



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting
January 8, 2012
Biloxi Yacht Club**

Call to Order 1100 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore John Matthews, Vice Commodore Pete O'Neal, Rear Commodore Danny Killeen, Immediate Past Commodore David Bolyard, Secretary Treasurer Janie Eshleman, Past Commodore/Parliamentarian Walter Chamberlain.

Roll Call -24 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LCYC, LFYC, LBYC, MYC, NYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, POINTYC, PONTYC, SABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC, TYC.

Commodore Matthews led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The recently deceased were remembered with a moment of silence (list attached).

Conduct of the Meeting - Walter Chamberlain
3 minute limit on individual discussion; only club commodores can vote.

GYA Past Commodores were recognized: David Bolyard (PONTYC), Walter Chamberlain (BWYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Danny Killeen, Sr. (SYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Stewart "Tootie" Barnett (SYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Bill Dietrich (PONTYC), Kenny Kleinschrodt (BUCYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), John Morrow (SABYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Jim O'Neal (LAYC).

Financial Report- Balance in checking, \$9,955; balance in savings \$25,000. Complete net asset information will be reported upon completion of updated trophy inventory.

Minutes - A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the 2011 Semi-Annual meeting minutes as previously distributed and corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judges - Chris Luppens

There is only 1 application pending for a new judge. Area D is seriously lacking in judges and needs new applicants. Capt. Pete Morrill judged 22 events last year; this is too much for one person and cannot continue.



GYA Foundation -Chris Luppens for Sam Foreman

Report attached

Chris Luppens will be the 2012/13 President of the Foundation.

Bylaws & US Sailing Report - Commodore Walter Chamberlain

No report.

Capdevielle-Carl Wainwright

The committee recommended that motions be made on the following:

- ✚ -that the Rules Committee write a change that all Capdevielle events occurring in a calendar year be included in scoring, with the exception of the Race of Champions, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May. So moved/seconded/passed.
- ✚ -to have the Rules Committee re-write 15.3, to read that “to qualify for the Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible clubs shall compete in a minimum of 50% of Capdevielle events during any particular point year.” The current requirement is eight events. The motion was made/seconded/passed.
- ✚ -to have the Rules Committee re-write 19.2(b) to state that a minimum of 5 eligible clubs actually race, in addition to the host club's entry, for it to count. The current requirement only requires registration. Motion was made/seconded/passed.
- ✚ -to have the Rules Committee re-write the Junior Lipton to change from 3 to 6 races, using the same parameters, with 1 race constituting a series. Motion was made/seconded/passed.
- ✚ Motion was made for GYA to sail in a new interclub boat by calendar year 2018. The motion was seconded; discussion ensued. Commodore Reeves commented that five years between now and 2018 is too long for the F/S fleet to keep depreciating, but no criteria has been established for a potential replacement. She recommended that the Capdevielle Committee develop same to present in May. Other comments related to the 33 clubs having enough time to budget for the expense of a new boat. Commodore Taggart made a motion to amend the motion on the floor to add the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee with 5 or 6 members to explore the pros/cons of various boats, and to report to the Capdevielle Committee, including criteria, by 2012 Liptons. The motion was seconded. More discussion followed. Commodore Batty called for the question. A motion to stop debate was made/seconded/passed. A motion was made/seconded/passed to accept the amendment by Commodore Taggart to the original motion.
- ✚ The assembly voted on the original motion as amended, that a new club boat be sailed by the 2018 Liptons, and that an Ad Hoc Committee of 5 or 6 members be established to study the pros/cons of various boats, the results of which to be presented to the Capdevielle Committee at the 2012 Liptons. The motion passed, with 5 opposed.



Championships - Karen Reisch

- ✚ -57 sailors were recognized at the Awards Banquet this year.
- ✚ -2012 Mallory/Adams Championships have been cancelled and likely won't be reinstated. This decision by USSA will be investigated.
- ✚ -Per the Area D agreement, the GYA is charged with the Single-Handed Championships eliminations in Lasers/Laser Radials. Any club interested in hosting should refer to the USSA website for information. (www.ussailing.org)
- ✚ -Going Green initiative includes no plastic water bottles offshore.

- ✚ -Safety issues are being studied as a result of two deaths occurring during the Mackinac race, a lifejacket issue during Fastnet, and a 420 harness accident, resulting in a drowning. Multihull Council is investigating new safety vests that would allow swimming and have better hooks. Crotch straps will be required offshore, and life jackets must be worn in sails are reefed.

Membership - Tony Chavers

- ✚ -No new club applications; we have not lost any members.

Race Management - Michael Hage

- ✚ -Gulfport YC was awarded the award for Excellence in Race Management, for
- ✚ -Challenge Cup with PRO John Morrow. October 31 is the deadline for clubs to apply for this award.
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed, to have the Rules Committee to draft an amendment to the Regulations for Sanctioned Events, making it clear that the GYA is the Organizing Authority for the Junior Lipton Regatta and the Lipton Regatta, and present same to the Board of Directors for action at the 2012 Annual Meeting.
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed to request that the Board of Directors allow the Race Management Committee to provide a standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the Junior Liptons, and a standard Notice of Race for Liptons.

Offshore Council - Commodore Tom Batty

- Report attached

PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery

- ✚ -504 boats are registered, with 20 new classes last year for a net increase of 12 boats.
- ✚ -Tim Molony will be going off of the committee.
- ✚ -Clubs need to send in their race results after each regatta rather than all at once at year-end.

One-Design - Karl Kleinschrodt

-Report attached



Multihull Council - Mike Pedersen

-Report attached

Trophy Committee - Commodore Basil Kennedy

- ✚ -Report attached
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve a new banner with an affixed GYA burgee for the Galloway (Sunfish) Regatta.
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed change regulation 48.3 to include the addition of, and the approved, banner.

Racing Rules - Commodore Larry Taggart

-Nothing to report, but expect an extensive report at the Annual Meeting, which will encompass all of the motions made today.

Measurement - Claude Dannemann

-He is available anytime. Measurement for 2012 Liptons will be August 31 at PCYC, from 1000 to 1630hours.

Directory - Cheri Dillard

-The majority of clubs have not sent in updated information for the 2012 directory. The form will be added to the website. Committee member information is also needed from the committee chairs.

Schedule/Web- Catherine Cromartie

- ✚ More clubs are sending in event information ahead of time, which makes it much easier to finalize at the Winter Meeting.
- ✚ LBYC will switch Race Week to September 15-16 to allow PCYC to conduct a Lipton Warm-Up Regatta on August 25-26.
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed to accept the 2012 schedule as amended today. -The schedule will be available on the website - www.gya.org

Appeals - Commodore Walter Chamberlain for Dwight Leblanc, Jr.

-Walter reported on an appeal that went to US Sailing, which upheld the GYA's Appeals Committee decision.

Unfinished business - None

New Business -

- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the 2012 \$300 Fish Class stipend.
- ✚ -A motion was made/seconded/passed to approve the 2012 assessment of \$75 per General Member Club, and \$50 per Affiliate Club, for the benefit of the GYA Foundation.



- ✦ A motion was made/seconded/passed at 1253 hours to approve the 2012 Slate of Officers for the GYA

Executive Committee as follows:

For Commodore - Pete O'Neal (Buccaneer Yacht Club)

For Vice Commodore - Danny Killeen, Jr. (Pass Christian Yacht Club)

For Rear Commodore - Ewell "Corky" Potts III (Southern Yacht Club)

For Secretary-Treasurer - Janace Batty (Buccaneer Yacht Club)

- ✦ Immediate Past Commodore John Matthews will continue to serve on the Executive Committee for 2012.

Adjourned 1300 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Jane D. Eshleman
Secretary Treasurer**

Approved: _____

RACING RULES COMMITTEE

Winter Meeting Report

January 13, 2013

The following has transpired relative the responsibility of this committee since the most recent Semi-Annual Meeting

1. Based on the suggestion of Commodore Harry Chapman, the Committee recommends the following corrections to the Regs:

CORRECTONS TO THE GYA REGULATIONS

30 SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE

30.10 Perpetual Trophies

- (g) The club exhibiting most improved performance from the previous Liptons shall be awarded the **Tim Murray Memorial Trophy** The winning club shall:
- i Have participated in the last two Liptons
 - ii Have completed all races the previous year
 - iii Not have been disqualified or otherwise penalized from a race the previous year
 - iv Not have been in the top five the previous year.
 - v. Ties between clubs with the same overall improvement in position shall be broken in favor of the club showing the most improvement in overall position.

(The first change is to reflect the verbiage in the deed of gift; the others are for clarification)

31 JUNIOR LIPTON CHALLENGE

31.5 Perpetual Trophies

- (b) The skipper winning skipper winning the last race of the series shall be awarded the **Uncle Roy Trophy**.

(The skipper receives this trophy, not their YC)

2. The Committee was requested to review the following *new* items to be proposed by the GYA Youth Committee. The proposals are consistent with the Regs.

ADDITIONS TO THE GYA REGULATIONS PROPOSED BY THE GYA YOUTH COMMITTEE

52 GYA OPTIMIST CIRCUIT

52.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Optimist Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA Clubs (3) approved by the GYA Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting.
- (b) The Circuit shall consist of between 4 and 7 regattas.
- (c) The Host Club(s) Race Committee shall conduct the event(s).

(d) Entry fees may be charged.

52.2 Eligibility

(a) Entrants shall be members of GYA Clubs (3). There is no limit to the number of entries per GYA Club.

(b) Skippers must compete in at least four (4) circuit regattas.

52.3 Number of Races. The number of races in each regatta shall be set by the organizing authority.

52.4 Boats

(a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Optimist.

(b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Optimist Class Association rules.

52.5 Trophies

(a) The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.

(b) Keeper plaques shall be awarded at the GYA awards banquet to the overall winners.

(c) A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the GYA Optimist Circuit overall winner, the GYA Optimist Sailor of the Year Trophy.

52.6 Scoring

(a) The High Point Scoring system shall be used and each competitor shall count the best four (4) regattas for circuit scoring

(b) A non-circuit-eligible sailor's position in a circuit regatta will be included in the overall scoring of that regatta.

(c) Tie Breaking.

i. The first tie breaker will be in favor of the sailor who beat the other most in all of the circuit regattas in which both participated.

ii. The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the GYA Optimist Championship, if both sailed.

iii. The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the last circuit event in which both participated.

53 GYA OPTIMIST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

53.1 Host Club and Schedule

(a) The GYA Optimist Championship shall be sailed annually on a date and at GYA Clubs (3) approved by the GYA Board of Directors.

(b) The Host Club Race Committee shall conduct the event.

(c) Entry fees may be charged.

53.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA Clubs (3). There is no limit to the number of entries per GYA Club.

53.3 Number of Races. The number of races shall be set by the organizing authority. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

53.4 Boats

(a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Optimist.

(b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Optimist Class Association rules.

53.5 Trophies

(a) The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

(b) A perpetual trophy, the GYA Optimist Championship Trophy, shall be awarded to the winning skipper's club.

54 GYA CLUB 420 CIRCUIT

54.1 Host Club and Schedule

(a) The GYA Club 420 Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA Clubs (3) approved by the GYA Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting.

(b) The Circuit shall consist of between 4 and 7 regattas.

(c) The Host Club(s) Race Committee shall conduct the event(s).

(d) Entry fees may be charged.

54.2 Eligibility

(a) Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA Clubs (3). There is no limit to the number of entries per GYA Club.

(b) Skippers and crewmembers age requirements shall be the same as that of the Junior Lipton (31).

(c) Skippers must compete in at least four (4) circuit regattas.

54.3 Number of Races. The number of races in each regatta shall be set by the organizing authority.

54.4 Boats

(a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Club 420's.

(b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Club 420 Class Association rules.

54.5 Trophies

(a) The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.

(b) Keeper plaques shall be awarded at the GYA awards banquet to the overall winning skipper and crew.

(c) A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner, the GYA Club 420 Sailor of the Year Trophy.

54.6 Scoring

(a) The High Point Scoring system shall be used and each competitor shall count the best four (4) regattas for circuit scoring

(b) A non-circuit-eligible sailor's position in a circuit regatta will be included in the overall scoring of that regatta.

(c) Tie Breaking.

i. The first tie breaker will be in favor of the sailor who beat the other most in all of the circuit regattas in which both participated.

ii. The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the GYA Club 420 Championship, if both sailed.

iii. The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the last circuit event in which both participated.

3. The Committee did an initial review of the new RRS and did not note anything that would directly affect the Regs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.
Past GYA Commodore and Chairman