



# Tiller Tales

## Gulf Stream Sailing club - January 2010



### 2009 — GSC Regatta

The GSC Regatta has been occurring for the past 18 years. Over the past few years the Regatta has gotten pared down to the necessities for a fun race. Someone to organize it, a PRO, a committee boat, mark boat, crew for the boats, boats to participate, a place to hold a party and trophies. The most difficult details are lining up the PRO, race instructions and getting the participants to actually send in their registrations.

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual regatta had a few frantic last minute changes. Our original PRO got a job offer for the weekend of the race and was unable to run the race. In this economy, there is no point in being upset because someone needs to pay their bills; we just needed to find a new PRO. Luckily Chris Woolsey agreed to act as PRO and organized the on the water crews. The location for our Regatta party was a great little club house off Federal that club members Chuck & Helen Swinghammer were able to procure. When the final details were being worked out, they found out that the person, who booked it, booked it for themselves the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> and not for us. Luckily, the Swinghammers have a great party room that was perfect for our Regatta Party. The final “change” for the week was the location for the Friday night packet pick up. I received a phone call at 730 a.m. a day or two prior to Friday telling me that the original location, a bar, turned into a block party at 6 pm on Friday and that parking and any sense of organization would not exist. We changed tacks and decided the Downtowner was the perfect place to have the packet pick up.

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a perfect day for a race. The temperature was nice, there was 12-17kts of wind from the NW and the seas has a 2-3 ft swell.

#### Officers

Commodore.....Astrid Hunton

Vice Commodore...Position Open

Rear Commodore...David Vannais

Treasurer.....Linda Gossett

Secretary.....Sue Rineer

#### **Governing Board**

Bill Bradley

Bernie Gartner

Doris White

#### Committees

#### **Membership**

Shirley Kaplan

Nancy Marsh

Chuck Swinghammer

Crusing Fleet.....Gil Snyder

Ocean Race .....Chris Woolsey

Lake (Learn to Sail, etc) ....Luis Oliveira

Social .....Robyn Medlin

PRO .....Jay Wood

#### **Events Schedule**

Jan 9 Lake Winter I

12 General Meeting

22 Change of Command

30 Lake Winter II

Feb 1 Board Meeting

9 General Meeting

13 Couples Race

27 Lake Winter III

27 Chilli Cookoff

28 Sunday Sail

## 2009 GSC Regatta (continued)

We had 15 boats on the starting line and 3 fleets: PHRF, ARC and Gunkhole. We had 2 races and some very competitive racing. The boats ranged in size from 21 ft to 50 ft. The course was a typical triangle course with none of the legs being very long, so everyone had to pay attention. The races were run by our PRO and his team with no issues.

I am sure the tourists on the beach had a great show. Two of the marks were in shore and the beach would have been a perfect vantage point. PHRF and ARC boats were rounding marks close to shore and flying spinnakers. Some of the spinnaker sets showed that our racers need to get out and race more, there were more than a few wrapped spinnakers and add flying maneuvers happening up and down the course. The starts were busy with some pushing and some attempts at forcing boats over early. A penalty turn or two happened due to lack of knowledge of the rules and or general excitement at the start. Our club photographer, Franz Walkow and our photo boat, volunteered by Shelly Kinder, took some amazing photos of the roundings, crossing and starts. The photos have been posted to the website and can be downloaded if anyone is interested. All in all it was a great day.

The people who made the Regatta a success were Chris Woolsey, BC, Art, Pete Ackerman, Eddie, Helen and Chuck Swinghammer, Jacquie & Bill Bradley, Jay Wood, Frank Junkin, Shelly Kinder, Janice Forte, Franz Walkow, Scott Lindars, Linda Gossett and Ross Hunton. I am sure I missed a few and I am sorry for not mentioning you directly in this article. Everyone who participated was what made the race a success, so plan on doing it again in 2010.

- Astrid Hunton



## 2009 COMMODORES CUP REPORT

24 hours before the scheduled start of the Commodores Cup, the weather forecast was for a flood watch in Broward and a Tornado warning until 1 pm. I am sure a few people were wondering if the race was going to happen! Anyone who has lived in Florida for a few years learns, wait a few minutes and the weather will change. The forecast for Saturday was holding at sunny with winds West to Northwest 15-18, 2-4 ft seas near shore. The weather for race day was looking great! Never mind the torrential downpours that were stalling cars in the road outside!

Saturday morning dawned windy and sunny with the temperature in the 60's. The wind was blowing a solid 15ish with early gusts in the mid 20s.

A few errands were run prior to reaching the committee boat. A chance meeting at Starbucks with the crew of Polaris proved they were ready to go racing with or without caffeine.

Dave Wallace's volunteered his boat, Bandana, as committee boat. The crew consisted of Dave Wallace, Bob Anglin and Bernie Gartner rounding out the past commodores. Steffi Shiffer was acting as photographer, knowledgeable crew and executive time keeper.

The Mark boat was being driven by Curt Gaghagen, the clubs trusty tug driver and past commodores Chris Woolsey and Bruce Ownby.

The trip down river was peaceful and the cool weather made the holiday decorations seem more appropriate. The floating piling at the Briny Pub was not peaceful but very out of place. We avoided it out of luck and then proceeded to wave frantically at the boats behind us trying to tell them to watch out. The non-boaters of the world must think we are crazy as we wave, motion and in general, display odd hand signals and somehow they mean something.

The 17<sup>th</sup> street bridge tender was on a tight schedule that morning and was not in the mood to wait for any boats. Wind Pirate had a delay picking up crew and asked for a minute or 2 reprieve and received a firm "the bridge is closing" and it shut before they could get through the open spans. Wind Pirate was lucky enough to motor under without any incident.

The ocean was flat out to the Gulfstream and it looked like perfect race conditions for December. We decided to put down an anchor in 16 ft of water, just east of Beach Place. We somehow managed to place the boat in the perfect spot to produce "condo effect" winds that proved to keep the competitors on their toes. We busied ourselves on the Committee boat noting boat names, sail #s, wind directions and sorting through the flags and directions.

## 2009 COMMODORES CUP (continued)

The Mark boat placed the rounding mark, the start/finish mark and then powered off to set the windward and leeward marks. We wanted to set up a long enough course so the boats could make the most use of the wind. The course ended up being a windward/leeward once around with a triangle, about a 4 mile course.

The competitors covered a huge range in ratings. We had Polaris, Empty Nest, Cabo Frio, In Sync, Commotion, Puff and Wind Pirate. With the wide spread in the ratings, we still had some very close racing and roundings. Commotion was far from looking like the cruising Winnebago we jokingly call her. Polaris is always enjoyable to watch as she flies over the water. It was great to see Puff racing. And of course, it was great to see everyone out on their boats.

Polaris and Commotion had a close mark rounding by the committee boat that had the race committee on the edge of their seats waiting to see who would get to the mark first and how close the boats would be when it happened. Polaris got a burst of speed and rounded with no issues and popped a chute. The crew of Polaris is a hardy bunch and they had to also be tired at the end of the day. Participants from other boats thought they actually saw Polaris' mast in the water on one of the legs, everyone agreed that they saw a lot of exciting sailing that involved Polaris.

Race 1 lasted less than 1 hour so we decided to run another race. There were some "user errors" concerning the flags used to signal that a 2nd race was being held and an issue with missing the flag drop prior to the sequence of race 2. The race 2 starting sequence went off without anymore "issues" and the start went off without a hitch. The races were definitely an exercise in flag watching and horn listening.

Race 2 also took about 1 hour for the competitors to finish. Leg 2 was an analysis on which direction was the correct one as boats took different tacks and the results varied wildly as they came into the mark. The northern route seemed to be the wrong direction with the wind sending the boats to Hillsboro instead of closer to the mark.

Race committee is not a boring job. Everyone must track the boats to ensure proper starts and finishes as well as proper mark roundings. Bandana has a wonderful aft deck that is great for race viewing and catching a few rays of sun. We set up lawn chairs and they provided the perfect setting to kick back and put your feet up and watch the world sail by.

- Astrid Hunton, Commodore

## COMMODORES CUP – Race Results

### Race 1

Commotion  
Empty Nest  
Polaris  
Wind Pirate  
Puff  
Cabo Frio  
In Sync

### Race 2

Commotion  
Polaris  
Wind Pirate  
Empty Nest  
Puff  
Cabo Frio  
In Sync

### Overall

Commotion  
Polaris  
Empty Nest  
Wind Pirate  
Puff  
Cabo Frio



## 2009 Lake Commodores Cup

We made it, on December 12<sup>th</sup> we were able to race the Commodore's Cup although the wind conditions ended up being worst than the initial date (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>) we postponed it from.

I don't know exactly how strong the wind was, but I weight 145 lbs and even with a 15" jens rig I had to hike out like mad to stay competitive. This fairly deep jens with a baggy loose sail and very little cunningham was faster overall and easier to handle in the puffs than no jens and very tight sail on both booms and a very tight cunningham, both set ups with about 15/16" goose neck distance.

As always it was a very competitive day the scores can tell some of the story. Many of the finishes were less than a boat length apart and there were plenty of difficulties, particularly with the windward mark which had a "tendency to hit you" if you came too close, I had to re-round it a couple of times and Nuno and Tony also had an encounter with it together...Got to get this windward mark under control...

Had Nuno won the last race and I finished second, the three of us would have 9 point each which would have been a pretty interesting finish.

In "C" fleet Godwin didn't realize that to start a race you actually have to cross the starting line and only after the starting signal, not start somewhere outside the line and at any time, but once he got that corrected there was no stopping him, he just run out of races to win to affect the overall results and Matt's consistency paid off, god job Matt.

We were very impressed with the efficiency of our "star" filled race committee, past Commodore (Ross Hunton), present Commodore (Astrid Hunton) and Treasurer (Linda Gossett), the flags went up quick and on time, the start and finish lines were just about perfect and to top it off, they volunteer to take the bigger outboard for a tune up...hey guys...please comeback more often there are a few other things we need fixed... a big thanks for running the races and for the outboard.

## Lake Commodore's Cup

### Race Results

#### - "A" Fleet

Luis Oliveira	1, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1	8 pts	1 plc
Tony Elliott	2, 1, 2, 1, 3, 3	9	2
Nuno Pinho	3, 2, 1, 3, 2, 2	10	3
Sam Kafoury	4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4	20	4

#### - "C" Fleet

Mathew Sears	2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2	8 pts	1 plc
Gardner Sanborn	1, 1, dns,dns, dns	13	2
Godwin Carty	dnf, dns, dns, dns, 1, 1	14	3

Also we can't let the person that fed all of us after the races go unnoticed, thanks to my wife Helena for putting together an awesome barbeque.

Thank you all for showing up

Luis Oliveira—Lake Everything



Linda and "NEW" Building at the Lake



Linda and Mike at the Lake

## FROM THE HELM

2009 was an interesting year for the club. The word “change” didn’t just apply to what was happening in politics but also what was happening in the club.

We changed Commodores in January with a woman, the 2nd or 3rd in the club’s 53 yr history, as a Commodore. Our vice commodore stepped down early in the year. The Website blew up in April. The IRS chased us for the entire year. The weather made many of the cruising events not so friendly. Rumors flew between sailing clubs. The Learn to Sail organizer stepped down. I didn’t accomplish all the things I really wanted to accomplish. In reading all of that, you might think that change in 2009 for GSC was not good. The great part about change is there are good things that come out of it.

We survived without a vice commodore but I wouldn’t suggest doing it again.

We have a really nice website that didn’t cost the club any money.

We have some very dedicated club members who understand the tax system and spent hours of their time sparring with the IRS and accountants to prevent the club from paying thousands of dollars in fines.

We have progressively gotten more boats onto the ocean for races.

The lake has a strong core group of sailors and has maintained use of the location. We have some very interested members who want to grow the lake. The lake has a written set of written guidelines.

Club members volunteered to chair initiatives for 2010 to ensure more activities happen and to get more members involved in those activities.

Tiller Tales is being published again.

Boathalon was very well organized and loads of fun. Let’s plan on more GSC boats in 2010!

Thursday night social hour at the Rendezvous began.

The Chili cook off and St Patty’s raft ups were successful with great food and friends.

I would say that 2009 was a success and we can only build on what we accomplished in the year.

I am honored that the club members have voted for me to be Commodore in 2010. I think us, as a club will have a really fun, active year. I hope we can keep the forward momentum going and make the most of 2010.

ASTRID HUNTON - COMMODORE



Preparing for the Commodores Cup Race



GSC Regatta — Concentration !!!



People make a race

## Welcome Aboard! We'd like to welcome the following new members to GSC :

Gardner Sanborn-585.694.8856-racing, cruising, crewing  
Bob and Susan Lieberman-954.593.8501-cruising, social, membership  
Jamie Nelson-954.839.0952  
Jeff and Tamara Rubinoff 954.424.9105-racing, cruising  
Jan Ludmar-954.384.9651-crew, cruising  
Dennis and Simone Zimmerman-920.979.0781.

Give them a call and invite them on your boat for one of our events.  
Membership Committee—Nancy Marsh , Chuck Swinghammer, and Shirley Kaplan

## CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

**(We have three (3) nominations for Volunteer of the Month, so... we will publish all three nominations. )**

### **Frank Junkin - nominated by Astrid Hunton**

Frank Junkin deserves the club volunteer nomination for his help with many boats at the GSC Regatta. Frank fixed the Committee boat, tried to trouble shoot the boat he was racing on and helped another member, all the night before the regatta. Thanks Frank!

### **Sam Kafoury - nominated by Linda Gossett December**

I am humbled! I had an opportunity to be race committee for the Lake Commodore's Cup race on December 12th. The racing conditions were rather windy for the small boats but we have a club member who is 81 years old and he gets out there and races in A fleet. He doesn't win BUT he is involved and he just does it! I was so impressed and I feel honored to know this man as he is genuine sailor. He goes to the lake and works on the small sail boats, he is always around to assist anyone who needs help. If you get a chance, go to the Lake and meet this wonderful man, you will be inspired to get your boat off the dock as he says, " no excuses...just do it!" Oh I almost forgot to tell you his name, it is Sam Kafoury.

### **Astrid Hunton - nominated by Linda Gossett**

I think we should start the year of volunteers off starting with our Commodore, Astrid Hunton. Astrid has a demanding full time job, loves to go sailing, and still finds time to run the club almost single handed because last year she didn't have much help from the helm, myself included. She ran the regatta last year and she is heavily involved with the change of command dinner. I tell you, she makes me tired just thinking about all she does! The next time you are at a meeting, please remember all the effort that went into the meeting and give her the respect and attention she deserves. Also the next time someone whines about the fact that Commotion is always winning the races, you might want to consider that Commotion is NOT a dock potato. Commotion is always out on the water with Ross and Astrid taking new club members out sailing so let's get the rest of our boats off the dock and practice. You know that practice makes perfect. HA!

## **GSC Helping Our Troops in Afghanistan**

At the December General Meeting, Pat Nannery brought up the subject of 1ST Sergeant Merle Johnson who is currently stationed in Afghanistan at a forward operating base. The soldiers at that base were requesting that folks back home send them specific comfort goodies that they cannot get in the middle of nowhere. Pat learned of the 1st Sergeant's needs through a friend in the Coast Guard. Emails were exchanged. Pat requested that GSC Members pass the Santa Claus hat worn by Franz Walkow and Franz collected close to \$300 to help fulfill the soldiers Christmas wish List. Marilyn Mammano, Mike Limuti and Lisa Kasak volunteered to shop. Pat, Mike and Marilyn spent all your money before Lisa even had a chance to shop. A huge box of goodies, including, toys, treats and handi wipes, ( the most requested item) was sent to Sergeant Johnson with the following note.

Dear 1st Sergeant Meryl Johnson

On behalf of the members of the Gulf Stream Sailing Club here in south Florida, we want to thank you, your troop, and your families for the sacrifice you make for our country. We hope you enjoy these toys and goodies.

Patrick Nannery, who is a friend of Major Fisher's mother, Caroline organized the drive and Mike Limuti and Marilyn Mammano whose name appears on the postal label simply did the shopping and packing. We all wish you a Happy Holiday.

Be well and safe return.

- Patrick Nannery, Marilyn Mammano, Mike Limuti, Lisa Kasak , Soldiers Committee

### **In Response, we have received the following Note forwarded by Patrick Nannery 1/10/2010**

From: Johnson, Myrl E Jr 1SG MIL USA FORSCOM <myrl.johnson@us.army.mil>

Subject: Boxes

To: "Charles Fisher" <charles.fisher@us.army.mil>, "charlies, girlfriend" <suppo@ddg107.navy.mil>

Cc: pn335@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, January 10, 2010, 6:03 AM

All,

Thought I would send a semi exclusive thank you for this select group. The boxes you and your friends sent are what I consider to be above and beyond the call of duty. With that said, I would like to give the biggest thank you of the deployment for what you sent for this company and the dudes who are in it. Daaamn, hoooly cow, and are you serious?...were only a few of the comments upon opening the boxes you sent. You and your associates have earned the love and respect of 147 of the finest dudes you could wish to know as I do. I speak from experience when I say earning that is no easy task. Since it's arrival, they have constructed soccer goals, target, courts and played exclusively with their own paddles and darts til the wee hours of the morning. Not to mention dual shock remote wars and plans to put up two more tents just for "chillin." Everything sent has been rapidly dispersed and in the hands of a gracious and appreciative warrior.

So to Patrick, Nannery, Mike Lumiti, Marilyn Mammuno (The Gulf Stream Sailing Club), Charlie, Carolyn, Chris, Stephanie, Sierra, Shast, and Sequoia...You have my heartfelt thank you and respect. If I have forgotten anyone, please do not take offense, and please pass this on to those whose email addresses I do not have.

Love to all,  
MYRL E. JOHNSON  
1SG, USA  
E CO, TF 1-12 INF



**Notes from the Editor** Happy New Year !! We are starting off the new year 2010 very well with lots of input for Tiller Tales. Patrick Nannery has taken up a crusade to help our troops overseas. In addition to the GSC collection, he has gotten Single Sailors to contribute money and gifts plus he has sent boxes of gifts himself.

Please attend our annual opportunity to wear black tie and tux (not required but do get dressed up.) at the GSC Change of Command on the 22nd. We have a lot of thanks for our outgoing officers, Governing Board and committees. And we welcome (hopefully with a good photo in the next Tiller Tales) the new slate of people willing to give of their time and energy. Janis and I have much to thank the Club for since we joined in 1999. A neighbor, Jim Wilkes, introduced us to the club after we bought our first boat and moved here from Texas. We have met lots of great people, made good friends and shared cruises to the Bahamas and Virgin Islands, raced on members boats and partied hearty ever since. We will miss the COC dinner dance this year (one of our favorite GSC events) 'cause we booked a big boat Caribbean cruise long ago. Based on the "Ideas to Improve the Club " meeting , we have instituted several changes and hope to enjoy lots of fun times with the Club in 2010. Tentative schedule of events for GSC on last page.

Franz Walkow—Editor



Some Pics from 2009 Change of Command

## **TENTATIVE 2010 GSC EVENTS SCHEDULE**

### JANUARY

9-LAKE WINTER I 22-CHANGE OF COMMAND 30-LAKE WINTER II

### FEBRUARY

1-BOARD MTNG 9- GENERAL MTNG 13-COUPLES RACE 27-LAKE WINTER III 27-CHILLI COOKOFF 28  
-SUNDAY SAIL

### MARCH

1- BOARD MTNG 7- SUNDAY SAIL 9-GENERAL MEET 13-ST PATTY PARTY 27-FTL-HILLSBORO 27-  
LAKE WINTER IV

### APRIL

5-BOARD MTG 10-LAKE SPRING I 11-RACE 1 13-GENERAL MTG 17-INTERNATIONAL PARTY  
24-LAKE SOCIAL 25-SUNDAY SAIL 25-SINGLE HAND RACE

### MAY

1-LAKE SPRING II 1-RACE 2 3-BOARD MTG 11-GENERAL MTG 15-HOSPICE 22-LAKE SPRING III 23-  
SUNDAY SAIL 27-31-CRUISE BIMINI

### JUNE

5 BEER CAN 7-BOARD MTG 8-GENERAL MTG 12-LAKE SPRING IV 19-BEER CAN 26-FULL MOON SAIL

### JULY

10-LAKE SUMMER I 10-RTIA ABACOS 10-BEER CAN 12-BOARD MTG 13-GENERAL MEETING

18-RACE 3 24- BEER CAN 24-LAKE SUMMER II

### AUGUST

2-BOARD MTG 7-BEER CAN 7-LAKE SUMMER III 10-GENERAL MTG 14-BEACH PARTY 22-SUNDAY SAIL  
28-LAKE SUMMER IV 28-LADIES DAY RACE

### SEPTEMBER

11-RACE 4 13-BOARD MTG 14-GENERAL MTG 18-LAKE FALL I 19-SUNDAY SAIL 25-BOATHALON

### OCTOBER

2-LAKE FALL II 4-BOARD MTG 8-10-COLUMBUS DAY R 12-GENERAL MTG 23-PITCAIRN

23 FULL MOON SAIL 23-LAKE FALL III

### NOVEMBER

1-BOARD MTG 6-LAKE FALL IV 7- SUNDAY SAIL 9-GENERAL MTG 13- GSC REGATTA

### DECEMBER

4- RACE 5 4-LAKE COMMODORES CUP 6-BOARD MTG 14-GENERAL MTG 18-COMMODORES CUP

PROPOSED SEMINARS LEARN TO RACE CRUISING PREP HURRICANE PREP