

**Gulfstream Sailing Club
General Membership Meeting
May 13, 2003**

The **May General Membership Meeting** was called to order at 2015 hours by **Commodore Dillon**.

Officers in attendance:

- Commodore Dillon
- Vice Commodore Frank Junkin
- Rear Commodore Pat Nannery
- Treasurer Linda Gossett
- Secretary Sharron O'Grady

Board Members present: Danny Escobar.

Past Commodores present: Ownby, Gastesi, Gartner, Albe, Reed & Wood.

Motion – Ross Hunton moves to waive the Secretary reading the minutes of last month's general meeting.

Second - by all.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Linda Gossett reports a balance of \$9154.00 in the Operating acct. Van Guard Acct \$51,112.00 at this time. These figures are current as of the May 2, 2003 board meeting.

Commodore Dillon introduces a silent auction taking place this evening in the rear of the room. Becky Castellano reports about the upcoming Hospice Regatta. All the info and entry forms are available on the Hospice website and are also available at the Hospice Regatta table. This annual regatta takes place May 17, 2003. PC Gastesi, who has also been a former Chairman of the annual Hospice Regatta reports on other changes in the sailing agenda regarding the length of the race for cruising class boats, the placement of the near beach mark has also been moved and Ron Matusalem rum has been bought by Sky Vodka and has donated sufficient libations for the event.

Vice Commodore Junkin introduces 6 guests. All were enthusiastic about sailing many have collective experience on the water and some are new to the area and others are regional residents.

Membership Committee Chair Drew Siegle introduces 2 new members this evening. Ken & Fay Gaetz & Pablo & Mary Vitaver.

Race Committee Chair Ross Hunton reports that the results for the couples race are available on the website. The race down to Coconut Grove had 22 boats signed up and

those that showed for the race in spite of the weather are appreciated. The single handed race had a good turn out and all are thanked. The race results are available on the club website. Ross encourages all to participate in the Hospice Regatta. The Memorial Day weekend race to Bimini will take place this year. May 30 will begin the Friday evening beer can regatta series. June 8th will be the summer surprise race with more details. If anyone has not submitted their monies for racing events they will not be scored. Forms are available on line.

Learn to Sail Committee Chair, Linda Gossett reports that the next race is May 31. This last race had 18 boats on the water and the lake participation is growing. The Learn To Sail weekend scheduled for Memorial Day weekend is cancelled. Linda and Bill Gossett will not be heading up the program for next year and for the program to continue next year.

Lake Committee Chair Danny Escobar has nothing to report.

Cruising Chair Pat Nannery reports the cruising fleet is going up to Palm Harbor in Palm Beach for the Memorial Day weekend and the dockage is \$.85 per foot. This event will host a wine tasting and all experts are encouraged to participate. A website for the Abacos is available at Abacos.com and has way points, cruising net which is available either radio or the web and has important info for sailors.

Social Committee Chair Astrid Hunton reports that instructions for the Summer kick-off party at Frank & Becky's home are available on all the tables. Come out and get in the spirit of summer cruising and racing events.

Tiller Tales Editor Cindy Wilmer reports is not present.

Larry Little, Chair Person of the Fort Lauderdale Sailing Foundation reports that on May 31, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida will host the "Plywood Regatta" and volunteers are needed to help kids build the boats for the entries of this event. Support persons and groups are encouraged. The boats are built on Saturday and raced on Sunday. The event gets a lot of publicity and GSC is encouraged to participate.

Joe Dinnan of SSSF, GSC and a member of the FtL Power Squadron who teaches classes at the Power Squadron is introduced as the guest speaker. Boat Smart, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Weather, Engine Maintenance, Navigation, Cruise Planning, Marine Electronics are offered course. Insurance programs at reduced rates are also offered through the Power Squadron at reduced rates by taking some of these courses and having membership in a Power Squadron organization. The Coast Guard Auxillary and the Power Squadron have a large membership nationally. The Coast Guard Auxillary is more para-military. Both teach boating education. The single membership is \$73 per year with a family membership also available.

Motion – Commodore Dillon moves to adjourn the meeting.

Second – by all.

Meeting adjourned at 2055 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, **Sharron O'Grady**