



**Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting  
Saturday, September 5, 2020  
Bay Waveland Yacht Club**

**Call to Order** – 10:11 hours by Commodore Jimmy Ruthven

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

**Roll Call** – 17 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, JYC, LFYC, MYC, NYC-P, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, SYC, SABYC, TYC, quorum was met.

Vice Commodore Gary Rogers led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commodore John Matthews led us in a prayer and recognized the recently deceased commodores and/or sailing friends with a moment of silence: Anne Pfister Chapman (BWYC), David Provosty Taylor, Sr. (PCYC), Robin Moyer (SYC), Wallace Paletou (SYC), Gwendolyn Moseby (MYC) and David Ross (BucYC).

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

**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, please keep all comments directly to the chair.

**GYA Past Commodores Recognized-** Henry G. "Harry" Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), John B. Morrow (GYC/SABYC), David Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/PCYC), John H. Matthews (PYC/NYC-P), Danny Killeen Jr. (PCYC), Ewell C. "Corky" Potts (SYC), Catherine "Cathy" Cromartie (FYC), Michael G. Hage (GYC) and immediate past Commodore Shan Kirk (SYC).

**Welcome:** Commodore Jimmy Ruthven introduced Bay Waveland YC Commodore John Baxter. Commodore Baxter welcomed everyone to Bay Waveland YC, he thanked the GYA for hosting the event at Bay Waveland YC this year. He recognized his bridge of officers that worked to organizing the meeting. Reminded everyone of the flag raising ceremony at noon and that BWYC Vice Commodore would be cooking burgers and dogs under the club, and that the bar is open for regular food service.

**Minutes** – John Matthews (PYC/NYCP) made a motion, seconded by Cathy Cromartie (FYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from June 28, 2020 Annual meeting and to accept as published, unanimously approved.

**Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer-** Jennifer Schmidt Reported as of August 31, 2020. GYA account balances are: Invest I (Trophy) \$24,231.21, Invest II (GYA) account \$23,477.44, checking account \$20,695.68, cash invest account \$.26 for a Total of all accounts \$68,091.81.

**Executive Committee** – Commodore Ruthven reported that the Gulfport YC made a request to the GYA and to the GYA Foundation for funds to offset the expense of hosting the 2020 Jr. Lipton Regatta. The Ex-Com has agreed to table this request until after the GYA Foundation gives a decision and GYA decision to be rendered at the Winter Meeting. The Winter Meeting will be held at Pensacola YC January 8-10, 2021. The Executive Committee has given Vice Commodore Gary Rogers approval to seek a guest speaker.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**By-Laws** – PC Cathy Cromartie reported the bylaw committee would like to make the following recommendation: Article IV- Officers, Section 4: Terms of Office & Vacancies, to add the following subparagraph: (1) For the calendar year of 2021 an officer may succeed him/herself in the same office if nominated. PROVISIO: This amendment shall expire at the Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors in 2022 and shall, at that time, no longer be a part of these by-laws. **PC John H. Matthews made a motion, seconded by PC Ewell C. “Corky” Potts to add the above recommendation of the by-law committee, unanimously approved.**

**Chief Administrative Judge** – James “Doc” Hunter submitted a written that 2020 has been a challenging year for maintaining a judging schedule for GYA sanctioned events (postponements). Only one event has been sailed, there were three judges on the water and one in the protest room. The biggest challenge thus far is the limited roster of certified judges within the GYA. Currently all in person seminars are suspended but, US Sailing has promised an on-line equivalent, to date this has not yet available. He announced that now is the time for you to engage your club members to become certified, we would love to see one certified judge per GYA club.

**Racing Regulations** – Richard Heausler reported the Racing Regulations Committee would like to make the following recommendation to change regulations 7.2: **PC Basil Kennedy made a motion, seconded by PC John Matthews to change regulation 7.2 to read: 7.2 Series Winner Selection (a) Scoring. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System, as described in Appendix B, shall be used to score the annual series. Each competing club’s score shall be the highest score calculated from the club’s 2/3<sup>rd</sup> (rounded down to the nearest whole number) best Capdevielle Series Regattas in the calendar year with a minimum of five (5) events sailed, unanimously approved.** He announced that the Committee is continuing to work to uniform the GYA Regulations and Viper Class Rules, more information to be presented at the Winter Meeting.

**Membership Committee** – PC Danny Killeen stated that two clubs did not pay the annual GYA Foundation assessment for 2020, Pelican YC & Fairhope YC. This was announced at the Annual Meeting hosted at Fairhope YC and the Board of Directors did not take any action.

**Trophy Committee** – PC John Matthews all Lipton Centennial logo merchandise can be ordered directly through CRSA.

**Appeals Committee** – No Report

**PHRF** – PC Tom Beery submitted a written report: Current PHRF certificates are approximately 483, that’s an increase of 12 from since June 28<sup>th</sup>. The next board meeting will be the quarterly review Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The proposed VPP PHRF system, which was tabled at the last meeting, will be presented at the next meeting. If anyone has any questions in regard to the ORRez PHRF system, please contact Tom Beery directly.

**Centennial** – PC Corky Potts state that the Lipton Centennial has been postponed until 2021. The Committee continues to meet. The committee has been in touch with all current sponsors, all are good with rolling sponsorships over to the next year. Looking forward to a great celebration next year.

**Schedule-** Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick stated that links will be sent out in the next couple of months to begin setting the 2021 GYA schedule.

**Youth Committee**– Sam Vasquez submitted a written report: It has been a tough year for GYA sailing. We encourage clubs to continue working with their team in-house. Use these times to focus on boat-handling and crew work. You could also knock off the boat’s to-do list to be ready for the next regatta. Regattas can

and will be hosted and we ask everyone to follow the local authorities' guidelines. He will be hosting a Zoom Meeting to discuss the fall season. It will be at 6pm on Thursday, September 12th, 2020.

Click to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8927907977> Meeting ID: 892 790 7977 Call in number: (312) 626-6799

**US Sailing Championships** – Sam Vasquez submitted a written report: The next Area D Semi-Finals for the Sears, Bemis, Smythe Championships will need to be hosted in the GYA. If your club would like to host in the 2021. Please, let me know ASAP. Clubs will need to provide at least 8 similar class boats for the Sears class. The 2021 Finals are at Eastport Yacht Club in Massachusetts. If a Member of your club has participated in any US Sailing, National, or International event please let me know. We want to make sure they get the proper recognition.

**US Sailing Area D** – Sam Vasquez submitted a written report: There will be no Area D dues for 2020 as there were no qualifier or championships sailed. We want to remind all of the clubs, sailors, & volunteers to stay safe and please follow local requirements regarding the Coronavirus. Check out the US Sailing website and social media for all types of content and resources. Please, submit your requests to hold US Sailing Championships. They are looking for host clubs for future events.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/hosting-a-us-sailing-championship/three-year-future-calendar/>

**Race Management** – No Report

**One Design** – No Report

**Sail Measurement** – No Report

**US Sailing Representative** – No Report

**Offshore Council** – Commodore Court Richardson (Pontchartrain YC) stated that Pont YC has submitted a written request to host the GYA Challenge Cup November 6-8, 2020. Offshore Council Scott Sonnier, called in to state the application had been received and the Offshore Council would like to proceed. PC Dave Bolyard announced these dates may change due to a conflict with another championship event that was unknown to Pontchartrain YC.

**GYA Foundation** – No Report

**Safety Committee** – No Report

**Unfinished Business and General Orders**- Commodore Ruthven announced that it is time to review the annual GYA Foundation assessment/stipend. He asked the Board of Directors to either renew, modify, or remove. **PC Cathy Cromartie made a motion, seconded by PC John Matthews to discontinue the annual GYA Foundation assessment, unanimously approved.**

**New Business** – PC John Morrow announced that the Nominating Committee has met, it was comprised of PC David Bolyard (LA), PC Michael G. Hage (MS) and PC John B. Morrow (FL), who served as chair. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers at the 2021 Winter Meeting: Commodore: Jimmy Ruthven, Sr. (SABYC), Vice Commodore: Gary Rogers (JYC), Rear Commodore: Robbie Schmidt (SYC) and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt (SYC).

**PC Basil Kennedy (BWYC), made a motion, seconded by Julian Bingham (MYC) to amend, for 2019 only, Regulations for Sanctioned Events 7.4, to delete the 2019 Sugar Bowl Race of Champions scores for the 2019 Auguste Capdevielle Memorial Trophy Competition – motion tabled.**

**PC Shan Kirk (SYC) made a motion, seconded by Danny Killeen (PCYC) to table the motion to delete the 2019 Sugar Bowl Championship from the 2019 Capdevielle scoring, until every Board of Director**

has the opportunity to review all the information from all parties involved, 15 approve, 1 no, 1 abstain, motion approved.

PC Shan Kirk (SYC) amended his motion, seconded by PC Danny Killeen (PCYC) to table the motion and send to the Capdevielle Committee for its review to delete the 2019 Sugar Bowl Championship from the 2019 Capdevielle scoring, 16 approve, 1 abstain, motion approved.

Closing Remarks/Announcements – Winter Meeting to be hosted at Pensacola YC on January 8-10, 2021. Flag Raising ceremony 12pm.

John Matthews made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PC Cathy Cromartie.

Adjourned – 11:16 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Schmidt

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