

Gulfstream Sailing Club August General Membership Meeting

The Secretary was out of town for this meeting, and couldn't secure a backup, so minutes are recreated from Commodore's slides, and a partial recording. Not all information is available.

The August 2011 General Membership Meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on August 9th at the Downtowner. Board members present: John Gehrig, Commodore; Lee Williams, Vice Commodore; Adeel Arshed, Rear-Commodore; Treasurer; Helen Swinghammer. Committee Chairs in attendance: Small Boat Committee: Luis Oliveira; Membership Committee: Betty Lou Webb, Cruising Gregg Henry. Absent was Janis Walkow, Secretary. Past Commodores in attendance not known.

John Gehrig called the meeting to order at 8PM.

MSV to waive reading the minutes from the last meeting.

Guests Scott & Heather DiSalvo who met Full Deck in the Bahamas. They have an *Island Packet 370*. They then spent next 6 weeks sailing together. Brieuc Hanssens friends of Adeel and Kristal, moved here 2 years ago. Looking for crew, and meeting other sailors. Harry Rose been doing a little sailing, visited the America's Cup boat in ST Martin (decided he might want to be a sailor). Found GSC on the Internet, wants to do some sailing. Jeffrey Zurulnick has been sailing for about 30 years, mostly coastal cruising. Also racing on Biscayne bay in one design. *Has a 36' Morgan*. Has two daughters who sail one sailed through college, and the other is at the Coast Guard academy. Philip & Denise Brandught invited by Frank and Becky, from Holland moved here 5 years ago. Has sailed all his life. He was selected for Olympics for Russian team. *Has a 36 ft cruising boat*. Sarah & Alastair recently moved to Florida, three weeks ago, and Sarah has been here 4 years. They have been sailing quite some time. They have raced in an around the Island of White the largest Yacht race, and came in first. Looking to meet people and socialize, and would like to crew on big boats.

Boatathalon: Theme for this year's Boatathalon is Carnival. It will be Sept 17th. Five different Carnivals, Debbie is going to discuss. John showed some slides from last year's Boatathalon, Beach Blanket Bingo. He discussed some of the stations and boats from last year. Debbie and her team did a Carnival skit, lots of music, and lots of laughs. They have great prizes. They have Carnival Rio, Carnival Trinidad, Mardi Gras, Fantasy Fest and Carnival Venice. They will have scavenger items, and want bribes (booze and food).

Treasurer's Report: Helen reported as of August 9th: There is \$14,192 in the Sailor's Point checking account. There is \$8,389. in the checking account. There is \$79,536 in Vanguard account.

Membership: Betty Lou had new member packages for: Peter Jones (not present), Christopher & Sandy Parsotan (not present), Leslie Fordham (not present), Christina Wilson originally from Jamaica, been in South Florida for 5 years. Very new to sailing, took a class at the Lake. Glad to be here. Duncan Bray (not present), and Guy & Jennifer Rush (not present).

Lake Report: Luis Oliveira presented the Lake Report.

Sunfish: July 30th race had 9 boats, 3 A and 6 C. We are dividing A fleet, to create a B fleet. Next race day August 20th.

Kids LTS: Next Class registrations September 10, class starts Sept 11 for 6 Sundays.. Had 10 Summer Camp sessions with about 80 kids.

Adult LTS: Next class Sept 10 & 11, registration is Sept 3rd.

Optimist racing: They had two race days since last board meeting. July 24 they had 6 kids racing. August 7th at Coral Ridge Yacht club we had 12 kids, not enough boats so took turns. Next race day is August 21st.

Wednesday Open Sail: Wednesday sail is going well. Chris Garone is running it, and cooking.

Social: Adeel reported some of the Summer activities.

July 16th Pool party at the Walkow's. Good time was had by all. Franz' ribs were outstanding.

The Annual Beach Party was August 6th. There were 30-35 people. Great food, wings, burgers, brats, cold beer. Had Sunfish, and 1 lightning available.

Boatathon is coming up September 17th.

Land Cruise. Oct 1st, bar hopping, via Water Taxi.

Also the Halloween party is coming up in October 29. There will be a DJ and a Costume party.

Halfway to Beach Bash Party at the Lake. Sometime in January.

Ocean Race: Lee reported: July 23rd Beer Can was won by Mi Serena Gregg received a Trophy. Upcoming events: August 13th beer can race Lady Skippers start at 6:30PM start. August 20th final Beer can of the Summer. Other race events coming up are Columbus Day Regatta Oct 8,9. Pitcairn (Full Moon Night race) Oct 15th, the GSC Regatta Nov 12th, December 17th Commodore's Cup followed by a Party at the Gehrig's.

Cruising: Gregg spoke about the upcoming Cruise to Peanut Island over Labor day (9/2-5). The plan is to anchor in the South Lake Worth Anchorage. If enough interest maybe a Land Party at the Tiki Bar on Sunday.

Unfinished Business: Becky spoke about Fort Lauderdale Int'l Boat show. Oct 27-31. Come to the show! Please support. New political push by Marine Ind Assoc, NMMA, etc are coming together to promote a healthy boating community in US. Beverly some info regarding various Cities in Florida establishing trial Mooring fields. There are 5 pilot programs for 3-4 years. Controversy over anchoring other than in the mooring fields. Apparently the restrictions about anchoring other than in the mooring fields may preclude anchoring altogether.

Becky being the historian has agreed to give a presentation after the Sept meeting about the History of GSC.

New Business: no new business

Ships Store: Being restocked.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Walkow, Secretary