

# Tiller Tales

Gulf Stream Sailing club - April 2011

## From The Helm - Commodore John Gehrig

The month of March gave me a renewed sense of optimism in the level of enthusiasm of the Gulfstream Sailing Club membership.

- \* The General Membership Meeting at the Downtowner was well attended with many positive comments and recommendations concerning our ambitious calendar.
- \* The Daylight Savings Time Celebration at the Ft Lauderdale Beach had record attendance, everyone brought tons of food, and the moonrise of the "closest full moon" was simply spectacular.
- \* The St Patrick's Party at the Gehrig's boasted over 70 partiers dressed in their finest green, the food was over the stop and plentiful thanks to everybody bringing their Irish specialty, and the party went on into the wee morning hours.
- \* The Second Annual Dinghy Run was made up of 9 boats that ventured through Middle River and up the various canals to a wonderful park in Wilton Manors where a grilled feast was served to the hungry mob. The return trip landed in the Gehrig's pool where left over St Patrick's Party beer quenched the thirst of the mob cooling in the pool. The interesting thing about this trip is that not one of the participants had ever covered this route, it contained wonderful views and scenery, and the general consensus was that we should spend more time exploring our own backyards.
- \* The Lake had Children's learn to sail lessons, Opti Races, and Sunfish Races. If you have not witnessed the level of competition in our Lake sailing, I would recommend that you take a drive to the Lake to witness it, or better yet, to participate in it. The most exciting GSC news is that with expert guidance from Chris Woolsey, the club managed to make a deal to buy three used 420's, which now expands our Lake fleet to five 420's. Chris is in the process of setting up this fleet, and I can't wait to take my first sail (and maybe even race) in one of our new boats. We will keep you posted about a whole new program of Lake Beer Can Racing.

\* Rounding out the March Calendar, the Tuesday night Happy Hour/ Dinners at Maracas were well attended and fun. As it turns out, this is a fantastic way to network and keep abreast of club activities (and non-club activities). We meet at Maracas for happy hour and dinner at around 6:30 every Tuesday except for the second Tuesday of the month when we meet at the Downtowner for dinner prior to the General Membership Meeting

I look forward to the April Calendar of events with the same optimism and enthusiasm.

### New 2011 Officers

Commodore.....John Gehrig  
Vice Commodore...Lee Williams  
Rear Commodore...Adeel Arshed  
Treasurer...Helen Swinghammer  
Secretary.....Janis Walkow

### New 2011 Governing Board

Larry Littell  
Joanne Salvadore  
Doris White

### New 2011 Committee Chairs

Membership....Betty Lou Webb  
Crusing Fleet...Gregg Henry  
Ocean Race ....Lee Williams  
Lake ....Luis Oliveira  
Social ...Adeel Arshed  
PRO .....Chris Woolsey

### IMPORTANT !!

May 14, 2011

The Notice of Race and Entry form for the Hospice by the Sea Regatta are available at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com)

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The General Membership Meeting is at the Downtowner on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, and I look forward to another informative and productive meeting.

April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be making our cruise to Haulover where we will have our Chili Cook-off and our flare demonstration. You can come by boat or by land, and we expect a fantastic turnout for this event.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is our Race to Palm Beach where we will meet up with the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and the Port St Lucie Sailing Club for a party at the Palm Beach Sailing Club. It doesn't get any better than that.

We also have the Lake Opti and Sunfish Races, as well as an opportunity to try out our new 420's. We will keep you posted as soon as they are in tiptop shape and the beer can racing can begin.

Also, don't forget the Tuesday night Happy Hour/Dinner at Maracas. The networking is always fun.

And finally, I have some really good news. We were all so disappointed when the Hospice Cup was cancelled, so you will be thrilled to know that Hospice By the Sea has agreed to sponsor the Hospice By the Sea Regatta on May 14<sup>th</sup> with GSC, HISC and LYC being the organizing authorities. This will be a blockbuster event, so mark your calendars and don't miss it. More details will follow.

- John Gehrig,, Commodore



## Wednesday Evening Sail at the Lake - Luis Oliveira

The Lake Wednesday evening sail is back and Chris Garone is improving on last year's by requesting that we let him know if we are going to show up, this way he can program his killer barbeques for which we will contribute a couple of dollars or so and you can also bring your own meat to grill if you prefer. We can race a simple upwind/downwind course or just free sail around lake, whatever we feel like that day.

The other fun thing in the works, Chris Woolsey's idea and also mentioned by the Commodore, is to have the beer can races on the four (eventually) five 420's that we now have, this would keep eight or ten of us busy having fun and arguing about who's turn it is to be the skipper...I can just see it.



Join us every Wednesday at 5:30 PM for some mid week fun at the Lake. For more info contact Chris Garone at: [bones135@juno.com](mailto:bones135@juno.com)



## Membership Committee - Betty Lou Webb

**We want to welcome the following new members into our club:**

**Elsa Diaz & Jason Grogan from Fort Lauderdale.**

**Nick Safina from Hallandale and owner of Stargazer.**

**Jay Walrond from Dania**

**Peter Villoldo from Boca Raton .**

**Ann Kailing & Analia Martinez rejoined and owner of Lippincott**

**Gary Zolton from Dania.**

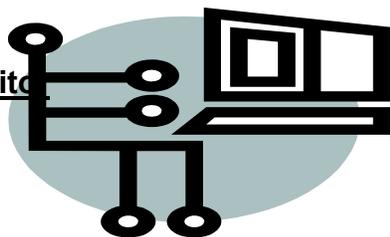
**We are excited and pleased that you have joined our club.**

**Happy Sailing,  
Betty Lou Webb**

## Notes From the Editor

Wow ! Tiller Tales published two months in a row ! Thanks to our new enthusiastic officers, we have lots of articles and news to report. Lots going on and lots planned. The sad demise of the Hospice Reggatta was undone by a dedicated group of volunteers. More to come early in May ! Your editor is leaving today to go cruising..on the world's largest cruise ship, the Allure of the Seas. Sea you when we get back ! Pun intended.

Franz Walkow - Editor



## Heads up– Bimini Memorial Day Weekend

I just booked my slip reservations at the Bimini Sands Resort for the GSC Memorial Day Weekend Cruise (May 28th & 29th) and recommend that other GSC cruisers do the same. We are not the only club to have a Bimini cruise planned for the Memorial Day Weekend, and they are booking up fast. The number of the Bimini Sands Resort is (242) 347-3500. They also have rooms for those who are interested.

John Gehrig - Commodore

## GSC Sunshine Committee–

**I represent the GSC Sunshine Committee by sending personalized cards, messages, flowers etc to any member and their family who would like to know your club is thinking of you at a time of illness, bereavement , award winning events etc. Yes, even weddings.**

**Please contact me with names and info at 954-491-4027 hm, 954-205 -7739 cell or [smkap@bellsouth.net](mailto:smkap@bellsouth.net).**

**Thank you Shirley Kaplan.**

## **The Hospice by the Sea Regatta - Chris Woolsey**

**The 2011 Hospice by the Sea Regatta is scheduled for May 14, 2011. You may notice that the name is slightly different from years past. Hospice by the Sea stepped into the void left by the sudden postponement of the very popular "Hospice Regatta," and along with the combined efforts of volunteers from Gulfstream Sailing Club, Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, and Lauderdale Yacht Club, have organized the Hospice by the Sea Regatta, to ensure that the event continues.**

**The racing format will be the same as in years past. The race will be a pursuit race on the same course as in prior years, ensuring a great day on the water for competitive and recreational sailors alike. The social events will be a bit different this year. The skippers meeting will take place, once again, at the outdoor pavilion at LYC on Friday, May 13. A cash bar will be open. After the race, there will be a party in the Maxwell Room of the Downtowner Saloon. Again, there will be a cash bar, and food will be available. (Dinner details are being finalized.)**

**The beneficiary, Hospice by the Sea, a hospice since 1981, serves all of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Their excitement and enthusiasm about this event will more than offset any hurt feelings over the postponement of the Hospice Regatta. HBTS took the ball and ran with it right away, getting artwork done, organizing T-Shirts and making sure that we have post-race food, despite what started as a non-existent budget. To date, none of the organizing clubs has needed to budget anything for the event. Despite this, regatta fees have been greatly reduced. Members of Hospice by the Sea will join us for the next General Meeting, to meet us and discuss their hopes for the Hospice by the Sea Regatta.**

**The Notice of Race and Entry Form are available online, at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com) . The regatta artwork is also available on that page.**

**I cannot stress this enough: this is the year for all of our members to show up for Hospice. This is the transition year, to the "new" event. With a good turnout this year, the Hospice by the Sea Regatta will be well on its way to a terrific future of providing fun for sailors and raising money for a great cause. Lets make it a success!**

**Thank you,**

**Chris Woolsey**

## 2011 Gulfstream Sailing Club Dinghy Run—Adeel Arshed

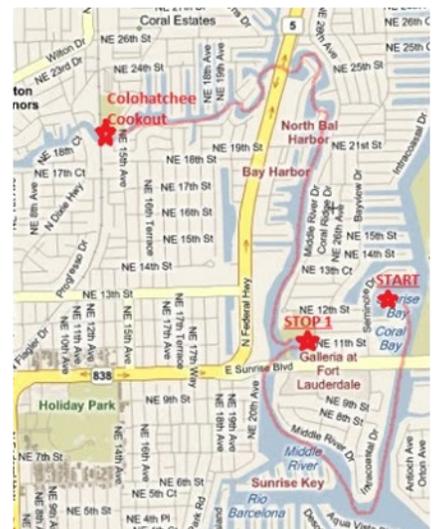
Sometimes, the perfect South Florida day comes around and you're lucky to get outdoors to enjoy blue skies, abundant sunshine, cooling breezes, and of course the company of a great group of friends and fellow sailors. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, over twenty Club Members were able to experience one of those ideal days on our annual Gulfstream Sailing Club Dinghy Run. This year's event had nine boats of various kinds participating; from inflatable tenders to powerboats - even an electric powered sailing skiff! All of the dinghies were able to travel the waterways of Fort Lauderdale and Wilton Manners and participate in a great day on the water.

The "Dink Run" kicked off with a gathering in Sunrise Bay on the north end of the city of Fort Lauderdale, directly off of the ICW. Here, final preparations were made for the trip ahead. Some made ready by layering on the SPF. Others prepared & shared morning snacks and drinks. Yours truly spent much of this period working through engine issues while traveling up to the rendezvous site. While I never was able to maintain idle, I'm happy to say that "Sir Sputter" - our misbehaved 5 hp Mercury - managed to find a groove just in time.

At 10:30 AM, the fleet departed Sunrise bay and made their way into the heart of one of Fort Lauderdale's best waterfront areas. While much of the ICW is a no-wake zone, some GSC'ers did manage to open up the throttle a bit on this relatively quiet stretch during this time of the day. Others leisurely made their way down the inland waterway, enjoying a mix of home and yacht splendor, urban wildscapes by Hugh Taylor Birch park, and of course friendly radio banter on Channel 69.

A right turn was soon made into the Middle River and the first stop of the journey was quickly reached; George English Park. This man-made lagoon with boat ramps offered a

perfect pitstop for the fleet, and also a great jumping on point for more dinks. Mike Sawzak's electric powered skiff dink was the talk of the fleet as the group awaited more participant to arrive and engines to warm. Much discussion was had on the distance Mike's tender would travel before requiring a tow. However, let it be said that whatever Mike's tender



lacked in horsepower, she surely made up with beautiful lines and \*QUIET\* elegance that no high-powered planning RIB could offer!

Soon enough, it was time to depart for the heart of the journey. The entire fleet of nine boats was led out of the bay and turned to the north. Yours truly brought up the rear, and managed to involve myself in another on-the-waterfaux-paux by getting caught in a fishing line. "Pleasantries" were exchanged as I extricated myself from the monofilament andbait-fish mess, andmade haste to get caught up with the fleet. Thanks to John & Bev Schaefer of TT Permanent Vacation for taking the lead on this leg of the trip while I was...\*ahem\*...indisposed.

The fleet was soon departing Fort Lauderdale and entering the heart of the neighborhood waterways of Wilton Manners. Beautiful homes and calm waterscapesgreeted us with each successive bend in the river. Steadily the canals became narrower, but never as to cause concerns for draft or traffic. Out came the cameras! Led by our official Club Photographer Franz Walkow, many pictures were taken of members on their faithful tenders. This included several great shots with our Club Burgee prominently on display. What great publicity! By the time of this article is published, these and many more pictures should be published to the GSC Website Photo Gallery area – make sure to check them out if you weren't able to participate in the Dinghy Run in person this year.

At this point, however, Mike Sawzak's tender started running out of juice! The ingenuity and can-do spirit of Club Members was immediately on full display. An impromptu "3-dink mobile raft-up" came into creation. With Mike's tender in the middle flanked by evenly balanced DPUs -



that's dinghy power units - the fleet was able to continue to our final river destination of Colohatchee Park. Only minor mention would be made to the wrong turn made at the fork in the river. Thank goodness for Google Maps and mobile data plans!



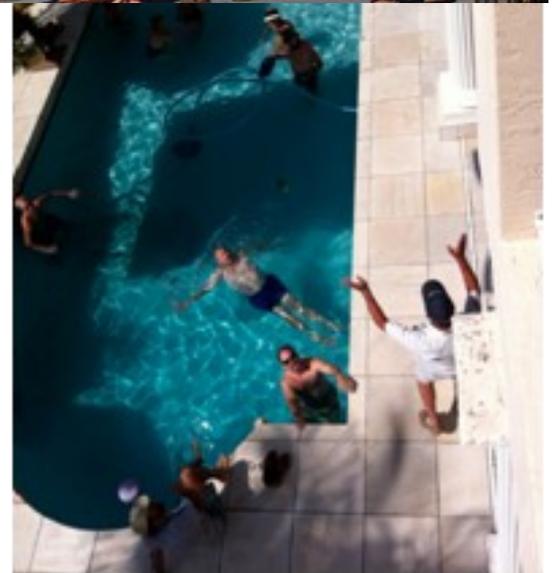
## 2011 Gulfstream Sailing Club Dinghy Run—Adeel Arshed

The fleet soon arrived at Colohatcheeright on time for an afternoon cook-out and riverside shin-dig. Our excellent ground support team crew consisting of Jim & Betty Lou Web and Kristal Arshed had an amazing spread set up and ready to go for the hungry fleet. The grills were fired and burgers cooked as the fleet tied up. With food, dessert, and rum punch aplenty (of course), and the camaraderie of the GSC Membership, the time just flew by. Even canine Club Members were able to participate with Poop Deck and Leelu getting to sample some of the goodies on hand. Many, many thanks to our shoreside support team for the excellent land party...what a great spread!

Before you knew it, it was time for one last group dinghy raft-up picture before the fleet headed back down the river. Due to prior



commitments, this was the end of the line for the Rear Commodore. Sir Sputter was stuffed into the back of the car with the dink strapped to the roof and we made our way back home via the land-dinghy. However, the fleet was able to successfully keep the party going all the way to Commodore Gehrig's home. There, an informal pool party was kicked off.



## 2011 Gulfstream Sailing Club Dinghy Run—Adeel Arshed

As I understand it, all leftover BEVERAGES were finished off while much fun was had. What a great way to be efficient guys!

All in all, the 2011 Gulfstream Sailing Club Dinghy Run was a resounding success, if I say so myself. We broke new ground in terms of recent Club participation in this event and I hope that this tradition was cemented onto our Club Calendar. I look forward to passing the baton to next year's organizer - and with our tremendous Membership, I fully believe that we'll have another great Dink Run next year. In closing, thanks again to all the Club participants and guests that came out to make this event so much fun, and thanks to all of the volunteers that were able to make this event so great to participate in! Now, onto the Haulover Cruise &ChilliCookoff!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - check your email or the GSC Calendar for more info:

4/16 GSC Cruise to Haulover. Chilli cook-off & emergency flare demonstration

5/26 - 5/30 2011 GSC Cruise to Bimini. Many planned and informal activities

<http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/calendar.php>



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2011— Copied from GSC Website

### MARCH

3/5-6 2011 Hillsboro Circle Raft-up Contact Hal Steward @ 954.242.5985 to confirm  
3/5 Sunfish Winter Series: Race #4 11:00 AM @ Sailor's Point  
3/6 Opti Winter Series: Race #5 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
3/7 Board Meeting  
3/8 General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM @ Downtowner Saloon, Ft. Lauderdale  
3/19 2011 St. Patrick's Day House Party @ Commodore Gehrig's home  
3/20 Opti Winter Series: Race #6 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
3/26 Dinghy Run Sunrise Bay to Colohatchee Park  
3/26 Sunfish Spring Series: Race #1 11:00 AM @ Sailor's Point

### APRIL

4/3 Opti Spring Series: Race #1 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
4/4 Board Meeting  
4/5 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
4/12 General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM @ Downtowner Saloon, Ft. Lauderdale  
4/16 Cruise to Haulover/Oleta  
4/16 Sunfish Spring Series: Race #2 11:00 AM @ Sailor's Point  
4/17 Opti Spring Series: Race #2 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
4/19 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
4/26 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
4/30 Ocean Race Hillsboro to Palm Beach, sponsored by HISC

### MAY

5/1 Opti Spring Series: Race #3 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
5/2 Board Meeting  
5/3 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
5/7 Sunfish Spring Series: Race #3 11:00 AM @ Sailor's Point  
5/10 General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM @ Downtowner Saloon, Ft. Lauderdale  
5/14 Hospice Regatta  
5/15 Opti Spring Series: Race #4 12:30 PM @ Sailor's Point  
5/17 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
5/19-30 2011 Cruise to Bimini/Bahamas  
5/21 Sunfish Spring Series: Race #4 11:00 AM @ Sailor's Point  
5/24 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill  
5/31 Happy Hour & Dinner 6:00 PM @ Maracas Bar & Grill