

**Gulfstream Sailing Club
General Membership Meeting
October 14, 2003**

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

Officers in attendance:

- Commodore Dillon
- Rear Commodore Pat Nannery
- Secretary Sharron O'Grady

Board Members present: Danny Escobar.

Past Commodores present: Ownby, Reed & Smith.

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

Second - by all.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Linda Gossett is absent but Commodore Dillon reports a balance of appx. \$13K in the Operating acct. Van Guard Acct \$53K appx. at this time as of the last board meeting.

Rear Commodore Nannery introduces 11 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. Some are SSSF members and others attended the recent Boatathalon and are all interested in joining GSC.

Commodore Dillon introduces new members:

Morrie & Andrea Katz

Ed McGinnis

Robert & Joan Hargrave

Ben & Suzanne Batzer

Stewart & Mary Barcalow

Tom & Susan Thompson Jr.

Some are not present this evening to receive their new member packets.

Commodore Dillon introduces PC Bruce Ownby, Chair of the GSC Nominating Committee. The following nominations for 2004 Bridge, board members, nominating committee & auditing committee are:

Commodore – Frank Junkin approved by all.

Vice Commodore – Bob Anglin approved by all.

Rear Commodore – Ross Hunton approved by all.

Treasurer – Beth Jenkins approved by all.

Secretary – Beth Pollack approved by all.

Board Member – Tom Dwyer approved by all.

Auditing Committee – Jaye Smith approved by all.

Nominating Committee vacancies are Barbara Reed, Becky Castellano, Joanne Salvadore.

Race Committee Chair Ross Hunton reports that he has been out of town for the past few weeks and the latest race results will be posted on the GSS website within the week. The agenda at the past weekend's Columbus Day Regatta was quiet and light to no winds. The sale home was a great spinnaker run. The Fall #3 & 4 will be on schedule for the end of the series. Anyone interested in racing for fun or competition is welcome.

The annual Skipper's meeting at 7:30 PM on Nov. 5. All those interested in racing for the upcoming year are encouraged to be in attendance. Nov 8 & 9 is on schedule for the Miami Race. Dockage will be available at the Miami Beach Marina with a pub crawl event in the evening. There is also a Lunar Eclipse on that weekend.

Lake Committee Chair Danny Escobar is not in the room, however, Beth Pollack reports that Nov 15 is the last Sunfish race and all are invited to participate. There is a small fee for the use of the boats and life jackets are mandatory equipment are not provided by the club.

Cruising Chair Pat Nannery reports the 2003 annual Boatathon had 90 paying participants this year. Pat thanks the committee for all their hard work and PC Gastesi for the use of their dock/property facility. The winner is "Soon Reach". The RC did not participate in the last weekend's annual Columbus Day Regatta in Biscayne Bay.

Social Committee Chair Astrid Hunton reports that the Halloween/ After Halloween Party is on schedule for Nov. 1 at Linda Johnson's home. The event is a pirate theme and the entrance fee is \$7 and the theme again "Pirates" as was the recent Boatathon.

Regatta Co Chair Becky Castellano reports that the GSC annual regatta is on schedule for March 19, 20, and 21 at LYC. Volunteers are requested as there are many seats to fill and much to accomplish.

Commodore Dillon introduces guest speaker, Captain Larry Acheson, owner of Off Shore Marine/Tow Boat US presenting a slide show re: Tow & Rescue vs. Tow & Salvage. They are an approved provider of Boat US. He advises the audience to know your insurance policy and your towing company. There are many tow operating companies in the industry that are not reputable. They will answer a tow request up to 137 miles out. There are currently over 550K members nationally registered thru Boat US.

Motion – Commodore Dillon moves to adjourn the meeting.

Second – Janis Walkow and by all.

Meeting adjourned at 2115hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, **Sharron O'Grady**