

Gulfstream Sailing Club April General Membership Meeting

The April 2011 General Membership Meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on April 12th at the Downtowner. Board members present: John Gehrig, Commodore; Lee Williams, Vice Commodore; Helen Swinghammer, Treasurer; Absent: Adeel Arshed, Rear-Commodore; Janis Walkow, Secretary. Board of Directors in attendance: Joanne Salvador. Committee Chairs in attendance: Nominating committee: Nancy Marsh; Small Boat Committee: Luis Oliveira; Cruise Committee: Gregg Henry; Ocean Race Committee: Lee Williams; Membership Committee: Betty Lou Webb. Past Commodores in attendance: Chris Woolsey, Jay Wood, Bernie Gartner, Bob Anglin, and Norm Smith.

MSV to waive reading the minutes from the last meeting.

John told the membership that we have a brief membership meeting planned tonight so that we will have plenty of time after the meeting to enjoy a well choreographed slide presentation by club members' Steve and Karyn James of their recent adventures on their sailing vessel Threshold in the Mediterranean.

Guests The following guests were introduced by Lee Williams:

Bob & Bev Faulstich bevfaulstich@bellsouth.net

David and Peggy Notman davidnotman43@gmail.com

Chuck and Nancy Eliot cceiot@comcast.net (Chuck mentioned that he is associated with the U.S. Power Squadron; they have a 22 foot sailboat)

Lucy Grogan (friend of club member Jim Newman)

Treasurer's Report: Helen Swinghammer reported that there is \$7,482.16 in the checking account, \$5,985.17 in the Lake account, and \$87,772.33 in the Vanguard account.

Membership: Betty Lou Webb introduced this month's new members: Joseph Goulet, Bill Martin, Carol Durbin, and Bruce Bowen. She also introduced last month's new members: Gary Zolton, Nick Safina, Elsa Diaz & Jason Grogan, Debi Hallmark & Stan DeKiel, and Don Jacobson. Bruce Bowen, Debi Hallmark, Stan DeKiel, and Don Jacobson were present and spoke briefly of their interests in GSC and their sailing experience. For those not present, new member packages are available from the committee. Betty Lou also has the new 2011 directories for all club members.

Lake Report: Luis Oliveira presented the Lake Report.

Sunfish: The March 26th race had 12 boats out (4 in “A”, 8 in “C”). Luis commented if we continue to have such a great turnout, he might reinstitute a “B” class.

Optimist racing: They had races on Mar 20th and April 3rd. There have been 3 to 5 kids showing.

Adult Learn To Sail: Three people registered for Level II Class on April 9th, 10th and 16th. Next Level 1 Class will be held on May 7th, 8th, and 14th, and registration for this class is on April 30th.

Kids Learn To Sail: Classes are every other Sunday. Level II Class started March 13th and ends April 17th (4 kids participating). Next level 1 Class is May 1st to June 26th, and registration is on April 30th.

Wednesday Open Sail: Since it’s Daylight Savings Time, open sail on Wednesday nights has been reinstated.

420s: The Club purchased three 420s from LYC thanks to Chris Woolsey. That expands our Lake fleet of 420s to five boats. We plan to start a new program of Lake Beer Can Racing on Wednesday nights soon.

Other: The Club purchased a new inflatable thanks to Larry Littel. We are installing new shelves at the Lake. We are buying a dolly for the 420s.

Social: John Gehrig presented the social report.

March 18th Rites of Spring: To celebrate an extra hour of daylight caused by Daylight Savings Time, club members’ Jacqui and Bill Bradley got a group together on Ft Lauderdale Beach. The celebration had 60 people in attendance (over 20 of these were GSC members), with lots of food, and a spectacular moonrise.

March 19th St Patrick’s Party: The St Patrick’s party at the Gehrig’s home boasted over 70 partiers dressed in their finest green, the food was over the top and plentiful thanks to everyone bringing their Irish specialty, and the party went into the wee hours of the morning.

Tuesday Night Meet and Greets: In March, the Tuesday night happy hour/dinners were well attended and fun. This is a fantastic way to network and keep abreast of club activities. We meet at Maracas around 6:30 every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month when we meet at the Downtowner for dinner prior to the General Membership meeting.

Ocean Race: Lee Williams presented the Ocean race report.

April 30th Hillsboro Inlet to Palm Beach Regatta: April 30th is the Hillsboro Inlet to Palm Beach race, sponsored by HISC. After the race we will join the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and the Port St Lucie Sailing Club for a party at the Palm Beach Sailing Club. GSC will have our own trophies.

There will also be a raft up the night before the race for any racers or cruisers who would like to join us.

May 14th Hospice Regatta: Hospice By The Sea has agreed to sponsor the Hospice By The Sea Regatta on May 14th with GSC, HISC, and LYC being the organizing authorities. Chris Woolsey spoke about how important it is for GSC to have all GSC boats participate and to raise as much money as possible to ensure the continuance of this extremely important regatta. HISC's goal is 50 boats! The race will be a pursuit race. The after-race party will be held at The Downtowner.

Cruising: Cruising report was presented by Gregg Henry.

March 26th Dinghy Run: The second annual dinghy run was a huge success with 9 boats participating. We ventured through Middle River and up the various canals to a wonderful park in Wilton Manors where a grilled feast was served by the fabulous ground crew (Jim, Betty Lou, and Kristal). The return trip landed in the Gehrig's pool where left-over St. Patrick's party beer quenched the thirst of the crowd cooling in the pool.

April 16th Cruise to Haulover / Chili Cook-off / Flare Demonstration: We will be cruising to the Bill Bird Marina at Haulover Park where we have a chili cook-off and a flare demonstration. You can come by boat or land. So far we have 6 boats participating and many more people are joining us by land. Prizes will be given for the best pot of chili, the best table decorations, and the best drink concoction.

May 26th to May 30th Cruise to Bimini: We have planned a club cruise to Bimini on Memorial Day weekend. All the details are on the GSC website. Make your reservations at the Bimini Sands early. There are already 6 boats planning to go, and we hope more will join us.

Open Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Gehrig for Secretary Janis Walkow.