

Tiller Tales

Gulf Stream Sailing Club March 2012

From The Helm - Commodore Adeel Arshed

Its official - spring has sprung! Hopefully, everyone has been able to take advantage of the extra daylight we all now get, not to mention some of the warmest weather in recent memory. It really is a great time of year to enjoy all that the busy waters of South Florida have to offer. Speaking of busy, boy has it been an active spring so far for Gulfstream Sailing Club as well. One of the best parties we have as a club is our annual St. Patricks Day bash. I know it is something I look forward, along with many many Members. This year, the party was hosted by Roman and Sue Gastesi's at their beautiful waterfront home. By the time I got there, the street was overflowing with cars with Gulfstream Sailing Club license plates. It was clear that members new and old came out to partake in the festivities...early! Many thanks to the Gastesi's for hosting such a great party as well as the



Social Committee, especially Jim Webb, for pulling out all the stops to make this a great bash.



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HEADS UP

Sign Up Now for the GSC Regatta— April 21st

From The Helm (continued)

Another great Gulfstream Sailing Club rite of spring is the opening of Sailor's Point for midweek sailing. This year, there was an extra special event to kick-off Hump-Day Sailing...the launching of our 420 Racing Program! I'm so incredibly proud of the work put in by Chris Woolsey, Scott Lindars, and the entire Lake team to get the fleet in shape and for launching this great program. I've participated and I encourage all of you to find a partner and make some time to race these fast, dynamic team boats. They're just a blast! Hump-day sailing continues through the Spring, Summer and till the time changes in the fall, so there



is still plenty of time to get out on the water or just enjoy the great surroundings at Sailor's Point. Speaking of racing, another great race is rapidly upon us. Gulfstream Regatta 2012 will be April 21st this year, hopefully changing our recent luck of rotten forecasts. Needless to say, this is our marquee racing event of the year, and a great way to showcase the Ocean racing talent that is part of GSC. I encourage all big-boat Captain's to enter the race. From Gunkholer to PHRF super-racer, there is undoubtedly a class for every skill level of Ocean boat. Needing crew is no problem - there are many an experienced member that are willing and able to come out!

Spring is a time of breaking new ground - so I hope everyone takes up a new activity this year. Maybe you'll want to help set up our *NEW* Lake Bash on May 5th, or perhaps enter your boat in your first race for Hopsice By the Sea Regatta on May 19th, I do hope everyone takes advantage of the great weather and the great camaraderie that all of these great events offer. See you out on the water!

Adeel Arshed - Commodore Gulfstream Sailing Club 2012



2011 Annual Audit Report - Marilyn Mammano

At the March 5, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting the Audit Committee submitted the 2011 Annual Audit Report, pursuant to the Gulfstream Sailing Club Bylaws. The following is a Summary of Findings from the Report that is available to members on request.

From the GSC Bylaws:

Section 7: Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee shall:

- (a) Examine the accounts of the Treasurer.
- (b) Certify and Verify the Financial Statement as Submitted by the Treasurer at the close of each fiscal year.
- (c) N/A
- (d) Check the Financial Statement and make sure it is complete, including all assets, liabilities, inventories and any and all other properties of the Club.
- (e) Read the Financial Statement and report to the general membership at the February Meeting. Such statement and report to be approved by the general membership.



Summary of Findings

* The records were clear and readily available. I found no unusual disbursements. All disbursements were for items typically associated with Club Activities and made to persons associated with the Club. The Treasurer has indicated that there are invoices to back up the disbursements. The Board should examine these on either a random basis, or for items over a specific amount or in total. The sources of deposits into the GSC Checking Account appear to be more descriptive than those for the Lake Checking Account. Detailed descriptions of the deposits would help for planning purposes.

* GSC ended the calendar year with a net increase in cash on hand of \$5,536.75 in the GSC Checking Account.

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*The Vanguard Account grew by \$123.86. Total taxable income was \$1945.80. All proceeds from dividends, interest and capital gains were reinvested in their respective funds. The value of the various funds fluctuated. The best performer was Wellesley Income Fund that increased in value (with dividends reinvested) from \$25,453.10 to \$27,903.88. The worst performing fund was International Growth Investments, which declined in value (with dividends reinvested) from \$11958.08 to 10,321.82.

*The Clubs physical assets increased by four 420 sailing boats and a dingy. Both were paid for with funds from the Lake Checking Account. I have no information regarding the source of those funds as noted above.

*The Management Agreement is a material and significant asset of the Club and should be protected. Compliance with the Management Agreement was not the subject of this audit and therefore no opinion is given. The Board may want to review operations at the Lake to assure that the Club is in compliance with the Management Agreement. For instance: the Board may want to review the rental of storage space for the FAU fleet of Boats or other boats at Sailors Point regarding the terms of the Management Agreement. They may also want to review the agreements with the City of Hollywood regarding fees and scholarships at the Lake to assure that the Club is in compliance with the terms of The Management Agreement.

*The sailing fleet is a material and significant asset of the Club. A more detailed inventory of boats and equipment should be done to establish a baseline for future audits.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Mammano March 5 2012.

Cruising Report - Chris Bare , Rear Commodore

As was reported in last month's Tiller Tales, Mother Nature is just not giving us a break this winter. Wednesday might be nice, but all too often a cold wind from the north kicks up the waves by the weekend. Our sail and raft-up scheduled for March 4th was canceled due to a fast-moving cold front with high winds.

But never fear, our big cruising event over Memorial Day weekend is coming and it's sure to be a lot of fun. As veterans of the trip to Bimini, Ross and Astrid Hunton have graciously volunteered Commotion to lead our fleet this year. Weather permitting, they plan to head over on Thursday evening, May 24th and return Monday morning, May 28th. Ross and Astrid have a reservation at the Bimini Sands marina 1-242-347-3500. Slips are going fast, so call today!!!! The dock master reports that the entrance was recently dredged to 8' at HIGH TIDE so that means it's probably more like 5.5'-6' at low tide.

If there's no room left at Sands, Brown's marina is relatively inexpensive, and Bimini Big game is recently remodeled and quite nice. Some people like The Bimini Beach Club on South Bimini, but it's exposed in a hard southerly blow and you'll likely need tide help to come and go. They plan to spend Friday and Saturday night at the resort, but if the weather is extra nice, they will head down to the vicinity of Gun Key to anchor out Sunday night.

Remember, even though Bimini is closer than the next state, it's another country, so there's some paperwork involved. Anyone planning the trip should note the following:

1. Vessels over 30' require a US customs USER FEE DECAL. Apply/renew

here: <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/> or get info from:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/pleasure_boats/user_fee/user_fee_decals.xml.

It's the government, and if you need it quickly it will cost you extra. Get it done now.

2. Make sure you have valid passports for everyone, and that your boat insurance and registration documentation is current and with you.

3. To speed your reentry to the US and avoid a trip to the customs office on a busy holiday weekend, it's a good idea to sign up for Small Vessel Reporting System here: <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/> This is a modification to the previous "Local Boater Option". To complete the registration, you'll schedule a visit to the customs office via the website. Once registered, you can also file a float plan on the website, which is never a bad idea.

4. The Bimini Sands has a Bahamian customs office. That's much more fun than going to the one in Alice Town. Even more fun is to pre-complete all the paperwork so that you don't have to do it after a long night of hard sailing. You can download copies here: http://www.bahamas.com/sites/bahamas.com/files/pdf/Bahamas_Custom_Clearance.pdf.

Make sure you print them out on legal-sized paper. You'll also need to complete a Departure Card for each crew member. Those can be obtained directly from the Bahamian tourism office or from the marina office on arrival. More good info on traveling to the Bahamas can be found here:

<http://www.biggameclubbimini.com/customs-immigration.htm>

and here: <http://chatter.explorercharts.com/>

Thanks to Ross for providing all the great information listed above.



SOCIAL NEWS - Jim Webb

March 4 – A passing front forecast with rain, very high winds and dropping temperatures scuttled our planned Sunday Sail and Raft up. But to the rescue sailed Janis and Franz Walkow to invite many of the sailors to raft up in their condo and share the food and drink that everyone had prepared for the sailboat raft up.

March 17 - St Patricks Day - The weather was outstanding for our annual St Paddy's day party that Roman and Sue Gastesi so graciously hoisted at their house. About 45 club members joined with a few of the Gastesi's close friends for great food, spirits, Irish music, green rum punch and Irish jokes. We actually had a full-blooded Irish lass, Angie Harrington, at the party to properly represent the Irish.

Prizes were awarded to Dave Kresge and Angie Harrington for best St Paddy's day outfits. After dinner, several club members stepped to the microphone to share their best Irish limerick or best Irish Joke. Jackie Bradley won the prize for best Irish limerick while the prize for best Irish joke went to Sam Walker.

The social committee wants to especially thank Franz Walkow for preparing the incredibly delicious corned beef, cabbage and potatoes that everyone enjoyed. A special thanks also goes to Jackie and Bill Bradley for helping to decorate and set up the party, and then they stayed around afterwards to help clean up. A special thanks also to Mike and Marilyn for selecting and picking up the beer.



A significant amount of beer, wine and sodas left over from the party will reappear at the Lake Bash on May 5.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS -

Mark your calendar and start planning to attend some of our other major social events this year including:

April 17 - GSC Regatta and After Party at the Southport Raw Bar. Remember, even if you aren't in the GSC Regatta club members are still invited to participate in the after party.

May 5 – The Lake Party at Sailors Point has been moved from the originally scheduled date of April 14. We encourage both big boat and little boat sailors to come on out and enjoy burgers, hot dogs, sodas, beer and wine and good company and good sailing. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share.

June 9 - Intercoastal Dinner Cruise aboard the 3 deck, Lady Lucille. This will be a blast with a sit down dinner, cash bar and four hours of cruising the intercoastal from 6 til 10 pm. Club members may invite guests to join in. Cost to club members is \$65 each, non-club members are \$85 each. Capacity is about 60, so don't be left out. Signup early by contacting Jim Webb or pickup a signup sheet at club meetings.

July 7 - Pool Party at Franz and Janis Walkow's Condo

* ALSO COMING UP - GSC Beach Bash in August, Boatathon in September, Halloween Party in October

* AND DON'T FORGET— HAPPY HOUR - Every Tuesday (except the second Tuesday of the month when we have our General Meeting) we have dinner and celebrate Happy Hour at Rendezvous Waterfront Restaurant off Route 84 just west of Route 95. Come join us for good conversation and camaraderie anytime between 6 and 8 pm. Happy hour drinks are ½ price until 7 pm. We will continue Happy Hours every Tuesday night thru the end of March, and then continue the Happy Hour on the fourth Tuesday of every month thru the summer.

LAKE GRILLING - Starting March 14, there will be Sailing and Grilling every Wednesday evening starting at 5 pm at the Lake in Hollywood. Bring your own food and beverages for the grill and sail till sundown on the Club's Sunfish or 420's. Come sail or just share good company on the waterfront

Come Join us for the
GSC DINNER CRUISE



Aboard Lady Lucille

Dock 78, New River Drive, Ft Lauderdale

Date: June 9, 2012, Time: 6 ~ 10 pm

Appetizers

Cheese & Fruit Tray, Baked Brie w/ Fresh Strawberries

Main Course

Garden Salad, Coffee and Iced Tea

Sirloin of Beef or Chicken Francaise

Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts

Cash Bar

Cost: \$65 Members, \$85 Guests

For more info call Jim Webb, 954-593-9685

Signup Form for Dinner Cruise - June 9, 2012

Circle One

Members Name(s) _____ Beef - Chicken

_____ Beef - Chicken

Guests Names(s) _____ Beef - Chicken

_____ Beef - Chicken

Members ____ x \$65 = \$ _____, # Guests ____ x \$85 = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Gulfstream Sailing Club

Mail to: Jim Webb, 3410 NW 21 Ct, Coconut Creek, FL 33066

Membership - Betty Lou Webb

I would to welcome three new members into our club:

Beverly and Rafael Abrue from Hollywood.

Tyler Sell from Hollywood.

We are very pleased that they have picked our club.

If anyone needs to update their information such as new email address, address, phone number or need a new name tag please contact me at 954 969 9196 or email

tbird10@bellsouth.net



Happy Sailing,



Late Breaking News

From Club Member: Richie Goldstein (you can find him in the Club Roster or contact an admin on how to reach him...he's not on Facebook)

Dear Fellow GSC Members:

I'm planning on taking Puff offshore to VA around May 19 and would like to take along one or two or three GSC sailors who have or want offshore experience.

I've done offshore trips with two, three, four and five aboard, and have a friend coming along who has done it before with me. This will be Puff's fourth trip to Chesapeake Bay.

The trip has been completed in a week or less, i.e. if we leave on a Friday or Saturday it's a safe bet crew can fly back here the following Sunday. The tentative departure date is mid May.

Whether we duck in at Cape Fear and go up the Intracoastal for a couple of days or get around Hatteras and go in at Cape Charles depends on the weather.

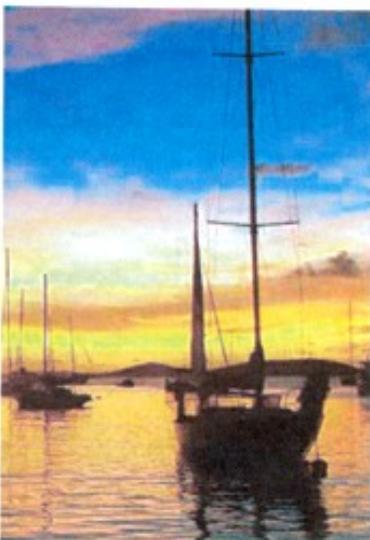
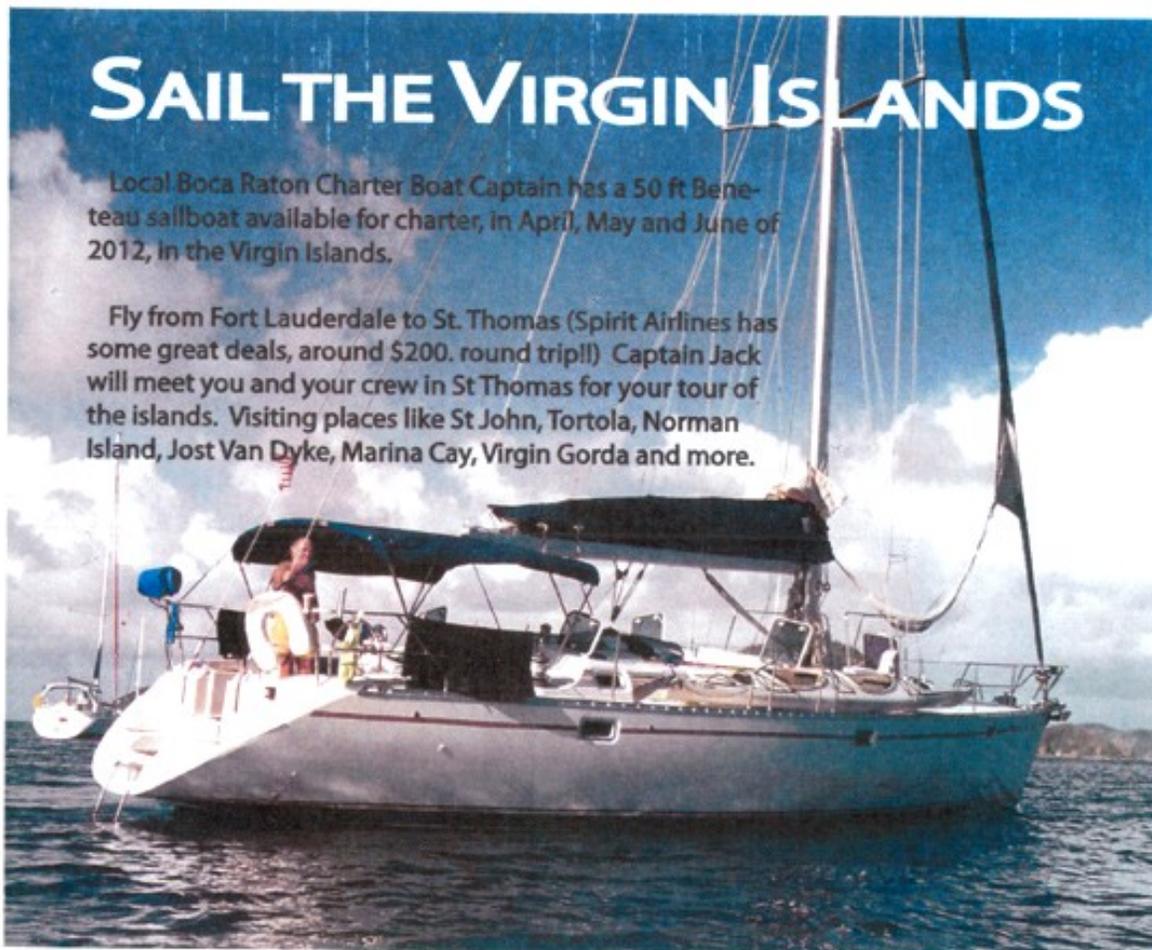
Puff is a Beneteau 461, and our destination is the East River, Mathews County, VA- off of Mobjack Bay.

If you are interested, please let me know so we can meet and each of us learn more specifics.

SAIL THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Local Boca Raton Charter Boat Captain has a 50 ft Bene-teau sailboat available for charter, in April, May and June of 2012, in the Virgin Islands.

Fly from Fort Lauderdale to St. Thomas (Spirit Airlines has some great deals, around \$200. round trip!!) Captain Jack will meet you and your crew in St Thomas for your tour of the islands. Visiting places like St John, Tortola, Norman Island, Jost Van Dyke, Marina Cay, Virgin Gorda and more.



Snorkel, dive, sail for 7-10 days for around \$100 a day, per person. Sleeps up to 7 comfortably.

Call Captain Jack at 561.289.8798 or email him at jack1mc@hotmail.com. Meet with him locally and go over all the details.

Jack has over 50 yrs of sailing experience along with 30 yrs in the Virgin Islands.

The same boat in Tortola charters for around \$15,000 a week. You do the math, it's a great deal.

