



**Gulf Yachting Association Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 31, 2019**  
**Gulfport Yacht Club**

**Call to Order** – 1004 hours by Commodore Shan Kirk

**Executive Committee & Other members present:** Commodore Shan Kirk, Vice Commodore Jimmy Ruthven, Rear Commodore, Gary Rogers, Immediate-Past Commodore Chris Luppens, Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani.

**Roll Call** – 18 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, HYC, JYC, LFYC, MYC, NYCP, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PontYC, SABYC, SRYC, SYC, and TYC, quorum was met.

Vice Commodore, Jimmy Ruthven led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commodore John Matthews led us in a prayer.

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

Commodore Kirk recognized the recently deceased commodores and/or sailing friends with a moment of silence. Josh Green JYC, Jim O’Daniel JYC, W. Kim Connerley NYCP/PBYC, James Gately PontYC and Williard Cointment PontYC.

**Conduct of the Meeting** – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani- We honor Robert’s Rules 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 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-** Henry G. “Harry” Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Thomas D. “Tom” Berry, Jr. (SRYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), John B. Morrow (SABYC/GYC), Ken K. Kleinschrodt (BucYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), David Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/PCYC), John Matthews (PYC/NYC), Pete O’Neal (BucYC), Daniel B. “Danny” Killeen, Jr. (PCYC), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), Catherine “Cathy” Cromartie (FYC), Michael G. Hage (GYC) and immediate past Commodore Chris Luppens (MYC/HYC).

**Welcome:** Past Commodore John Morrow (GYC/StABYC) and PRO for the weekend, on behalf of GYC Commodore Trey Sutton, welcomed the GYA to Gulfport Yacht Club and how honored the club is to host the 99<sup>th</sup> Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup. He thanked all for coming and is humbled by the stewardship and asked everyone to make their self at home. The cocktail party that will be hosted this evening is open to all. He encouraged all too please contact him or any GYC member if you have any questions.

**Minutes** – Cathy Cromartie (FYC)) made a motion, second by Michael Hage (GYC) to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as presented, unanimously approved.

**Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer-** Jennifer Schmidt Reported as of August 31, 2019 GYA account balances are: Invest I (Trophy) \$21,403.98, Invest II (GYA) account \$22,249.56, checking account \$14,733.31, cash invest account \$.10 for a Total of all accounts \$58,386.95.

**Executive Committee** – Commodore Kirk thanked PC Michel Hage (GYC) for chairing the nominating committee and PC Cathy Cromartie (FYC) and PC John Matthews (NYCP/PYC) for serving on the committee. Commodore reported that issues with the button compliance on Viper Sails has been corrected, he thanked PC Cathy Cromartie and PC Ken Kleinschrodt for their efforts getting all clubs in compliance. Commodore Kirk asked for assistance from the trophy committee to comprise an account “cap balance”. The board approved a Viper Charter for New Orleans YC for the 2019 Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge and Knost (boat was from PCYC). Commodore noted that GYA clubs have been experiencing major issues with delivery of Viper boats and parts, the executive board is working with Capdevielle Chair Paul Kleinschrodt to engage Viper and Rondar on these issues to come up with a resolution. Save the date, the 2020 Winter Meeting will be hosted at Gulfport YC Jan 17-19.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

**By-Laws** – PC Cathy Cromartie, No report.

**Capdevielle Committee** – Paul Kleinschrodt reported committee discussed extending charter boat regulation, he thanked the executive committee for taking the lead to communicate with Rondar or resolving issues with delivery of boats and parts. He reported the committee is considering recommending moving away from class viper buttons and going with GYA stickers and move to moving GYA rules verses class rules, more information to come. Viper Class approved bow numbers for the hulls, this will be discussed further since GYA uses sail numbers verses bow numbers. The committee continues to support the use of Regatta Network for all GYA sanctioned events. In regards to registering for a regatta and not showing up to sail, it will be the responsibility of the host club to remove any boats that registered but did not show to sail. PC Dave Bolyard spoke about Viper meeting at Worlds – Viper is addressing issues but, apparently, it’s a slow process to resolve some, but overall he felt Viper and Rondar was not open to addressing issues being experienced within the GYA.

**Racing Regulations** – Richard Heausler reported they are working with Capdevielle Committee in regard to regulation changes to be presented at the Winter Meeting.

**Schedule Committee** – Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright, No report.

**Centennial/100 Year Committee** – PC Corky Potts reported the committee has been meeting on a monthly basis, the committee is comprised of 30+ members working hard. He thanked PC Cathy Cromartie and her committee for all their work for collecting, researching and getting the book together for publication. September 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for in memory/honor entries. He reported the trophy chair, John Matthews has been working with Karen Reisch with logo merchandise. PC John Matthews stated that all merchandise orders must be placed directly through Coral Reef Sailing Apparel. Sample shirts will be available at the winter meeting. PC Potts reported the promotion committee is working diligently with fundraising efforts to hopefully provide a free weekend for all. Celebration weekend, chair Sherrie Felder (SYC) provided a brief overview of what is currently being planned for the weekend: Friday – Executive Committee meeting, Saturday – morning meetings, flag raising with 1 race in the evening, team reunion event, honor to the flying scot, Sunday – morning services, race 2 & race 3, re-enactment of the 1920 fish class regatta (2 teams, 3 boats in a team race type format), Evening 1920 gala, Monday – race 4 and trophy presentation. She announced social media accounts on Facebook, twitter and instagram – GYA Liptons 100. PC Cathy Cromartie reported that just over 400 books have been committee for, but no books are considered sold until monies have been collected, only

500 books were ordered, it will be first come, first serve. Vice Commodore Jimmy Ruthven stated that the 100<sup>th</sup> Opening Regatta will be at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club. The format of the weekend will change up from prior years, the Commodores Cocktail party will be on Friday evening, the event will be the first weekend in May.

**Appeals**- Dwight Leblanc reported The GYA Appeal Committee was affirmed by the U. S. Sailing Appeal Committee, *see* recently published, Appeal 119 between *Jalapeno vs. Zephyr*, which involved Rule 11, 14, 15, 16 and 21. He requested for anyone filing an appeal/protest to be sure the diagram matches or is very similar to the facts stated/found and that a diagram is submitted.

**Judges** – PC Chris Luppens, no report.

**Membership** – PC Danny Killeen Jr., No report.

**Race Management** – George Hero reported the standardize sailing instructions and notice of races have been completed and may be found on GYA website. He encouraged all to use Regatta Network and offered to provide assistance to anyone that needs help with using the program. ORREZ, 73 boats have received certificates. This year at challenge cup A& B used scoring system, worked very well. He announced a Race Management seminar would be hosted at Jackson YC on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and encouraged club Commodores to send a representative, we need to build the number of certified race officers within the GYA. George announced this is his last year as race management chair.

**Sail Measurement** – Claude H. Dannemann, Jr. reported 14 boats registered, and all boats have been measured and checked-in. He announced there is a list on the website of all the items that are checked during boat check-in.

**Trophy** – PC John Matthews reported Patrick Burns (PCYC) was added to the committee. He asked if anyone is interested in donating a perpetual trophy for Junior Lipton Races (2 & 3), to see the guidelines for trophy donation may be found on the website. PC Danny Killeen Jr. made a motion, second by Vice Commodore Jimmy Ruthven **to spend a maximum of \$1,500 for the refurbishment of the Jr. Lipton Sportsmanship and \$1,500 for the refurbishment of the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy half model, unanimously approved.** PC Basil Kennedy reminded everyone to insert the engraving procedure packages inside the perpetual trophy boxes.

**US Sailing Championships** – Karen Reisch reported the committee did not meet prior to today's meeting. She stated that Pensacola YC will host the US Youth Sailing Championship. There are still many spots in the planning calendar for the 2020 year if any club is interested in hosting an event, please see Karen for assistance or visit [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

**US Sailing Representative** – Holly Murray, No report.

**Youth Committee** – Laura/Patrick Burns, No report.

**GYA Foundation, Inc.** – Janet Miller- Schmidt stated a letter was sent out on August 21<sup>st</sup> with a summary of the activities for the foundation, a copy may be found in the rear of the room if you did not receive a copy. A reminder for deadline for grant applications is Dec 1 at midnight. Applications may be found on the website. The foundation is accepting donations today for anyone wanting to make a donation today, see PC Chris Luppens. Karen Reisch is accepting items for the silent auction that will be held at the Winter Meeting. The committee would like to ask that the BOD approve the annual stipend, \$75 general member, \$50 associate member.

**Offshore Council-** Scott Sonnier reported the use of ORR-EZ has been positive since use at the Challenger Cup for classes of A&B. He stated that all classes, A, B, C & D, for the 2020 Challenge Cup will be scored through the ORR-EZ program. All clubs please get your ORR-EZ certificates for boats, it does take time to get these certificates. The event will be in Gulfport, date to be confirmed at the Winter Meeting. The council is also discussing not allowing sport-boats with a hiking strap in future offshore events.

**PHRF** – Tom Beery reported current certificates are at 484. This is an increased of 18 since May. All ORR-EZ certificate holders do have current PHRF certificates. Minutes from last several meetings can be found on the PHRF website, [www.GYA-PHRF.com](http://www.GYA-PHRF.com). This site has spreadsheet of all certificate data for each yacht. The next quarterly board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Singing River Yacht Club, meeting is open to all. This is the last year for Sam Vasquez to serve on the committee, nominations current being accepted from Mississippi Club Commodores for a replacement. He stated that the use of Regatta Network is great for scoring race results but, the committee still needs race committees to submit wind directions, speed etc.

**One Design** – Paul Rees, No report

**Area D** – Sam Vasquez, No report

**Nominating** – Michael Hage reported his committee, comprised of PC Cathy Cromartie (FYC), John Matthews (NYCP/PYC) met and will present the following for slate for election at the winter meeting 2020 as follows: Commodore Jimmy Ruthven Sr., Vice Commodore Gary Rogers, Rear Commodore Robert J. Schmidt, Jr., Sec/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt and Immediate Past Commodore Shan Kirk.

**Unfinished Business and General Orders-** None

**New Business** – Review of the 2020 GYA Foundation Stipend. Commodore Marian C. Arrowsmith (Pont YC) made a motion, second by Commodore Guy Brierre (SYC) to approve the annual GYA Foundation stipend of \$75 general member clubs, \$50 associate member clubs. PC Danny Killeen Jr. made a motion to increase the annual stipend to \$150 general member clubs, \$75 associate members and have it as an optional contribution (no second). Commodore Guy Brierre made a motion, seconded by Dave Bolyard to make the contribution mandatory, \$150 general member clubs, \$75 associate members, 11 for, 6 opposed, motion carries. Commodore Arrowsmith agreed to amend her motion, seconded by Commodore Brierre to approve a mandatory \$150 general member clubs, \$75 associate members, 11 for, 6 opposed, motion carries.

**Closing Remarks/Announcements** - Commodore Kirk announced that Jackson YC will be hosting a 1 day race management seminar on Nov. 2, 2019. He reminded all committee chairs to turn in their written reports to the GYA Secretary/Treasurer. He thanked Gulfport YC Commodore Trey Sutton, the Gulfport YC board of directors and Gulfport YC Staff for the hospitality. Flag raising ceremony to be at 1200 hours.

**PC Michael Hage made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cathy Cromartie.**

**Adjourned – 1119 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Jennifer Schmidt**

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