

**Gulfstream Sailing Club
General Membership Meeting
June 10, 2003**

The **October General Membership Meeting** was called to order at 2010 hours by **Commodore Steve Dillon.**

Officers in attendance:

- Commodore Steve Dillon
- Vice Commodore Frank Junkin
- Rear Commodore Pat Nannery
- Secretary Sharron O'Grady

Board Members present: Mike Benjamin, Danny Escobar, Dave Wallace.

Past Commodores present: Ownby, Gartner, Reed, Wallace & Wood.

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

Second - by all.

Treasurer's report –Treasurer Gossett is absent.

Commodore Dillon introduces 6 guests. All were enthusiastic about sailing many have collective experience on the water.

Membership Chair, Drew Siegel introduces new members. Beth Pollack, Don Morris, Brenda Stock, Gary Cummins, Debbie Gleason, Ed Oshkinson.

Race Committee Chair, Ross Hunton reports that this Saturday will host the Pitcairn race on a full moon night. June 20, beer can #2 will be held. July 18 is beer can #3. Please notify Ross if anyone is interested in a feeder race to the Abaco race week in the Bahamas.

Cruising Chair Pat Nannery reports that the Memorial Day weekend at Palm Beach was a great success including a wine tasting. Labor Day weekend the HISC will host a co-function with GSC to Sunset Harbor Marina in Miami. An email will be posted.

Social Committee Chair Astrid Hunton reports the next event will be the annual GSC Beach Party hosted by Dr. Mike Rush on 8/16 or 8/23. The Summer Kickoff party held at Becky Castellano

Lake Committee Chair, Danny Escobar reports that the last weekend's work party was not well attended. The next event on June 25 welcomes everyone.

PC Dave Wallace reports that a 10% discount is available for all boat owners who have taken a safe boating class. See Dave if anyone is interested in a class. A group can be organized for a collective GSC class.

Bill Lott from Sailorman offers a program which will enable offshore sailors replacement parts whether in Sailorman's inventory or from other suppliers. Shipments will be expedited via DHL. Bill@sailorman.com. The service is free. Shipping and parts cost will be added. Sailorman has been supplying the ground tackle for our race committee.

Larry Littell reports that the "Plywood Regatta" was a huge success. There were 34 teams mentored by GSC with Past Commodore Wallace, Smith, Gartner, participating along with Drew Siegel, Joe Fema and a number of other willing coaches. The Sailing Foundation sponsored this event and anyone who would like to become more involved with the Foundation see any of the Past Commodores for more info.

RC Nannery introduces Keith Gomez of the Bahamian Customs Authority. He will talk about the new immigration restrictions. He works for the Bahamas Vertical Markets Department. They provide information, forms and trip info for anyone traveling over to the Bahamas. Reporting into the Bahamas at the first port of entry is required. Sailboaters have a 24 hour grace period to report in. A voter's registration, birth certificate, and/or photo ID are required to prove citizenship. An animal import certificate (permit) is required and must be permitted before traveling with your pet. \$100 cruising fee is charged for 1 year entry into Bahamas. A cruising permit cannot be secured in advance. The cruising permit is good for up to 1 year provided that the boat does not leave Bahamian waters. Not all cell phone service is available by US providers. Dockage is \$1 - \$1.50 per foot except at Atlantis in Nassau which is about \$5 per foot. 20 lbs. of fish collectively is allowed and the lobster season is out of season April thru August.

Ross Hunton reports that while in Bimini, Bahamas, over the Memorial Day race weekend, 2 club boats were inspected at the docks and that customs is inspecting cruising permits on the water. Don't forget to fly the Bahamian courtesy flag as well and flying it correctly should be observed.

Motion – Commodore Dillon moves for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion – by Becky Castellano to adjourn the meeting.

Second - by all.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, **Sharron O'Grady**