



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting  
May 3, 2014  
Southern Yacht Club**

**Call to Order** 10:04 hours

**Executive Committee** members present: Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Vice-Commodore George Goodall, Rear Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Immediate Past Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., and Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty

**Roll Call** -20 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC & TYC.

Rear Commodore Catherine Cromartie led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Commodore, George Goodall 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** – Commodore Ewell Potts recognized Alan C. McMillan as our new Parliamentarian, who stated that it was an honor to succeed Commodore Walter B. Chamberlain in this task. Walter wrote the book on the Parliamentary 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 club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes.

**Safety Initiative** – Alan McMillan reminded everyone of the Safety Initiative from Commodore Potts which went out by email where he asked the five committee councils, Offshore, Multihull, One Design, Capdevielle, and Youth. The Board of Directors were asked to identify specific needs in their communities and provide feedback which would allow the GYA to help everyone in this safety initiative.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized:** David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Danny Killeen, Sr. (SYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. (PCYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Tootie Barnett (SYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC),

Introduction by Commodore Merlin B. Wilson, MD, welcomed the GYA to Southern Yacht Club.

Commodore Potts thanked all the GYA Opening Regatta judges who are as follows, Chief Judge, Vice Commodore George Goodall, Chris Luppens, J. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr., and Wallace Paletou, alternate judges are Lloyd Causey and Karen Reisch.

**Minutes** –Tom Beery made a motion, which was seconded & passed, to approve the 2014 Winter Board of Directors Meeting minutes as previously distributed with one change addressing Michael Mark as General Counsel instead of Legal Counsel. Commodore Potts reminded everyone that there is an item to be ratified which is on the Agenda under New Business.

**Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer.** Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of April 30, 2014 the balance in checking was \$22,868.05 and the balance in savings account was \$15,952.79 with \$.39 interest. 2014 budget of \$18,805 was approved by Excom.

### **Executive Committee**

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

1. GYA quarterly newsletter by Jennifer Schmidt will be coming to the website soon;
2. A balanced budget;
3. Knost Regatta will be six races, and the necessary proposed regulations changed to reflect this adoption;
4. Electronic trophy book is available thanks to Chris Luppens
5. Master's patches awarded will be ones used prior to year 2000;
6. U.S. Olympic Committee has offered GYA clubs to us an invitation to host an event in June in recognition of the U.S. Olympics and special rewards included in sponsoring a day of sailing at your club;
7. Kattack equipment; looking at a better system that Mr. Sam Grant is working on to give us on the water tracking system; Kattack seemed to be cost prohibitive when renewing our membership last year;
8. Standard yacht club scoring through the website is another topic of discussion;
9. Various bylaw changes that Past Commodore Walter G. Chamberlain was working on prior to his unexpected passing that dealt with yacht club membership requirements; one of these topics specifically is whether the member clubs have to own a Flying Scot and if this should be a prerequisite. We are trying to promote sailing so what is the significance of this particular rule. Membership has been lost because of this factor. Flying Scots need to be kept and used by clubs, regardless of a new boat venture that will come into being by 2018; GYA member clubs have to be a U.S.Sailing member and Excom agreed that the clubs should be a member already of U.S.Sailing, which would just require wording change;

10. Excom is going through membership fees and reconsidering that there not be a fee for an associate to join as members. All members that want to join GYA as a member can be part of the distribution since the directory is on the website. If there is an Associate member that wants a printed directory, they may pay the \$20 fee for the copy. Cheri Dillard has done a fabulous job in putting this book together. In remembrance of Past Commodore Walter G. Chamberlain, Commodore Potts, and Excom dedicated the directory to Past Commodore Chamberlain.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.**

Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. handed out a 13-05 appeal of J30's involving two J30's in the 2012 North American Championship. Dwight explained the appeal by showing the attached diagram and explained how the Committee reached the decision to disqualify the yellow boat. A written report of this appeal is included in these minutes. Commodore David Bolyard thanked Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. for his efforts on this appeal which has taken an unusually long time to get to the final stage. In the future, if you have an appeal it will be necessary to have a computer diagram. Past Commodore Killeen, Sr. reminded everyone that there is a need for judges in the GYA.

**By Laws Committee** – Commodore Basil Kennedy has no report other than ratification already mentioned with respect to a prior proposed change lacking notice.

**Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop** - Committee Chair reported that there are a few items that the committee has initiated as “alternate format” addendum to the regulations. There have only been three Capdevielle regattas so far and congratulations to BWYC who has won all three.

Robbie Schmidt already has the standardized registration forms for using on-line registration, which will start at Spring Regatta. Report attached

### **Judges – Chris Luppens**

Commodore Potts apologized for not mentioning, in writing, the judges for this weekend. Please say a prayer for Capt. Pete Morrill, he's having some health issues. Need new judges for events and the Foundation will help pay for the most of the materials and certification work. We are losing two judges this year.

**U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens**, stated that Area D coordinator is not charging any dues this year for Area D. New coordinator Sarah Ashton will be coming in the end of this year. Chris attends all meetings on teleconference. U.S.Sailing is reviewing area D specifically and a written report is attached. Race Official testing is also being reviewed.

**Membership Committee** – Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. has no report as his membership information has been already covered.

**Race Management** - Chairman, Michael Hage not present. Standardized Lipton form with legible crew lists is being worked on for this year, presented by Randy Fitz-Wainwright.

**Racing Rules** – Commodore Larry Taggart helped update all regulations in directory with Cheri Dillard and on the website. Commodore Chapman has brought to our committee a small change in regard to the Master's event. Knost six race platform has been favorably accepted by clubs. Flying Scot class has moved to allow the use a VHF radio. The use of a VHF radio must be in the NOR and sailing instructions. If any club wants to use VHF contact Larry for proposed wording.

**Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann** - All is good with sail measurement and Claude and his measurers are in the directory. Commodore David Bolyard has a certified mylar set of Flying Scot patterns to measure sails at his sail loft.

**Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright** – The 2014 Racing Schedule has been updated. Local events do not require approval by the Board of Directors.

**Trophy Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy for Commodore John Matthews**

This is a very busy committee. Knost Trophy belongs to PCYC so any change has to go to them to change written recommendation. Dane trophy was also discussed and referred to the regulation committee. Ten year supply of Lipton plaques have been purchased and produced. If your club wants to get replacement plaques (BWYC has ordered 29), please let the Trophy Committee know. John Curren has the John Dane and Jack & Flo Scheib Service award trophies finished and updated. Commodore Kennedy acknowledges Chris Luppens for getting trophy book electronic as it is invaluable and thanked PC Harry Chapman for putting together so much of the information. UWF has proposed to place this electronic book at links edge to update. The Adams Cup hasn't been held the past several years, Arceneaux trophy is not being used; discussion proceeded on what to do with this trophy. Recommendation to leave this trophy in storage at SYC until such time we can determine what to do with it.

The Brooker Trophy is being considered to be used for the Mallory event. This change will require a modification of the deed of gift. Reviewing values of trophies and placing the insurance out for bids was offered at this meeting to any and all. Report will be provided.

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch**, presented a written report, which will be attached. U.S.Sailing website lists all event dates and whether they are a qualification or invitation event for 2014. Youth championship applications are closed for 2014. U.S.Sailing is in process of notification to Maddie Murray (only candidate from GYA) as a candidate for the Youth Championship at Lake Norman, Mooresville, NC. Sam Vasquez is the contact for eliminations for Area D Chubb Junior Championships in June 2014. Offshore Committee is looking for a location to hold their Women's Keelboat Championship. Some of the youth championships are being combined, as an example, single handed combined with laser nationals. Multihull is part of the youth championship

now. Karen Reisch also reported that U.S.Sailing Men & Women's Championship is in Ft. Worth, TX in J70s. Karen thanked everybody for their support in dealing with the Adams event issue. Trustees have presented to hold the trophy for the Adams to be held until it is decided what is to happen to the event. Karen has contacted the families of the Adams and Mallory's as to where their trophies should go. Karen will be happy to help them with their proposal.

### **Youth Committee - Vice Commodore George Goodall for Holly Murray**

U.S.Sailing is conducting a four day course for Level 1 Instructors at PontYC and FYC. PYC is holding a two day course for counselors over the age of 14. These courses can be found on U.S.Sailing under training. These are valuable courses where U.S.Sailing instructors come to teach how to instruct. Small boat sailing instructor courses only mentioned FYC & PontYC. Commodore of PYC asked for a counselor course in May.

### **Foundation – Chris Luppens for Michael Bauer**

Foundation did report all their monies and this was distributed to all earlier this year. Foundation still hopes to raise the reserves to \$200M. Presentation of the GYA \$2,725.00 check was made to Chris Luppens from Commodore Potts. Applause. Foundation is still sending money to sailing events and to help certify people.

### **Offshore Council – Alan McMillan**

Challenge Cup is the 4th weekend in June. Regulation 56.7 needs to be changed, referring to each boat shall have sailed 50 recorded miles. We haven't followed this regulation in the past two years. Need wording changed to "each boat or a boat of identical type and configuration must have sailed 50 miles in a GYA event". Report is included in these minutes for the regulations. Commodore Wilson made motion to approve this with a GYA base rating, Commodore Bolyard seconded this and the motion passed. 2015 Women's Championship hasn't been awarded yet. PBYC is sending out a letter to all Commodores asking who's interested in hosting 2015. Alan McMillan thanked Commodore Potts and Commodore Chapman for coming over to Commodore Alan Sheppard's funeral service in Pensacola.

### **PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery**

PHRF GYA certificates have increased by 19 boats up to 511 boats in system which is the largest PHRF has been since Katrina. Report to follow. Readily available is a list of boats for the challenge cup event in regard to the discussion of the 50 mile rule. In getting race results to Robbie Schmidt could include PHRF scoring as well. There are five committee members. This is Wes Stanley's last year to serve on committee for MS. Need recommendations for MS, as well as a replacement for his position as Chair. Commodore Beery offers to help getting anything out to the PHRF certificate holders and stresses importance of getting race results to them so as to compile accurate information.

### **One-Design – Ashley Sukalski**

Committee Chair Sukalski reported on the survey task force. Seventeen clubs were polled of which fifteen answered and were all supportive of the Knost six race platform. Also Ashley reported that an online registration program is being worked on. Several items

mentioned in this survey in the comment section, so an additional recommendation is to hold a forum the night before to address these issues. Commodore Judy Reeves asked who at BWYC was sent this survey? Bishop Stieffel was mentioned, Martha Hauseler and Mary were sent this form and Mary wrote a novel on her perspective and support.

### **Multihull Council –Bob Hodges**

No report

### **Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt**

Commodore Potts thanked Robbie for updating the website and congratulated him on his efforts. Thanked Jennifer Schmidt, who is going to do a GYA newsletter and for being our cheerleader.

**Directory - Cheri Dillard**, directories were passed out before Board meeting today and the directory is already on the website for your review.

Commodore Basil Kennedy reminded everyone that the one-hundredth anniversary for the GYA is coming very soon and we should plan a special event to celebrate. Commodore Potts suggested that Commodore Kennedy chair that special force.

### **New Business -**

Ratification with respect to perpetual trophies: motion was made by Commodore Killeen, Jr. and seconded by Commodore Janet Miller-Schmidt, motion passed.

### Part 1 – GENERAL REGULATIONS Section C – Event Management Subsection 4 NOTICES

Add: 4.5 Controlling Perpetual Trophies. Each GYA Sanctioned Event Host Club Race Committee Chair shall prepare two copies of the GYA Trophy Accountability Form pertaining to the special type of event being conducted for each GYA Perpetual Trophy being awarded. The Trophy Committee Chair shall insure forms are available for the GYA Perpetual Trophies awarded at the Winter Meeting. The forms shall be completed in a legible and complete manner as prescribed on the individual forms with one copy retained with the trophy and one copy given to the Trophy Committee Representative, if present, or sent to the Chair, GYA Trophy Committee within three days of the awarding of the trophy.

Dwight LeBlanc hopes that Commodore Killeen, Jr., will attempt to find clubs promoting one design sailing for new members. Commodore Killeen, Jr. hopes that a detailed database is generated to help with this project.

Commodore Potts will come up with a committee to propose a new boat for GYA intraclub competition at the Winter Meeting 2015. Commodore Killeen, Sr. asked for a plan of implementing this change. 2018 will be the year to come up with a mechanism to help this

change. Commodore Bolyard asked how this committee will be formed. Commodore Potts will get twelve to fourteen people to serve from all states on a special Ad Hoc Committee. Commodore Kennedy reminds everyone that there will need to be an amendment to the bylaws to implement the changes.

Commodore Kleinschrodt spoke about his trip to University of West Florida archives department. The Historian committee is acting now on how our records are being handled. Dean DeBolt heads this department at UWF and takes this business seriously. Our heritage is being preserved well.

Flag raising ceremony is at 12:30

Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Adjourned 11:37 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janace Batty  
Secretary Treasurer**

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