



**Gulf Yachting Association Annual
May 18, 2019
Southern Yacht Club**

Call to Order – 1031 hours by Commodore Shan Kirk

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Shan Kirk, Vice Commodore, Jimmy Ruthven, Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani.

Roll Call – 18 Clubs were present; ABYC, BWYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, JYC, LFYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCP, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PontYC, SABYC, SRYC and SYC, a quorum was met.

GYA Vice Commodore, Jimmy Ruthven led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Past Commodore John Matthews led us in a prayer. PC Matthews recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence: Hjalmar Edmund Breit III (SYC), Patricia Berthsalot Brinks (PontYC), Randolph Richmond, Jr. (SYC), Hilaire D. Lanaux, Sr. (SYC), Michael O. Provosty (SYC), Mrs. John Dane (SYC), Warren H. A. Backer (SYC), James J. Coleman, Jr. (SYC), Muriel Y. Taylor (SYC), Katherine Lehon (SYC), Hallam Ruark (SYC), Ann Anita Ponds (PontYC), Patricia Berthsalot Brinks (PontYC), Ronald E. Weidler, Sr. (PBYC) 1st Commodore for Club, Marcelle Mullen (wife of NYCP Past Commodore Claude Mullen), Ann Owczarczak (NYCP and PYC), Charles Henry Erickson Jr. – (Past Commodore NOYC / Corinthian Sailing Assoc.)

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

Conduct of the Meeting – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani reported that 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, discussion to three minutes. No one may speak until recognized by the chair and you may only speak twice on a motion.

GYA Past Commodores Recognized: 1982 Henry G. "Harry Chapman" (SYC/BWYC), 1985 Thomas D. "Tom" Beery (SRYC), 1992 Basil Kennedy (BWYC), 1994 Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr. (SYC), 1995 John B. Morrow (GYC/SABYC), 2001 Ken K. Kleinschrodt (BucYC), 2007 Thomas A. "Tom" Batty (MYC), 2010 David Bolyard (PontYC, NOYC, TYC, GYC, PCYC), 2011 John Matthews (PYC/NYCP), 2014 Ewell C. "Corky" Potts, 2016 Catherine "Cathy" Cromartie, and 2017 Michael Hage (GYC).

Welcome: Commodore Kirk acknowledged Regata al Sol for hosting the bloody mary & mimosa bar and introduced host club Commodore Guy P. Brierre (Southern YC). Commodore Brierre welcomed the GYA to Southern YC, please enjoy feel welcome to use all the facilities and enjoy yourself while here. Commodore Brierre announced that Southern YC and Pensacola YC are cohost for Regata al Sol, the event will be May 13-14, 2020, please encourage participation. Commodore Kirk thanked Chris Dabney, Commodore of Fairhope YC for hosting and all his help with holding an exceptional winter meeting this past January.

Minutes – PC Corky Potts made a motion, seconded PC by John Morrow to waive the reading of the minutes of January 13, 2019, and to accept, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Jennifer Schmidt reported account balances as of April 30, 2019: Checking: \$19,298.36, Invest I (Trophy) \$21,034.56, and Invest II (GYA) \$22,133.35, Total of all accounts \$62,466.37.

Executive Committee – Commodore Kirk reported that a request was made to consider not having two judges from same club to serve at same regatta. The updated assigned judges for championship events was approved as presented by GYA administrative judge. The nominating committee was approved as presented. The ex-com recommends approving the application of Davis Island YC as a general member club, and present to the Board of Directors for approval, "new business". Gulfport YC requested to move the Galloway Regatta to July 20-21 for 2019 only, due to a scheduling conflict, approved. The Ex-Com would like to request the racing rules regulations

committee re-evaluate Reg. 4.4 on reporting the recording of regatta results to include the trophy committee and regatta network. We are finding that Regatta Network's current format does not meet all the needs of the GYA by itself currently. Executive Committee to add to BOD agenda the "annual review" of the GYA Foundation assessment. This assessment, according to the 1992 minutes, is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

GYA Foundation –No Report

By-Laws Committee – No Report

Capdevielle Committee – Paul Klienschrodt reported that a committee meeting was held prior to today's meeting. SYC, PYC, JYC, PontYC, PCYC, FYC and BucYC representatives were present. A reminder was given to regatta host clubs about presenting a trophy for the top challenger division winner. NOYC Mardi Gras Regatta will be on probation for failure to meet minimum number of required boats. Update on St. Andrews Bay YC Candler Regatta, the club submitted a petition to waive the probation period for two (2) year's due to Hurricane from last fall and recommend Board to approve. PC Michael Hage made a motion, second by Commodore Guy Brierre to waive the probation for St. Andrews Bay YC for two years, 2019 & 2020, unanimously approved. Paul reminded clubs to use GYA Sail number's, it will be enforced this year. A recommendation given to host clubs to have open class vipers fly a flag to designate between Capdevielle division. Paul giving an update with some issues with Viper/Rondar that are currently being worked on to improve and/or resolve: Keels are arriving with keels too thin, masts are being delivered with parts in wrong position and failing mast tracks, SYC and NOYC delayed boat delivery, promised in May, looking more like June/July, decals for sails not arriving in time prevented a team from sailing in opening, Paul asked clubs to please show up to sail, please do not let a royalty sticker keep you off the water, it is not a GYA requirement. There is an issue with US stocking spare parts for the Vipers. Capdevielle is asking the GYA / GYA Foundation to investigate a way to stock spare parts to prevent long delay times with replacement parts. PC Dave Boylard stated that the GYA should investigate contacting the mast manufacturer to have three sets of masts, spreaders etc. on hand and recommended that this would be a great task for the Foundation to take on, it's what the organization is all about.

Racing Regulations – No report

Scheduling – PC Cathy Cromartie read report submitted by Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright. Congratulations to Commodore Kirk. She is aware of some issues with a few links for clubs with the scheduling page, please contact her immediately so any issues may be resolved. Please continue to use the links to promote sailing events.

Centennial Committee: (100th year) – PC Corky Potts thanked all the volunteers for serving on the committee, this committee has five (5) sub-committees. PC Potts ask PC Cromartie to report on the commemorative book. PC Cromartie reported she is still missing photos from some clubs, if no photo is presented, a burgee will be used, please old or new any photo. Book is coming along well, please submit any flying scot and viper class event photos, with people. PC Potts noted the finance committee is working to meet their goal of \$45,000 to make it a free weekend for all. Entertainment is planning some fabulous events and Opening Regatta committee has things moving along at St. Andrews Bay YC. Commodore Kirk reminder everyone if you have not ordered your book please see PC Cromartie, she has forms on hand, first person to pay get's a book.

Appeals – Vice Commodore Jimmy Ruthven read a report submitted by Dwight LeBlanc. One (1) appeal involving two J-80's who were both over the line and returned to the start, the GYA Appeals Committee affirmed the protest committee's decision that there were no rules broken.

Judges – No Report

Membership Committee – PC Kenny Kleinschrodt reported no resignation, no recommendations for suspensions. The Committee, PC Kenny Kleinschrodt, PC Jim O'Neal, Robin Rafferty, PC John Mathews, and PC Danny Killeen reviewed the application for Davis Island YC, deemed it to be completed with two letters of recommendation, St. Petersburg YC and Sarasota Sailing Squadron, and has submitted the to the GYA Secretary. The committee recommends acceptance as a general member of the GYA.

Race Management – George Hero reported that Class A and Class B in the Challenge Cup will be scored using the ORR-EZ system. If you have a challenge cup team that will be competing in class A or B, you need to apply today, this week, in order to receive your certificate in time due to applications requirements. Challenge Cup class C and D will continue to use PHRF certificates.

Sail Measurement Committee – NR

Trophy Committee – PC John Matthews reported the committee met today. A standardized engraving process has been established and instructions are included in all trophy cases. The committee is considering the refurbishment of the Lipton ½ model trophy, Karen Resich is working to achieve. The missing Jr. Lipton trophy case has not been located but, a new case is in the works from PCYC Commodore Frank Allen.

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch reported eliminations were held for the adult championship, it was the J22 Mid-winters hosted at FWYC, winner was Casey Lambert (LWYC), he will represent the GYA in finals in December in J-80's. There have been many juniors registered for the Jr. Women's Double and Single Handed Championship, registration is now closed. Committee asked the ex-com to review the policy on how sailors will be recognized at the annual awards banquet. Karen Introduced Chris Clement, Chairman of the Lord Phoenix Trophy. Event is sailed last weekend in September in Annapolis, there are 10 spots, 6 teams registered and no current entrants from GYA, he encouraged Commodores to apply to send a team, apps on table.

U. S. Sailing Representative- No Report

Youth Committee – Laura Burns reported that group met this morning. Current discussions on media feeds to keep everyone informed: group me, insta-gram and Facebook. The 420 circuit has been updated on the website. Group is working to increase participation at youth events.

Offshore Council – No Report

PHRF – PC Tom Beery reported 466 valid certificates, down from the previous year by about 35. He is reminding clubs to be sure boats racing in PHRF that the certificates are current. Committee has appointed William Zehern as the Florida Representative. Sam Vasquez will be rolling off for MS, Tom will be contacting all MS Club Commodores. He encourages club race committee's that race conditions need to be reported, this information is not currently being captured on Regatta Network and is crucial information to have with the PHRF system.

One-Design – Paul Rees reported they are working to improve race tracking, cost seems to be an issue but, committee is working to come up with a solution.

Area D – Jennifer Schmidt read report submitted by Sam Vasquez. Sears Cup Youth Qualifier will be held at James Island Yacht Club in South Carolina over the weekend of July 13-14, 2019. They will be sailed in supplied J/22's. There were a few issues at the Bemis and Smythe qualifier. Seems they changed the US Sailing supplied NOR to allow private coaching. Then, changed back a few days before. Some were not happy. The other is they let a sailor win that was not a member of a club of FSA or another YA in Area D. So, moral of the story: please have proper people in place and be aware of the responsibilities when you offer a US Sailing Event. Commodores please encourage your members to join US Sailing and use all the resources that they offer. All clubs should require all their paid sailing instructors to be at least Level 1 certified and their Race Officers a Club certification for insurance and liability reasons. Please be sure to stay up to date with all the latest new from US Sailing via their email blasts, Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

Unfinished Business and General Orders- None

New Business – PC John Matthews made a motion, second by PC David Bolyard to approve the application submitted by Davis Island Yacht Club to become a general member, unanimously approved. PC John Matthews read a deed of gift for the Commodore Walter G. Chamberlain Trophy. **PC John Matthews made a**

motion, second by PC Michael Hage to accept the Deed of Gift/Trophy for “The Commodore Walter G. Chamberlain”, unanimously approved. This trophy is to be awarded to the winning skipper of the first race at the Jr. Lipton’s. *(deed attached)* PC Basil Kennedy thanked everyone for their contributions to purchase the trophy. PC Michael Hage made a motion, seconded by John Morrow to not renew the GYA Foundation annual assessment for 2020 only but, if a club would like to make a voluntary donation they may – vote 9 in favor, 9 oppose, motion not carried. PC John Morrow made a motion to amend the original motion, seconded by PC Cathy Cromartie to permanently end the GYA Foundation assessment – vote 9 in favor, 9 oppose, motion not carried. PC Kenny Kleinschrodt presented Commodore Kirk with a donation to the GYA Foundation. **PC Michael Hage made a motion, second by PC John Matthews to approve a special rule for the 2019 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup: All clubs anticipating participation in the 2019 event are required to complete a challenge form approved by the executive committee. The forms may be sent by email, delivered in person or by other means and are expected to be received at least 12 days prior to the first race. The names of the team captains, skippers and crews may be modified in writing or submitted to the host club regatta desk up to One Hour prior to the start of the first race. Any modifications after this time must be approved by the Lipton judges. The team captain shall provide a list of the actual race skippers and crews to the regatta desk within one hour after the finish of the last race of each day, unanimously approved.**

Closing Remarks/Announcements - Commodore Kirk reminded everyone that this is the Centennial Celebration of the Fish Boat, he recognized PC Kenny Kleinschrodt as a boat owner. In 2018 the Jr. Lipton was the first all junior event ever sailed in the Viper’s. He reminded committee chairs to turn in their written reports to the GYA Secretary/Treasurer. Flag raising ceremony will be held as soon as weather permits, please meet under the club. He announced that the GYA Semi-Annual meeting will be hosted at Gulfport YC with the Lipton Cup Aug 31 – Sept 2, 2019. Thank you to all Commodores, you are what makes the GYA, we don’t want to be right, we want to get it right, you will hear that over and over this year!

PC Tom Batty made a motion to adjourn, seconded Commodore Guy Brierre.
Adjourned – 1152 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jennifer Schmidt
Approved: _____