

## **GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **November 16, 2021**

The November 2021 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held in the backyard at the home of Paul Jehlen on November 16, 2021. Called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** BOARD: Eric Kobrin, *Commodore*; Linda Gossett, *Vice Commodore*; Phil Decker, *Past Commodore*; Kay Decker, *Secretary*; Ben Bowen, *Treasurer*; Paul Hinden, *director*; Bob Schudy, *director*; Mary Brown, *director*; and Luis Oliveira, *Lake Operations Director*.

PAST COMMODORES: Phil Decker, Luis Oliviera, Mike Sawzak and Ben Bowen.

#### **Commodore's Comments**

- Commodore Eric noted that this is the last member meeting of the year, as the December meeting is traditionally our holiday party.
- Eric welcomed back the “snowbirds” who are here for the winter/spring, escaping icy driveways and growing our ranks (and fleet).
- Eric reported that his beloved sailboat, *Clementine* – a Tartan 30 – has been sold, but will likely be available in Biscayne Bay for him to borrow on occasion. His trimaran, *Bravo*, is nearly ready to sail.

#### **Science Committee – Bob Schudy with Pandemic Update**

- Bob announced that we are currently in a lull with the pandemic, and that the virus is in charge. Some areas are still experiencing high infection rates. For in-person gatherings, such as the Change of Command, he recommends keeping options open for indoor, outdoor or a mixture of environments as we see how the virus runs its course.
- Get vaccinated! It reduces the risk of dying, which is almost always a good idea.

#### **Guests:**

- Mohammed, a Hollywood, FL native, is interested in learning to sail. He is currently taking some time off from his career in the biotech field.
- Olie and Barbara Walden currently live in New Hampshire, where they sail a Catalina 36. Olie was born in Norway but has been in the U.S. since age 11. He spent six years in the Navy and has been through the Panama Canal three times. He fell in love with sailing during a charter sail in the Virgin Islands, which he highly recommends.

#### **Secretary's Report – Kay Decker**

- As usual, no one wanted to hear Kay read the minutes, but the secretary reported that she is all caught up, and the minutes are posted on the website for anyone who wants to be entertained and informed. (Eric unilaterally waived the reading of the minutes.)

#### **Treasurer's Report – Ben Bowen**

- Ben reported on the balances:

General Account                   \$ 5257  
Sailor's Point Lake Account   \$ 11,733

- 2018 audit: The audit is finished (a round of applause) despite the IRS efforts to run out the statute of limitations and exhaust Ben's patience and sanity.
- 2020 taxes are completed, leaving a clean slate to pass on to the next treasurer, Brenda Kobrin.
- A member asked for the balance of the Vanguard account. It was reported to be approximately \$227,000. It has grown by around \$50,000 in the last year.

### **Membership Report – Ben Bowen**

- Membership is up to 64 member families.
- Please contact Ben at [membership \(at\) gulfbstreamssailingclub.org](mailto:membership@gulfbstreamssailingclub.org) if you need a name tag for yourself and/or spouse: with the following info:

Name

Boat Name (if applicable)

### **Ocean Races: Linda Gossett**

- A race was held on Nov. 6, 2021, with one boat crossing the starting line at least an hour late, and that boat did not follow the course or cross the finish line. (Did they win?).
- Two other boats, *Faraway* and *Catmandu*, were on the way to the starting line when a brief period of bad weather, rain, cold, and a small craft advisory caused them to turn back.
- The next ocean race is the Commodore's Cup, scheduled for Dec. 4. A notice of race will be sent via email shortly.

### **Fleet Readiness Committee – Bob Schudy**

- Bob introduced this committee to the club members, noting that every member of GSC is a member of the Fleet Readiness Committee.
- This committee was formed to help large boat captains to ready their vessels for ocean sailing and racing. Experts from among the members as well as recommended vendors from the community will be resources for the captains.
- If any captain has an issue, whether repair or maintenance, an email to Bob Schudy will start the process of gathering resources to solve the problem. It is hoped that this will expand our fleet of ocean-going vessels for cruising and racing.

### **Social: Mary Brown**

- Mary thanked Brenda Kobrin for running the 2021 Chili Cookoff. Brenda announced the winners:
  - *Best Drink*: Joy Quackenbush, a new member soon to be the club's best friend.
  - *People's Choice Chili*: Tabitha Jones, next year's secretary.
  - *Best Chili*: Brenda Kobrin; not suspicious at all since the judging is blind and unbiased.

- The Happy Hours will continue on the second Tuesday of each month. The next one is Dec. 14 at Paradise Tiki on Bryan Road. Last week, we had 17 participants. All members are asked to RSVP for Happy Hour so we can tell the restaurant management what to expect. (We will get better service that way!)
- Holiday Party on Dec. 21: Brenda has graciously volunteered to manage this event and presented the board with an event menu from Cracker Barrel. After some discussion, it was decided to accept the menu with the addition of a veggie casserole. The price is \$25 per person, and \$5 for those who won't be eating. It is a BYOB event, and the club will be renting tables and chairs.
- Payment options have been expanded to include Zelle. Send your Zelle payments to treasurer@gulfstreamsailingclub.org.
- During the meeting, Paul Jehlen noted that we should be using local businesses for club events and that there are hundreds of small restaurants in the area that would love to have our business. Due to short notice, it was decided to go with Cracker Barrel this time, but we will be supporting local businesses in the future.
- **Change of Command: Linda Gossett**  
Linda has arranged for a Change of Command Ceremony and dinner/dance on Jan. 29, 2022 at Plantation Preserve Golf Club in Plantation. Invitations, with menu choices, will be sent by mid-December. There will be a dinner, cash bar, DJ and dancing. The dress code is "yacht club formal." Cost is \$50 per person, and RSVPs are required.
- **New Proposal: Mystery "Clued Up" Event in Fort Lauderdale: Paul Jehlen**  
Paul is proposing that we form a team or teams for an event in February in Fort Lauderdale. The "Clued Up" event takes place on the streets of the city, where participants pick up clues to solve a mystery. He proposes we dress in some kind of uniform such as pirate garb to identify our teams. For information, call Paul.

#### Lake Report – Luis Oliveira

- There was one Sunfish race scheduled on Oct. 30, Fall Series III. Race results:
  - Antonio Soto, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 10 pts
  - Enrique Soto, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 9 pts.
  - Luis Oliveira, 1<sup>st</sup> place with 4 pts.
 Next race day is November 20, and the Commodore's Cup for Lake Operations is Dec. 11.
- November 12-14 was the 2021 Sunfish Florida Regional Championship at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. There were 40 boats participating, and 5 of our own sailors raced.
 

Results:

  - 33 – Vita Mannino
  - 32 – Jack Loving
  - 27 – Rui Claudio
  - 26 – Robert Weinstein
  - 19 – Luis Oliveira
- *Kids Learn to Sail* Sunday series with 10 kids ends Nov. 21. The next class starts January 2, 2022 and is also sold out.

- *Adult Learn to Sail:* The November class had just one registration, so it was cancelled. The next class will be in mid-January. The 2022 schedule will be published soon.
- *420 fleet:* Two 420s are ready and two more are being worked on. A schedule of monthly races will be published as soon as four boats are ready to sail.
- This month, Luis took delivery of a 9.8 hp Tohatsu outboard motor. The 20 hp Suzuki outboard is still in the shop, waiting on a controller unit.

**Unfinished Business: Phil Decker**

- There is no new news on the 501( c)3 application for the Gulfstream Sailing Foundation, except that the state has cashed our check.

**New Business: Board of Directors for 2022**

- Linda moved, and Luis seconded, that the slate of officers proposed last month for the upcoming operating year be accepted by the membership. The new board was voted on and accepted by voice vote. There were no negative votes.
- The nominations committee was looking for two new members to replace retiring members. Ben Bowen and Paul Hinden volunteered.

Meeting was adjourned by Eric at 7:52.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay Dolliver Decker, GSC Secretary