

Tiller Tales

Gulfstream Sailing Club

September 2018

FROM THE HELM

Ben Bowen, Commodore



Commodore Ben Bowen. Photo: Sandra Hinden

It's hard to believe that it's August already. We're almost entering into the final quarter of the year but we have a lot lined up in the coming months. Some of our upcoming events are:

- 9/1: Labor Day Cruise
- 9/15: Boatathon
- 9/29: Broward Cup
- 10/27 Halloween Party
- 11/10: Chili Cookoff
- 12/8: Commodore's Cup
- 12/15: Winterfest Boat Parade

Additionally, we have our regular races at Sailor's Point and our ocean series.

Thanks to our ocean racing committee, our year started off strong, with renewed interest and participation in our races. Paul Jehlen and the rest of the committee have been doing a great job calling and getting people on boats. Unfortunately, in the last few months things have slowed down as several boats from our limited fleet have been out of commission for various reasons or captains have been out of town or out of commission. Hopefully things will pick up in the coming months, we still have several big events coming up.

Sailor's Point has been bustling with activity between the Sunfish racing and summer camps. Also we have been having Adult Learn-to-Sail classes, although attendance hasn't been quite as high as we would like. Additionally, the lake provides the perfect venue for some of our annual club events like the 4th of July and Chili Cookoff. Every time I visit Sailor's Point I reflect on how fortunate we are to have such a great facility in such a prime location, and so many dedicated volunteers to make it all happen.

Our membership is holding steady and participation has been pretty strong. One thing that I have noticed since I have been working on the board is that every year we get a few people that come to meetings, get up and introduce

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2018 Officers

- Commodore.....Ben Bowen
- Vice Commodore.....Phil Decker
- Rear Commodore... ..Luis Oliveira
- Treasurer.....Paul Hinden
- Secretary.....Sam Walker

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- Rosemary Chelick-Mahon
- Linda Gossett
- Gregg Henry, Past Commodore
- Jim O'Hara

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- Ocean RacePaul Jehlen
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- Ship's StoreJohn Edmonds
- SocialRosemary Chelick-Mahon
- Tiller Tales Editor.....Kay Harrison
- Trophies.....Mike Sawzak
- Website.....Ben Bowen

REMINDER

Our calendar is published on the GSC web site, www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org

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themselves and talk about their boats and how much they love sailing, maybe even join the club, and then we never see them again. Obviously that is not always the case, but it happens often enough for me to take notice and I've spent some time trying to figure out how to get them to take the next step. If you have any ideas please let us know. And if you have joined the club and have a boat that you love to sail, please join us on the water! Or let us know what we can do to help you get out there. The other appeal that I would like to make is to inactive members. If you spent some time in our club and have let your membership lapse, but still feel nostalgic enough that you occasionally peruse Tiller Tales, we'd love to have you back. Life is complicated and there are a lot of things competing for your precious and finite free time, but we have a lot to offer. It's a tiny annual commitment and you can be as active as you want, but the more people we get coming out and participating, the more fun it is for everyone.

Financially we had a few surprises in the form of unexpected letters from the IRS about back taxes but we have taken care of the obligation and remain in solid financial shape. The taxes came from income received from our Vanguard account, which has increased 150% since the early 2000's. When we filed for 2015, 2016, and 2017 we were advised incorrectly that we did not need to pay taxes on dividends, based on our classification as a non-profit. We are now classified correctly and our outstanding obligation has been paid, so this will not happen again. There was some spirited discussion about whether the taxes on income received from the fund should be paid from the fund or covered from our lake and general accounts, but after a board vote it was decided that the taxes on the fund will be paid from the fund itself.

We have some exciting social events coming up. Some may have noted that Stiltsville was conspicuously absent from the list above. The last we have heard about Stiltsville was that it should re-open at the end of summer and we should be able to go, but so far we do not have a definite date.



Ben with Debi Hallmark. Photo: Phil Decker

In September, we have the first Boatathon since 2014. Debi Hallmark is working tirelessly to make this happen so our clubs can enjoy this together. I went to the last one in 2014 and it was a great time, and I know this year's will be a huge hit. In October we are having the traditional Halloween party at the Gastesi residence, so once again we are immensely grateful to their hospitality and looking forward to another great party, most likely dressed as zombies.

When I first took over as Commodore, I started getting occasional friendly correspondence from the Commodore of the Hemingway International Yacht Club (CNIH) who would periodically send updates to a mailing list from the American boating community. I responded to one of these and sent him our best wishes and congratulations for a race that they had recently participated in, and we ended up corresponding back and forth a few times. He then proposed that we enter into a friendship agreement between our 2 clubs, which we did. So we have agreed that if anyone from CNIH is visiting Florida, they will be welcomed to our meetings or events with open arms. If possible we will offer them assistance and local knowledge sailing in our waters. And, of course, they offer the same to us. So if you happen to find yourself in Havana, stop by the Hemingway Marina and I'm sure you will be very well received! Also, as a token of goodwill, we have extended an honorary membership to Commodore Escrich; so if you are going in the near future, please let us know so we can send his membership packet along with a club burgee!

— Ben Bowen, Commodore, Gulfstream Sailing Club 2018

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

by Phil Decker, Vice Commodore



Mary and Doug Brown. Photo by Phil Decker

Instead of highlighting some of the tangible benefits of membership in the Gulfstream Sailing Club, this time I just asked a few members why they like being in the GSC, and why they keep renewing their membership. Yes, I'm selling the sizzle and not the steak.

Doug and Mary Brown have been members for a year and a half. Recently retired, Doug has been sailing for 60 years, and raced in college. "The best part is the camaraderie with fellow sailors and boaters," says Doug. There are a lot of interesting personalities. It's a lot of fun!"

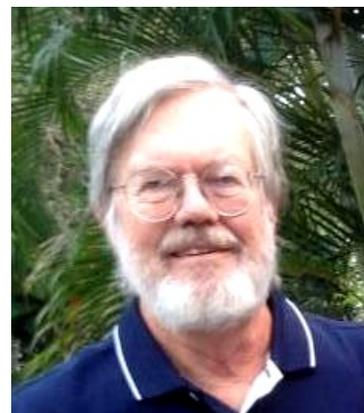
Sharon Crockett has been a member since 2004 and has a Sunfish named *Pipsqueak*. What's the best part of belonging to GSC, I asked? "The Lake, and racing Sunfish with Luis and all the rest!"



Sharon Crockett

Jay Wood is a past commodore and joined GSC in 1971, which is probably the earliest date of any current member. Jay started sailing competitively in 1949 on a plywood Moth, and is now a US Sailing certified race officer. Along with Larry Littel and Jeff Lichterman, he founded the Gulfstream Regatta in 1992.

"Gulfstream is my home club. I've sailed many of the races, love the camaraderie, and even met my wife Garie at a club event!" Jay and Garie were married on a marks boat in the middle of a Gulfstream race. Jay and Garie summer in Bucksport, Maine, and then return to Fort Lauderdale every year. "The days spent on a boat are not deducted from your lifespan," Jay assured me.



Jay Wood, Past Commodore

New Members up to August 2018

GSC would like to welcome the following new members to our club. Please say hello to them at our next meeting or social event!

Name	Phone	Boat
Rose Marie & Paul Mather	954-870-2940	Mutineer 15
Chris & Amy Fisher	954-587-9505	Sea Ray "Opportunity"
Frank & Yara Rowden	512-750-5735	Boston Whaler
Maria Minero & Stavros Moforis	954-424-1607	
Eric Albin	305-931-3337	
Douglas Baker	305-609-5082	Jeanneau 45 DS "Silene"

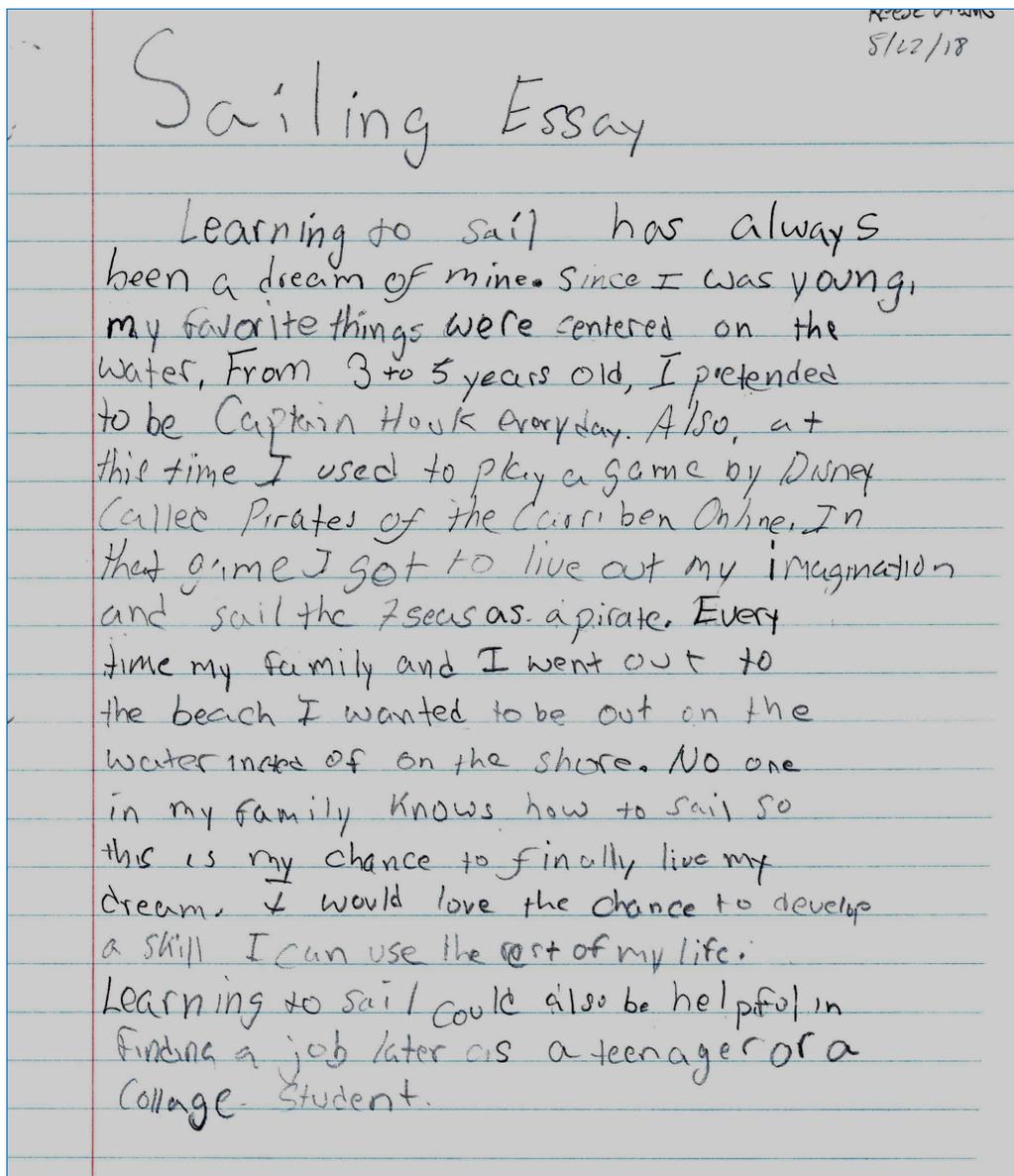
ESSAYS FROM THE LAKE

Special Thanks to LeeAnn Rodriguez



Each year, students from Hollywood schools submit essays to the Kids Learn to Sail program to apply for scholarships to the summer camps at North Lake. The students are encouraged to include drawings and/or personal stories that would make them great sailors and campers. This year, the Kids Learn to Sail program received many great essays, and Tiller Tales, at **Luis Oliveira's** suggestion, is happy to publish two of the winning essays. Here are the creative essays by Reese, below, and Jar-en, on page 5.

Photo: Young sailors who submitted winning essays for a sailing camp scholarship. More photos can be found on the public Instagram page: @gulfstreamsailingclub.



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My name is Jaren P. Ford and I live in Hollywood Florida. I am an Only Child. I am 8 years old and I'm going into third grade next year. I want to go to Sailing Camp because I like to go on boats and I like to learn. I like to be on the water too. I don't have any boating experience, but I've been on other boats with other people. I have also been on a Conoes and Paddle boats. I love meeting new people and making new friends. I love being outside being active and having fun. I take dance lessons too! I took swimming lessons at the Ymca and a Driftwood Community Pool and I swim at my grand parents pool when I can. I am safe around water and never run around the pool. I can't wait to start camp. I'm really excited.



THE ANNUAL GSC BEACH BASH — AUG. 18, 2018

By Phil Decker



Rosemary Chelick-Mahon and sister, Polly.

Photo by Phil Decker.

Sam Walker (club secretary) and **Gregg Henry** (past commodore) organized the annual GSC Beach Bash that was held on August 18 at the Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park in beautiful Dania Beach. Thirty-seven members and guests attended the ocean-side event at the Osprey Pavilion that was highlighted by a pig roast. Many members volunteered their help in preparing the main dishes, providing side dishes, and decorating the pavilion.

“Gregg would probably get the biggest shout-out as he was there to help with Perry (the pig), which entails pick-up, preparing, transporting, cooking, and carving,” said Sam. “His support and tolerance is priceless. He always supports all my endeavors.”

Sandra Hinden was in charge of decorations. She sorted through three containers of decorations, and appeared with an entire decorating crew on site. **Rosemark Chelick-Mahon** (social committee chair) was a food wrangler and obtainer of last-minute items, and **Polly** handed out wrist bands and collected money. **Jim Mahon** and Commodore **Ben Bowen** also served in pig roasting duties, and **Mari Guarda** assisted as needed.

Perry the Pig weighed 40.6 pounds, and was a product of a farm in Miami. “The rule of thumb is to order 1.5 times in pounds the number of guests. We still had plenty left over,” said Sam. “The most satisfying part of the day is when it gets really quiet. That means everyone is enjoying a good meal.”

The funniest thing Sam saw was **Eric Kobrin** wearing a Rasta wig

and a grass skirt on his head. What happened behind the scenes that nobody knew about? Sam said they left the lighter for the pig roaster at home and they had to buy one at Publix.

The Beach Bash has been held annually for about the past ten years. It used to be held at a member's house directly on Pompano Beach, but the member often had to work that day and it did not seem right to party at his house when he could not be there. It was moved about five years ago to the present location, formerly known as John U. Lloyd State Park.

Here is some background information on this state park. Mizell-Johnson is a historical site. Not only was it a part

Left: Gregg Henry, Jim Mahon and Sandra Hinden kissing for poor Perry the Pig. Photo by Paul Hinden. **Right: Phil Decker.** Photo by Eric Kobrin.



Paul Hinden, Ben Bowen and Gregg Henry.

Photo by Sandra Hinden.



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Photos by Sandra Hinden, Phil Decker and Eric Kobrin

of the 68 mile barefoot mailman route from West Palm Beach to Miami, but in 1954 it was designated as a segregated beach site for blacks. However, there was no access to the beach via road. In protest, Eula Johnson and Dr. Von D Mizell led a series of "wade-ins" on the all-white public beaches of Fort Lauderdale. Ten years later, the county finally made the move to build a road. In the meantime, a Mr. Alphonso Giles used his boat to ferry the land locked to the beach and petitioned to have a boat dock built for access of black boaters.

The Osprey Pavilion was also renamed for Agnes and George Burrows. George was a master electrician who fought the segregated system, that limited his services to the black community, and launched a successful career that lasted 50 years.



Mari Guarda, Zoey, Sam Walker and Debi Hallmark. Photo by Eric Kobrin.



Mary Jo O'Hara and 3 adorable grandchildren. Photo by Eric Kobrin.



GSC members enjoy the Osprey Pavilion at the 2018 Beach Bash. Photos by Phil Decker.



Mari Guarda, Rosemary Chelick-Mahon and Kay Harrison. Photo by Phil Decker.



Stan DeKiel, Sandra Hinden, Twila Day-Dillon and Mike Dillon. Photo by Phil Decker.



Becky Le Baron, Eric Johnson & Jim Mahon. Photo by Eric Kobrin.



Brooke Weed, Phil Decker, Kay Harrison, Mary Brown and Doug Brown. Photo by Eric Kobrin.

BOATATHALON—SEPT. 15, 2018

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This year's activities are based on 4 classic shipwreck novels: Treasure Island, Gulliver's Travels, Swiss Family Robinson & Robinson Crusoe. Each station will have fun activities, trivia questions and contests that will pay you in *pirate booty!*

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ENTRY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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