



GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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December 2014

Commodore Notes . . .



How time flies, it is already December and my term as Commodore of the GYA is quickly coming to an end. No sooner do you figure out where you are and get stated then it is time to turn the reign over to your successor. It has been a great year, however, there were many more things I wish I could have done,

time permitting. The winter meeting is coming quickly and we wish to thank Biloxi Yacht Club for agreeing to host the annual meeting which will be held on the weekend of January 9, 10 and 11, 2015. The schedule is almost complete and we are hoping to have a great turnout. Please stay tuned to the GYA website for information with respect to discounted hotel rooms, etc.

Southern Yacht Club continues to lead the Capdevielle series with Pass Christian right on their heels. This should provide for a very competitive and exciting series at the Sugar Bowl Race of Champions, which will be sailed on Lake Pontchartrain on December 27 and 28. Southern Yacht Club is hosting the Race of Champions this year and looks forward to an exciting series. I believe that the winner between SYC and PCYC will then be the Capdevielle champion for 2014.

Chris Luppens and Karen Reich continue to work with U.S. Sailing and our relations with respect to the other areas and the ladder events between the areas for qualification for U.S. Sailing championships. Needless to say their efforts are appreciated and hopefully they are able to resolve some longstanding issues. Seems as though great progress has been made recently and we look forward to many more years of association with the organizing authority of our sport. In January there will be a National U.S. Sailing Symposium held in New Orleans which you may wish to consider attending to learn more about what is going on in the sport nationwide and to meet fellow sailors from around the country. Participation fees are minimal and you never know what you may take away from the symposium which can change your way of thinking and enjoying sailing.

Tom Beery and the PHRF Committee have recently accepted Sam Vasquez as a new member for the State of Mississippi on the PHRF Committee and they look forward to bringing his expertise to the Committee. As always, many thanks are due to that group for undertaking the thankless job of assigning ratings to the various PHRF boats throughout the GYA, and despite all the criticism and comments which you may hear on the various chat boards, etc., they really do a very good job at assigning ratings across the board.

The GYA New Boat Selection Committee has been hard at work and recently put on a demonstration weekend at Southern Yacht Club on the weekend of December 22 and 23, 2014 at which time eight different new boats were brought before the Committee for review and sailing. The event started on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with a rigging demonstration for each of the eight boats being presented by the manufacturers for review which, although painful to endure the rigging of eight boats from a trailered position till launch, it was truly meaningful in trying to understand exactly what would be involved with each of the particular boats. At the end of the day, it generally took roughly thirty minutes from start to finish for each of the boats, give or take a few minutes here and there. However, it was very interesting to see the different techniques utilized in each of the rigging scenarios including the stepping of masks. Although none is quite as simple as what we might be used to, certainly none of them are beyond our normal capabilities.

During the lunch break, each of the manufacturers provided a five-minute presentation on their particular boats and programs which was quite diverse and interesting. There was a random drawing for the order of the rigging and presentation as follows: Ultimate 20, VX1, J-70, Viper 640, K-6, RS Venture, Seascope 18, and finally the Topaz Omega.

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The boats ranged in size from the smallest being the Topaz Omega to the largest being the J-70. Although most had a retractable keel, some were centerboards, providing for more dinghy-like performance. Each had its own unique characteristics from a rigging and layout perspective to stability and performance features.

After the lunch break, there were round robin sailing opportunities for the committee members and interested volunteers where each of the committee members, along with an interested volunteer rotated through the boats. Half of the rotation was completed on Saturday in moderate to light conditions. On Saturday evening some of the sailors and manufacturers reps enjoyed a few drinks and dinner in the SYC bar at which time informal discussions were had concerning the various boats, programs, philosophies and who knows what. It was an enjoyable evening and all were anxiously waiting to see what the weather conditions were going to provide for on Sunday. Predictions were that there would be rain and wind gusting to thirty knots for the first part of Sunday. As it turns out, there was in fact rain, and the wind did in fact get up to thirty at some point and therefore the activities were delayed from the original 9:00 o'clock start to 11:00. Several rotations occurred then a short break was taken due to the extreme wind conditions. Shortly thereafter, the round robin continued and was finished around 1:30. A

lot of exciting sailing occurred on Sunday with no breakdowns. All of the boats were derigged, placed on their trailers and cleared from the SYC slab due to all of the competitors, coaches and other support craft appearing at Southern Yacht Club for the Optimist Mid-Winters to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend. We also would like to thank SYC for providing the space and equipment to conduct the demonstration that weekend as they were quite busy with the Sugar Bowl Great Oaks High School regatta sponsored by the Sugar Bowl Committee.

The GYA New Boat Selection Committee would like to thank all of the manufacturers and interested observers who came to see what this is all about, and especially thank those that got involved and actually went out sailing on the boats. All of your comments are welcome, suggested and will be forwarded to the GYA New Boat Selection Committee. Please forward them to myself or Janace Batty, the Secretary/Treasurer for consideration.

Finally, I encourage everyone to get involved to the extent that you can, volunteer your time and experience, and attend the annual meeting in Biloxi this January. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

See you soon,

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Capdevielle Standings

as of Wadewitz Regatta:

1 SYC	0.9434 (11)
2 PCYC	0.9138 (8)
3 BWYC	0.8782 (8)
4 BucYC	0.8717 (9)
5 MYC	0.8228 (9)
NOYC	0.8183 (9)
PontYC	0.8061 (11)
StABYC	0.7691 (10)
FWYC	0.7586 (10)
FYC	0.7280 (9)
JYC	0.6491 (8)
GYC	0.8212 (7)
BYC	0.6713 (5)
LBYC	0.7127 (4)
NYC	0.6389 (3)
PYC	0.6383 (2)
LAYC	0.6944 (1)
TYC	0.6667 (1)

***NOTE:** It takes eight Regattas to be counted for the Capdevielle Championship. Scores for Clubs attending less than eight regattas are for information only.



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GYA SCHEDULING COMMITTEE

We are getting the schedule together but I still need information from several clubs. We want to have the schedule put together before the winter meeting and time is moving along, so please get the information to us as soon as possible. I will be posting the preliminary schedule to the GYA website, as it is at this point, as I said in the email blasts if you put your information on the Google calendar I still need you to email it to me so that it can put it on the schedule. If you sent me schedules with "question marks" they will be highlighted on the calendar let me know as soon as they are firmed up. Thank you for you cooperation and I look forward to getting your information soon.



Randy Fitz-Wainwright

GYA WINTER MEETINGS

Make Your Reservations for our GYA Winter Meetings and Board of Directors Meeting, January 10th & 11th 2015. The event shall be held at Biloxi Yacht Club. If you would like to make hotel reservations, use booking code S4GYA for the group rate at the Palace Casino & Resort (800) 725-2239.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Janace Batty

GYA Secretary- Treasurer

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INTERESTED IN DONATING A PERPETUAL TROPHY

The Gulf Yachting Association has a large collection of perpetual trophies that are designated for specific competitive events. One of the most notable events is the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge. For this event there are seven individual perpetual trophies dedicated to be awarded to various winner participation and winning specific races.

There are several opportunities existing for individuals or yacht clubs to donate a perpetual trophy for a specific race or event. For example, in the Junior Lipton Challenge, winners of the first, second, etc., races are eligible to be so honored with a perpetual trophy. Another example is the GYA Finn Class Championship. Currently there is no perpetual trophy for the winner of this event.

A review of the GYA Directory pages 111 to 125 provides a complete description of the various GYA Sanctioned

Events which have opportunities to designate a perpetual trophy for winners.

In you or your yacht club is interested in donating a perpetual trophy for a specific race or competition, the GYA Trophy Committee would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about such a donation. Please contact the Chair, GYA Trophy Committee to arrange a convenient time to discuss the opportunity to donate a perpetual trophy.

Guidelines for such a donation are found in the GYA Directory on pages 58 through 59.

Past Commodore John Matthews, Chair
Gulf Yachting Association
Trophy Committee



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Winter Meeting

Hosted by Biloxi Yacht Club

430 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

Saturday, Jan 10, 2015

Event	Time	Room	Room	Location
Registration	8:30am	Ground Floor Landing	Junior Room	Ground Floor, West Side, entrances by Pool or garage
Multihull Council	9am	Jr. Room	Board Room	First Floor, East Side, Left from elevator
GYA Foundation	9am	Board Room	Spinnaker Room	First Floor, South Side, Right from elevator
Race Management	9am	Spinnaker Rm	Bar	First Floor, West Side, Right From elevator
Capdevielle	9am	Gulfview Ballroom	Spinnaker Room	2nd Floor, South Side, Right from elevator
Sailors/Race Mgmt QA	10am	Spinnaker Room	Sailors/Race Mgmt QA... A meeting where the GYA sailors are invited to inform Race and Regatta Management of what they like and dislike. Also for the sailors who sail outside the GYA to inform us what the rest of the country is doing that we should be doing .	
Youth Committee	10:30am	Jr. Room		
Offshore Council	10:30am	Gulfview Ballroom		
Past Commodores Lunch	11am	Bar	BYC Club Payment Options: ♦ Charge to your home club ♦ Major Credit Cards Accepted	
US Sailing Champ	1pm	Jr. Room		
Racing Rules	1pm	Board Room		
One Design Council	1pm	Gulfview Ballroom	Open Discussion Meeting... A meeting where all GYA members are invited to discuss any and all items brought to the floor . This meeting is similar to the Board of Directors Meeting on Sunday, but without all the rules and restrictions	
Open Discussion Meeting	3pm	Gulfview Ballroom		
Schedule Meeting	4pm	Jr Room		
Trophy Meeting	4pm	Spinnaker Room	Accommodations: Palace Casino Resort GYA Rate \$89/nite, Code S4GYA, A 72 hour cancellation policy is in effect, Fee will be posted to guests card 72 hour prior to arrival. 1-800-PALACE-9 (725-2239)	
Cocktails	6:30pm	Spinnaker/Bar		
GYA Foundation Silent Auction	6:30pm	Spinnaker South Wall		
Banquet Dinner	7:30pm	Gulfview Ballroom		

Sunday, Jan 11, 2015

Committee Chairs	9:30am	Board Room
Club Manager	9:30am	Spinnaker Rm
Commodore Workshop	9:30am	Gulfview Ballroom
BOD Meeting	10:30am	Gulfview Ballroom

Silent Auction (from 6:30pm until end of Banquet)

Banquet Dinner Information

Saturday, January 10th, 7:30pm in the Gulfview Ballroom \$25/person plus 7% Tax & 20% gratuity, for reservations call (228) 374-6344 or member.services@biloxiyc.org

Pecan Wood Smoked Rib of Certified Black Angus Beef

BYC's Signature Seafood Gumbo

Southern Squash Casserole

Maine Lobster Stuffed Jumbo Mushrooms

Applewood Bacon Wrapped Blackened Asparagus

Four Cheese Stuffed Au Gratin Potatoes

Fried Mississippi Gulf Shrimp

White Chocolate Stuffed Bread Pudding with Pecan Praline Sauce and Chantilly Cream

Assorted Mini Cheesecakes



“Bring Your Old Sails to New Orleans Yacht Club Today to Get a Tax Deduction This Year”

- Macho Slavich

Regatta Chairman MGRW 2015

New Orleans Yacht Club is very pleased to announce that it will again partner with Sails for Sustenance (<http://sailsforsustenance.org/>) for Mardi Gras Race Week 2015 as the primary charity according to Slavich.

Guy Williams, President of Gulf Coast Bank is again the primary sponsor of MGRW and was the originator of the SFS/MGRW2014 partnership concept. He pointed out that it was so successful that we should collect the sails year round. He emphasized that those who did donate sails were pleasantly surprised at the amount of their tax benefit and the ease of making the donation.

Jay Smith (jcarlylesmith@gmail.com cell #504-512-3481) will be facilitating the sail donations again this year. Slavich noted that last year the Haitians invited Jay and Guy down to Haiti to present the sails to the sustenance fisherman on Ile a Vache off the Haitian Southern Coast. He is hopeful that the Honorable Stephanie Villedrouin, Haitian Minister of Tourism, will be our guest of honor at MGRW 2015 along with personal appearances by Haitian born NFL players and other Haitian officials and celebrities.



Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta December 27 - 31, 2014 Southern Yacht Club

The Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta is open but not limited to the following fleets and classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Classic Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, One Design, Board Boats, Optimist, and GYA ROC. The Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta Committee welcomes you to New Orleans to close out 2014 on Lake Pontchartrain.

Online registration is now open:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9299>



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