



**Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting
January 11, 2015
Biloxi Yacht Club**

Call to Order 10:43 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Vice-Commodore George Goodall, Rear Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Parliamentarian, Alan McMillan, and Secretary Treasurer Janace Batty

Roll Call -25 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BSC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, NOYC, OYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PTYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC, SSYC & TYC.

Rear 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.

GYA Past Commodores were recognized: David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC), Tootie Barnet (SYC), John Matthews (PYC) & Jim O'Neal (LAYC)

Commodore Potts introduced the GYA New Area D Coordinator, Edith Collins, U.S.Sailing

Commodore Tod Holman welcomed the GYA to Biloxi Christian Yacht Club. Thanked all for coming. Commodore Potts asked him to come forward and welcomed him to speak.

Minutes – Tom Batty made a motion, which was seconded & approved to accept the 2014 Semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes as previously distributed.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer. Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of December 31, 2014, the balance in checking was \$12,809.97 and the balance in savings account was \$15,953.99.

Executive Committee

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

- 1) Directory and website Cheri Dillard and Robbie Schmidt's asked please ask for cooperation getting updated information to Cheri. Please send it electronically. Hydrographic the word of the day
- 2) Trophy committee does a lot of work and keeps extremely busy. Excom decided on \$7500 funds to set aside for self-insurance. \$10,000 will be set aside within two years to cover our needs.
- 3) UWF (University of West Florida) John Matthews mentioned Dean DeBolt and that he will look up anything you need
- 4) New boat committee
- 5) U.S.Sailing new area D agreement and was approved and Edith Collins (GYA new area D representative) mentioned Chris Luppens was instrumental in getting this agreement done.
- 6) John Curren's proposal
- 7) Kevin Northrop issues with Capdevielle regarding JYC Gililand Regatta
- 8) Board of Director's agenda for today was approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.

Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.- thanked Chris Luppens, Captain Pete Morrill & Don Griglack on his committee. 2013 appeal showed diagram where two ladies racing in the Navy Cup filed. This appeal has not been sent to U.S.Sailing. Report available with minutes on the website.

By Laws Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy out ill no report other than the one bylaw change which will be under New Business.

Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop - Committee Chair reported meeting was very constructive and productive with Ben Faget, Tom Batty & Sam Vasquez. Work on making regulations more adaptable to use. Establish to administer a survey to go to their coordinators on why the clubs do not take part in GYA Capdevielle events. New boat will energize the Capdevielle system. Tom Batty will start a system to get more of the clubs in rotating regattas with race committee help. 2014 reduced schedule. Wording 2014 moving Schreik, Back to School recommend this schedule remain for 2015. Commodore Tom Batty made motion, seconded by Commodore John Matthews approved and passed. JYC Gililand regatta didn't meet Capdevielle status for 2014. JYC may redress and vote and then, be re-inserted into schedule. Report available with minutes on the website.

Membership Committee – Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. has not received any new members per Commodore Potts, although Danny isn't present.

Judges – Chris Luppens Lloyd Causey is a new judge. There are only two new candidates for judges only 15 active judges in our area. New judge program should be better and can be done online with a reduction in cost. Approximate cost of completing certified instructor course will be \$30. Chris Luppens will be a certified instructor shortly. Will teach where ever class is needed. Judges must test every two years or the two day seminar. Need more support make your judges more welcomed and comfortable at your events. Report available with minutes on the website.

U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens, stated Race Official testing is also being reviewed. Symposium is coming up instead of an annual meeting. Report available with minutes on the website.

Race Management - Chairman, Michael Hage not present Clinton Edwards was voted new Committee Head. Clinton gave a brief report on their meeting communication during events qualified observe program, Edith brought a safety training course. Standardizing race instructions is very important. FWYC will have a one day race seminar. ARO is George Hero. Report available with minutes on the website.

Racing Rules – Commodore Larry Taggart reviewed and draft rules change the name of the committee change (bylaw change). Appendix to regulations on team racing proposal for report attached. Proposal for more races for Liptons on a one-time basis have been presented.

Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann - All is good with sail measurement Claude introduced himself in May will be at opening regatta. No changes as of now for the Open Regatta.

Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright – The 2015 Racing Schedule has been updated. Local events do not require approval by the Board of Directors. Need for this information ahead of time report attached thanked her committee list per her report. Commodore Tom Batty made motion to accept the schedule and it was seconded and passed. Report available with minutes on the website.

Trophy Committee – John Matthews's annual inventory all trophies accounted for. Accountability forms need to be completed and taken care of. Commodore Tom Batty asked question about what happens to a trophy when recipient doesn't want to take it. Where the trophy is housed when not accepted is a good question. Commodore Matthews does not an answer of where the trophy should be housed, at this time. Accountability form has designated value on form. Report available with minutes on the website.

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch presented a written report, which will be available with the minutes on the website. She had low attendance for her meeting. Awarded 44 awards/trophies U.S.Sailing website lists all event dates and whether they are a qualified event. Karen's report is in newsletter added participation of all sailing programs and through the foundation .Sears Jr. Chubb to be held at JYC. Youth

championships are by resume and there's a deadline. Junior championship is also by resume. Sailor's scholarships. Adams will have a reunion Bay Head, NJ in October in conjunction with (NSHF) National Sailing Hall of Fame.

Youth Committee - Holly Murray

Nancy Fitzpatrick gave Holly's report. Very profitable discussion and they are looking to fill the board. The committee is updating their web page information about circuits. Vice Commodore George Goodall is regional GYA training coordinator. If you need help with summer sailing lessons please let George know. OSYC has one set 4 day course set, check the schedule. Get you or senior instructors qualified please.

Foundation – Tod Holman

Foundation met, treasurer report is a \$158,021.16 balance. Major actions are CPA Pactsea, was hired. The Foundation investment account was transferred. There was \$6,000 given out for racing during the 2014 year. The silent auction from last night brought in proceeds of \$2,245. Report available with the minutes on the website.

Offshore Council – Sam Vasquez

Meeting went well GORC low attendance will be conducted between BYC, GYC & PCYC. Gulfport to Pensacola was low also in attendance. There were new good ideas like staggered starts and motor boats could be included in the race. Challenge cup best attendance ever, decided there was a need of a gate on the leeward mark. Another idea was not to go as far out and one windward finish per day. Pensacola 2016 won't be holding it Women's PHRF. Pensacola won 2014. PCYC will hold it in 2015 and they are looking for bids to host in 2016. WFORC has pretty good participation and good wind. This is where the idea to add gate came in. PHRF Committee will hold 3 instead of 4 meetings per year. Bob Reedy, Chris Penny, Alan McMillan, Ben Faget are on the Offshore Council with Sam Vasquez as chair.

PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery

PHRF GYA certificates have 2009-2014 not growing but haven't decreased. Listing of boats in each club with rating bands and will be posted on website. Wes Stanley was replaced by Sam Vasquez for MS. 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. Certificates will come with dues in December for 2 years. Report available with the minutes on the website.

One-Design – Kevin Blank

16 clubs present in their meeting. Kevin introduced himself and the committee is looking for a Vice Chairman position. Major focus is on better communication on the circuits. Where there is lacking in leadership, committee will assist those clubs to get participation back up. If classes need help, please get in touch with Kevin. Report available with the minutes on the website.

Multihull Council

Email report attached from Bert Rice

Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt

Commodore Potts thanked Robbie for updating the website and congratulated him on his efforts. Robbie has added a lot of on line applications, directory updates, dues, emails, and newsletter. Robbie will work on scheduling on line library to link UWF and all documents.

Directory - Cheri Dillard, directory update needed. Help us with your personal information and be sure your email addresses are correct. Please update your information. Report available with the minutes on the website.

Unfinished Business-

- A. Proposed regulation change Sanctioned events, part 2 section. H Commodore Potts read the proposal and Commodore Batty made motion, John Matthews seconded and motion passed.

New Business –

- A. Proposed by EXCOM bylaw submitted in Dec 8th, 2014. Commodore Larry Taggart corrected A(1) to B(1) John Matthews moved to pass and Commodore Jim O'Neal seconded and motion passed.

Commodore Jim O'Neal discussed whether the flying scot should have been in along with the two new boat options as a review for the new Club Commodores and new member of the GYA. Discussion to support this invitation wasn't in favor of the sixteen member new boat committee. Commodore Harry Chapman commended Commodore Potts for giving this boat decision until Liptons for a vote. Demos will be conducted at the Open at FWYC. We hope to have a 20 boat fleet of both boats then at the Open Regatta. At Lipton Regatta a decision will be made. Commodore Heausler (BWYC) asked what will be expected for him to take to his board. Commodore explained that the decision to change boats was decided and voted on in 2011.

- B. John Matthews made motion and Commodore Barnett seconded motion for the Nominations of the 2015 by the Nominating Committee were accepted and passed. Available with the minutes on the website.
- C. Clinton Edwards presented a proposal to vote at the Open Regatta in May 2015, a one time trial to double number of races for Lipton's 2015.
- D. Sails for sustenance NOYC Commodore offered copies to all

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

Viper 640 and VXOne presentations forty minutes each

Adjourned 12:41 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janace Batty

Approved: _____

GYA APPEAL COMMITTEE

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INSERT 1

2104 Appeal #1- Revision 1

The key facts found by the Protest Committee which are not subject to Appeal per RR 70.1(a) are:

- Coyote was clear ahead at the zone, there was no overlap between Coyote and Shaman at that point.
- Coyote jibed to port somewhere between 1 and 3 boat lengths past the mark to sail her proper course and thereafter the boats became overlapped.
- Coyote gave room to Shaman to keep clear
- There was contact that resulted in significant damage

Based on these facts the Appeals Committee finds as follows:

1. Per RR 18.2 (b) if a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the zone the boat clear astern at that moment shall give her Mark-Room. Coyote was entitled to Mark-Room which by definition includes room to round the mark as necessary to sail the course.
2. Shaman had no right to go in between Coyote and the mark. By allowing Shaman to position herself between Coyote and the mark, Coyote did not give up any rights she was entitled to.
3. Shaman broke Rule 18.2 (b); the definition of Mark-Room; and 18.2(c)(2).
4. There was significant damage, but that fact does not automatically mean that RR 14 was broken. Since the facts indicate that Coyote kept clear and gave Shaman room to round the mark, the fact that Shaman did not attempt to promptly round the mark as would be reasonably expected by Coyote does not mean that Coyote broke Rule 14.
5. Coyote did not break RR 14 per the facts found.

15. A

The Executive Committee of the Gulf Yachting Association at their meeting on November 24, 2014, recommends that Article III Section 1, Paragraph A (1) be changed to eliminate the requirement of Flying Scot ownership as a condition of General Membership.

Capdevielle meeting report to GYA Board of Directors:

After discussing the attached attendance numbers, the Committee recommends that the 2014 Capdevielle schedule be continued for the 2015 series as outlined in the 2014 directory with the exception that the Gilliland hosted by JYC is removed from the schedule for not meeting the required number of regatta participants mandated in regulation 19.2.

The scoring language will be revised to reflect a minimum of 8 events as the required number for scoring purposes. While 50% or six regattas will be the required number of regattas for host clubs to maintain their host club eligibility.

To address attendance at non-championship events the following sub- committees were established

Established a committee to research and begin the process of simplification of the current Capdevielle regulations.

Established a committee to design and administer a survey of GYA clubs. Exploring why clubs do and do not attend events.

Established a committee to research the viability and implementation of a traveling event that would rotate around the GYA to non-host clubs.

Finally, the committee will to redefine and the challenger series.



Judges Committee Report
GYA Annual Meeting
Biloxi Yacht Club, Biloxi, MS
January 11, 2015

- The GYA gained one certified judge in 21014, congratulations to Lloyd Causey.
- We have two additional judge candidates who have not yet submitted their paper work. There are a total of five potential judge candidates and their contact information is on the GYA web site and all clubs are encouraged to utilize them as possible to help them gain the required experience.
- There are currently 12 active US Sailing Certified National judges in GYA. (Formerly called Senior Judges) There are 11 active US Sailing Certified Regional Judges. Several of these judges are from St. Petersburg (8) which effectively leaves the GYA with only 15 active certified judges some of whom are not in the area for part of the year. It is getting harder and harder to find qualified judges for our major sailing events.
- The last advanced judges workshop for Regional and National Judges was held in March Of 2103 at SYC. Another seminar is being planned for 2015.
- US Sailing is going to be actively promoting a one day seminar that is associated with an online test that will be very inexpensive and less strenuous than the advanced judge class and exam. The program is for "Club Judges" and follows the new Club Race Officer Program. I have applied for and been certified as an instructor for this program. It is an opportunity for a club or group of clubs to get some interested people together for an informative one day seminar with the result we should gain folks who understand the rules a little better and know the requirements and processes associated with running a protest hearing. In the end this makes the ailing experience all the better. Nobody likes being involved in a protest but they do happen and how the hearing is managed can have a big effect on how everyone involved feels after the hearing.

A Club Judge program is scheduled for February 15 in Houston. Details on the GYA web site.

- All of the GYA needs to look at how judges are supported when attending an event. Some events require judges to be on the water for the racing, which therefore entails a lot of time even for a local judge. Are all judges offered meals when attending events? Are out of town judges offered a gas allowance? This is becoming more and more of an issue at the national level and the GYA needs to be looking at this as another way of recruiting more judges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. 'Chris' Luppens
GYA Administrative Judge



US Sailing GYA Representative Report – 2015 Annual Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting
Biloxi Yacht Club
Sunday, January 11, 2015

Area D Specific:

Area D has a new Area Coordinator, Edith Collins. Area D dues of \$500 for 2015 have already been paid in order to provide the new Area Coordinator with initial funding. The maximum dues for 2015 are limited to a total of \$1000. Additional fees for designated US Sailing Championships, currently 2 for 4 trophies (Mallory, Sears, Bemis and Smyth), are dependent on the number of Area D competitors.

The Area D Agreement has been amended and is in the approval process with the more significant changes being:

- The rotation order for selecting the Area Coordinator cannot be changed in the future. We just went from Florida back to Dixie Inland because of an agreement made by the previous Area Coordinator. In the future if an RSA cannot put up a suitable candidate the selection goes to the next RSA in line and there is no option for going back to the previous RSA.
- The annual dues, or Operational Fund, use and accounting has been extensively update including requirement for receipts of amounts over \$50.
- US Sailing is selecting some specific events in addition to Area events to be qualifiers for Adult Championship. Area D will now pay entry fees for anyone who qualifies to attend an approved championship, except when done by resume.

US Sailing:

Annual Meeting October 22-25. Milwaukee, WI

- A series of resolutions affecting the structure of the Regional Sailing Associations Committee (RSAC) that were initially presented a year ago in Florida were finally passed. Now no matter how many positions are held by any member of the RSAC, each member gets one vote and only one vote. Proxys are still possible, but each member can only have one individual vote. In the past members who were officers got an extra vote for being an officer and each Area Coordinator got a vote and that person could also be an RSAC rep and get another vote. That is no longer possible.
- The separate committee for Area Coordinators was dismantled. Area Coordinators are now members of the RSAC.
- The RSAC officers include Martine Zurinkas from South Atlantic Sailing Association (SARA) who is now secretary.
- The draft reorganization proposal that was not compatible with the GYA or Area D, met with strong opposition from other RSAs and Areas. The reorganization committee has been revamped and Harry Foote, the Chair of the RSAC is now in charge and Martine, Edith and I are all on the committee. GYA members are encouraged to provide any input to US Sailing on the subject of the possible reorganization to me directly. It appears there have been several conflicting comments made to US Sailing.

It is felt that the much improved and logical structure of the RSAC will result in a stronger and more respected voice from that organization.

Other US Sailing Items

Meetings: The Annual meeting in October 2014 was the last of its kind. There will be no annual meeting in 2015. There was a Leadership Forum in early 2014 that met with great success and there is a **National Sailing Programs Symposium in New Orleans** Wednesday, January 21 through Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Double Tree Hilton in New Orleans. (Registration is on the US Sailing web site.) As GYA rep I am attending. The next AGM or general meeting will be held in conjunction with the next Sailing Leadership Form in San Diego, February 3-6, 2016.

Adult Championships: Participation at the Adult Championship is still a concern to US Sailing. Benz Faget, New Orleans, won the event this year and can provide more insight. Because of participation issues and the lack of qualifying events across the country a proposal was made to go to a resume based system and combine that with RSA qualifiers, but still in the end based on a resumes. The issue of why would an RSA go to the trouble and expense of having a regional qualifier if the winner was still subject to acceptance at the championship based on resume came up. The initial proposal is being revised because of the comments made.

Each RSA can decide what event or events is a qualifier and GYA could base the qualifier on a existing event or even series of existing events if wanted. Depending on the process finalized by US Sailing the GYA Capdevielle Committee could develop the qualifying program. This year Area D held an event in Charleston that was poorly attended due to short notice etc. and US Sailing made the J-22 Midwinters a qualifier which was Benz's route to the championship.

Race Administration: The entire process of seminars and testing is under review for all levels of race officials. The goal is to simplify the process and make it less onerous. Online testing has been implemented for Club Race Officer Certification and will be implemented next for Club Judge Certification, and then additional levels of certification. Emphasis is being focused on lower costs and a more streamlined process starting at the Club Official level.

Budget: US Sailing has a projected operating budget in 2015 of \$5,475,000. The 2014 actual budget was revenue of \$5,309,447 and expenses of \$5,299,756. An agreement was just reached with SAP and the accounting system is being upgraded as a result. I am on the Budget Committee and can provide additional information if needed.

New US Sailing Web Site: Beginning in July of 2014 the new web site was brought on line. While the new structure made all saved bookmarks obsolete, hopefully the new site is better organized for most users. I am the committee chair for the volunteers who helped on this effort and we think the site is much better overall. Comments welcomed, any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,



J. C. 'Chris' Luppens
GYA RSAC Representative

Race Management Committee January 10, 2015

Race Management Committee discussed the issues facing Race Committees and how make the transfer of information between RC and Competitors easier on and off the water.

The Qualified Observer program was discussed and topics from the form to how to become a QO were covered.

The Area D Representative Edith Collins was present and brought up the subject of training for safety boats and the possibility of having a course taught in the near future in our area.

Once again the topic of Lipton and Jr. Lipton NOR and SI's was discussed and the need for them to be standardized for both events.

The meeting was followed by an open discussion of what attendees had seen at events locally and outside of the GYA and what was liked or disliked.

The recipient of the 2015 Excellence Award for Race Management went to Southern Yacht Club - Junior Lipton Challenge, the PRO was George Hero.



RACING RULES COMMITTEE
Winter Meeting Report
January 11, 2015

1. Reminder -- at the August 30, 2014 Semi-Annual Meeting a motion was adopted to provide specific procedures for amending the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.
2. The Committee, at the request of the GYA Boat Selection Committee, reviewed the Regs that would have to be modified in the event a new boat is selected.
3. At the request of the Capdevielle Committee, the Committee reviewed the initial proposed appendix to the Regs for Team Racing events.
4. And lastly, the rough draft of a proposed amendment to the Regs prepared by the GYA Foundation regarding the Foundation's ownership of inter-club boats is being studied.

The composition of the Committee will remain the same for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.

Commodore Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.
Chairman

Committee Members:

Commodore Ken Kleinschrodt
Commodore John Matthews
Commodore Judy Reeves

14. A



Gulf Yachting Association
Trophy Committee

August 30, 2014

Report to the Board of Directors

1. The GYA Trophy Committee recommends the following changes be made to the Regulations for Sanctioned Events. The purpose is to standardize the proper identification of perpetual trophies awarded at GYA Sanctioned events.

The engraving on the perpetual trophy awarded to the winner of the Knost Ladies Championship states "Knost Perpetual Trophy". As a result, this title should be used when referencing the perpetual trophy.

Request the following change be made:

*Gulf Yachting Association
Regulations for Sanctioned Events*

*Part 2
Section H– Special Capdevielle Regulations*

Paragraph 32.4:

As it reads: Knost Trophy....

Change to read:Knost Perpetual Trophy

Paragraph 32.5:

As it reads:Knost Trophy...

Change to read:Knost Perpetual Trophy.....

U S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
GYA WINTER MEETING - January 11, 2015

The Committee held a meeting yesterday at 1 PM. Attendance was very low, as it has been for the last few committee meetings.

At the GYA Awards Banquet last night, 44 sailors were recognized for their sailing achievements in 2014. We hope that no one was overlooked, but it is often difficult to determine the sailor's home club, with the current privacy laws. Anyone may inform committee members of notable sailors in their club or class, for consideration for these awards.

The Area D Agreement has been updated, by Chris Luppens and Edith Collins. This document governs our Area championships eliminations. It covers the Chubb Junior Championships and the Adult Championship, rotation through the 4 RSAs of Area D, and the RSA's responsibilities.

Eliminations for the Chubb Junior Championships will be held at Jackson YC (DIYRA). The Adult Championship elims are the responsibility of GYA, although there is not enough information on that championship to choose a venue at this time.

The US SAILING website has been revised again, and the Championships home page has links to information on the various championships. At this time I usually report the deadlines for applications for the Youth Championships and the Junior Women's events for the Leiter (singlehanded) and Ida Lewis (doublehanded) championships, however the NORs for these events are not yet posted. Please be aware that there are Sailorships for junior sailors to participate in these competitions.

An update on the Adams / Women's Championship: The Adams Cup has been officially given to the National Sailing Hall of Fame for safekeeping. I attended a reception for the Trophy at the NSHoF on October 10, in Annapolis, MD. The Trophy is to be housed there, with the understanding that if the Adams Trustees determine that there is an event worthy of awarding this trophy, it will be taken from the NSHoF. There will be a reunion of participants in the Adams Cup competition, at any level, on the first weekend of October 2015, at Bay Head, NJ. This will be in connection with the 2015 NSHoF Sailor Induction to the Hall of Fame. We are currently looking for names and addresses of ladies interested in the reunion. I will distribute forms to the various clubs for ladies to sign up to get more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Reisch, Chair

GYA Foundation Report

GYA Winter Meeting –Biloxi Yacht Club

11 January 2015

The GYA Foundation Board met on January 10th, 2015 during the Annual Winter Meeting. The minutes of meetings during 2014 were approved after a quorum was determined.

The Treasurer's report was given by Michael J. Bauer. The current balance in all accounts was \$ 158,021.16. A copy of the report will be made available to the GYA secretary for archival purposes.

Major actions of the Foundation during 2014 were reviewed.

1. The CPA firm of Paciera, Gautreau, & Priest LLC was hired to provide IRS compliant guidelines for the acceptance of boats and other vehicles as charitable donations. The Board voted to make this document available to the GYA with the disclaimer that each club should seek addition guidance when making these transactions
2. The GYA Foundation's Investment account has been transferred to Delta Financial in New Orleans to provide professional management. This helps to insure IRS compliance in arm's length oversight. It also allows for a more seamless transition when Board members change with time.

The next item of business was the evaluation of requests for financial assistance from qualified sailors and race management applicants. A total of \$ 6000 was provided to support the requests of eight applicants.

The resignation of the Florida representative of the Board was accepted. The Board will seek a replacement for the position.

The GYA Silent auction has held last night. The total sales were \$2245

We thank all donors for their support. Dr. Tod Holman Foundation President

Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc.

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Financial report year end 2014 – Jan 1 through Dec 31st

Accounts Balance 1/1/14

Whitney Checking Account	16,244.50	
Hurricane Account	4,741.76	
Investment Account	<u>126,084.23</u>	
		\$147,070.49

Income

Silent Auction - Checks/Cash	620
- GYA CC machine	1746.52
In Memory of Alan Sheppard	50
In Memory of Walter Chamberlain in 2014 up to 7/31	1,670
In Memory of "Bo" Smith	50
Dabney sails value, cash donation	200
Assessments – 33 Club, 5 Affiliates	2,725
Investment account gain/(loss)	7,605.28
Hurricane Acct Interest	.17

Expenses

Grants paid in 2014 for 2013	2,836.30
Fees Hurricane Acct	130.00
CPA opinion letter fee	750.00

Accounts Balance year end 12/31/2014

Whitney Checking Account	19,719.72	
Hurricane Account	4,611.93	
Investment Account	<u>133,689.51</u>	
		\$158,021.16

2015 Winter Meeting - One design council report

- 16 clubs were present
- We have filled in our 3 members at large, still looking for a vice chairman
- Last year we saw declining participation in some of the GYA one design circuits
- To try to help this our goal is to provide better communication with the OD sailors and make the circuits more visible those inside and outside of the OD classes
- Our goal in early 2015 is to have as many circuits as possible published and available on the one design area of gya.org
- We also want to identify the class leaders in their respective OD classes and work with them to see how the GYA can help build participation.
- We will continue to collect and track results from the current GYA circuits
- Make better use of the GYA club OD reps to help spread the word of circuit/regatta updates

Janace,

Here is our ODC report. Our officers are:

Chairman - Kevin Blank, TYC

Vice Chairman - Vacant

Secretary - Ashley Sukalski, FWYC

Past Chairman - Ashley Sukalski, FWYC

Member-at-Large - Gary Rogers, JYC

Member-at-Large - Craig Wilusz, FWYC

Member-at-Large - Claude Dannemann, BWYC

Greetings all,

Business was discussed and then tabled until we have a needed quorum to conduct formal business.

Tabled items for now include:

- 1 Future of the council
- 2 Addition of Hobie Waves as trainers for youth multihull sailing. This should bring in ground support for cross training among the kids on more yc campuses..
- 3 Proposal/request from PBYC to "Make up" the 2014 championship
- 4 Address a by- law change re the election of officers
- 5 National level events for multihulls are adding up for 2015 with Corsair Marine (PHRF event at PenYC), A Cat Class Nationals (StABYC), Hobie 16 NAs (PenYC), Weta Fest (FWYC), and ICWA Wave NAs at PBYC in ink already

Our council is struggling with apathetic leadership and college bound younger sailors. We hope to re-group by May (Opening Regatta) or contact the trophy committee for possibly re-directing the perpetual trophies in accordance with their Deeds of Gift.

Best Wishes for smooth sailing, hurricane free again,
Bert Rice, PYC & PBYC

GYA Winter Meeting
January 10, 2015
Directory Report

This year we tried something new – submitting your club information online. An email was sent to the club commodore, GYA coordinator and the club secretary. I know that some of you responded right away, but some of you have not. As of Saturday morning, the following clubs have not replied to the email: FAIRHOPE, GRANDE MAUMELLE, GRAND LAGOON, GULFPORT, JACKSON, LAKE ARTHUR, LAKE FOREST, LONG BEACH, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, OCEAN SPRINGS, PASS CHRISTIAN, PELICAN, PENSACOLA BEACH, ST. PETERSBURG, SOUTHEN, SOUTH SHORE AND TAMMANY.

I do know that some of the clubs did not hold their annual meeting until December and the Commodore is still appointing someone for each position.

We hope to get the 2015 directory mailed out as soon as possible – please make sure we have the correct mailing address. This all depends on each Commodore making the appointments and returning the information. I am sure there are a few who do not want to deal with a computer, please select someone in your club that can help you. The GYA uses email to communicate with each club, Commodore and GYA coordination, so please make sure that the emails that are submitted on the form are correct. I also know that some of the personal information that is submitted lists the address, phone number of the club. It would be nice if we could have at least the email address of each individual.

As you heard in earlier reports, it is very important that your club appoint a representative for the One-Design Council and the Offshore Council.

Would also like for you to put the person's address, cell phone and email address and not the address of the club.

Hopefully, by this time next year, we will have all of the directory forms set up so each club, committee, council and GYA position will be able to reply by email. This is why it is so important that the directory contain correct contact information.

Thank you,
Cheri Dillard, Directory Editor