

## **Gulfstream Sailing Club September General Membership Meeting**

The September 2011 General Membership Meeting of Gulfstream Sailing Club was held on September 13th at the Downtowner. Board members present: John Gehrig, Commodore; Lee Williams, Vice Commodore; Adeel Arshed, Rear-Commodore; Janis Walkow, Secretary; Doris White, Board Member. Committee Chairs in attendance: Betty Lou Webb, Membership ; Gregg Henry, Cruising. Absent was Helen Swinghammer, Treasurer; Luis Oliveira , Small Boat Committee:. Past Commodores Ross Hunton, Bob Anglin, and Frank Junkin.

**John Gehrig called the meeting to order at 8PM.**

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

**Guests** Pete & Maggy Fegers, visiting with Janis & Franz Walkow. Steve Dooley, taught kids sailing, and has done a trans Atlantic with one other guy, looking forward to getting to know some sailors and get on the water. James Fachtmann, Air Tran pilot, invited by Rebecca and Frank, he is a yacht broker for Florida Yacht group. He grew up sailing, anywhere he could with his twin brother, sailed J29s in college. Happy to assist in anyway. Susi & Michael Carrington, from HISC are here to invite to a PHRF regatta. They will address that later. Mary Stroman, has lived in S Fla. She loves the water, deep sea fishing, and her fiancé is a sailor. So she wants to learn more about sailing. Looking forward to becoming a member of the club. Robin Flowers, was on the University sailing club. Used to live in So Fla had a Catalina 30. Supporting his fiancée in her wanting to learn to sail. Brenda Duvall wife of HISC Commodore Michael Duvall here to invite us to the PHRF regatta.

**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:** John reported for Helen. There is \$13,964 in the Sailor's Point checking account. There is \$7,561 in the checking account. There is \$81,190 in Vanguard account.

**Membership:** Betty Lou had new member packages for: Achillan Yogen & Sherby Haizatz (not present), Matt & Melis Murphy (not present), Abraham Rais & Jennifer Hudson (not present), Fritz & Gladys Schwese (not present), and Mariano & Susan Sanchez (not present).

Have 230 members.

**Lake Report:** Chris and Adam reported for Luis...Sunfish racing has become a lot of fun. They have now created a 'B' fleet. Sept 10 - "A" Luis 1st and Sam 2nd. "B" fleet Joel 1st, Bill 2nd, Steve 3rd. "C" fleet Aguire 1st, Mike 2nd, Leslie 3rd.

*Sunfish:* Had 2 races since last meeting August 20 - 6 boats, 1 A, 5 C; Sept 10 - 8 boats, 2 A, 3 B, 3 C . Next Race Oct 1 Commodore Cup.

*Kids LTS:* Session 5 Level I Started Sunday 9/11, with 10 Kids, and a 13 year old assistant.

*Adult LTS:* Session 6 was supposed to be Sept 3,4. Instructor flight from Colorado was cancelled. Will

reschedule.

*Optimist racing:* They had 3 races since last board meeting. August 7 - 6 boats, Aug 21st - 11 boats, Sept 11- 4 boats. Next race is Sept 25 Fall Series 1, cost for the series \$120. includes rental, race fee, and practice day on Friday evening. This will be instruction on race tactics, etc. Have 5 signed up.

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

**Social:** Adeel reported:

Boatathon is coming up September 17th. A video of last month's skit was shown. 11 Boats registered. There are folks who would like to be on a boat. 80 dinner reservations, plus 20 others. About \$3,000 in gifts. \$15 for dinner, \$3 if only coming to the party. Adeel then showed some photo's from last year.

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 Beercan 3 was Commotion, Mi Serna, Bandana. Race 1 Mi Serena, Commotion, Bandana. Race 2 Commotion, Mi Serena, Bandana did not report time. Overall results for summer beer can series: 1st Commotion, 2nd Mi Serena, 3rd Bandana, 4th Full deck. Other race events coming up are Columbus Day Regatta Oct 8,9 great regatta, and a lot of parties. Pitcairn (Full Moon Night race) Oct 15th. GSC Regatta Nov 12th, award party after the race TBD. December 17th Commodore's Cup followed by a Party at the Gehrig's.

Michael Carrington from HISC - PHRF race to Party. Date: Nov 19 and 20th. Until now the US PHRF Southeast of Florida has been in Biscayne Bay. Instead of PHRF only they will have a cruising fleet, JIB and Main. Two days Sat 3 races - PHRF Fleet will be windward, Leeward courses. JAM fleet will be triangles. All will be just off Hillsboro beach. On Sunday they will start in the middle of the Buoys, and they will have distance races. "RACES FOR EVERYBODY". They have arranged dockage at Light House Point Marina for \$1/ft / night. The Hillsboro PHRF regatta will be a race to Party. Skippers meeting Fri at Sands Harbor Resort, and package pickup. After race Sat; 5PM \$10 Burger, dogs, Draft beer and white wine. Dan Witt Park. Awards party at LHPYC Sunday at 4PM.

**Cruising:** Peanut Island Cruise was cancelled due to lack of participants. Kind of a nasty weekend. Gregg will be looking at Cruising activities for next year. He will look at planning more local cruises so people can drive to the after cruise party.

**Unfinished Business:** no unfinished business

**New Business:** Brenda from HISC had a stack of Boaters Guide to Safety on the table in the back. Gary Jobson had done a speech about suggestions for clubs to be more vital. That was reviewed at the Board Meeting.

**Ships Store:** Have ordered Shirts, License plate Frames, cozies, burgees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janis Walkow, Secretary