



**Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting**  
**April 30, 2011**  
**Pensacola Yacht Club**

**Call To Order** 1000 hours

**Present:** Commodore John Matthews, Vice Commodore Pete O'Neal, Rear Commodore Danny Killeen, Secretary-Treasurer Janie Eshleman, Immediate Past Commodore David Bolyard, Parliamentarian Walter Chamberlain

**GYA Past Commodores** in attendance: Harry Chapman, John Morrow, Danny Killeen Sr., Mike Johnson, Jerry Ellis, Stewart "Tootie" Barnett, Ken Kleinschrodt, David Bolyard, Walter Chamberlain

**Roll Call** - 22 Clubs constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BSC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LFYC, LBYC, NYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SYC, SSSC, TYC

**Pledge of Allegiance** and Invocation were led by Vice Commodore Pete O'Neal. A moment of silent prayer was observed for Jack Dane (SYC), Mike Howell (NOYC), and Philip Kliebert (PONTYC).

**Welcome** - PYC Commodore Alan McMillan informed the assembly that the oldest living GYA Commodore, Alan Sheppard (1968) would be attending the evening reception, and all are invited.

**Minutes** of the 2011 Winter Meeting (FYC) were approved.

**Financial Report -**

- ▶ Balance in checking account is \$23,008.46; balance in savings account is \$24,933.32.
- ▶ The annual assessment to the General Member clubs, totalling \$2,575, was transferred to the GYA Foundation.

**Executive Committee Report -**

- ▶ The Area D Agreement change was approved by US Sailing.
- ▶ Regarding reciprocity issues, the GYA does not get involved in this. However, the problems associated with charging affects us all. Please consider offering this privilege during GYA- sanctioned events.
- ▶ Judges for all sanctioned events have been placed.
- ▶ Strategic Planning Committee recommends strengthening the GYA Coordinators to get them more involved and accessible. They will also be recognized and awarded certificates. Their role is critical to the GYA and takes some pressure off of the Commodores.
- ▶ Katie Triplett (April), Karen Reisch (April) and Bob Hodges (February) were all named "Sailor of the Week" by US Sailing.

### **Appeals Committee Report -**

Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. reported that there are two appeals pending for the first time in two years: Mardi Gras Regatta (Viper Class) windward/leeward issue (not decided as of this meeting), and Sunfish Midwinters-redress requested by a team that waited two days to file; redress was denied (rule 62). Boats came through the starting line as the finish line and were scored DNF.

### **Judges Committee Report-**

Chris Luppens was absent. All judges have been assigned for all sanctioned events.

### **Bylaws Committee Report -**

Walter Chamberlain had nothing to report.

### **US Sailing Report-**

Walter Chamberlain reported that feedback on the Yacht Club Symposium in Chicago has been very positive. USSA is finally taking steps in the direction of yacht clubs, thanks to USSA President Gary Jobson, who came up with the concept. Commodore Matthews commented that 384 individuals, representing 185 yacht clubs, were in attendance; he would like to plan GYA club symposiums.

### **Capdevielle Committee Report-**

▶ Carl Wainwright's complete report is attached.

▶ A motion was made to form a committee to study replacements for the Flying Scot, to be completed by 2014, to include sail makers and Capdevielle Committee members; the motion was seconded and passed.

▶ Commodore Matthews commented that the motion from the Winter Meeting to change the number of races is to be withdrawn and re-made at the Semi-Annual (Lipton) meeting, due to lack of notice and failure to send through the appropriate channels.

### **Championships Committee Report -**

Karen Reisch's complete report is attached.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Tony Chavers was absent. There are no current applications pending.

### **Race Management Committee Report -**

John Hage's report was presented by John Morrow and is attached.

### **Youth Committee Report -**

▶ Sam Vasquez will be going to Sears/Bemis/Smythe in Atlanta to coach and assist in rigging boats.

▶ More participation is needed in circuit events.

▶ A universal GYA mailing list has been suggested.

### **Offshore Council Report -**

Tom Batty's report was presented by Pete O'Neal and is attached.

### **PHRF Committee Report-**

Tom Beery was absent, but sent a report, which is attached.

### **One-Design Committee Report -**

Karl Kleinschrodt was absent.

### **Multihull Council Report-**

Mike Pedersen was absent. Multihulls will be participating this weekend.

### **GYA Foundation Report**

Sam Foreman's report is attached.

### **Trophy Committee Report -**

🚩 John Curren was presented the Trophy Book update by Bert Rice.

🚩 The Jean Taylor Trophy is complete.

🚩 The Ladies' PHRF Trophy was presented; Deed of Gift and list of winners to be provided by PBYC.

🚩 PCYC is in charge of researching three new trophies.

### **Racing Rules Committee Report-**

The Mylar template made by Commodore Bolyard for Flying Scot measurements has been approved for use.

### **Directory Committee Report -**

Cheri Dillard was absent; her report is attached,

### **Web Master/Scheduling Committee Report-**

Catherine Cromartie had nothing to report.

### **There was no old business.**

### **New Business -**

Kattack funding proposal (see 2011 Winter Meeting minutes)- a motion was made directing the GYA to contribute \$1,600 for this service (annually), with each club paying \$50 (annually); the motion was seconded and passed.

Commodore Alan McMillan received a call from George Brindle of Sailing World Magazine, informing him that he is responsible for NOOD regattas.

### **Closing Remarks -**

Commodore Matthews reminded the assembly of the Sundowner Ceremony at 1800 hours, followed by a reception at the home of Commodore & Mrs. McMillan.

### **Adjourned 1115**

Respectfully submitted by:  
GYA Secretary-Treasurer  
Janie Eshleman

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

### **(8) Attachments**

**Gulf Yachting Association**  
**Capdevielle Committee**

**April 11, 2011**

**Board of Directors**  
**Gulf Yachting Association**

Esteemed Board Members,

The Capdevielle Committee has begun investigating options for the replacement of the Flying Scot as GYA Capdevielle race boat and has generated much interest within the membership in this regard since the GYA Annual Meeting. At the Board of Directors meeting Sunday, it was requested that we present our request in writing rather than in just the minutes.

In an effort to expand available input and establish the broadest possible support for the eventual choice, we request that the Board offer each Member Club currently hosting a Capdevielle event a position on a selection committee to be formed for the purpose of expediting our investigation and eventual recommendation. Additionally, we request that the aforementioned committee offer to seat a representative from each of the various Sailmakers who have been associated with the GYA over the years. We submit that these representatives should include (but not be limited to):

- North Sails New Orleans
- Schurr Sails
- Gus Sails
- Ullman Sails
- Dabney Sails

The Capdevielle hosting clubs shall be given the option of choosing a single representative to be seated on the selection committee and hold the position for a period of one year corresponding with the date of the GYA General Membership meeting, with the determination of the representative being left to the discretion of the Member Club. The sailmaker representatives choice shall be left to the discretion of the individual businesses named and be limited to one representative per corporate brand.

Lastly, it is the request of the Capdevielle Committee that the Board members place a time limit of 3years or less for the implementation of the boat .

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carl Wainwright  
Capdevielle Committee Chairman

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GYA FOUNDATION REPORT

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Whitney Checking	\$ 14,501.16	
Coastal Bank & Trust	\$ 4,751.75	Hurricane Account
TD Ameritrade	<u>\$103,174.70</u>	
Total	\$122,427.61	

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TD Ameritrade 12-31-10	\$ 97,304.96
04-29-11	<u>\$103,174.70</u>
Growth	\$ 5,869.74 = 6%

Asset mix 65% Equities, 35% Fixed Income

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The GYA Foundation Board still needs a representative from Mississippi to replace Corky Hadden.

From: tom beery <beerytom@yahoo.com>  
Subject: **GYA Opening - PHRF report**  
Date: April 29, 2011 10:27:57 AM CDT  
To: Jane <skygoddess52@bellsouth.net>  
Cc: John Matthews <johnmatthews@cox.net>, Tom Batty <tom.batty@controlworx.net>, David Bolyard <gulfcoast@ullmansails.com>

Hi Jane,

I am sorry that I won't be able to make the GYA Opening this year as I have a conflict with the Daulphin Island Race which I am sailing on my boat Man-O-War. This is the first leg of moving my boat to Biloxi for the upcoming GORC then to Gulfport for the Challenge Cup and GYC to PYC race. It is unfortunate that the GYA Opening and DI race have fallen on the same day. I believe this is a first and, hopefully, last time this occurs.

My PHRF report is brief:

This year my committee has met twice; the Annual Review January 20th and the 1st Quarterly review March 16.

Mark Palermo has completed his 5 years as the Area Handicapper for the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain. He has been an excellent committee member representing not only his area but all GYA sailors. Karl Boehm, from Tammany Yacht Club has been appointed to replace Mark. Karl is a longtime sailor on many different boats in the GYA and I am looking forward to working with him on the committee.

James Green, the Area Handicapper for Alabama, will complete his 5 years on the committee this year. I will be in touch with all Commodores in Alabama as well as other interested sailors in selecting a replacement for James.

We have now passed the 500 boat threshold (505 boats as of April 25). It has been a slow recovery from prior hurricane Ivan/Katrina numbers that were 700-800 boats.

I request that all Commodores from clubs that are putting on PHRF racing events have their Race Committee Chairman/GYA coordinator, or anyone else (such as club manager) submit race results directly to me so I can enter them into the GYA Race Results program. These results, showing corrected times, gives the Area Handicappers a insignificant measure of a boats performance and speed potential for review at our quarterly meeting and Annual Review. It makes the system more equitable for all our sailors in the GYA if everyone would submit their results.

Contact me (telephone, e-mail) if you need x-cell spread sheets with skipper and boat data, gum labels for mailing, or whatever I can offer to support you and your regattas. Immediate response is the norm.

Our next meeting of the board is scheduled for May 18th, at Singing River Yacht Club. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM and is an open meeting. All who wish to attend are welcome. If anyone has anything to discuss, please contact me beforehand so I can add to the agenda.

Tom Beery  
Chairman, GYA PHRF Rating Committee

GYA Board of Directors  
April 30, 2011

RE: GYA Directory

I hope by now that the yacht clubs, commodores, GYA club coordinators, committee chairs and associate members have received their 2011 GYA Directory.

I had 3 directories returned to me - Rick Zern, Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. and the Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association. I gave them to Walter Chamberlain to bring to the meeting, so please ask him for yours. I would also appreciate anyone finding error to please email me the corrections.

I emailed the 2011 directory to Cathy Cromartie and asked her to put the directory on the website. Thank you Cathy.

Cheri Dillard  
GYA Directory Editor

## RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

### G.Y.A. OPENING REGATTA PYC

APRIL 30, 2011

The Race management Committee of the GYA promotes quality race management throughout the GYA. The committee accomplishes this through supporting US Sailing certification and education and training. In recognition of excellence in race management, the RMC presents the Race management Trophy to the winning Club annually at the GYA awards banquet in January. In order to be considered for this award, each Club must request that a qualified observer be present at the event and that they complete and deliver the application to the Chairman of the Race Management Committee, preferably electronically, no later than October 31 of the current year.

The RMC has recognized that there has been some inconsistency in some of the observers reports and is in the process of revising and standardizing the observer guidelines as well as designating members of the RMC and RMC associates "only" as qualified observers effectively immediately. Clubs interested in having their events considered for the RM Award should contact the Chairman of the RMC and request that an observer be present for their event. The host club will need to provide on water transportation for the observer.

The GYA Web Site Race Management section contains a wealth of information that you may find helpful to your Club. There are sample standard sailing instruction forms as well as the GYA Race Management Committee training manual that can be downloaded in both power point and PDF format for your use. Please feel free to utilize these sources as education tools for your membership.

The members of the Race management Committee are always available to assist individual Clubs on request to help on and off the water. Please call on us should you need assistance in training race committee personnel or need on the water support. The 2011 members of the Race management Committee are: Tommy Garner (FWYC), Hank Jordan (PointYC), George Hero (SYC), Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC), Chip MacMillan (NYC/PYC), Clinton Edwards (BWYC), Bud Thurman (GMSC), Jim Tichenor (HYC), Chris Clement (SYC), John Morrow (GYC). Associate members are reflected in the GYA Directory.

Thank you.

Michael G. Hage, Chairman

Race management Committee



**GYA Championships Committee**

**Report to the GYA Annual Meeting**

**Pensacola Yacht Club, Florida**

**April 30, 2011**



The Championships Committee did not meet at this GYA Meeting.

At the January 2011 GYA Mid-Winter Meeting, 58 sailors were recognized for their accomplishments and participation in the US SAILING Championships at the annual Awards Banquet.

Changes to the Area D Agreement were made in February 2011 to comply with the changes to the championships made by US SAILING in the last year. These changes affect the schedule and conduct of the Area D eliminations for the ladder championships.

Semi-Finals for the 2011 Area D events are on the US SAILING Championships calendar. Cathy Cromartie has been asked to put a link to this calendar from the GYA webpage, as the Area D website has not yet been updated. The other Area D YRA webpages also are not yet updated. Registration for all championships must be on Regatta Network, through the US SAILING website.

2011 National Finals to be held in Area D:  
U S Men's and Women's Sailing Championships to be held at Lake Norman YC, October 6 - 9, 2011 in Ultimate 20s and Flying Scots.  
U S Women's Match Racing Championship to be held at Southern Yacht Club, November 10 - 13, 2011, in J22s.

US SAILING has scheduled NO FRY FRIDAY on May 27.

In addition to the US SAILING Championships, a number of GYA sailors have other achievements:

Taylor Reiss and Matthew Whitehead, Panama City, FL, have been named to the ISAF Youth World Team, won the Youth World Qualifier in Houston in January, and will represent the US at the ISAF Youth World Championship in Croatia in July.

Mark LeBlanc, Southern Yacht Club, has been named to the 2011 US Sailing Paralympic Team AlphaGraphics sailing the 2.4mR (open one-person keelboat) and is currently in Hyeres, France, at the Semaine Olympique Francais, part of the World Cup Competition Series.

Dodge Rees, Pensacola Yacht Club, has been named to the 2011 U S SAILING Development Team.

Please notify anyone on the Championships Committee of any class champions or event winners from the GYA, so that we may congratulate and recognize them.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen Reisch**

**GYA Opening Regatta BOD Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Tom Batty Offshore Chairman**

*Tom's  
Report*

1. **The 2011 Offshore Executive Committee:**
  1. **Tom Batty Mobile Yacht Club Chairman**
  2. **Merlin Wilson Southern Yacht Club Secretary-**
  3. **Winfield Scott Biloxi Yacht Club - Treasurer**
  4. **Jim Foster Buccaneer Yacht Club**
  5. **Erik Schmitz Fairhope Yacht Club**
  6. **Alan McMillan Pensacola Yacht Club**
  7. **Bob Reedy Pontchartrain Yacht Club**
  
2. **There are five sanctioned Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Events each year:**
  - 1) **2011 GORC Hosted by Biloxi Yacht Club May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**
    - i. **Change format to include buoy, fixed mark & steeple chase courses.**
  - 2) **2011 Challenge Cup Hosted by Gulfport Yacht Club June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**
    - i. **2012 Will be hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club**
    - ii. **Considering the Challenge Cup on Lake Pontchartrain 2013 will be an agenda item at the 2012 Winter Meeting**
  - 3) **2011 Gulfport to Pensacola Race-June 24<sup>th</sup> 2011**
  - 4) **2011 GYA Women's PHRF Champion Hosted by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club in conjunction with the Race for the Roses Regatta July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.**
  - 5) **2011 West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit (WFORC) Hosted Pensacola Yacht Club three day event October 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Thomas A. Batty  
GYA Offshore Committee Chairman**

**Gulf Yachting Association**  
**Capdevielle Committee**

**April 28, 2011**

**Board of Directors**  
**Gulf Yachting Association**

Esteemed Board Members,

The issue regarding the Junior Lipton's and Knost has surfaced again and was discussed at the Winter Meeting. It is the consensus of the Capdevielle Committee not to suspend rule 28.4 of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events for 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carl Wainwright  
Capdevielle Committee Chairman