

## **GSC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 18, 2022**

The January 2022 general meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held in the backyard at the home of Paul Jehlen on January 18, 2022. Called to order at 7:30 pm.

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

PAST COMMODORES: Gregg Henry, Phil Decker, Luis Oliveira, and Mike Sawzak attended. There were 26 attendees, including the board.

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

- Commodore Eric noted that this is the last member meeting of his reign as Commodore. In celebration, or commemoration, he wielded his gavel with gusto and produced a loud smack to open the meeting. He promised to do it again at the end.
- After some encouraging family news, Eric announced that he had bought a sailboat he once owned in a previous lifetime. Yes, it's a real boat; he showed a picture.
- Eric praised the Lake Operations and urged people to go to Sailors Point and race the small sailboats. It's a lot of fun, and low cost. He entertained the group with photos and videos of races at the lake.
- About his tenure as Commodore, Eric noted that it had been rough, but it was also "a blast," and that he was glad he was able to use his technology skills for the benefit of the club. Many of the meetings were conducted online due to the Covid pandemic. The club is now taking payments online, and soon will have online registration for sailing classes.
- Eric introduced next year's governing board. The following officers and board members will begin their work after the Change of Command:

*Commodore:* Linda Gossett

*Vice Commodore:* Paul Jehlen

*Rear Commodore:* Dave Notman

*Lake Operations Director:* Luis Oliveira

*Secretary:* Tabitha Jones

*Treasurer:* Brenda Kobrin

*Members at Large:* Kim Golodner (new), Mary Brown and Bob Schudy.

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

- Bob noted that the current Omicron variant of the Covid Pandemic is very serious but only half as deadly as the Delta variant. Because it is very contagious, there are lots of carriers and some have no symptoms.
- To be fully vaccinated requires three shots, so he advised everyone to get the full dose. The good news is that fully vaccinated people get a less serious disease.

- Leading indicators show rates of serious disease are dropping dramatically, so the future will be better. (Nevertheless, Bob travels with enough N95 masks on hand to cover the noses and mouths of most South Floridians.)

**Guests:**

- Bruce and Vicky Schwartz attended the meeting. They have a Beneteau 393 currently in New Jersey. They are planning to sail it down and dock it in South Florida. Vicky says while she is on the boat, she stays out of the way and gets tan.
- Eric Lynch made a come-back appearance after being out of the club for a couple of years. Many people welcomed him back.

**Secretary’s Report – Kay Decker**

- For one last time, Kay begged to read the minutes of the last meeting, but no one wanted that. The January board meeting minutes are posted on the website.
- Alas, what you are reading are the last minutes of the current secretary.

**Treasurer’s Report – Ben Bowen in absentia**

- Ben reported on the balances via email:

*Treasury:*

General:       \$ 9,609

Lake:           \$10,766

*Holiday Party:*

29 tickets

\$725 raised

\$639 expenses

\$86 income

*Change of Command:*

RSVP yes: 42 people

**Membership Report – Ben Bowen**

- Membership is at 64 member families, with 36 active member families through 2023.

**Ocean Races: Linda Gossett**

- The Commodore’s Cup Race was held on December 4, with 6 boats participating. Linda noted that the best chance of getting participation is direct contact with the captains. The results of the race were shown on the screen at the meeting in table form. Eric shared photos of the race.

# Ocean Races 2021

## Commodore's Cup

Place	Boat	TCF	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Corrected Time Delta
1	Faraway	0.704	00:35:05	00:24:42	00:00:00
2	Puff	0.714	00:35:23	00:25:16	00:00:34
3	Catmandu	0.673	00:37:42	00:25:23	00:00:07
4	Zephyr II	0.593	00:46:08	00:27:20	00:01:57
5	Wind Pirate	0.641	00:42:47	00:27:26	00:00:05
6	Unexpected Pleasure	0.743	00:43:52	00:32:37	00:05:11

- The next ocean race is planned for Jan. 22, 2022 and will follow the same course as the Commodore's Cup, from the end of the Dania Pier north to a designated mooring ball.
- Bob Schudy and others expressed interest in planning some ocean cruising events to Biscayne Bay or farther south to the Keys. Some dates have been suggested in the following calendar. There is a possibility that the club will be able to cruise to Stiltsville this year. Phil Decker is following up with Mack Wiggins, who invited us to the Stiltsville house he helps manage.
- Here is a calendar of racing and cruising events, visible on the website.

## **2022 OCEAN RACING AND CRUISING SCHEDULE**

### **BOUYS RACES**

#### **Winter Series:**

Jan 9; Feb 5; Mar 5

#### **Spring Series:**

Apr 9; May 7; Jun 11

#### **Summer Series:**

Jul 23; Aug 20;

#### **Fall Series:**

Sep 24 Oct 22; Dec 5

#### **Commodores Cup**

Dec 5 & fall 3

### **OTHER RACES / CRUISING**

Jan 5 – Ft Laud-Key West Race

Apr 9 – Gulfstream Regatta & Spring I

Apr – Miami Key Largo Race

May – Dinghy Run

May 28/30 – Memorial Day Cruise

Sep 3/5 - Labor Day Cruise

Sep – Pitcairn Race & Fall 1

Oct 8/9 – Columbus Day Race

Boats racing the Gulfstream Regatta and Commodores Cup get a one point deduction from the Annual Overall Race Score for each of the two regattas they participate in.

For the overlapping dates, boats are scored for both the series race day and the non-series race/regatta, such as the Gulfstream Regatta on April 10.

### **Social: Mary Brown**

- Mary noted that the Happy Hours will continue on the second Tuesday of each month. The next one is Feb. 8, but the venue is changing to The Quarterdeck near 17<sup>th</sup> Street in the outside patio area.

### **Lake Report – Luis Oliveira**

- There was one Sunfish race since the last meeting, Winter Series I. Race results:
  - Bob Weinstein, 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 10 pts
  - Jack Loving, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 9 pts.
  - Luis Oliveira, 1<sup>st</sup> place with 4 pts.Next race day is January 29, Winter Series II.
- *Kids Learn to Sail* Sunday series with 10 kids started on Jan. 2 and ends on Feb. 6. The next class starts Feb. 20 and is sold out. The two young helpers at the Lake, Mary and Martha, have plans to get certified in April.
- *Adult Learn to Sail*: The January class had two registrations, so it was cancelled. One participant took private lessons at the lake. The next class is scheduled for Feb. 12 to 13. There is one registration, with several others interested.

Linda Gossett made a motion to adjourn; Phil Decker seconded. Meeting was adjourned by Eric at 8:18. Eric, as promised, whacked the gavel three times and thus ended his final meeting as Commodore. The club gave Eric a spontaneous round of applause.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay Dolliver Decker, GSC Secretary