

Tiller Tales

Gulfstream Sailing Club

March 2019

FROM THE HELM

Phil Decker, Commodore



Thank-you GSC for entrusting me to be your commodore for 2019! In the past, I have been a president or board member of a ski club, orchestra, engineering society, and college fraternity, and I have learned a few things about running volunteer organizations. I have also learned that every organization is unique. I look forward to using the best of what I learned in the past and putting it to use in my new role as commodore. Please watch your e-mail account for events and last mi-

nute changes, and please keep your contact information current. You can always reach the commodore at commodore@gulfstreamsailingclub.org. This is my first commodore article for Tiller Tales, and I have three things for you.

1. Big Events Coming Up Soon

St. Patrick's Day Party on March 16 at the home of past commodore **Dr. Roman Gastesi**. Contact Mary Brown to RSVP at marybrfl@gmail.com.

Sail to Bimini on March 23. This is a new, big event being proposed and organized by **Paul Mckissick** and **Jim Mahon**. Sail to the Bimini Sands Marina on March 23 on your own boat, or take the FRS Caribbean high speed ferry from Miami to join the fleet for festivities. Contact Jim Mahon at (954) 496-4299 for more information. Let's see some GSC burgees flying in the Bahamas!

Gulfstream Regatta on April 13. This is the signature sailing event of the year for GSC, and boats from many other clubs participate in this race. If you cannot get out on the water, attend the after-party at Funky Buddha for food, fun, funky beers, and a raffle. The Notice of Race and registration form is available at

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2019 Officers

- Commodore.....Phil Decker
- Vice Commodore.....Paul Jehlen
- Rear Commodore.....Eric Kobrin
- Treasurer.....Paul Hinden
- Secretary.....Sam Walker
- Lake Director.....Luis Oliveira

2019 Governing Board

- Linda Gossett
- Gregg Henry
- Jim O'Hara
- Ben Bowen, Past Commodore

2019 Committee Chairs

- Crew Pool.....Eric Kobrin
- Cruising.....Gregg Henry
- Small BoatLuis Oliveira
- Legislative.....Sam Walker
- Membership.....Ben Bowen
- Nominating.....Kay Harrison
- Ocean RacePaul Jehlen
- Program.....Jim O'Hara
- Publicity.....Open
- Ship's StoreRosemary & Jim Mahon
- SocialMary Brown
- Tiller Tales Editor.....Kay Harrison
- Trophies.....Mike Sawzak

REMINDER

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

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2019 Board, from left: Linda Gossett, Paul Hinden, Jim O'Hara, Gregg Henry, Luis Oliveira, Eric Kobrin, Sam Walker, Ben Bowen and Phil Decker. Not pictured: Paul Jehlen.

<http://gulfstreamregatta.org>. Contact Linda Gossett at gossett.linda@gmail.com or (954) 560-6262 for more information.

Hospice Regatta on May 18. This annual fund-raising event for a good cause is always supported by the GSC. The after party is at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. For more information, visit <https://trustbridgefoundation.org/event/regatta/>.

The dates and times of the Sailors' Point classes and races, member meetings, big boat monthly races and raft-ups, and other events are posted on the official calendar, <https://gulfstreamsailingclub.org/calendar>.

2. Volunteers

As commodore, I want to do more to recognize our volunteers. Would you please thank them with me, and buy them a beer sometime? I really appreciate the members who have stayed on from their positions last year, such as **Luis Oliveira** as Lake Director, **Paul Hinden** as Treasurer, **Sam Walker** as Secretary, **Jim O'Hara** as board member and Program Committee, **Linda Gossett** as board member and Gulfstream Regatta race director, **Gregg Henry** as board member and Cruising Committee, **Kay Harrison** as Tiller Tales editor and Nominating Committee, **Rosemary Chelick-Mahon** as Auditing Committee, and **Mike Sawzak** as Trophy Committee. Members taking on new roles this year include **Paul Jehlen** as Vice Commodore and Ocean Race Committee, **Eric Kobrin** as Rear Commodore, **Ben Bowen** in Membership Committee, **Mary Brown** in Social Committee, and both **Rosemary Chelick-Mahon and Jim Mahon** who will be running the Ship Store this year.

According to the bylaws, we need a committee chair for one more position: the Publicity Committee. This committee is in charge of publicizing our events and making announcements in the local press. If you are interested, or know someone who would be good in this role, please contact me.

3. Safety and Education

Two members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary gave us a fine presentation at our last member meeting, and offered to provide our club free Vessel Safety Checks and an About Boating Safety ("ABS") course. I consider it our duty as a sailing club to promote the safety and education of our members, and these are two good tools that we should embrace. I propose that we select a future raft-up on our calendar to invite the USCGA to do Vessel Safety Checks. The inspected boats that pass will get a sticker good for a year. The eight-hour ABS course is mandatory for boaters born on or after 1/1/1988, and a very good idea for all others. Please contact me if you or someone in your family is interested, and I will help find a suitable date and time.

CHANGE OF COMMAND — FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Photos by Rear Commodore Eric Kobrin



Commodore Phil Decker, Rear Commodore Eric Kobrin and Ben Bowen standing in for Vice Commodore Paul Jehlen.



Commodores of HISC Jeff Sussman, Sailing Singles Ethel Facundo and our own Phil Decker.



Past Commodore Ben Bowen receiving the Hot Dog Award.



Liz Watson and Bob Schudy and friend



Gregg Henry, Rosemary Chelick-Mahon & John Lucas



Lake Director Luis Oliveira



Stan DeKiel and Debi Hallmark with Ben Bowen



Betty Lou and Jim Webb



Sam Walker with her award & Ben Bowen



Rafael Castellanos and Rimme Singh



Luis Oliveira, Debi Hallmark & Linda Gossett



The Pink Slips



Left: Jacqui Bradley. Above: Brenda and Eric Kobrin

EXCITING NEWS IN THE WORLD OF SOCIAL

By Sam Walker, GSC Secretary

As many of you know Rosemary Chelick-Mahon has stepped aside as Social Chairman, after many years of planning social events for the club. You may not know that **Mary Brown** has stepped up to fill the position. The St. Patrick's Day festivities are planned for the 16th of this month, which will be Mary's first solo flight; we are excited!

Please support the efforts of our new Chairwoman; if you at any time would like to help set-up/decorate, tear down, cook, help plan any event, contact her at: marybrfl@gmail.com, or contact me at: walkerd3000@bellsouth.net. Equally as important is to RSVP *with payment*, so we can provision properly. Not only does that save money for the club but it also saves last minute scrambling around or worse . . . not enough to go around!



Doug and Mary Brown, right, with Sandra Hinden. Mary won the best chili award that year.

THERE BE SOME PIRATE GOIN'S ON



Ahoy Mateys—A little som'thin for arrr Pirate Fleet with'n ta club. Ta Fort Lauderdale Pirate Festival n' Raft Race is April 20th. We aboard ta S/V Mi Sirena be a-goin'. Hopefully by water & wear'n our finest pirate garb.

It'll be a-happenin' at Esplanade Park in Ft. Lauderdale, 11:00 to 5:00. Any pirates interested in com'n aboard me boat, send me a note in a bottle or scribe it on a barrel o rum. Arrr.

Sincerely,

Lord Commodor Gregg Henry, Ret.

Dates to Remember

St. Patrick's Day Party.....Mar. 16
 March Meeting.....Mar. 19
 Sail to Bimini.....Mar. 23
 Tri-Club Raftup—Lake Sylvia.....Apr. 6-7
 Gulfstream Regatta.....Apr. 13
 April Meeting.....Apr. 16
 May Meeting.....May 21
 Memorial Day Raftup, Marine Stadium.....May 25-27

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Past Commodore, Membership Director, and IT Guy, Ben Bowen

I am very happy with the 2019 Change of Command and I am very grateful for all of the work that went into preparing it. We had over 70 people in attendance, which is quite a large turnout. Pink Slip kept the music playing and we got a little dancing in between the festivities and the ceremony. Personally it was great for me to have such a great send off, and I loved the opportunity to recognize some of the people that have been so devoted to our club.

As of our first General Meeting of the year we have 69 families renewed. I expect that we will have some additional renewals in the mail at the next board meeting so this number should be on its way back up soon. I would like to welcome our newest member, who submitted her membership and was approved by the board at the last meeting, Christine VanHulle! Welcome aboard! I will be going through our records to get a current inventory of boats and to get a list of people that still haven't renewed so we can reach out to them and try to get them current.

As the resident IT geek, I would like to mention a few things. First, here is a list of handy club email addresses for contacting club members or groups. These are updated yearly to forward to the appropriate people:

- board@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- commodore@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- cruising@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- lakedirector@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- membership@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- nominating@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- oceanracing@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- pastcommodore@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- rearcommodore@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- regatta@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- secretary@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- social@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- treasurer@gulfstreamsailingclub.org
- vicecommodore@gulfstreamsailingclub.org

Second, we invite every member to sign up to Member Planet, which is our club membership software. We currently have 55 people that have joined Member Planet and 52 people that we have invited that have yet to join. There are some benefits to being signed up to Member Planet, including the ability to pay for some events and the annual membership through their site. One caveat to this, however, is that the club is charged a fee to process payments, so we are going to start adding that fee to the value. So it will be slightly more expensive to pay by member planet, but more convenient than mailing a check or waiting for a meeting. For example, renewals will be \$106 to cover the \$6 fee that we are charged by Member Planet.

If you are on Facebook and are not on our site please look us up and join. It is not necessary but it is a convenient way to keep up and stay in touch between events, and it's a handy place to post pictures.

Which brings me to my final update. If you have any pictures of club events that have not been published, please get them to me somehow! We have had several events, some major, that we don't have pictures for on our website. Let me know and we can find a way to get them published.

So that is my update for this installment, hope to see everyone out on the water!

A LETTER FROM THE NORTH POLE

By Santa

Hello from the North Pole!

Gregg tells me not much happened with cruising in the last part of last year. But, he's looking forward to a fun-filled 2019.

To start out with, we have been invited to join a group coming down from Hillsboro in a group raft up April 6 & 7 in Lake Sylvia. Sailing Singles and South Florida Sailors and Boaters have also been invited. Sounds like fun!

Jim Mahon is heading up a group to sail to Bimini at the end of March, from the 23rd to the 30th. Anyone interested, contact Jim.

In April, we have the GSC Regatta. It's not a cruising event, but we all should support it. Even if it's just a day on the water.

The end of May has the Memorial Day cruise. Right now we are planning to sail down to the Marine Stadium in Miami, depending on the weather. No hurricanes yet!

It was a great "Santa Season" this year. My thanks to Gregg for all his help.

Ho ho ho...

Santa



GULFSTREAM REGATTA — APRIL 13, 2019

By Linda Gossett, Gulfstream Regatta Chair



The committee for the Gulfstream Regatta is up and running. They are working very hard to make this year's Regatta a great one. Each and every member needs to participate in some way. Either race in the Regatta, solicit sponsors or volunteer to help with the actual race.

Call Linda Gossett at (954) 560-6262 and offer your help.

OUR VISIT TO THE TALL SHIP SØRLANDET

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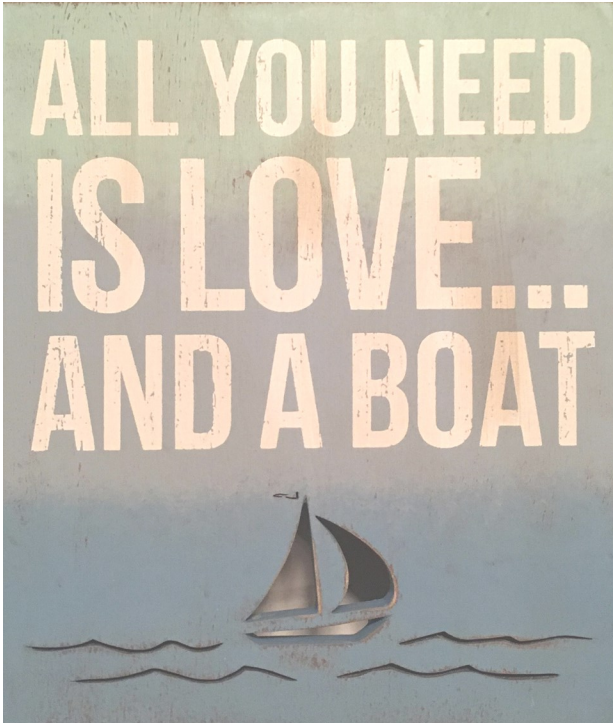


NEW MEMBERS AS OF MARCH, 2019

By Ben Bowen, Membership Chair

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
Paul, Leeanne, Autumn (13), and Aydon (10) McKissick	720-447-4405	Bruce Roberts Maritus 43 "Margarita"
Mary Coonan	917-575-6880	
Don Harris	914-672-9278	
Christine VanHulle	954-850-4360	
Bill Bowen	561-926-4650	Tartan 33 "Pink Slip"



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