

The March 2011 General Meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Downtowner. Board members present: John Gehrig, Commodore; Lee Williams, Vice Commodore; Janis Walkow, secretary; Helen Swingerhammer, treasurer; and Linda Gossett, past treasurer. Absent: Adeel Arshed, Rear-Commodore; Past commodores in attendance: Astrid Hunton, Jay Wood, Chris Woolsey, and Bernie Gartner.

**Committees:** Ocean Race: Lee Williams, Small Boats: Luis Oliviera, Cruising: Gregg Henry, Membership: Betty Lou Webb, Tiller Tales: Franz Walkow.

**MSV** to waive reading the minutes from the last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$6,790.84 in the checking account. There is \$11,824.60 in the Lake account. There is \$87,569.11 in Vanguard account.

**Guests:**

Guests were:

Ben Harding [jamin\\_harder@gmail.com](mailto:jamin_harder@gmail.com)

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Leslie Martin [sail-gal@gmail.com](mailto:sail-gal@gmail.com)

Michael Duvall [mddfl@yahoo.com](mailto:mddfl@yahoo.com)

**Membership:** New member packages are available from the committee.

Nick Safina, Gary Zohon and Eliza Diaz/Jason Grogan were greeted as new members.

**Lake Report:**

*Sunfish:* The Feb 19 race had 10 boats out. The March 5 race had 5 boats.

*Optimist Racing:* They have had 3-5 kids showing up each week.

*Adult LTS:* First class started March 5, 6 and 12. Class is going well with 6 people. Next class is level II April 9, 10 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Kids LTS:* Just completed Level I class March 6, with 7 kids. Next class (level II) starts March 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration March 12<sup>th</sup>.

*Luis would like help with Opti racing, Adult LTS, and Kids LTS.*

**Social:** Weekly Happy hour on Tuesday night at Maracas. We have had 20+ club members attending. This is a good place to meet new friends, get on a boat...etc..

March 18<sup>th</sup> will be a daylight savings time party at the beach. (North end of parking area), bring a basket with your food, and drink. At about 6PM.

March 19<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day party at John Gehrig's. Food will be provided. Janis and Franz have agreed to cook the Corn beef. Linda Johnson will make steak and mushroom pie. Betty Lou is making soda bread. Bring a dish to share. RSVP.

**Ocean Race:** February 12<sup>th</sup> was a Valentine's race, 20 knots wind, 5ft waves. It rained in the morning stopped at 9. Bonnie, Permanent Vacation, and Full Deck participated from GSC. Four boats from single sailors joined for the raft up. Raft up in Lake Sylvia around a retired gov't tug owned by Mike Efford. Bill and Jacqui Bradley joined the raft up on Caliope.

March 19<sup>th</sup> is the LYC Commodores' cup. 10:30 start time, no entry fee. Post race party at LYC. Expect to complete by 2:30 so time to get to St Pat's party. Notice has been sent to our club members.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro Race; they will adjust according to the wind.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Hillsboro to Palm Beach, raft up in Palm Beach. Mike Duvall from HISC provided add'l info. GSC, HISC and St. Lucie will be participating. In West Palm Beach (Palm Beach Sailing Club?) will be the after race party at about 4:30 for cocktails and 6PM for dinner. Monitor channel 68 for updates.

Hospice Regatta has been postponed indefinitely by Hospice of SE Florida. Chris Woolsey is looking for alternatives to putting on the event. Stay tuned!!!!

Let's work on getting all club boats out for Races.

**Cruising:** Hillsboro Circle raft up had 4 GSC Boats. Permanent Vacation, Commotion, Mi Serena, Reliance.

Dinghy Run is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> on the Middle River, meeting at 10 at Sunrise Bay (north of the Sunrise Bridge past Coral ridge Yacht Club.). Cookout at Colohatchee Park.

April 16<sup>th</sup> is a Cruise to Haulover for a Chili Cook-off, flare demonstration, and fun. Come by boat or car. Bev Schafer commented that people should be making reservations at the Bimini Sands for the Memorial Day sail to Bimini.

**Open Business:** Ship's store is open. Polo's, shorts, cozies.

**New Business:** Spinathon on May 6<sup>th</sup> will raise money for Kids in distress, at the Esplanade 1 to 6PM, more info see Becky. Weekend of April 30 and May 1, 15<sup>th</sup> annual plywood regatta. Parking lot of Dania pier.

John quoted some of the bylaws: he then reviewed our events Calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Respectfully submitted, Janis Walkow Secretary