



Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 5, 2018
Mobile Yacht Club

Call to Order – 1000 hours by Commodore Chris Luppens

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Chris Luppens, Rear Commodore, Jimmy Ruthven, Immediate-Past Commodore Michael Hage, Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani.

Roll Call – 18 Clubs were present: BWYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LBYC, MYC, NYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PontYC, StABYC, SYC, TYC, and TCYC, a quorum was met.

Rear Commodore, Jimmy Ruthven led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Marcin Dudziak, past of Our Lady of the Lourdes, led us in a prayer.

Introduction of all the Ex-Com members & other members as listed above.

Commodore Luppens recognized the recently deceased commodores and/or sailing friends with a moment of silence: C.E. “Ted” McClane (StABYC), Admiral Bill Ramsey (PYC), Nancy Kuhn (NYC), Vince Cooke (NYC) and Pat Cooke (NYC). We continue to keep the following in our prayers for healing: Hjalmar Breit (SYC), Pete O’Neal (BucYC) and John Harrison Doucet (GYC).

Conduct of the Meeting – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani- We honor Robert’s Rule of order. Anyone may make a motion, take part in discussion once recognized. Seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes, comments to three minutes. No one may speak until recognized by the chair. He reminded those that you once you speak on a subject, you will be allowed to speak once more after everyone has spoken on the subject.

GYA Past Commodores Recognized: John Matthews (PYC/NYC), Henry G. “Harry” Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), David Bolyard (PontYC, NOYC, TYC, GYC, PCYC), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), Catherine “Cathy” Cromartie (FYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC).

Introduction of Special Guest – Commodore Luppens recognized Edith Collins, Area D Representative, as chief judge for the regatta.

Welcome: Commodore Joshua Murray (MYC) welcomed the GYA to Mobile Yacht Club (MYC) and how honored the club is to host this year’s opening regatta. He thanked all for coming and is humbled by the stewardship and asked everyone to make their self at home. He encouraged all to please contact him or the head chef David Twatchman if anyone needs further assistance throughout the weekend.

Minutes – John Matthews (PYC/NYC) made a motion, second by Cathy Cromartie (FYC) to waive the reading of the minutes and approve as presented, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Jennifer Schmidt reported as of April 30, 2018 account balances: Checking \$18,302.01, Invest I (Trophy) \$16,896.04, and Invest II (GYA) account \$19,993.24, Total of all accounts \$55,191.39. Schmidt reported the ex-com will make contact with Edward Jones in reference to being a little more aggressive with the GYA investment portfolio.

Executive Committee – Commodore Luppens reported the ex-com has approved the nominating committee as follows: Chairman: Kenny Kleinschrodt (AL), Danny Killeen, Jr.(MS), and David Bolyard (LA). Approved to request the By-laws committee to begin reviewing and updating the current by-laws. Approved the 100 year Lipton anniversary committee and to accept Ewell “Corky” Potts (SYC) as the chair of the committee. Approved the trophy committee to replace the Capdevielle Trophy Banner. Approved the judge assignments for Capdevielle and Championship events. Approved the request form for the use when requesting permission for a charter boat for Capdevielle. Approved the Viper Charter Boat application for Tammany Yacht Club and Grand Lagoon Yacht Club for opening regatta. Approved the GYA to enter into an agreement with CRSA to provide a GYA Ship Store. GYA Foundation rejected the executive committee request to fund the entry for area D. Commodore requested name submissions for anyone interested in serving as Area D Representative, this is Edith’s last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Racing Regulations – Richard Heausler reported the committee has met numerous times over the last eight months with various committees in regards to regulation revisions.

Capdevielle Committee – Gary Rogers gave a reminder to host clubs for 2018 regattas of the new regulations for the challenger series. The division consists of all the GYA clubs except for: PCYC, GYC, FWYC, BucYC, NOYC, SYC and MYC. In regards to current committee members, many clubs did not appoint a person to serve, each club GYA Coordinator has been assigned to serve on the committee.

Youth Committee – Patrick Burns reported the 420 Championship event is going to be moved to the first weekend in August in conjunction with J22 Championship at PCYC due to a scheduling conflict with Texas event and school ACT exams. He announced the newly elected junior bridge and gave congratulations: Commodore Mallory Edwards, Vice Commodore Michael Burns, Rear Commodore Emily Alfortish and Dutch Byerly. Committee continues to work to promote junior sailing.

By-Laws Committee – Cathy Cromartie no report.

Judges – Chris Luppens reported that a judge seminar was held at PYC January 21st. There were 19 in attendance, 12 have passed the judge test and 3 are attending this weekend to judge. August 19th will be the next judge seminar at SYC.

Race Management – Commodore Luppens asked PC Michael Hage to present the race management trophy that was not presented during the winter meeting awards banquet. PC Hage announced that the 2017 race management trophy is presented to George Hero, Southern Yacht Club for the J22 Mid-Winters, Karen Reisch accepted on his behalf.

Trophy Committee – John Matthews reported that the Capdevielle Trophy was lacking space for new plates and thanked Ken Kleinschrodt for making an expanded new base. He announced that the Capdevielle Banner has been replaced and is hanging at PCYC, a thank you to Benz Faget with North Sails for his service. The Scheib Service Award has a new case and is with the trophy.

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch reported that the committee did not meet during the weekend. The updated by law change has not changed the structure of the committee, Texas representative Joanne Willits has been added. The championship year has started, schedule is on new US sailing scheduling page. FWYC hosted the multi hull championship. Youth Area D eliminations are June 15-17 hosted in Charleston. Safe sport program is required by US Sailing for all race officials by the years end. She congratulated Amy Kleinschrodt, BucYC, for being inducted into the Mobile Sports Hall of Fame.

One-Design – Kevin Blank, no report.

Offshore Council – Michael Hage reported on behalf of Scott Sonnier, the council will be meeting shortly after the challenge cup to discuss several issues, including restricting the class breaks for challenge cup and have a designated sportboat class. Discussion in regards to future hosting of the challenge cup and the inclusion of the Gulfport to Pensacola race scored for challenge cup purposes. He encouraged clubs to participate in Gulfport to Pensacola, GORC and WFORC. Congratulations to Clerc Cooper, she won the 2018 GYA Women’s PHRF Championship hosted at NOYC/SYC.

Membership Committee – PC Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. announced that the South Shore YC last floating year end and will be addressed in the upcoming months. LAYC has submitted a letter of resignation, committee working to move from member status to affiliate status.

Unfinished Business and General Orders- None

New Business –

100th Year Ad Hoc Committee: PC Potts gave a brief summary of the committee (24 members) to produce a historical book, logo, and promotion of event. **PC Corky Potts moved, seconded by PC Danny Killeen to waive GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events 30.1 (a) and (b) or 19.1 (a) and (b) as proposed by the 2018 Regulations for Sanctioned Events to commemorate the first Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge held at Southern Yacht Club on October 16 – 17, 1920, and allow for the 100th Anniversary of the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge to be held at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans Louisiana on September 4 – 7, 2020, regardless of which GYA Club wins the 2019 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge and for the 2021 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge to be hosted by the winner of the 2020 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge. Unanimously approved.**

PC Ken Kleinschrodt moved, seconded by PC John Matthews to accept the proposed regulations *(attached online)* as proposed by the racing regulations committee – unanimously approved.

PC Basil Kennedy motioned, seconded by PC Harry Chapman to remove item 10.1(d) from proposed regulations – motion not approved.

PC Harry Chapman motioned, seconded by PC Basil Kennedy to remove item 26.1(c) from proposed regulations – motion not approved.

Closing Remarks/Announcements - Commodore Luppens reminded committee chairs to turn in their written reports to the GYA Secretary/Treasurer. He thanked Commodore Joshua Murray (MYC), Super Dave Twatchman (MYC Chef) and the MYC board of directors for the hospitality. Flag raising ceremony to be at 1145 hours at the flag pole.

PC Corky Potts moved to adjourn, seconded by Joshua Murray
Adjourned – 1107 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Schmidt

Approved: _____