

Tiller Tales

Gulf Stream Sailing Club April/May 2012

From The Helm - Commodore Adeel Arshed

As I write this From the Helm, I'm reminded that we're entering my favorite time of year in Southeast Florida. As Easter passes by, the throngs of tourists start to thin and I'm able to get a table at my favorite restaurants without an hour long wait. Crowds thin out on the waterways too, where finding a spot to anchor in Lake Sylvia should be getting a bit easier too. This winter has seen Lake Sylvia get, lets just say a little "cozy" on beautiful weekends. So enjoy this amazing "shoulder" season before summer. We still have a good amount of wind and fewer crowds. Time to get out on the water!

The highlight for me personally has got to be the success of our 420 racing program at Sailor's Point. In partnership with our Hump-Day midweek sailing, the 420 program is off to a great start. It positively is a hit!! I'm told that *ALL* of our boats were out on the water this last race. Tight starts and close mark rounding were the name of the game, bringing out the best in these boats and their talented skippers and crew. Its not too fetched to think to see this program expanding beyond the borders of Northlake and taking on regional programs across the area. Nice job all around to the Lake team, especially Scott Lindars and Chris Woolsey for all their hard work getting this program off the ground and as well a heartfelt gratitude to this years and last years Flag and Board for backing them all the way.

Speaking of on the water activities, the Sunday Sail on April 15th was to be our make-up Sunday Sail. I guess we were all working on our taxes cause JENDAI was the **only** boat to show up. Seriously, the wind scared away most of our party animals, so we skipped the ocean and had a lot of great food to consume in our home waters of Lake Sylvia. The lake was crowded with bikini filled party boats and we were entertained for quite a while by a guy in a water powered JETPAK, zooming 20 ft above the water and even diving under it.

If you're a big boat Captain, remember the third times the charm! The 2012 Gulfstream Sailing Club Regatta third try is This is our Club's marquee regional event with boats participating from as far as Miami and West Palm Beach. I'm happy that we are able to pull boats from afar, but I'd love it if we could get more GSC boats to enter. Now, we just need a break from terrible weekend weather, which caused our two cancellations, April 21st and May 12th. See the Franz's writeup on page 3.

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HEADS UP

**Sign Up Now!for the GSC
Dinner Cruise - June 9th**

**2012 GSC Regatta -
3rd try , Watch for it.**

**No June TillerTales - Next
one end of July.**

From The Helm (continued)

Hot on the heels of the Gulfstream Regatta was another major regional regatta. May 19th was the Annual Hospice Regatta. This perennial favorite, rescued and organised for the past two years by Hospice by the Sea Inc, not only offers great racing, but supports a truly worthy cause. The Hospice by the Sea staff have done an excellent job organising and running this major South Florida sailing event. Out of the forty seven boats registered, nine were GSC boats and some proudly came home with hardware. Following a day of spirited racing, sailors, families and supporters of Hospice by the Sea were invited to attend the 2012 Post-Race Awards Ceremony and Celebration at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Awards were presented to the top three finishers in each class. Thanks to the great efforts of Steffi Schiffer, Dave Wallace on BANDANA, won the two fundraiser trophies including the GSC Wes Holmes Memorial Trophy. BANDANA and BLITZEN took home trophies and new GSC boat ANYI took a four place. More than 300 guests gathered for an evening filled with live entertainment, an excellent buffet dinner and mingling with great people.

Beyond Ocean Racing, remember, there are tons of opportunities to sail this Spring. The lake is open on Wednesday nights and Saturdays too. The 420 Racing series may have started, but its certainly not too late to participate. Not to mention that the Sunfish fleet is always looking for additional entrants. Soon enough, our Summer Beer Can series will be upon us too. Luis tells me there's some good things in store there too. So make sure to be on the lookout for racing or crewing opportunities throughout the year.

Speaking of great opportunities, where would we be without our Social activities? We had the Lake Bash on May 5th. Food, drinks, and a perfect breeze for Sunfish and 420 sailing were enjoyed by more than thirty people. Now as we enter those longer, lazier days of June, we'll have another event to get people juiced. Our first annual Dinner Cruise on June 9th, so make sure to contact Jim Webb to sign up. Details and a Sign Up form are on the end of this TillerTales. This will be a classy, elegant affair; an excuse to get all gussied up and enjoy an evening of fine food, great scenery and drinks and dancing and some of the best waterfront views the world has to offer.



Regardless of crowds, busy schedules or weather, I'm happy to say it has been another active, busy couple of months for Gulfstream Sailing Club. We've managed not only to cram in a lot of sailing, but a lot of socializing too. Not to mention our usual smattering of happy hours and meetings to boot! It's a testament to what a group of hard working and dedicated volunteers can get done, and a reminder of how special our Club really is. I hope to see you all out there taking advantage of this time...my favorite time of year!



Adeel Arshed
Commodore - Gulfstream Sailing Club

Notes From the Editor - Franz J. Walkow

The GSC Regatta - A Tale of Bad Luck with the Weather

April 21 - Your editor got up early and looked out to sea. Several storms lined the horizon and waves were visibly breaking over the inner Fort Lauderdale reef line, a rare sign, a bad sign of wave height. The weather forecast was for squalls with 40 to 60 knot winds. I had recruited a friend and former GSC sailor (now a power boater) to take him out to sea on his 44 ft power cat, as the photography boat. Subsequently, WE had been recruited to also be the mark boat. On calling the owner and captain, your editor was informed that the weather was too extreme and the ride was cancelled. So...we headed for the home of the committee boat to discuss cancelling the race with the Ocean Race chair and the PRO. After consulting with several of the race entrants captains, the race was postponed to a later day. On cancelling the post race party, we were told the fish had been bought and pre-cooked, so we (GSC) were on the hook for it (pun intended).

An announcement went out to GSC members to go to the Southport Raw Bar and have the fish for dinner. When your editor arrived at the Southport Raw Bar, he was informed that "someone" had arrived about 1PM, eaten some of the blackened dolphin and packed up the rest and taken it home. Now who was that???? We may never know, but the guilty party knows.

May 12th - Your editor got up early and looked out to sea. There were white caps and "small" rollers. The weather forecast was for 3-5 ft seas and 14 knots out of the southeast. Jim Webb brought the marks for the race, we inflated them on our dock and mounted them on the bow and stern of the large 44 ft power cat. Two of the marks deflated, so we went to backups. We had new shackles and lines from John Gehrig, thank you John. The captain arrived plus some guests and we headed out the Fort Lauderdale inlet. It was rough, but it is always rough. The power cat displayed a tendency to plow into oncoming waves instead of rising with them, but we expected the rollers to be smaller offshore. They weren't. We found the committee boat, a 23ft Mako. I was feeling sorry for the race committee in their small boat. But as we set the starting line yellow mark, we saw that the committee boat rode the waves while we plowed into them. Not so sorry now. Going to set the windward mark, heading out to sea into the wind, past the anchored freighter, we were severely pounded. Your editor was on the bow connecting the tackle to the marks. Several times, I was totally under water as the bow plowed into the rollers. The interval was just perfect for making us miserable. We tried going parallel to the rollers but that was even worse. We set the mark with difficulty, but pulled on the anchor to make sure it was set. The mark by this time was looking a bit soft, but at least it was still a tetrahedron. We then headed toward shore and set the leeward mark in 22 ft of water, with the rollers breaking over the high freeboard of the power cat and your editor getting slid around on the foredeck, cutting his knees on the sharp nonskid. He had to apologize for getting blood all over the cockpit of the boat.

By this time, one of the guests on board was getting really green, no one wanted to stay for the race, so we took a few quick pictures of the race start and headed back in. The backup plan was for the committee boat to pick up the marks after the race.

After arriving home, we learned that the rollers were 6 to 10ft and the wind was gusting to 28 knots. On the VHF, we heard that our windward mark was rounded by one boat, but then disappeared, and the leeward mark had dragged up toward the beach. The race committee cancelled the race. The after race party was also cancelled since no awards were being given. However, your editor and 13 others had dinner at the Southport Raw Bar to commiserate our failure. After a few beers, Ocean Race Chair decided that the race had been "postponed" again and would be rescheduled. Watch for it, the 3rd times the charm. After all, we are SAILORS and we can handle it.

Breaking News - There will be no June TillerTales, next issue will be end of July. Your editor and lovely wife are once again headed for France for a bareboat charter on a canal boat, this time in the Loire Valley. Linda Johnson and Al Diron will be on another boat, same time, same location. After a week in Paris, I will head to Germany for 2 weeks to visit family and old sailing friends. More later.

GSC Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Bimini - Chris Bare , Rear Commodore

To recap the plan, Commotion is the lead boat and plans 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.

If you are planning to join the GSC fleet to Bimini, please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/dO1Ai3>

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.

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_decal.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/>

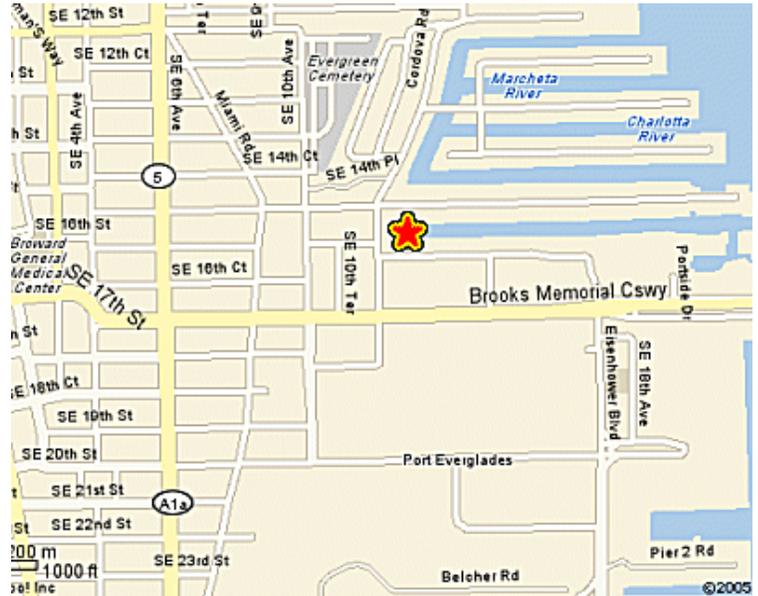
Follow this link to get an understanding of your first trip to the Bahamas: <http://www.yachtingmagazine.com/cruising-chartering/adventures/crossing-the-gulf-stream-safely>

Chris Bare — Cruising

CALENDAR CHANGES

GSC Regatta After Party 3rd Try (Date to be Announced)

The Regatta After Party will be start at 6 pm on the outside deck of the Southport Raw Bar for all regatta sailors, crew and all GSC members. The club will provide Fruit and Cheeses, Blackened Dolphin, Wings, Hoagie Platter, Smoked Fish Dip and Italian Sausage and Meatballs. Drinks will be from the cash bar and additional food is available for purchase.



The Southport raw bar is located at 1536 Cordova Road in Ft Lauderdale. (see map)



July 21 – Pool Party

The Post Abaco Pool Party has been moved from July 7 to July 21 since many sailors won't be back from the Abacos by July 7. The party will be held at Janis and Franz Walkow's condo pool and is always a great time. It is open to all GSC members, so don't be left out.

SOCIAL EVENTS - COMING UP

June 9 – Join us for an 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 fill out the form at the end of this TillerTales.



SOCIAL NEWS - Jim Webb (continued)

ALSO COMING UP

August 11 - GSC Beach Bash graciously hosted by Mike & Jan Rush

September 22 - Boatathon

October 27 - Halloween Party graciously hosted by Al Duran & Linda Johnson



AND DON'T FORGET

HAPPY HOUR - GSC Happy Hour on the fourth Tuesday of every month thru the summer.

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 1/2 price until 7 pm



LAKE GRILLING - 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.

Jim Webb— Social

Ocean Racing — Luis Oliveira

It is time to get your boats off the dock and come race with us, the 2012 ocean racing season is heating up. Here is the schedule for the next few events:

GSC Ocean Racing Summer Series I – June 16.

GSC Regatta - Third time is the charm, Watch for the new date then let me know if you can make it. If you didn't sign up before, send me your registration. Let's make it a fun event with lots of boats. We still got the race committee and the support boats, the party, the trophies. For more info go to: <http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/gschtml/regatta/2012/> or follow the link from our web site, call me at (954-675-1440) or e-mail me at luisrato@bellsouth.net

Hospice by the Sea Regatta May 19 - Was a great success. It started with a no wind postponement, got rained on, hard and ended with fair breezes and great sailing.

Luis Oliveira - Ocean

Lake Race Results—Spring Series I - Luis Oliveira

If the leeward mark at our Sunfish race course last Saturday could run away, it would have been gone, smoking across the water and go hide somewhere as far away from those crazy sunfish racers as possible... He... He...He.

Between myself and Nuno we ran it over a few times, in one of the rounding's I was on the inside with an overlap over Nuno, which did not want to give me room, so we went around/over it side by side, hulls bumping into each other and jibing a couple of times inside the three boat length radius before going around the mark. All this with a gust blowing 15 knots or more, it was survival mode for all three of us including the little cringing mark. I'm sure there was a sigh of relief from it when Dennis finally picked it up after the last race...He... He...He.

Kidding aside it was fun as always and very competitive. It was great to see another "Big Boater" coming to race with us, people are figuring out where the fun is at Gulfstream Sailing Club and this guy took no prisoners, first time at the lake in a very long time and he wins "B" fleet, great to see you Doc.

I guess our races are not only fun to race but also fun to watch, we are on the verge of having to create a waiting list for race committee assistants...He...He, Dennis never had so much support. Thank you all for the help, Dennis, Marty, Harriett, son, grand kids and whoever else was on the boat.

Race Results Spring Series I – "A" Fleet

Nuno Pinho	2, 1, 2, 1, 1	5 pts	1 plc
Luis Oliveira	1, 2, 1, 2, 2	6	2
Vito Mannino	4, 3, 4, 3, 3	13	3
Jack Loving	3, 4, 3, dns, dns	15	4

Lake Race Results (continued)

“B” Fleet

Richard Goldstein	1, 2, 3, 2, 1	6 pts	1 plc
Harry Rose	3, 3, 2, 1, 3	9	2
Bennett Rodriguez	5, 1, 1, 4, dnf	11	3
Gary Zolton	2, 4, 4, 3, 4,	13	4
Beverley Citron	4, 5, 5, 5, 2	16	5

Winter Series Overall Race Results – “A” Fleet

Luis Oliveira	21 pts	1 plc
Sam Kafoury	37	2
Nuno Pinho	62	3
Marty Ottenheimer	65	4
Vito Mannino	69	5
Andre Kramer	69	6

“B” Fleet

Luis A. Oliveira	43 pts	1 plc
Bill Martin	47	2
Steve Evans	58	3
Jack Loving	63	4
Peter Villoldo	65	5
Gary Zolton	71	6
Harry Rose	72	7

One must race a minimum of two race days to qualify for the overall results; the missed race days are scored as DNS which is number of boats registered for the day plus one. Since we have four race days per series, I throw out the four worst finishes and they could be all from the same race day.

Just imagine how much more fun it would be if all those of you that have sold your big boats, would come to the lake to race Sunfish, or the 420's for that matter on Wednesday evenings... See you all on the Lake.

Luis Oliveira - Lake

420 Race Results - Scott Lindars

Another great week of very competitive racing with solid sailing by all. Great starts, very tight leeward mark rounding, perfect lee bows and downwind passing was the consistent name of the game this week. We had a full house of 6 teams with all 5 boats on the water sailing in a gusty 5-10 knot southern breeze. Everyone is getting the hang of rotating through the RC position and the starts are going well. Tonight's (4/11/2012) results are below:



	Luis Oliveira	Steve Evans	Scott Lindars	Andre Kramer	Joe G	David
Spring 2 4/11/2012	1	4	3	2.6	2	5
	1	4	3	2	3.2	5
	4	2	3	1	3	5
	3	3.2	4	2	1	5
	2	2	3	1	4	5
Race Total	12	19.2	18	11.6	19.2	30
Adjusted Total	8	15.2	14	8.6	13.2	25

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Scott Lindars - 420 Fleet

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 = \$ _____

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