

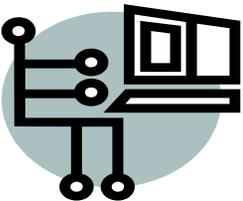
# *Tiller Tales*

## **Gulf Stream Sailing Club    March 2014**



**GSC Commodore 2014 Jim Webb 2013 Luis Oliveira**

**Notes From the Editor - Franz J. Walkow**



**WE'RE BACK !!!** Bigger and Better and Monthly ! This vehicle for communication about Gulfstream Sailing Club has "sort of" taken a back seat to all of the real time communication tools available to our members such as Facebook, e-mails and the GSC website. However, many members have told us

that Tiller Tales is their main communication about what the club is up to these days and miss it. So, our new Commodore Jim Webb has asked that we keep articles from the officers and members coming monthly and get TillerTales out to the membership monthly. With that said, lets move on.

We would like to thank the 2013 Bridge, Officers, Board, Committee Members and all the volunteers for their service. 2013 was a year of growth and many successful, enjoyable GSC activities, especially the growth and integration of "The Lake" sailing programs led by 2013 GSC Commodore Luis Oliveira.

Welcome to the 2014 slate, who were installed at a great Change of Command in January. Your editor (and lovely wife Janis) were able to attend this year, see more pictures later and on the website .

Franz J. Walkow - Editor

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| <u><b>2014 Officers</b></u>         |                            |
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| Tiller Tales Editor ..              | Franz Walkow               |
| Trophy.....                         | Debi Hallmark              |
| Website.....                        | Adeel Arshed               |

**Reminder: Fund Raising Auction March 11th @ Monthly Meeting .**

**St. Patrick's Party @ Gastesi's March 15th**

**GSC Regatta April 5th**

## From the Bridge - Jim Webb - 2014 Commodore

I already have a whole new appreciation for the efforts of the past commodores who preceded me. Next time we present the past commodores at a meeting clap your hands loudly and whistle uncontrollably. They deserve it.



What an incredible and busy first month this has been as Commodore of GSC. First came the Change of Command Dinner at Tropical Acres, which, while a lot of fun for all, required a lot of preparation on Past Commodore Luis Oliveira's and my part. This was closely followed by a power point presentation to the Marine Historical Society of Ft Lauderdale on February 6. At their request, I gave a program on the History of the Gulfstream Sailing Club in the Ft Lauderdale City Commission Chambers. Of course this required a lot of research and would not have been possible without a lot of help from Becky Castellano and past Commodore Frank Junkin.

## **From the Bridge - Jim Webb - 2014 Commodore** (continued)

My first board meeting as Commodore was held on February 3, followed on February 11 by conducting my first General Meeting. Let me tell you that first meeting takes a lot of preparation to do well.

Then came setting up the GSC booth at the Miami Boat Show's Strictly Sail tent on February 11<sup>th</sup> and manning the booth the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>. I wound up manning the booth 4 out of the 5 days of the show.

I then brought "Golly Gee" up from Miami on February 22 to participate in the Sunday Sail and Raft up in Lake Silvia on February 23. What a great sail and raft up party. We still had plenty of room for more members, so don't miss the next one!!!

The same evening that I brought Golly Gee up from Miami, we attended the Hillsboro Change of Command Dinner for incoming Commodore Frank Tippet. I planned on joining the HISC Circle Raft up March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> but a personal issue unfortunately forced me to drop out.

Just to round out the month we also attended the weekly Happy Hours at Rendezvous.

I set myself a goal this year to do whatever it takes to get ten new sailboats into the club in 2014. I am delighted to report that since January 1st we have applications approved or pending for 6 new sailboats including "Enterprise", "Comeback", "Aurora", "Interlude", "Nimbus", and an ODay 32 which I don't know the name of yet. In addition we added "Francis Jane" a 41 ft C&C in December. On top of that I am still calling the 17 other people with boats we met at the Miami Boat Show.

Another goal this year is to establish closer ties with Hillsboro. We have established a new, and I think exiting, club versus club ocean race this year. We are calling it the Broward Cup and it will take place March 23. I would love to see this race be successful and become an annual event. We are also investigating the possibility of doing a dinner cruise with Hillsboro and looking for other opportunities to work together.

We have filled several new committees this year and defined a couple of new ones. We are close to naming a new Chair for the very important new "Website Committee" which has been headed the past few years by our hard working Past Commodore Adeel Arshed. We are establishing a committee for Boatathalon and looking for several volunteers to join this committee. We still hope to find someone to Chair our legislative committee and someone to take over the ships store from Betty Lou.

Another goal is the ongoing effort to involve more of the small boat community into the overall club activities including participating in meetings, committees, social and cruising activities. Our efforts to communicate with Sailors Point members, especially the newer ones, is paying off and we want to continue to expand that communication.

Another priority will be to train more people to efficiently run our ocean races and learn from Adeel how to factor the handicaps.

I look forward to seeing the club grow this year and everyone have a lot of fun being members of the best Sailing Club in South Florida. Jim Webb - Commodore

## NEWS - Auction at March 11th Monthly Meeting

A reminder - we will be holding a fund raising auction between 7 and 8 pm at our March 11 GSC General Meeting . Please check your garage or closet and find something that you can donate to our auction. We have some cool stuff already to auction off, but we need more!!! Proceeds will go to support our kids sailing program and this year's boatathon!!

## NEWS - Tiller Tales Classified Ads Coming

Starting in April, we will again have a classified ad section in Tiller Tales. So if you have something to sell, or you are looking to buy something, send a two or three line description to the Tiller Tales editor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for inclusion in that month's Tiller Tales.

**Wanted** : Jim Webb - I am looking for a 2 stroke outboard motor between 2-1/2 and 6 hp!

## NEWS - GSC St. Patrick's Day Party!!!



Roman and Susan Gastesi have been kind enough to host the GSC St. Patrick's Day Party at their beautiful home on Saturday, March 15. The club will provide Corned Beef & Cabbage (and I have heard rumors of a Shepard's Pie as well). Please RSVP to Sam Walker or Lacey Craddock or sign up at our March General Meeting so we know how many to expect. Bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. Watch for more details in upcoming emails.

## Membership News - Christine Ryan

We welcome the following new members who have joined this year - our apologies if we missed welcoming you during our year end Change of Command.

Brian Hartz - Associate editor for Southern Boating Magazine

Anneli & Gordon Liebig

Henri Rossollin

Robert T. Miller & Helke Taeger

Dr John Rafalko

Carol and John Lucas

Dick Linehan

Alex & Karen Segev

Sergio Carlos Santana-Pineino

Dan Vladescu

Jim Mahon (pending)

" Frances Jane" 41' C&C

"Interlude" Beneteau 345

"Nimbus" 30' Cape Dory

"Enterprise" 40' Hunter

"Comeback" 33' Hobie

"Aurora" 25 ' Coronado

18' Searay

32' O'Day

## **Danger !! Hollywood Master Plan - Luis Oliveira**

The City of Hollywood recently received a grant from the "Florida Inland Navigation District" (FIND) to develop and implement the "Hollywood Marine Waterway Master Plan". The goal of this master Plan is to develop and better utilize all the waterways in the City of Hollywood. The first draft of the plan has been executed and EDSC, Inc. a firm of landscape architects and planners, was contracted by the City to put together the Master Plan, which in its present form involves among others, substantial changes to North Lake or the "Lake" as we know it.

Among the changes, there is a proposed "Island" to be created in the middle of the Lake. This island is to be formed from sand fill that will be dredged along the existing marina. As you can imagine this would be the end of our sailing programs at the Lake. The island would greatly reduce the sailing area and would attract numerous power boaters to the area, compounding the problem even more. As with any municipal plan, the City has conducted two public hearings, one on Feb 18 and the second on Feb 24. I attended both of them and Scott Lindars attended the first one. We both spoke in opposition of the island and so did just about everyone else that requested to speak.

After these meetings I spoke privately with the City Manager, Parks Officials, two different Commissioners and the people from EDSA. To each of them I stated my opposition to the Island. I believe they got the message; mainly from the residents of the Lakes Community that are strongly opposed to it as well. Apart from this idea of an island, there are a few possible positive outcomes from the Master Plan, for which we have been actively pitching. Repairs of the boat ramps, construction of a wooden dock in between the boat ramps with new safer access to the floating dock, the dredging of two feet of the western one fourth of the Lake and taking some of that material to create a 40' or so beach as opposed to the island plan, acquisition of the house next door and the adjacent empty lot all of which allow the club to grow and flourish in many ways that would benefit the City of Hollywood, surrounding community and all GSC members.

These upgrades to Sailor's Point would greatly enhance our ability to dramatically expand all the youth programs, with more available land we would be able to increase the number of boats and therefore provide instruction to more young sailors. The purchase of the house next door would provide a much needed classroom meeting room, as well as shelter from the usual summer storms.

The dredging of the western portion of the lake would make more sailing area available at low tide and better accommodate the larger fleets. Using some of the dredged material to create a beach not only would lower the cost of dredging, but it would make access to the water much easier for the young inexperienced sailors. The first draft of the Master Plan is on the City's website under "Hot Items". I encourage everyone to take a look at it and send positive comments about the Lake programs, as well as plea for the items listed above. I particularly ask those Club members that live in Hollywood to e-mail, call or write the Mayor and Commissioners to ask them to support the above plan.

If we all pitch in on this there is a possibility that at least some of it could come through, this is a major opportunity for our Club to possibly have a Club house, please help us out with your e-mails and phone calls.

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## The GSC Crew Pool Committee - Chairwoman Debi Hallmark

GSC members now have three ways to get onboard a boat as crew for one of our cruising activities or for racing:

A- Sign up on our Crew Pool list on our GSC website indicating your willingness to crew and your qualifications and hope to be selected by a captain looking for race crew.

B.- Get socially involved and ask a captain directly to be included as crew for a particular cruising activity or as part of a race crew

Or



C- Now you can call or email our Crew Pool Committee Chairwoman, Debi Hallmark, and ask if she can get you onto a boat. Debi will try placing requesting members with willing captains.

For each scheduled cruising event or race, we will work to keep Debi informed of which boats will be participating. If members have not had an invitation from any of the captains and want to be included, they should contact Debi. We encourage our newer members especially to call Debi.

Debbie will also periodically review our Crew Pool list to identify ex-members who might still be on the list or members who have repeatedly turned down captains requesting crew. When identified, those individuals will be removed from the list.

## **Winter Series Ocean Race - March 8**

This race was pending at press time. Results will be announced in the next Tiller Tales

## **Broward Cup – Sunday March 23**

We are excited to announce a new competition on the Ocean that we call the “Broward Cup”. This race will be a marks race between the Gulfstream Sailing Club and the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club and will be located half way between Hillsboro Inlet and Port Everglades. A trophy will be awarded to the winning club (GSC of course). The losing club will be buying Pizza for the after party and can try to win the trophy back next year.



Captains watch for the notice of race and let's win one for GSC.

## **GSC Regatta - Saturday April 5**

The annual GSC Regatta is scheduled for April 5th. This is our signature race, so plan on getting your boat out. If you don't have a boat, plan on joining a crew. Stay tuned for the notice of race and details on the great after party, door prizes and awards.



## GSC at the Miami Boat Show - Jim Webb

At the suggestion of Vice Commodore Mick Sawzak, GSC rented a booth this year in the Strictly Sail Pavilion of the Miami Boat Show. We joined Hillsboro Sailing Club and Coconut Groove Sailing in attending the show which ran from Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mick and I set up the booth on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Betty Lou took care of getting us a new banner made within 2 days when our old banner could not be found.



The show was a phenomenal success. Our goal in attending the show was to sign up 3 or 4 new members with boats. We had 50 people sign up at the show to have membership contact them, and 18 of those indicated that they had a boat. In addition, we had some who did not fill in our sign in sheet, but rather took an application for membership. We are now in the process of calling these potential new members and inviting them to our next General Meeting or Happy Hour.

Many thanks to Vice Commodore Mick Sawzak for suggesting we go to the show, getting the quote and helping setup and man the booth Saturday and Sunday. Many thanks also to Betty Lou Webb, Gregg Henry & Sam Walker, Marvin Verble, Debi Hallmark, Kay Chung, Paul Hinden, and Jim Ohara for volunteering to take turns at the booth.

## Social Report for March - Sam Walker

The kick-off event for the 2014 GSC Social Committee was the Valentine's Jazz Brunch Meet-up which took place on the bank of the New River in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The day started out a bit damp but the sun came out, bringing with it a few Club Members to the event .



We had our club canopy set up along the river walk between two of the live music stages. Champagne Punch and Mimosas were supplied by the club. A host of food selections were available nearby from local vendors. Sweet Heart pictures were taken of the couples who attended and there were prizes awarded for cutest couple, most awesome, and knight in shining armor. We were planning to meet up for the Sunday Jazz Brunch again in March, hoping for a bigger turn out and better weather. However, we decided to cancel the meet-up because of a conflict with the Hillsboro Circle Raft-up on the same day, which many of our members planned to attend.

## HISC Great Circle Raftup - Mick Sawzak

It all began with a north wind. Just great, Bleu Bayou just happened to be heading north from Port Everglades to Lake Boca for the Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club's annual Change of Command Circle Raft Up. With the wind on our nose we motor sailed to Hillsboro Inlet where the fun began...an outgoing tide was flowing rapidly through the Boca inlet and the narrow bridge guarding the entrance to the inter coastal. I mean like a fast flowing river! Bleu Bayou limped through the bridge against the ripping current at 1.5 knots. We barely missed an outgoing vessel who surfed out and was not really in control, a near miss.

Moments later after we cleared the bridge with our hearts pumping an outbound sailboat (Calypso) attempted to wait for the inbound traffic to clear when the current turned her 360 degrees and they lost control. They actually went through the bridge backwards...stern first. I'll never forget seeing a furled jib going through the bridge last like it was the backstay. I have a boat full of witnesses and a lot of power boat radio chatter congratulating the captain on the successful, although unusual and accidental maneuver.

Two more bridges and we approached the building circle raft up. The raftmaster Hal was very diligent in monitoring his radio with concise instructions on where and how to join the raft up. The circle was closed with a lot of winching and a little drama, but luckily not too much wind!!! I celebrated the closing of the circle by waving the spanish mackerel I had caught trolling to everyone and promptly dropped it back from where it came from! The one that got away!!

The Change of Command ceremony was next, although there was some difficulty raising the flag raising up the dinghy mast. The present and past Commodores finally sorted it out. The traditional HISC appetizer exchange was next with everyone in the center of the circle in their dinghies passing trays of yummys around. Afterwards we all retired to either party, walk the circle or really retire for the night. HISC must have a group of new members...one particular boat danced and partied into the night!! Sunday morning was Mimosa and Bloody Mary time!



Other GSC boats that joined in the Raft up included Commotion and Ryan's Place. Golly Gee had planned on attending but a personal issue forced their cancellation at the last minute.

## HISC Great Circle Raftup - Mick Sawzak (continued)



Between 11:30 to 12 noon the circle began breaking up and we all headed in our own directions. Bleu Bayou headed south on the ICW, this time surfing outbound through the Hillsboro Inlet. We enjoyed the most wonderful and enjoyable sail back to Pt. Everglades. Sail speed 5.5 knots steady with a 10-15 knot east wind. I can't wait for the Broward Cup. I can taste the winning keg of beer already. Maybe we could return the keg to HISC at next years circle raft up...how's that for a tradition!!!!!!

## **A Day at the Races - February 8th—Gregg Henry on Mi Serena Reporting**

Last weekend, Feb. 8th, “Mi Sirena” and I went racing.  
We took McMike and Alex with us. Great Day, blue sky, fair wind, warm, calm sea state  
and.....

the Beer was Cold ! And we were sailing.

After a typical start...Last. We watched the leading boats round the weather mark, the sea buoy, pop their spinnakers and whoosh they were gone ! Leaving us alone.

But, the Beer was cold ! and we were sailing.

The down wind run was uneventful. McMike set up his fishing pole line which we promptly forgot about. Watching the boats, all the boats, ahead of us.

But, the Beer was Cold ! and we were sailing.

It's not hard to find the downwind mark when you get to watch the entire fleet ahead of you rounding said mark. We went straight to it and rounded, tightened said and headed to the windward mark.

A few less but, the Beer was Cold ! and we were sailing.

Now on a port tack we were headed towards the beach. Over the reef, 25'...20'...not to worry lots of water. Then, Alex says thers something on the line. Sure enough the pole was bending and we slowed ... rapidly. Alex and I quickly hove to as McMike grabbed the fishing pole and ran forward. After a few minutes hove to and drifting away from the weather mark , McMike managed to break the line and secure the pole below.

A little less still but, the Beer was Cold ! and we were sailing.

The rest of the race was uneventful. We made and rounded the weather mark. Then, headed for and crossed the finish line.

When racing I have 4 goals... Start, Finish, Keep the Beer Cold and... Go Sailing!!!

## Halloween Howler Youth Regatta 2013 By Rosalie Modzelewski

Gulfstream Sailing Club has a NEW Opti Green Team making waves! They participated in their first local regatta in Coconut Grove, Biscayne Bay on Oct. 26-27. The Halloween Regatta, hosted by the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, was open to Opti Green, Red, White & Blue fleets as well as Laser 4.7 fleets, Radial Laser fleets & 420s. The shore & waters were packed with anxious sailors!

The team, under the direct supervision of Dmitriy & Lisa Yakovenko, spent many hours practicing & preparing their sailing equipment and boats for the regatta. Not only did the team practice their sailing techniques, starts & various courses, they were put to work properly cleaning, buffing, fixing & readying their optis for an official race day – our team looked great!



The team competed in a total of nine races on Biscayne Bay: four on Saturday and five on Sunday. The results were spectacular for their first experience competing in open water. The days began with a continental breakfast, followed by the skippers meeting. As boats were loaded into the water, our team sailed out together into Biscayne Bay where they met up with Coach Dmitriy & Lisa. They learned quickly that first day, that there was no going back to shore for lunch or bathroom breaks! After the first couple races each day, the team had lunch together – opti style – tied up to their coach's dinghy, where they ate, relaxed a little & received constructive instruction!

Weather was beautiful and races went well both days. Saturday, after racing, the participants were able to unwind & enjoy the complimentary buffet dinner with the other participants before heading home to get a good night sleep. Sunday came early and everyone was ready for a new day of competition. After all races had been completed & tallied, Coconut Grove Sailing Club graciously provided snacks, participation medals & raffle gifts to the participants & trophies for those who placed. It was the wonderful ending to a spectacular weekend!

A big thanks to everyone at Gulfstream Sailing Club & Sailor's Point who helped us prepare, purchase & fix all the necessary equipment needed to participate and for providing us the opportunity to compete!

Enriching the lives of a new generation of sailors together! More great things to come ....

**Halloween Howler Youth Regatta 2013** By Rosalie Modzelewski (continued)

**Opti Green Team Members**

Kiril Yakovenko, Age 10  
Mattias Castilla, Age 10  
John Modzelewski, Age 10  
Austin (Gunner) Holste, Age 10  
Mark Modzelewski, Age 12

Saturday, Oct. 26 - Results from 64 participants

Austin (Gunner) Holste – 12  
Mark Modzelewski – 13  
John Modzelewski – 26  
Kiril Yakovenko – 38  
Mattias Castilla - 46

Sunday, Oct. 27 – Results from 62 participants

Austin (Gunner) Holste - 15  
Mark Modzelewski - 17  
Kiril Yakovenko - 29  
John Modzelewski - 30  
Mattias Castilla – 42

## Sunday Sail & Raft-up - Jim Webb

We had our first ocean sail and raft-up of the year on Sunday February 22 which was actually a makeup for our Valentines Sail and raft-up which was postponed. The weather was phenomenal for sailing, flat seas and 8-12 knot winds from the southeast.

We had Chris Ryan with her friend John, and Dave Notman with Betty Lou and I on Golly Gee. We set sail from North Lake inlet about 10:30 and joined up with Gregg and Sam on Mi Serena coming out the Port Everglades inlet.



We heard Mick Sawzak on the radio on Bleu Bayou but never caught sight of him amongst the other boat traffic.



We re-entered the inlet about 1:30 pm, dropped our sails and headed for the raft up in Lake Silvia. We were the 4<sup>th</sup> boat to the raft up joining Bill & Jacqui Bradley on Munnin and Marvin Verble on Blue Pearl and Paul Hinden on Reel Faith. Food was already flowing between boats as Mi Serena and Bleu Bayou joined the raft up. Paul provided the water Taxi service between Bahia Cabana and the raft up.

Sunday Sail & Raft-up - Jim Webb (continued)



The only disappointment of the day was that we had room for many more GSC members to enjoy the raft up, good food and good company with us. Next time don't be left out!!

Some pictures from the Change of Command 2014 - Franz Walkow



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Some pictures from the Change of Command

