

## **Gulfstream Sailing Club February 2012 General Membership Meeting**

The March 2012 General Membership Meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on March 13th at the Downtowner. Board members present: Adeel Arshed, Commodore; Luis Oliveira, Vice Commodore; Chris Bare, rear commodore; Janis Walkow, Secretary; Helen Swinghammer, Treasurer. Jim Webb, Board member.

Past Commodores in attendance: Chris Woolsey, Jay Wood, Frank Junkin.

**Adeel Arshed called the meeting to order at 8PM.**

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

**Guests:** Jack McWalter & Leslie Huddleston they have a 51 foot Beneteau in St. John, USVI. They would like to meet some nice couples who would like to sail with them and share some of the expenses. Brad Ramirez just moved from Jacksonville, where he has a 29 ft C&C.

**Treasurer's Report:** Helen reported for the period February 1 through March 13, 2012. There is \$11,394.42 in the Sailor's Point checking account. There is \$5,047.25 in the checking account, this is after the insurance is paid, and the \$2000 deposit on the dinner cruise. There is \$90,394.13 in Vanguard account.

**Membership:** Betty Lou had new member packages for: Beverly Citron and Rafael Abreu, Beverly is a avid small boat sailor, and Rafael is new to sailing; and Tyler Sell, who was not present.

### **Lake Report:**

*Sunfish:* Had 2 races since last meeting: February 18 - (14) boats a record in the past 10 years. (5) "A", (9) "B". March 10th (9) boats, (4) in "A", (4) in "B" Beverly joined us to sail and ended up in the races.

*Kids LTS:* Winter 2-Level I Started March 1 ends April 1 (6 kids) Next session Spring 1 (level I) starts April 15, registration March 31.

*Adult LTS:* Session 3 (level 1) March 17 & 18, 7 people registered. Next Scheduled class April 14, 15. Have an extra class May 12 & 13 has 6 people from the club interested.

*Optimist racing:* not much happening currently. Next race day is March 11

*Wednesday Open Sail:* Will resume in March with Daylight savings time. Every other Wednesday will be a 420 race day. Chris Woolsey is organizing the 420 races, each series is 3-4 race days, each race day is 5-6 races.

The first 2 Wed. nights (3/14, 3/21) will be to show people how to rig the 420s and how to launch, and bring in the boat without damage. NOR will be posted shortly. There is no race fee. Renting the boats is \$5.

Adeel appealed to all to come down to the Lake, learn to sail, and join in the fun.

Lake Bash will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Some races, some free sailing, lots of fun.

**Ocean Race:** Luis Reported

*Hospice by the Sea:* regatta is May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is the second year for Hospice by the sea, however the 15<sup>th</sup> year for a Hospice regatta. See website:

[http://www.hbts.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=104&Itemid=72](http://www.hbts.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=104&Itemid=72)

Non racers can sign up for the after race party at the Website. It will be at the CRYC.

*GSC Regatta April 21:* have a PRO Charles Green, we have a mark boat (Roman Gastesi), need 2 volunteers.

We have a committee boat and need 2-3 volunteers. Luis invited HISC at their March 8 meeting. He will invite SSSF at their next monthly meeting. This regatta is part of the Super Sailmaker Boat of the year. Other

regional regattas, Hospice, Miami Key Largo 4/14, organized by Miami Yacht Club.

*Hillsboro to West Palm Beach* : Michael Duvall spoke about the Hillsboro to West Palm Beach sponsored by the HISC, is May 5. They are going to move the after race to North Palm Beach Country Club, North Palm Beach Marina. The Marina is charging a buck a foot, and about a ¼ mile walk Marina to Country Club. Pre Race party at Ken and Diane Voss's house, all GSC members are invited to participate in the race. If you go up Fri for the night pre race party they will try to accommodate sailboats. This race is also part of BOTY.

*Regatta Time in Abacos* – is June 29<sup>th</sup> start with the Cheeseburger in Paradise party on Fiddle Key in Abacos. You can get details at; <http://www.regattatimeinabacos.com>

*Summer Series*: Sat evening. Starting Jun 16. Five series of races. Looking at having a series with a trophy at the end. Also looking at maybe do a GSC Series: beer cans, Pitcairn, and Commodores cup. Sill cooking will provide more info as available.

**Social:** Jim Webb reported:

*Calendar* of all events is on the website at: <http://gulfstreamsailingclub.org/calendar.php> also Jim provided hard copies at the meeting. We had a schedule raft up on Sunday March 11, which was cancelled due to weather. So we had the raft up at Janis & Franz' house (without boats).

Tues Night meet and greet continues at Rendezvous until the end of March. 6PM Happy Hour is 5-7.

Our *St Patrick's day* party will be at Roman and Sue Gastasi's. March 17th at 6PM. Janis and Franz will make corn beef and cabbage. Everyone should bring an appetizer, side dish or desert. The club will provide beer, wine, rum punch and set ups. There will be prizes for best costume, jokes and limerick.

*GSC regatta* and after race party on April 21st. After party will be at Southport Raw Bar at about 6PM. Open to all members, regardless of whether you race or not.

*Lake Bash*: May 5th

*Dinner Cruise* June 9<sup>th</sup>. Lady Lucille. About 60 people maximum. Dinner, cash bar, 4 hour boat ride. The price is \$65 for members, and \$85 for guests, you are encouraged to bring guests.

Starting March 14th, *mid-week sailing* on Wed. at the lake. Traditionally starts at 5PM or after work, bring food and we'll fire up the grill. In addition to the 420s we have 15 sunfish for rent.

**Cruising:** Chris reported

Sunday Sail and raft up March 4<sup>th</sup> was rained out, see Chris if you are interested in rescheduling. The next cruising event is the Bimini trip over Memorial day weekend. Ross and Astrid have agreed to be the lead boat. There is a crowd from HISC going. Weather permitting Commotion leaving Thurs. evening, staying 2 nights at the Bimini Sands Marina, if the weather is extra nice they will head down to Gunn Key to anchor out the third night and head home on Monday. Information available relative to marina numbers, and documentation requirements will be in the next Tiller Tales, hardcopy available tonight. The Ministry of Tourism from the Bahamas will speak at one of our next meetings. Ross advised you start working on paperwork early. Steve and Karyn James are going to present a slide of their adventures in Croatia and Italy at the end of the meeting, so stick around.

**Unfinished Business:** few items for your calendar March 22-25, Palm Beach boat show, end of the South Fl. Boat show season. On April 20<sup>th</sup> Marine Industry cares foundation, is having a spin-a-thon. It will be at Esplanade park. Come spin, donate, cocktail party with music and food. Noon until dusk. Go to: <https://www.blacktie-southflorida.com/calendar/event-detail.cfm?id=7394> to donate, sign up to spin, whatever. All monies raised go to Kids in Distress, and the Children's diagnostic treatment center.

*Plywood regatta* – this is possibly the 20<sup>th</sup> year. MIAAF puts on this event. It is April 21, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the Dania pier watch the 36 teams, of KIDS, sail their homemade boats and race in Whiskey Creek.

**New Business:** none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janis Walkow, Secretary