



**Gulf Yachting Association
Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 3, 2022
Bay Waveland Yacht Club**

Call to Order – 10:03 hours by Commodore Gary Rogers

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Gary Rogers (JYC), Vice Commodore Robbie Schmidt (SYC), Rear Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC), Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt (SYC) and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC).

Roll Call – 20 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, HYC, JYC, LFYC, MYC, NYCP, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PontYC, SRYC, SYC, SABYC, and TYC - a quorum was met.

GYA Past Commodore Shan Kirk led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. GYA Past Commodore John Matthews led us in a prayer. A Change of Watch for the following were recognized: Whit Johnson (NYCP), Lawrence H. Sintes, Jr., (NOYC), Paul Talbot Wilson (PYC), Lou Oliver (PYC), Robert E. Lee (PYC), Joe Williams (PYC), Dick Poez (PYC), Jim Krippes (PYC), Charles Ne (PYC), John Cramer, Jr. (PontYC), Kern Thomas (PontYC), Lee Crona (PontYC), Patrick Eagan (SYC), Gerald “Click” Shreck (SYC), Phyllis Galloway (FYC), Harry Gregg (FYC), David Lucas (FYC), Jeff Valentine, (FYC), Byron Yoder (FYC) and Linda White Spinner (PBYC).

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

Conduct of the Meeting – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC) stated that 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 5 minutes, comments to 3 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- Harry G. “Harry” Chapman (BWYC), Thomas D. Beery (SRYC/PontYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), John B. Morrow (StABYC/GYC), Thomaw A. Batty (MYC), David Boylard (PontYC), John Matthews (PYC/NYCP), Daniel B. Killeen Jr (PCYC), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), Catherine Cromartie (FYC), J. C. Luppens (MYC/HYC) and Shan Kirk (SYC).

Welcome: Commodore Clinton Edwards for Bay Waveland Yacht Club extended a warm welcome. If you need assistance over the weekend, please let him know or seek out anyone on the race with red volunteer visors. He thanked everyone for the attendance is looking forward to a great weekend of sailing.

Minutes – John Matthews (PYC/NYCP) made a motion, seconded by Cathy Cromartie (FYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from May 13,2022 Annual meeting hosted at Jackson Yacht Club and to accept as published, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Jennifer Schmidt Reported Account Balances as of July 31, 2022: \$24,837.73 Checking Account \$30,913.44 Invest 1 (Trophy) \$26,155.65 Invest 2 (GYA) \$81,906.82 Total of all accounts

Executive Committee – Commodore Rogers reported the executive committee approved the request of BucYC to move the GYA Fishboat Championship venue from BucYC to PYC and to allow the date to be moved to October 15-16, 2022. Approval was also granted to approve the request of BucYC to move the Gulf Coast Finn Championship venue from BucYC to PCYC to be sailed in conjunction with the Jack Dane Finn Regatta and to allow the date to be hosted on October 8-9, 2022. The following were approved by the executive committee to serve on a special ad hoc committee to determine how best to spend excess funds from the centennial Lipton regatta as follows: Christian Gamble – SYC, Louisiana, Danny Killeen – PCYC, Mississippi & Foundation, Karl Kleinschrodt – BucYC, Alabama, Tom Pace – PYC, Florida, Randy Fitzpatrick – FYC, Alabama & ExCom

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Racing Regulations – Richard “Boo” Heausler (BWYC/SYC) thanked his committee members of Dave Boylard, John Matthews and Michael Hage. He reported there are no current requests for regulation updates. If you have any items you would like to have reviewed, please reach out to his committee prior to the Winter Meeting and they will take all recommendations under advisement. They are working with Capdevielle Committee to make improvements. There has been great feedback in reference to clubs having their club burgee on the sails verses assigned sail numbers. They are looking to see how to encourage more clubs to attend events, especially the smaller clubs.

Capdevielle Committee – Paul Kleinschrodt (BucYC) committee is working to possibly change up the scheduling for Spring and Summer regattas. The thought is to have events scheduled in the same area so there is less wear and tear on the boats while in transport between events. The committee is working closing with Racing Regulations for updates.

Race Management – Steve Nolte (GYC) reported the committee is working to complete the updated Standard NoR and SI’s and plans to have published by end of October. The committee is working to have a race management seminar at SYC during Winter Meeting or a seminar on effective race management. They are currently finalizing plans to streamline the QO program and how get more individual involved. If anyone needs assistance, please reach out.

Offshore Council – Scott Sonnier (SYC) reported that an ORR-EZ seminar was held prior to today’s meeting, it was recorded, and the link will be shared with Commodore’s to share with sailors within their club. The council met about a permanent date for the Gulfport to Pensacola Race. **Scott Sonnier made a motion, seconded by John Matthews, to make a regulation to make the permanent date for the Gulfport to Pensacola race the last Friday of each June – 15 in favor, motion carried.**

By-Laws – PC Catherine Cromartie, no report.

Schedule- Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick reported the links for the 2023 will be going out soon. She asked the Commodore’s to ensure the link was forwarded to the correct person within their club to use for publication of all regatta information for their club. If anyone has any requested for next year, please submit prior to Winter Meeting for review.

Trophy – Chris Dabney (FYC) reported the trophy Committee was asked to investigate the Uncle Roy Trophy Deed of gift. The Deed of gift was dated in 1979. We have names on the trophy that it was presented to the winners of the years 1977 and 1978. We as a committee decided to make no changes because of the history that was found for the winners of 1977 and 1978.

The Mobile Yacht Club Trophy needs a new base. The committee has given input on what they would like it to look like. Picked up the trophy Friday 9/2/22 from Pensacola. An estimate of cost

of the work and drawing will be delivered soon and submitted to the Trophy Committee and the Executive Committee for approval. I would also like to have the plates redone. The fonts have different styles and really look bad overall. This will have the plates uniformed with the same font.

Chris Luppens, the online trophy book chairman needs a break, he has been doing it for many years and we thank him for his service to the GYA and Trophy Committee. We have found a volunteer, Julie Connerly (PBYC) is willing to take it over and want to thank Past Commodore Shan Kirk for his work to procure a new bookkeeper, welcome and thank you for joining the trophy committee.

We are close to having to add another daggerboard to the Uncle Roy Trophy. Looks like we have one year left possible two left but would like to get it started and completed before we are rushing to have it ready.

I will be working on travel cases for the Capdeville and Mobile Yacht Club trophies. I will send the total cost estimate from Pelican to Trophy Committee and Executive Board when we have a cost for approval.

One Design – Zac Fanberg, No report.

Youth Committee– Scott Hartwell reported 8 clubs participated in the Junior Lipton. Good participation, but there is room for improvement. The committee is open to any suggestions on how to achieve this. We would like to recognize the following GYA Juniors who participated in the US Sailing Junior Championship: Bemis – Connor Fanberg (BWYC), Kate Gibbons (SYC); Sears – Court Salloum, Johnny Chatelain and Anderson Wolford (GYC). Thank you all for representing the GYA nationally. Viper Youth NA's will be held at Gulfport YC on the weekend of October 15th, we encourage all clubs with active junior programs to enter a boat for competition.

Appeals Committee – Charles Harp reported no appeals currently filed this year or last year. Thank you to everyone for playing nicely, race committees and judges to a job well done.

PHRF – Tom Beery reported he will be retiring from the PHRF committee effective 2025. Current PHRF/ORR-1 certificates are at 383. This is a significant decrease of 112 from December 31, 2020. GYA clubs have access to scoring systems that have PHRF, ORR-1 and ORR-EZ through Regatta Management Solutions (Kett Cummins kett@cumminsola.com) or NextSailor (Kevin Blank crew@nextsailor.com). The NextSailor program is provided by the PHRF Committee at no cost to clubs scoring regattas. Visit the PHRF website (gya-phrf.com) for a directory of Handicappers, by-laws and listing of all current certificate holders. Need your Notice of Race distributed, please email gya.phrf@gmail.com. Each Handicapper serves 5 years, due to Covid 19 all extended their term by 1 year, currently seeking a replacement for the Alabama representative. PHRF committee is working with Offshore committee on the new scoring system. Tom encouraged each club to have a representative at the 2024 Winter meeting in reference to GYA PHRF single number rating system when all certificates expire.

Chief Administrative Judge – James “Doc” Hunter announced no new judges and he asked that Commodores encourage club members to become certified to build the pool of available judges within the GYA. Certification classes are currently virtual, visit the US Sailing website to see all classes available. There is a class being held in October at David Island Yacht Club.

Membership Committee – PC Danny Killeen reminded that Birmingham Sailing Club has reinstated its status as a general member club, no additional applications at this time.

GYA Foundation – PC Danny Killeen announced there will be a silent auction at the Winter Meeting hosted at Southern YC in January, we ask that all Commodore please contribute one item to the auction. A tiered giving program has been established, hand outs were given to each attendee.

Sail Measurement – William Zehner reported measurement for Lipton went smoothly, only a few issues, but all clubs have cleared and are measured in for the event. He thanked Steve Nolte and Sam Vasquez for their assistance.

US Sailing Championships – Clinton Edwards announced the Mallory Cup will be hosted at Bay Waveland YC October 26-20. The Viper 640 Youth & Women's Championship will be hosted at Gulfport YC October 15-16, and the Viper 640 North American's will be hosted at Gulfport YC October 19-23. Flying Scot Midwinters will be hosted at Bay Waveland YC March 11-16, 2023, the Flying Scot NA will be hosted at Jackson YC June 2-8, 2023, and the Wife Husband Championship will be hosted by Birmingham Sailing Club September 29-October 1, 2023.

US Sailing Representative – Holly Murray, No Report

Safety Committee – Miller Guice, No Report

Unfinished Business and General Orders- Karl Kleinschrodt reported that the special ad hoc committee on how to spend excess funds from the centennial Lipton has met and have been discussing ideas. Karl Kleinschrodt made a motion, seconded by Cathy Cromartie to allow the committee additional time to devise a plan to spend the funds and report back at the Winter Meeting, unanimously approved.

New Business – Cathy Cromartie (FYC), nominating committee chair announced the following will be presented for vote at the Winter Meeting: Robbie Schmidt (SYC) Commodore, Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC) Vice Commodore, Alan McMillan (PYC) Rear Commodore and Jennifer Schmidt (SYC) Secretary/Treasurer.

Closing Remarks/Announcements – Commodore Rogers announced the winter meeting & GYA Annual Awards banquet will be held January 13-15 at Southern Yacht Club, please mark your calendar. He recognized the following clubs as participating in the 2022 Resolute Cup (Rolex Invitational Qualifier) being hosted at New York Yacht Club in Newport RI September 13-18: Southern Yacht Club (defender of the Invitational and already qualified), Pensacola Yacht Club (first year participate), Houston Yacht Club and Lakewood Yacht Club – good luck sailors.

GYA Past Commodore Chris Luppens (MYC/HYC), as proxy for Houston YC, who is celebrating 125 years would like to congratulate and recognized Mobile YC on celebrating 175 years. Past Commodore Dave Bolyard announced there is a large group of flying scot sailors on the Lake, please keep in mind when scheduling regattas to include a class for these sailors. Basil Kennedy, as Lipton Regatta Chairman, thanked everyone for attending, if you need any assistance or have a questions to please ask.

GYA Past Commodore Catherine Cromartie (FYC) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commodore Scott Hartwell (FYC)

Adjourned – 10:55 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Schmidt

Approved: _____