

Gulfstream Sailing Club

General Meeting

May 11, 2004

Meeting called to order at 2010 hours by Commodore Junkin.

Past Commodores Present:

Norm Smith, Steve Scott, Roman Gastesi, Dave Wallace, Jay Wood, Bruce Ownby, Barbara Reed

Board Members Present:

Commodore Frank Junkin
Vice Commodore Bob Anglin
Treasurer Beth Jenkins

Secretary Beth Pollock
Board Member Tom Dwyer
Past Commodore/Board Member Dave Wallace

Motion to waive the reading of the April general meeting minutes. Motion seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The club has approximately \$17,039 in the checking account and approximately \$56,089 in the Vanguard account. The Vanguard balance is variable and depends upon the market value of the club's investments.

Commodore's Remarks: Gulfstream Sailing Club depends on the help of volunteers to operate. Everyone in the club likes to sail and we're all working hard to make the club successful.

New Member Introductions: Membership co-chairs Sue Thompson and Nancy Marsh introduced a new member.

Guest introductions: Rear Commodore Ross Hunton introduced 7 guests.

Lake Committee: No lake report this month.

Ocean Race Committee: No ocean race report this month.

Cruising Committee: Gulfstream will have a race from Fort Lauderdale to West Palm Beach over Memorial Day weekend. There will be a weekend-long gathering in Palm Harbor Marina afterward. For more information, contact Lee Skinner, cruising committee chair. The week after Memorial Day, Gulfstream members and friends are invited to cruise to the Bahamas. The cruising chair has forms and information available from the Bahamian tourist office. Cruisers are urged to replace any forms they already have with updated ones. The forms have changed and only the new ones will be accepted.

Social Committee: The Reggae Regatta is this weekend. If you're interested in racing but not sure what to do on the racecourse, you're encouraged to come to the Reggae Regatta and find out.

Reggae Regatta: A race clinic—the Reggae Regatta—is scheduled for May 15 & 16. The event will be held at the Bay Colony Club recreation center. The event starts on Saturday the 15th at noon. The program will be about two hours long and followed by a barbecue and pool party. Sunday the 16th will feature a practice race. The start is scheduled for 1100 hours, north of Port Everglades. The race will be followed by a raft-up. Co-chair/coordinator Steve Dublin promises that everyone who comes to the reggae regatta will get a crew spot on a boat Sunday.

Hospice Regatta: PC Bruce Ownby, PC Roman Gastesi, and Suzan Batzer spoke on behalf of the Hospice Regatta. More than 50 boats are registered so far. Hospice has a goal of 80. The race features a reaching course and casual sailors are encouraged to enter. The after-race party is a clambake. Tickets are \$35 until the skippers' meeting. After the skippers' meeting, the price goes up to \$50. The skippers' meeting will be held at LYC on Friday, May 21. GSC members are urged to enter so our club can win the trophy for having the most entries.

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Fort Lauderdale Sailing Foundation: Larry Littell, from the Fort Lauderdale Sailing Foundation, talked about the foundation's sponsorship of the plywood regatta. MIA SF is sponsoring this year's event, to be held on May 15 and 16 at DC Alexander Park—near the Swimming Hall of Fame. For those unfamiliar with the event, the plywood regatta is a competition with school-sponsored teams that design and build boats. Adults teach the kids to use tools and build boats. The foundation is sponsoring two teams this year and they need volunteers to spend the weekend coaching the students. Contact Larry Littell if you would like to help.

Lake comments and Question-and-Answer: Commodore Junkin addressed the crowd regarding some recent concerns about the lake sailing program and Sailors' Point. The Commodore stated the club's position as being that GSC will always maintain a small boat program and that the lake is very important to GSC. The Commodore continued that if anyone has any anxiety about the continuation of the lake, they can lay those fears to rest. The lake does need volunteers and a lot of help is needed to run the lake.

Question from the floor: What's being done specifically to maintain the lake?

Answer: People are working on restructuring the club to enable the club to continue in the manner it needs to. There are many possibilities under consideration. The lake will continue regardless.

Question from the floor: What about the classes?

Answer: We can't answer that right now.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 2050 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth L. Pollock, Secretary