



**Gulf Yachting Association
Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 31, 2024
Pensacola Yacht Club**

Call to Order – 10:00 hours by Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright.

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC), Vice Commodore Alan McMillan (PYC), Rear Commodore Richard “Boo” Heausler (BWYC/SYC), Immediate Past Commodore Robbie Schmidt (SYC), Secretary-Treasurer, Shannon Weatherly (PCYC) and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC).

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

PYC Commodore James Simpkins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Individuals that have deceased from our general members clubs were recognized by PC John Matthews.

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), Michael Hage (GYC) ThomasA. Batty (MYC), David Boylard (PontYC), John Matthews (PYC/NYCP), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), Catherine Cromartie (FYC), Gary Rogers (JYC) and Robert I. Mace (FYC)

Welcome- Commodore James Simpkins welcomed everyone to Pensacola Yacht Club.

Minutes – John Matthews (PYC) made a motion, seconded by Cathy Cromartie (FYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from May 4, 2024, Annual Meeting hosted at Fairhope Yacht Club and to accept as published, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Shannon Weatherly reported account balances as of August 1, 2024:

\$26,769.14	Checking Account	\$32,331.08	Invest 1 (Trophy)
\$35,176.65	Invest 2 (GYA)	\$94,276.87	Total of all accounts

Executive Committee – Commodore Wainwright reported the executive committee approved a request from BYC to charter a Viper to compete in the 2024 Lipton Challenge. There will be a video following the meeting on Foiling Program for anyone interested in staying.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Racing Regulations – Richard “Boo” Heausler (BWYC/SYC) reported there are a rule changes being discussed on Jr Liptons oversight, Knost Regatta boat change, minimum and maximum wind guidelines, time limits and cut off times. Language providing for a perpetual trophy for the 4th race winner will be added for the Lipton Challenge.

Capdevielle Committee – Paul Kleinschrodt (BucYC) committee is working with Racing Regulations to increase participation at Knost Regatta. A boat change proposal is being discussed and will be presented for voting at the winter meeting.

Race Management – PC Robbie Schmidt – no report.

By-Laws – PC Catherine Cromartie, no report.

Schedule- Commodore Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick reported the links for the 2025 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.

Appeals – Charles Harp, PYC – reported there is 1 appeal currently in process.

Judges – John Farris, FWYC – no report

Membership – PC Danny Killeen Jr. PCYC – no report.

GYA Foundation –PC Danny Killeen PCYC – no report.

Trophy – Chris Dabney (FYC) – no report.

Sail Measurement – William Zehner, FWYC – no report.

US Sailing Championships – Clinton Edwards BWYC – no report.

One Design – Zac Fanberg BWYC, No report.

Youth Committee– Scott Hartwell FYC reported that GYA Juniors who participated in the Area D US Sailing Junior Championship: Sears – Connor Fanberg won the Silver Fleet. Thank you for representing the GYA nationally. Viper NA’s being sailed in Sarasota this year if any can send a team.

PHRF - Kevin Blank FWYC reported there are currently 416 active PHRF certificates. A little more than 120 boats with ORR-Ez certs. We encourage every to get started as soon as possible with the certificate process. Legacy PHRF will be active until the end of 2024ORR-Ez will be the official handicap system starting in 2025. The handicap committee will be publishing a "single-number" list of active ORR-Ez certs for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker ratings for club and organizations that wish to continue with single-number TOD ratings in their club events. For boats applying for an ORR-Ez certificate with an existing PHRF certificate and ORR-Ez needs to create a new offset file, they will qualify for a \$50 subsidy from the Handicap Committee. This is being done so that the cost to all current PHRF cert. holders will be the same.

These webinars will be recorded and will be available at <https://gya.org/handicap>

You can find times, dates, and links to the webinar schedule at <https://gya.org/handicap>

Offshore Council – Scotty Sonnier, SYC – no report.

US Sailing Representative – Shannon Weatherly PCYC No Report

Unfinished Business and General Orders- None.

New Business – Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright reported that the nominating committee has met and will present the slate of officers for vote at the 2025 Winter Meeting at Fairhope Yacht Club.

Closing Remarks/Announcements – The GYA Winter Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held at FYC on January 11th, 2025.

GYA Past Commodore Catherine Cromartie (FYC) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by PC Bob Mace (FYC)

Adjourned – 10:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shannon Weatherly

Approved: _____