

Gulf Yachting Association Winter Meeting Saturday, January 13, 2024 Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Call to Order - 1733 hours by Commodore Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt (SYC).

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

Roll Call – 22 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, JYC, LFYC, LBYC, MYC, NavyPYC, NOYC, OSYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PontYC, SRYC, SYC, StABYC, SPYC and TYC - a quorum was met.

GYA Past Commodore Shan Kirk led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. The follow deceased commodores and sailing friends were recognized with a moment of silence: Ann Hull Edwards (BWYC), Maryem Fowles Hopins (GYC), John W. McGowan (JYC), Teresa Cashion (JYC), Fred Brock (MYC), Karen Baltar Riley (SYC), Erston Reisch (SYC), Barton Jahncke (SYC) and Jim Patano PBYC & NavyPYC).

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

GYA Past Commodores Recognized- Michael Hage (GYC), Thomas D. Beery (SRYC), Jimmy Ruthven (StABYC), Shan Kirk (SYC), Tom A. Batty (MYC/BucYC), John Morrow (GYC/StABYC), Harry G. "Harry" Chapman (BWYC/SYC), David Boylard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/PCYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Catherine Cromartie (FYC), Daniel B. Killeen Jr (PCYC), and Gary Rogers (JYC).

<u>Conduct of the Meeting</u> – 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.

<u>Minutes</u> – Catherine Cromartie (FYC) made a motion, seconded by Michael Hage (GYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from September 2, 2023 Semi-Annual meeting hosted at Pass Christian Yacht Club and to accept as amended, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-TreasurerDecember 31, 2023: \$21,493.41 Checking Account \$31,556.20 Invest 1 (Trophy)
\$30,573.18 Invest 2 (GYA) \$83,622.19 Total of all accounts.

<u>Executive Committee</u> – Commodore Schmidt noted he hosted the executive committee for dinner along with guests Boo Heausler and Shannon Weatherly at his home last night. He announced he has trophy committee re-evaluating as to when several one design awards are being handed out. There was no official business conducted and therefore no further information to report.

COMMITTEE & COUNCIL REPORTS

Racing Regulations – Richard "Boo" Heausler (BWYC/SYC) reported that the committee is comprised of the following: Boo Heausler, Dave Boylard, Michael Hage, and John Matthews. Danny Killeen (PCYC) made a motion, seconded by Michael Hage (GYC) to accept the regulations changes submitted by the committee, and it was unanimously approved by the BOD the following regulations changes will be made:

7.4 Capdevielle Series Regattas. Interclub events established by the BOD and managed as specified in Regulation 11 – Host Club Requirements. Certain regattas have special regulations as defined below in addition to the regulations common to all series regattas. Series regattas may be added with the approval of or deleted by the action of the BOD

only. Series regattas established by the BOD are:

Junior Lipton Challenge	Junior Lipton	Championship Regulation 20	See reg 20.1(a)
Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge	Lipton Cup	Championship Regulation 19	See reg 19.1(a)

19.1

- (a) (Effective for the 2025 season.) The GYA club that won the previous year shall normally host in the current year. No club, however, shall host in consecutive years. If, because of this restriction, the previous year winner is not eligible to host, that club may offer hosting the current year to another GYA club. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.
- (b) (Effective for the 2025 season.) In the event that a previous year winner that is eligible to host the current year elects not to, that club may offer current year hosting to any GYA club that is eligible to do so. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.

Proposed Rule

14.1 The number of races scheduled and required to constitute a series at each event shall conform to the following:

Event	Number of Races Scheduled	Number of Races to Constitute a Series
Junior Lipton	5	1

(This changes from 6 races previously)

<u>Capdevielle Committee</u> – Paul Kleinschrodt (BucYC) reported that 12 regattas were sailed for the 2023 Capdevielle Series, 14 clubs participated compared to 13 last year. 12 Clubs participated in at least 50% of the regattas. 9 clubs won individual races this year, 7 different clubs won Capdevielle events, 4 clubs won races at Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge. FYC won Jr. Lipton, Southern won Knost and Pensacola won Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge, this goes to show how competitive the racing is within this series. The 2023 Challenger division champion is Gulfport YC, and the only club to attend all Capdevielle regatta's. 2023 Capdevielle Champion is Mobile YC, Southern YC4was 2nd and Buccaneer YC was 3rd. The Race of Champions (SYC) will be on probation for 2025 due to lack of participation. Ft. Walton YC will be the host of the 2024 Jr. Lipton.

<u>Race Management</u> – Steve Nolte (GYC), no report. Commodore Schmidt wished him luck sailing in the SORC.

Youth Committee— Scott Hartwell (FYC) reported the committee is discussing moving One Design circuit trophies to the Wadewitz Regatta. The committee is also looking to post event standings on the GYA website to help everyone track leaders as events are completed. US Sailing Sears cup will be held at San Diego YC in J22's this year. Area D qualifier is yet to be announced. He announced that Fairhope YC has Melges 15's at their club until February 15th for anyone wanting to demo the boats.

Chief Administrative Judge – James "Doc" Hunter (BucYC) reported that we were able to have judges at all GYA Sanctioned events this year. He stated that Con Lancaster (SRYC) will take over as chief administrative judge in 2024. Jerry Thompson is the new Area D administrative judge. He again reminded that we do need more individuals to step up to become certified as a club judge.

Membership Committee - PC Danny Killeen stated no new applications.

GYA Foundation - PC Danny Killeen, no report.

<u>Offshore Council –</u> Scott Sonnier (SYC) stated the GYA Women's Championship will be held April 7th at Pensacola Beach YC, Challenge Cup will be at Gulfport YC on June 23rd and the following weekend will be the Gulfport to Pensacola Race. He noted a sub committee will be formed to look at a succession plan for the PHRF rating system. The ORR-EZ scoring system will be reviewed for the Challenge Cup as to how the system will be utilized. Sonnier reported that everyone will continue in their rolls on the offshore council.

<u>PHRF/ Handicap</u>— Tom Beery (SRYC) reported he is officially retired! Kevin Blank will be taking over as the new Handicap Chairman. Kevin Blank (FWYC) reported currently 450 boats have been rated PHRF/ORA-1 and have certificates. Scott Sonnier (SYC) and GYA Commodore Schmidt on behalf of the Offshore Council and GYA made a special presentation to Tom Beery for his 40+ years of service to the GYA as PHRF Chairman.

One Design - Zac Fanberg (BWYC), no report.

<u>Trophy</u> – Chris Dabney (FYC) reported the committee met this morning and a Hobie Wave Championship trophy and deed of gift is currently being established. This Championship will be at Ocean Springs YC, and the club will be donating the trophies. The Committee will have banners designed and made as well. The committee approved that a permanent trophy known as the GYA Past Commodores Trophy will be awarded for Race 4 of the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup (If there is a race 4), PC Basil Kennedy is chairing this effort, and the trophy will be dated back to 2022 when the 5th race was implemented. Chirs thanked Commodore Robbie Schmidt for updating the online trophy book and for taking over this task. Basil Kennedy (BWYC) made motion, seconded by Michael Hage (GYC) to add the following to the deed of gift for the Excellence in Race Management trophy: that an engraved porthole mirror as a keeper trophy to the PRO as well as a signed certificate listing all the race committee for that winning club, unanimously approved.

Sail Measurement - William Zehner (StABYC), no report.

<u>US Sailing Championships</u> – Vice Commodore Randy Fitpatrick Wainwright reported that a list of Championship events will be posted on the GYA website for your reference next week.

<u>By-Laws</u> – PC Catherine Cromartie stated the committee had two minor by-law changes that were included with the notice of meeting, dealing with changing the name of the PHRF Committee to Handicap Committee under item B. Classification, subsection 2 and article IV-Officers, section 5 subsection A. PC Basil Kennedy (BWYC) made a motion, seconded by PC Shan Kirk (SYC) to change PHRF Committee to Handicap Committee in the bylaws, unanimously approved.

B. Classification

(2) Affiliate Membership. Organizations in this classification shall be a member of the United States Sailing Association. Compliance with this requirement may be delayed until acceptance. Affiliate members shall have the right to participate in USSA events conducted within the GYA, use the services of the Appeals Committee and the Handicap Rating Committee in accordance with the established procedures and otherwise participate in GYA affairs on a reduced basis as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, but shall not be entitled to representation on the Board.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

SECTION 5: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. Commodore.

(3) exercise ratification authority over the selection of the Chair of the Handicap Rating Committee.

<u>Schedule-</u> Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick reported the only discussion was to move the Knost regatta due to ladies college schedules. PC Danny Killeen (PCYC) made a motion, seconded by John O'Brien (MYC) to permanently move the Knost regatta date on the standard schedule to June 15 -16, unanimously approved. 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.

<u>Appeals Committee</u> – Charles Harp reported there were 2 appeals, same individual. First was from a National Multihull Championship event hosted by Pensacola YC, this matter was referred to US Sailing as it was a championship event. The second from an event hosted at St. ABYC, GYA referred back to the US Sailing decision, both dismissed.

US Sailing Representative – GYA Executive Committee, No Report.

Unfinished Business and General Orders- none.

Announcements: Commodore Robert Schmidt (SYC) took a moment to recognize the 2024 Committee chairs, and presented a small gift of appreciate to each for their service to the GYA and their support during his term as Commodore: Charles Harp – Appeals; Cathy Cromartie – By Laws; Paul Kleinschrodt – Capdevielle; Doc Hunter – Judges; Danny Killeen – Membership/Foundation; Boo Heausler – Racing Regulations; William Zehner – Sail Measurement; Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright - Scheduling; Chris Dabney – Trophy; Scott Hartwell – Youth; Tom Beery – PHRF; Scott Sonnier – Offshore (not present Steve Nolte – Race Management; Zak Fanberg – One Design).

<u>New Business</u> – Commodore Schmidt asked Commodore Wynn for an update from St. Andrews Bay Yacht club. He reported the club was a total loss due to fire but, the sailing center has been left untouched and the club is running. He thanked all for their support, and they are in the process of rebuilding and look forward to seeing everyone at the Candler regatta this summer.

Michael G. Hage (GYC), nominating committee chair announced the following will be presented for vote at the Winter Meeting: Commodore - Randy Fitzpatrick - Wainwright (FYC); Vice Commodore - Alan C. McMillan (PYC); Rear Commodore - Richard "Boo" Heausler (BWYC); Immediate Past Commodore Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt, Jr. (SYC); Secretary-Treasurer - Shannon Weatherly

(PCYC). GYA Past Commodore John Morrow (GYC) made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented; seconded by GYA Past Shan Kirk (SYC), unanimously approved.

<u>Closing Remarks</u> – GYA Rear Commodore Alan McMillan (PYC) announced that Pensacola YC will be hosting a "Safety at Sea" Seminar on Saturday, March 23rd in advance of the Mexico Race. All are encouraged to attend; more information may be found on the Pensacola YC website. PC Basil Kennedy came forward to present an appreciate gift for outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt for her service over the last 7 years. Commodore Schmidt turned the meeting over to Commodore Wainwright, she in turn presented Commodore Schmidt with an appreciation gift. Commodore Wainwright briefly thanked everyone for their support and took a minute to recognize her husband Carl for standing by her.

GYA Past Commodore Michael Hage (GYC) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by GYA Past Commodore Shan Kirk (SYC) -

Adjourned – 18:17 hours.

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Schmidt



GYA Winter Meeting, January 13, 2024 Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

Agenda

- 2. Call To Order GYA Commodore, Robbie Schmidt (SYC)
- Roll Call of Clubs, Past Commodores Secretary/Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt (SYC)
- Pledge of Allegiance John Matthews (Pensacola YC)

[STAND]

4. Invocation – John Matthews (Pensacola YC)

[STAND]

- · Recognition of Deceased Commodores, Sailing Friends Moment of Silence
- 5. Introduction of GYA Executive Committee and others (by Commodore)
 - · Vice Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright (FYC),
 - · Rear Commodore Alan McMillan (PYC),
 - Immediate Past Commodore Gary Rogers (JYC),
 - Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC);
 - Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt (SYC)
- 8. Acknowledgement of GYA Past Commodores
- 7. Conduct of the Meeting -Cary Trapani, (BWYC)
- 8. Reading & Approval of Minutes Annual Semi-Meeting held Sep 2, 2023 (PCYC)
- Financial Report Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt
- 10. Executive Committee Report Commodore Robbie Schmidt
- 11. Committee & Council Reports:
 - Racing Regulations Richard Heausler, BWYC

 - d: Race Management-Steve Nolte, GYC
 - d. Youth Scott Hartwell, GYC
 - ✓. Judges James "Doc" Hunter, BucYC
 - f. Membership Danny Killeen Jr., PCYC
 - g. GYA Foundation Danny Killeen Jr., PCYC



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GYA WINTER MEETING JANUARY 13, 2024 Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

DECEASED COMMODORES & SAILING FRIENDS

Ann Hull Edwards, Bay Waveland YC

Maryem Fowlkes Hopkins, Gulfport YC

John W. McGowan, Jackson YC

Teresa Cashion, Jackson YC

Fred Brock, Mobile YC Past Commodore

Karen Baltar Riley, Southern YC

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Barton Jahncke, Southern YC

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GRAND LAGOON YACHT CLUB 10653 GULF BEACH HIGHWAY PENSACOLA, FL 32507

January 8, 2024

To: GYA

Please let this letter serve as notice that

Tom Wagner, 2024 Fleet Captain, is the duly authorized voting representative to the January, GYA meeting.

Sincerely

Bob Matson, Commodore, 2023

For Terry Smith, Commodore Elect, 2024



ORGANIZED 1901 - REORGANIZED 1920

April 1, 2021

TO: Robert Jr. "Robbie" Schmidt

Gulf Yachting Association

1245 Kensington Drive

Biloxi, MS 39530

RE: GYA Nominating Committee Report for 2024

Dear Commodore:

The GYA nominating committee being duly appointed per the GYA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, A and consisting of Past Commodores Shan Kirk (SYC) residing in Louisiana, John H. Matthews (PYC) residing in Florida, and Michael G. Hage (GYC) residing in Mississippi has completed its deliberations and hereby recommends the following individuals for Gulf Yachting Association Flag Officers in 2024:

Commodore: Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright, (FYC)

Vice-Commodore: Alan C. McMillan, (PYC)

Rear-Commodore: Richard "Boo" Heausler (BWYC)

Sec/Treasurer: Shannon Weatherly, (PCYC)

Immediate Past Commodore: Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt, (SYC)

All nominees have indicated their interest in serving on the GYA Executive Committee in 2024.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Hage, GYA Past Commodore

Chairman

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ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS
SECTION 5: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

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Proposed

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