipton Results form, to be submitted by PC Harry Chapman to the GYA secretary, will be used for scoring results of the annual event for historical purposes. A request will be made to the trophy committee to amend the perpetual trophy accountability forms to include information that states where to have the trophy engraved, how it should be engraved (font, style etc) and where to return after year. A request will be submitted to the historian advisory committee to research the original GYA burgee and to define the dimensions, style, and font. The Executive Committee will make a request to have the Ad Hoc Safety Committee turned into a standing committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Scheduling – Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright reported they were able to edit some smaller events off the schedule. There are still issues with getting individual club scheduling information back. Randy asked Commodores to please communicate with their club GYA Coordinators and Secretaries to insure this scheduling link has been received and offered her service to assist with the usage with getting each clubs regattas posted online. The online link is a great asset to the GYA and we strongly encourage all to use it, it will help promote each clubs event and for historical purposes. Event information will not be included in the “GYA News” e-mails unless the information is posted to the GYA Website Scheduling page. Remember that once you post results on the GYA website, it will automatically be distributed to all parties required to be notified. **John Matthews (NYC) motioned, second by Josh Murray (MYC) to approve the schedule as it currently stands (on-line), unanimously approved.** (See full report online)

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. reported the committee had two matters for 2017. The first appeal from the Jr. Lipton’s, which ruled the final race to stand and that redress should be given and for all boats to have been scored in order they had finished. The second appeal from the Bikini Regatta, where a competitor asked for boats who finished incorrectly to be scored as DNF. The appeal was denied because the boats were notified via radio that they had finished properly. (See full report online)

By-Laws Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy presented the following By-Law Change, which was proposed by Karen Reisch as follows: *Article VIII, Section 12, Paragraph A: USSA Championships Committee, Composition. The committee shall be composed of up to 10 members consisting of a Chairman, the GYA USSA delegate, and the GYA Youth Committee Chairman, and up to 7 additional members appointed by the Commodore. Each of the states having general member clubs in the GYA shall have at least one representative. The Chairman, the GYA USSA delegate and the GYA Youth Committee Chairman may also serve as representatives of their respective states. If there is no representative available, a state may be unrepresented until a representative is available upon recommendation by the Chairman and approval of the Commodore.* **Basil Kennedy (BWYC) made motion to accept, seconded by John Morrow (StABYC), unanimously approved.** No other business reported.

Capdevielle Committee - Gary Rogers reported that all 12 capdevielle events that were scheduled were completed, results may be found on the GYA website. Participation is up, with the addition of the sport-boat class, for 2017. He reminded the host and regatta organizers for the 2018 events of the regulation changes made in May 2017 to Appendix H that set a new format for the challenger series, it will be posted online (it is now association wide and no longer state by state). Ineligible clubs for the challenger series for 2018 are PCYC, GYC, FWYC, BucYC, NOYC, SYC and MYC. He requested the following clubs to submit their appointee to serve on the Capdevielle committee for 2018: BucYC, BWYC, FWYC, FYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, MYC, NOYC, PCYC, PontYC and StABYC. This committee will meet in May at the opening regatta. **Gary Rogers motioned, seconded by Zack Fanberg (BWYC) for one time only, to allow the 2018 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge to be a two day event, unanimously approved.** Gary reported that the committee would like to withdraw two proposals that were sent out with the Notice of Meeting: 17 Series Eligibility and 18.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events (f). **Zack Fanberg (BWYC) motioned, seconded by Josh Murray (MYC), to approve proposed regulation changes 15.2 Series Winner Selection and 15.3 Championship Eligibility as proposed, unanimously approved.**

15.2 *Series Winner Selection*

- (a) *Scoring. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System, as described in Appendix B, shall be used to score the annual series. Each competing club's score shall be the highest score calculated from the club's eight best Capdevielle Series Regattas in the calendar year. For the purpose of this regulation, "eight best" is defined as the eight regattas that, when combined, produce the highest score for the club being scored.*

15.3 *Championship Eligibility. To qualify for Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible clubs (17) shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year*

John Matthews (NYC) motioned, seconded by Josh Murray (MYC), to approve changes to regulation 18.1 as amended, (shall only be in effect for the 2018 and 2019 calendar years); 18 for, 3 abstain, approved.

18.1 *Competing in Capdevielle Events*

- (a) *Equipment. Clubs that own at least one Capdevielle Interclub Boat shall compete in one of its own Capdevielle Interclub Boats unless the club qualifies for an exception as provided by Regulation 18.1(b)(i).*
- (b) *Exceptions to Equipment*
- (i) *Loss or Damage Exception. In the event that a club does not have a club-owned Capdevielle Interclub Boat in racing condition because of total loss or excessive damage the club may apply to the EXCOM (Lipton Cup), or to the host club race committee (all other events) to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner.*
- (ii) *General Exception. A club that does not own a Capdevielle Interclub Boat may apply to the EXCOM to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner. Approval shall apply only in the Capdevielle Point Year in which application was made and only be valid for the club/boat combination stated in the application. A club desiring to charter a different boat within the same point year must re-apply. (This General Exception shall only be in effect for the calendar years 2018 and 2019.)*

John Matthews (NYC) motioned, seconded by Josh Murray (MYC), to approved changes to regulation 29.1 Sails (b) as proposed, unanimously approved.

29.1 *Sails*

- (b) *Sail Ownership. All sails shall be club-owned, unless the boat is chartered.*

Judges – Chris Luppens reported that the GYA Foundation is subsidizing several U S Sailing race management and judge courses in the next few weeks at SYC and PYC, he encouraged as many to attend as possible.

Membership Committee – Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. – No report.

Race Management – George Hero reported the committee is Randy Wainwright, Scott Hartwell, William Zehner, Johnny Buziak, Chris Friend, Gary Rogers and John Morrow. He encouraged all to come and send club members to upcoming race management training seminars. George thanked GYA Foundation for subsidizing the classes. Committee will be making amendments to the race management deed of gift. Committee is working on plans to possibly standardize the NOR's and Sailing Instruction's for GYA Sanctioned events.

Racing Regulations – Vice Commodore Chris Luppens reported that this committee along with Capdeville, and one design have been working together to update and clean up the GYA regulations. Copies of the changes are up front for anyone interested in reviewing, the document is also posted to the GYA website under the "documents tab". Please submit any questions to Boo Heausler or Chris Luppens, committee will be presenting at the GYA annual meeting hosted at Mobile Yacht Club in May.

Sail Measurement Committee – Claude H. Dannemann, Jr. - No report.

Trophy Committee – John Matthews reported that the Curren trophy is insured and it will permanently reside at Buccaneer Yacht Club. Committee is working on new accountability forms to be distributed as soon as possible. The 2017 Trophy inventory has been presented to the secretary. John reminded all that the trophy committee does not create trophies, define or produce, committee on takes care of the trophies. *(Inventory report online)*

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch reported that committee is comprised of Clinton Edwards (BWYC), Benz Faget, (NOYC) John Farris (FWYC), Holly Murray (FYC), Elizabeth McGriff (FYC), Christy Welch (LBYC) and Chris Luppens (MYC). A Texas representative will be added. Karen announced the new junior chairs are Laura and Patrick Burns and GYA US Sailing Representative is Holly Murray. The awards banquet had 90 attendees. Upcoming championships: FWYC is hosting multihulls and Youth worlds will be in Corpus Christi.

U. S. Sailing- PC Commodore Cathy Cromartie reported on behalf of Pete O'Neal. Thank you to Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright, Elizabeth McGriff, Hal Smith (PRO), Chris Luppens (Judge) and Fairhope Yacht Club for hosting an excellent Chubb Championship event this past June. He reported it was a very well run event and made special note of the excellent communication by the event hosts to event participants, everyone was kept well informed.

Youth Committee – Laura & Patrick Burns reported their goal is to increase junior sailing. They are currently working on putting together a junior committee and junior board. US Sailing made commitments to provide assistance with growing the program and putting on a 1 or 2 Day clinic prior to Junior Lipton's or 420 championship.

GYA Foundation – Janet Miller-Schmidt reported on behalf of Bernard Moseby. Total assets to as of 12/31/2017 are \$182,438.34. The foundation received thirteen requests for grants, 12 were awarded, \$5,360.00. The board will move \$4,613.22 from an older fund into the general investment account. The foundation will provide up to \$3,000 toward race management and judges seminars. The silent auction from the awards banquet raised \$2,497.00. Applications can be found on the GYA website. Foundation is currently seeking a representative from Florida. *(full report online)*

Offshore Council – Scott Sonnier, No Report

PHRF – (See report online)

One-Design – Kevin Blank reminded club commodores that each club is supposed to appoint a one design council representative for their club. 2017 Circuit winners: Laser Radial, Ricky Welch (LBYC), Optimist, Emory Friend (SYC), 420, Michael Burns (PCYC) and Finn Michael Mark (BucYC). (See full report online)

Directory - Cheri Dillard announced 2018 will be her last year to serve as editor. Cheri encouraged all club representatives to be sure their replacements know the importance of submitting updated club information, with correct name spelling and emails to the editor in a timely manner. She also reminded all the importance of posting event results to the GYA website, not only for historical purposes, but for award ceremonies.

Unfinished Business and General Orders- None

New Business – PC John Morrow, nominating committee chair presented the 2018 slate of officers as follows: Commodore Chris Luppens (MYC), Vice Commodore Shan Kirk (SYC/PontYC), Rear Commodore Jimmy Ruthven (StABYC) and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt (SYC/MYC). **PC Janet Miller-Schmidt motioned, John Matthews (NYC) seconded, to approve the nominations as presented, unanimously approved.**

Closing Remarks/Announcements - Commodore Hage reminded committee chairs to turn in their written reports to the GYA Secretary/Treasurer. He thanked Guy Brierre (SYC), Regata al Sol, PYC and Isla Majues Yacht Club for hosting the bloody mary and mimosa bar. George Hero announced the Southern Sailing Foundation at New Orleans has grants available for sailors, a proposal can be send to this foundation c/o George Hero 913 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130. Tony Smythe made an inquiry to organizing a cruise on private boats from club to club within the GYA, a group to be formed to present at a later date. Harry Chapman, GYA Historian announced that this is the 100th year of the Fish Boat. He also reminded all of the Fish Boat Championship that will hosted at BucYC, he hopes all will enter a team to help celebrate this milestone. Cran Frasier announced that Lakewood Yacht Club and Storm Trysail will be hosting a safety at Sea Seminar April 14, 2018. PC Cathy Cromartie thanked Michael Hage for an outstanding year of service to the GYA and presented a framed GYA Burgee on behalf of the GYA. Michael turned the meeting over to Commodore Chris Luppens. Chris thanked everyone for their attendance, 21 clubs. He announced the opening regatta will be at Mobile Yacht Club May 5, 2018, and looks forward to seeing everyone then.

PC Corky Potts made motion to adjourn, seconded

Adjourned – 1209 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Schmidt

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