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**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting
January 10, 2016
Fairhope Yacht Club**

Call to Order 10:28 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore George Goodall, Vice Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Rear Commodore, Michael Hage, Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan, and Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty

Roll Call -23 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPa, NOYC, OYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PTYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SYC, SSYC & TYC.

Vice Commodore, Catherine Cromartie led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan led us 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 - Alan C. McMillan, Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian duties of The Board of the GYA, which consists of the Executive Committee and the representatives from the general yacht clubs along with Past Commodores. The 33 seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes. No one may speak until recognized by the Chair. Reports will be given and only voted on at new business (13A-G).

GYA Past Commodores were recognized: David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC), John Matthews (PYC/NYC Pa) Jim O'Neal (LAYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Robert Mace FYC, Mike Johnson (FWYC/FYC), Pete O'Neal (BucYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Danny Killeen, Jr., (PCYC) John Morrow, (GYC), and Corky Potts (SYC)

Commodore Goodall introduced Buttons (Ed) Padin, Viper 640 Class Administrator, and Dan Tucker, Rondar Boats.

Commodore Gary Garner welcomed the GYA to Fairhope Yacht Club. Thanked all for coming.

Minutes – Commodore Matthews made a motion, which was seconded & approved to accept the 2015 Semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes as previously distributed

and corrected. Commodore Basil Kennedy motioned for a correction to the minutes, stating the correct wording of the previous motion was to “select the preference of the two boats.” The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Parliamentarian Alan McMillan asked Commodore John Matthews, maker of the original motion at the Semi-Annual Meeting, if the minutes accurately reflect the wording of his motion. Commodore Matthews responded in the affirmative. StABYC, PC, A.C. Littleton commented that the motion was clearly to select a new boat and that StABYC has acted on the result of the motion by purchasing 2 Vipers. Parliamentarian McMillan restated Commodore Kennedy’s motion to amend the minutes. A vote was taken; the motion did not carry. Following, the vote was taken on the main motion to approve the minutes as previously distributed and corrected. The motion carried

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer. Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of December 31, 2015, the balance in checking was \$8502.71, and the balance in savings account was \$15,955.18, including \$1.19 interest.

Executive Committee

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

Regulation changes and Curren trophy insurance

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. no report

By Laws Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy bylaw change. Bylaw on sail measurement available with minutes on the website.

Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop -Committee Chair reported meeting was very constructive on Saturday. Fifteen clubs were present and reviewed proposed regulation changes for the Viper 640. Additions in wording to the regulations were unanimously accepted by club representatives. Commodore Potts, III, reported on the sport boat series, that there will be 4 races in 2016 and 8 races will be in 2017. Dan Tucker (Rondar Boats) was available for pricing information. Commodore Potts, III, shared Commodore Kennedy’s competing proposal which was noticed to the membership and stated that the Boat Selection Committee was strongly opposed to same. Commodore Chapman needed clarification on whether these sport boat series would be Capdevielle; Kevin Northrop responded they would not. Capdevielle report available with minutes on the website.

Judges – Chris Luppens Last year we had 23 certified judges and we are down to only 18 judges. Presently, several have taken the judges test but have missed passing by only one or two questions. There will be a judge’s seminar on Feb 27 & 28, 2016, at SYC. Chris has certification to teach the one-day judge seminar and will do so at any time. Proposal for new business will be presented at the Opening. Chris read his proposal and this is placed on website.

Historian Commodore Chapman reported that all names have been corrected on 2015 Liptons. Past programs sent to UWF. There is a discovery of a deed of gift. The question of whether there is a policy for anyone removing documents from UWF. Commodore Chapman answered that there is no procedures for removal of documents in place by UWF, and if needed to be put in policy, should be done by Dean DeBolt at UWF. It is reported that only a copy should be allowed to be removed from the archive. Commodore Matthews reported that the Knost trophy deed of gift found is the soup tureen, which is not the perpetual deed of gift which is missing. Sam Vasquez asked why there is still a hold up on the age of competitors for the Knost because there isn't a deed of gift for the age request. Commodore Goodall asked Vice Commodore Cromartie to take care of this issue on the Knost.

Membership Committee – Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. has received one application for a new member in Seabrook, Texas, Lakewood Yacht Club. Also, there's a reading of resignation of South Shore Yacht Club by Past Club Commodore, Kort Hutchinson. Commodore Killeen, Jr., asked Commodore Hutchinson to remain until the end of the meeting for further discussion of South Shore's resignation.

Race Management – Randy Fitz-Wainwright reported for Clinton Edwards that Race Management had a short meeting. There were weather options discussed after Dauphin Island Race last year. Commodore Goodall believes that a standing safety committee will be added. Report available with minutes on the website.

Racing Rules – Commodore Larry Taggart gave a full report on the Boat Selection Committee's proposal which was distributed with the Notice of Meeting, December 8th, 2015. Comments on the Lipton temporary eight races, unless something changes, will go back to a four race format. There is a recommendation of Race Regulations name change. Commodore Bolyard asked for discussion on the eight versus four races of Lipton. Sam Vasquez reported that the eight race format for Lipton was not recommended when discussed at Capdevielle meeting. Discussion followed on a two-day format. Commodore Goodall needs a proposal at the Annual Board meeting. Larry's proposal will be the primary proposal discussed at the Capdevielle meeting.

Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann – Will get with Viper 640 class for measurement. Commodore Goodall will give contact information to Claude. It will be good to merge these procedures with the class.

Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright – The 2016 Racing Schedule has been updated. New online scheduling went very well and she thanked everyone for their patience in getting the new procedure implemented. She asked that club representatives hang on to the link for this schedule tool, which will help with changes. Randy explained the snapshot process with the two week window. Due to a scheduling issue, Opening will be May 21st, 2016 at Fairhope Yacht Club. Report available with minutes on the website.

Trophy Committee – John Matthews There was a large attendance at their trophy meeting. Committee is in the process of replacing Uncle Roy keeper plaques and the Race Management portholes. The portholes have become very expensive at \$80 per each. Annual inventory of all trophies have been accounted for and given to Janace Batty. There is concern about the Curren trophy, which is appraised at \$87,560, traveling. John Curren wants the trophy to reside at BucYC and for GYA to get insurance to cover the trophy. This issue of insuring the Curren trophy will be resolved by the Opening and trophy committee will present a final report. Full report available with minutes on the website.

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch presented a written report, Championship meeting was held yesterday and thanked all who attended. Chubb still has a ladder event for eliminations of the championships. Website will be updated by end of January, 2016. Karen invited 52 sailors who were recognized at the Awards Banquet the previous night. Approximately 30 awards were handed out at the banquet.

U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens, Asked Commodore Pete O'Neal to be the next U. S. Sailing representative after the February 2016 meeting. Report available with minutes on the website. Commodore Goodall will also be attending the meeting in San Diego, CA in February, 2016.

Youth Committee - Holly Murray

Tom Whitehurst gave report as Committee head. Their committee meeting was a very profitable discussion and they are looking to fill needed certified instructors for the clubs that don't have them. Committee is proposing an establishment of a Youth Development Team in the near future. Commodore Bolyard asked for a list of potential certified instructors. Commodore Goodall, as Regional Coordinator for U. S. Sailing, will have at least two sessions coming up early this year for sailing certification courses, usually a four day course. There is a promotion for high school sailing (shorter team race format) aside from the junior programs. Discussion followed about offering these certified instructors along the coast for all GYA clubs. An Instructors list is maintained by U. S. Sailing on the web.

Foundation – Tod Holman

Foundation met for their annual meeting, Treasurer Michael Bauer reported their balance is \$168,996.79. All members of the board were in attendance, including new member Bernard Moseby (AL representative) who was elected Vice President of Foundation. Committee approved up to \$1500 for a plaque for the Judge Emeritus. Funds for the plaque were received from donations in memory of Captain Pete Morrill. The Foundation received five requests for financial grants during 2015, totaling \$2781. The Silent Auction from the previous night raised \$2100. Full report available with the minutes on the website

Offshore Council – Sam Vasquez

Meeting went well with a light turn out of only fifteen. There was a proposal that all GYA sanctioned events must comply with ISAF, Special Regulation B to carry an anchor for

inshore racing. All boats sailing in GYA sanctioned events must check in prior to race with everyone on deck wearing PFDs. Challenge Cup will be in Gulfport for 2016 and in Pensacola for 2017. A lot of people want it to be held all of the time in Gulfport, being more centralized. Sam gave Commodore Tom Beery's report for PHRF. PHRF GYA certificates have increased 2%. GORC will be held at Biloxi in 2016 and Long Beach in 2017. St. Petersburg is interested in any of our clubs sending a feeder race in conjunction with their regatta. Full report available with the minutes on the website.

PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery

(see Offshore Council report) Full report available with the minutes on the website.

One-Design – Kevin Blank

16 clubs present in OD meeting. Gary Rogers came off the council to move to the Capdevielle Committee as Chair. A survey will be circulated before Feb. 1 to gain awareness of OD events. Secretary-Treasurer will send the survey link to all clubs. There is a push to assist and promote the Laser class. Full report available with the minutes on the website.

Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt

Commodore Goodall thanked Robbie for updating the website and congratulated him on his efforts.

Directory - Cheri Dillard Directory update needed. She requested help with updating personal information by using the link previously sent; asked all to insure information is current and correct. Requested that the names of winners of all regattas to be sent in to web master, secretary and to her. Discussion followed on accuracy of winner information sent. Full report available with the minutes on the website.

Unfinished Business-

None

New Business – Commodore Potts, III, reported on behalf of the BSC (Boat Selection Committee) & Excom. The BSC has been in place since 2011. 2015 implementation is achieved to enable the purchase and use of the new boats. If there is a desire to move the 2018 date of use of the new boats up, this can be accomplished with the Board's approval. Proposed regulation changes from suggested Race Rules and Regulations Committee received minor word changes from Capdevielle committee. All of the regulation changes from Larry Taggart (RRR) were included. Requirement of an anchor and to wear a life jacket while racing a Viper 640 in 2018 is accepted. Weight limits might need to be changed. Per Capdevielle, it was requested to add 390 pounds as a minimum weight. Sail numbers on spinnakers are not as practical because the use and design/use of the spinnaker, placing the numbers on the boats would work better. Implementation will be complete and done January 1, 2018. Commodore Potts, III, requests the Board of Director's approval of the changes to be effective January, 2018 and made the motion. Commodore Matthews seconded. Discussion followed. Commodore Goodall further explained his understanding of these changes. Commodore Larry Taggart asked that sails

be measured by the Class Measurer. Vice Commodore Cromartie advised Commodore Taggart that the Viper 640 Class Association does not have a class measurer. Commodore Goodall suggested that Commodore Taggart speak with Viper 640 Class Administrator Buttons Padin following the meeting. Following discussion, the Motion to accept the Regulation changes as proposed by the BSC was called and unanimously approved.

- A. Commodore Kennedy presents Excom bylaw change as noticed sixty days in advance of this meeting taking out the flying scot. Rear Commodore, Michael Hage read to clarify. This motion seconded and passes.
- B. Commodore Miller-Schmidt made motion to add the award of the Judge Emeritus and Chris Luppens seconded. The motion carried.
- C. Kevin Northrop proposed 2016 capdevielle schedule to be approved. Motion was made, second and passed.
- D. Commodore Taggart made clarification of entry fees for the masters, and naming of the trophy. Commodore Matthews seconded the motion carried. Two regulation clean-up proposals: All youth changes on regulation 1.2 John C. Lovell, to delete. Commodore Matthew seconded and the motion carried. Change from Racing Rules Committee to Racing Regulations Committee; bylaw to be voted on at the next meeting. Racing Rules Committee name also needs to be changed in the bylaws. Commodore Kennedy indicated that this must be done at our next board meeting for the notice requirement.
- E. Commodore Killeen, Jr. motioned that Racing Regulations review the Knost regulations. The motion was seconded and carried. Motion to approve membership application from Lakewood Yacht Club. Commodore Matthews seconded and the motion carried. Commodore Killeen, Jr. motioned that per Article III, Section 5 under suspensions and terminations, South Shore Yacht Club's general membership be suspended for (four) 4 years. The motion was seconded by Commodore Bolyard and carried.
- F. Commodore Kennedy has a proposal that GYA adopt a second paragraph under Regulation 16.2, which makes room for use of another boat such as the 420. There was a second from Commodore Killeen, Jr. Alan McMillan feels this is a bad motion because this rule doesn't limit 50% participation of the boat. John Dane, speaking on behalf of Pass Christian YC, would oppose this amendment. Commodore Goodall asked whether this topic is up for discussion. Motion opposed.
- G. Motion to deviate from Standard Schedule, moving the date of the GYA Opening Regatta to May 20-22, 2016. The motion was seconded and carried.
- H. Regulation B General Recommendations, ISAF Offshore for inshore racing it is proposed that all GYA sanctioned events must comply with ISAF, Special Regulation B to carry an anchor for inshore racing. This motion is made and seconded, 22 voted and approved. Discussion of all boats sailing in GYA sanctioned events must check in prior to race with everyone on deck wearing PFDs. This proposed regulation will be brought before Board at the Annual meeting.
- I. Nominating Committee Chair John Morrow presented the slate of new officers and motioned that the slate be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Secretary-Treasurer congratulated Commodore Goodall for his great job done and presented him with a framed award.

Adjourned 12:38 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janace Batty

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