



# Tiller Tales

## Gulf Stream Sailing Club April 2014

### From the Bridge - Jim Webb - 2014 Commodore



Commodore and lovely wife Betty Lou in Warderwick Wellls ,  
Exumas Land and Sea Park, Bahamas

March was the big Race Month. On March 8 we had our third ocean race of the Winter/Spring Series which was won by one of our new members, Alex Segev on "Comeback".

On March 23 we had our inaugural ocean race against Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club, which we named the "Broward Cup Regatta". It was an exciting day on the water with 20 sailboats participating. The winner of this year's Broward Cup (drum roll please)---  
**Gulfstream Sailing Club** which will hold the trophy for 2014!!! I think we also are supposed to get a keg of quality beer. HISC is not happy about loosing and promises to get more boats out next year. Think of the possibilities for this race -- the Mayor of Hillsboro betting against the Mayor of Ft Lauderdale, live coverage by the Goodyear Blimp, Channel 7 News, ESPN.....

### 2014 Officers

Commodore.....Jim Webb  
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## From the Bridge - Jim Webb - 2014 Commodore



Inaugural Broward Cup Trophy - Winner 2014  
Gulfstream Sailing Club

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Also at the beginning of April we are preparing for our signature race, the GSC Regatta on April 5. The Regatta will have been completed by the time the April Tiller Tales is published so watch next month's Tiller Tales for the results.

In other racing news, our past commodore and Small Boat Chair, Luis Oliveira, along with Tony Elliott went off to race in the Sunfish Nationals in Pensacola on March 22. See Luis' article for the results. Daylight savings time came in March which means Wednesday night 420 racing at Sailors Point returns.

I am happy to report that we raised \$350 at the auction we held at our March General Meeting. Everyone seemed to enjoy the auction, but more importantly it raised \$350 to help support the Kids racing program. Thanks very much to all the members who donated items for the auction, your generosity is very appreciated. Look for a 50-50 fund raising raffle in the next meeting and more auctions in the future. I want to congratulate one of our kids, Mark Modzelewski for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the Opti races held in Jensen Beach.

Socially I want to thank Roman and Sue Gestasi for hosting our St Patrick's Day Party at their home. I can't thank Sam Walker and Lacey Craddock enough for planning and producing such a fabulous St Patrick's Day Party. Franz and Janis Walkow again cooked corned beef and cabbage for 40 people. Many side dishes and desserts brought by members rounded out the evening, no pun intended. Everyone attending thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

This month also saw our new Membership Directories being distributed along with new GSC Membership Cards for 2014. Notice that the directories now contain our GSC By-Laws in the appendix. These are the rules that we are governed by and are there to ensure a continuity of governance despite a constant changing of Commodores and board members. I encourage you, as a member, to become familiar with our By-Laws. — Jim Webb

**From the Bridge - Jim Webb - 2014 Commodore**

Inaugural Broward Cup - March 23

Committee Boat



Blu Bayou & Golly Gee



03/23/2014



My Pearl & Mi Sirena

## NEWS - UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

If you missed the St. Patrick's Day Party, don't worry...more to come !!!

### **GSC Family Cookout**

April 12, 2014

1:00pm

Sailor's Point - Northlake

### **GSC Tres De Mayo Party**

May 3, 2014

1:00pm-4:00pm

Lauderdale Isles Yacht & Tennis Club

## Membership News - Christine Ryan

We would like to welcome two new members this month to our growing club.



Jim Mahon and Rosemary Chelick-Mahon of Dania are our latest inductees. They sail the seas on Alberta Rose, a 32' O'Day. Jim is retired from the US Army and is handy with computers, engine and electrical repair issues. Both Jim and Rosemary are interested in cruising, entertainment committees and hosting after race party's. Welcome to Gulfstream.

## Sailing Daffynitions - Anonymous

Boom -- (1) A horizontally mounted pole to which the bottom of the sail is attached. Often used during jibing to reposition crew members to a horizontal position.

(2) The sound produced when lighting the gas stove.

Course -- The direction that a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing.

Current -- Water flowing in the opposite direction that the boat is heading in and usually toward a hazard.

Dingy -- Small craft usually towed from the stern of sailboats, stowed on deck or stolen from moorings or docks. It serves as a shore shuttle, wastebasket and a crude measure of recent rainfall.

Clew -- Evidence leading to the recovery of a missing dingy.

Yawl -- The Southern way of saying "Ahoy"

The Kid's Learn to Sail program started 2014 off with a BANG . . .  
Leeann Rodriguez

The first six-week class of the year started on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Ten brand new sailors participated in the class. All were eager to learn and worked hard to develop their skills. As an added treat for their hard work Delroy took them for a little open sailing around the nearby park. It was amazing to see these new faces smiling at their many accomplishments.

During the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>, three siblings enjoyed class with Delroy. They opted to learn to sailing during their "Ski Week" from school. All three had a wonderful time and loved sailing on the lake.

The second six-week class of 2014 started on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There are ten new kids in this class and three carryovers from the first class. Thirteen in all!!!! An update will come later on how this group is faring.

From March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Sailor's Point offered a Spring Break Camp. Nine kids came and sailed Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. The weather wasn't cooperative at times but Delroy worked his magic and had those kids sailing.

WOW, that's 22 kids so far this year that have participated in the Kid's Learn to Sail program. Hope the coming months see just as many kids get involved.

KID'S LEARN TO SAIL REMINDERS . . .

Summer Camp registration is Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9am. All current GSC members may register before May 3<sup>rd</sup>. GSC members may also sponsor friends and family during the early registration period.

Next Kid's Learn to Sail Class begins Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> with registration on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Sailing in BIG Fleets - Luis Oliveira

On March 22nd I traveled to Pensacola to attend the International Sunfish Masters at the Pensacola Yacht Club. This is an annual race that usually attracts a large number of older sailors from around the eastern coast of the country, for whatever reason the Sunfish never made it in any meaningful numbers to the West coast.

There were three race days scheduled, March 23rd, 24th and 25th (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) with three races on the first day and five on each of the other two. The race area was just offshore of the Pensacola Yacht Club, a beautiful facility right on Pensacola bay with easy water access for all 44 sunfish in this regatta.

Racing in big fleets is a much different event, compared with the Lake races with 8 to 15 boats at best, a bad start in a big fleet can set you back considerably and because these are very competitive sailors, it becomes very difficult to recuperate. To complicate matters for me in recent years I have been intimidated by the possibility of being OCS (over the course side) at the start. So with all of that in mind my number one purpose on this regatta was to shed the timidity and be fearless at the starts, even if I was to get a OCS... Well, I got my trophy, I got OCS in the fourth race.

On Sunday, with a 10 to 12 knot breeze from the South and a light chop we managed to race all three scheduled races on a windward/leeward course, not the most fun type of course, the additional two reaches makes it a lot more interesting. On this first day I had good starts and rounded the windward mark always in the top 10, but proceeded to self destruct in the confusion of the downwind mark rounding, I finishing 24th and 35th in the first two races. In the last race of the day, the start was very good, picked the right side of the course, got to the upwind mark in seventh and passed four people downwind to round the mark in third... boy, that was a good feeling, but did not last long, finished the race in 9th, which wasn't that bad.

The second day started with strong wind around 15-17 knots, but the race committee took so long to get the first race going that the breeze subsided to about 10 and proceeded to get lower as the day went on to the point where we could only do three races.

Again I had good starts and in the first race of the day I finished 16th place, which turned out to be my first OCS ever, that gave me a 46th finish... not good. The second race was also pretty good, after being buried in the 30's for most of the race, in the second downwind leg I managed to pass a large group of boats right before the downwind mark and finished 12th. The last race was another disaster, finished 35th. The forecast for Tuesday was not good, cold for South Floridians 46 degrees and 20 knots of wind with gusts at 30 knots, for fleet of old farts, this was a hurricane... We sat around waiting for a decision from the race committee and at 11:00 they postponed the race in hopes that the wind would calm down in the afternoon, which did not happen and with only one support boat available, the Sunfish class president pushed for the cancelation of the day's racing, which was finally done around 1:00 PM.

Since we had less than seven races there were no throw outs and my 46th counted, putting me in 28th overall. Not the greatest finish, but I had fun, lost the fear of big fleets and learned a bunch.

— Luis Oliveira

# 1st Broward Cup Regatta – GSC vs Hillsboro

By Jim Webb

As we approached the GPS coordinates for the starting mark we cut our engine to see how fast we could go in the light winds. We quickly established that we could muster 1-2 knots at best on a beam reach. The forecast winds at race time were not promising to be any improvement. I hoped that the winds improved so we could actually finish this first ever Broward Cup Regatta which was to be a team race pitting Gulfstream Sailing Club (GSC) against Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club (HISC). Frank Tippett and I agreed to create this race back in December and we were hoping it would prove to be an exciting addition to our racing schedule.



The race was being held in the ocean approximately halfway between the Hillsboro inlet and Port Everglades inlet. The start line was located just south of the Commercial Blvd Pier. The HISC boats towed 2 marks down and dropped one at the start and dropped one about 2 miles to the north-northeast of the start. Dan Whelan on Wind Pirate and Dave Wallace on Bandana each towed a mark up to the race, dropping one 2 miles south-southeast of the start and one 1-1/4 mile southeast of the start.



As the start time approached we realized that a lot of boats were arriving and sailing about. We counted sixteen boats and we still had ½ hour before the first start. Seeing at least two trimarans we knew that there would be a multihull class to go along with the Spinnaker & non-spinnaker class. It has been awhile since we have had three classes in a race. By the time the committee boat made the course announcements, we had 18 boats jockeying for position.



We watched as the spinnaker boats jockeyed at the starting line and then got the countdown from the committee boat to start. They had to round the southern most mark about 2 miles away before rounding the northern mark and heading back to finish at the start line .



Five minutes later the non spinnaker boats got their countdown and started. The non-spin boats only had to round the nearer southern mark, 1-1/4 miles away, before also heading to the northern mark. Five minutes after the second group, the multi-hulls, including Golly Gee, got our start and had to head to the southern most mark trailing the spin and non-spin boats.



Following our multihull start, 2 additional boats arrived for a late start, In-Sync for HISC and Anyi for GSC.



As the race progressed, the winds actually picked up and were blowing quite strongly by the time we crossed the finish line and headed back to Port Everglades. The weather turned out to be perfect for a great race.



A great after party was held at Larry Gellar's home in Lighthouse Point. Larry is the Rear Commodore and Racing Chair for HISC. He thanked GSC for initiating the race and particularly our own Racing Chair, Dan Whelan, for all his efforts in organizing such a great race.



Then came the moment of truth – the announcement of who had won. Each boat finishing the race was awarded one point. The first three finishers in each class earned 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup>. The club with the most points won the Broward Regatta and would hold the Broward Cup Trophy for the next year. Larry reluctantly announced that....

**GSC beat HISC.** The final score **GSC 26 points, HISC 21 points.** GSC had fielded 12 boats to HISC's 8. The HISC commodore, Frank Tippett then awarded the Broward Cup to the GSC Commodore. HISC is definitely disappointed with the result and promises to get more boats out and come back with a vengeance next time. The rivalry is working!!!



GSC receiving the Broward Cup for 2014

Golly Gee actually finished in third and earned three points. Of course there were only three multi-hulls. Dave Wallace and Bandana finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Spinnaker Class and received a bottle of good Rum.



Dave Wallace ~ 1st Place Spinnaker

Thanks to all the GSC boats who came out to race for the club and a huge thanks to Dan Whelan for participating, organizing and scoring the race. A fantastic effort and a successful event!!

The results of the Broward Cup were as follows:

Winning Club- Gulfstream Sailing Club 29 points

Losing Club - Hillsboro

### ARC Spinnaker

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bandana,	Dave Wallace	(GSC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Comeback,	Alex Segev	(GSC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grand Cru	Dan Escobar	(GSC)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Susumi		(HISC)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Magic		(HISC)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sempre Amantes		(HISC)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Glory Daze		(HISC)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wind Pirate	Dan Whelan	(GSC)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Dakota	Norm Smith	(GSC)

### ARC Non Spinnaker

1 <sup>st</sup>	Unicorn,		(HISC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Enterprise	Dick Linehan	(GSC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	In Synch		(HISC)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan's Place	Debi Hallmark	(GSC)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Anyi	Wolfgang P	(GSC)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mi Sirena	Gregg Henry	(GSC)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bleu BayouMick	Sawzak	(GSC)

### Multi Hull

1 <sup>st</sup>	Third Tri,	Larry Geller	(HISC)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cross Winds		(HISC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Golly Gee	Jim Webb	(GSC)

# GSC St Patrick's Day Party

By Lacey Craddock

The St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday March 15, 2014 was a HUGE success, thanks to our host and hostess, Roman and Sue Gastesi for opening up their home and beautiful backyard to us! Some even came by boat! Also, thanks to Franz and Janis Walkow for preparing the corned beef and cabbage for everyone to enjoy! Guests brought a side dish or dessert, and we had some really good ones.



The full moon that greeted us and lighted our party, was absolutely perfect! Our social events are the perfect place to meet new members, chat with old members, enjoy great food/drinks and get involved with our club!



GSC St. Patrick's Day Party (continued)



**GSC Ocean Series Winter/Spring 2014**  
**Race III – March 8<sup>th</sup>**

This race occurred after Tiller Tales went to press last month, so the results were not posted previously. Congratulations to Alex Segev on Comeback

**Results**

<u>Postion</u>			<u>Finish Order</u>
1	Comeback	Alex Segev	1
2	Bandana	Dave Wallace	2
3	Mi Sirena	Gregg Henry	3
4	Blu Bayou	Mick Sawzak	4
DNF	Enterptise	Dick Linehan	DNF
DNF	Anyi	Wolfgang Pozsicsanyi	DNF

## Cruising — BOATING TO THE BAHAMAS

From the Bahamas Gov't Website



Only 50 miles off the Floridian coastline lay the entrance to The Bahamas. It is an archipelago of tranquility and beauty that stretches for 700 miles. These islands are a boaters dream, with its numerous islands, cays and reefs. The Bahamas lie between the latitudes 20°56' and 27°25' N, and the longitudes of 71°00' and 79°20' W, and has a land area of about 5400 square miles.

When sailing to the Bahamas, private, non-commercial, pleasure craft must comply with Bahamian Rules and Regulations. Upon arrival the vessel and the occupants must visit Bahamas Customs and Immigration in order to receive a Cruising Permit. This permit allows for foreign vessels and foreign occupants to sail throughout the crystal clear Bahamian waters for the specified period of time stated on the permit. Foreign Charter vessels must apply for a Foreign Charter License from the Port Department prior to their arrival. The license is available for one calendar year and expires **December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Upon approval of the Charter License the vessel can transport passengers for hire. The passengers, however, cannot and must not originate in the Bahamas. Foreign vessel must not engage in any commercial fishing transactions in Bahamian waters.

If you need assistance, your primary call should be by voice on VHF 16 to anyone who responds, afloat or on shore. Many land based stations can either help directly, or pass on your position and circumstances to the Bahamas Air-Sea Rescue Association (BASRA).

