



Tiller Tales

Gulfstream Sailing Club

June 2019

FROM THE HELM

Phil Decker, Commodore

Summer sailing in South Florida is upon us. That means the nasty northerlies that whip up the waves are mostly gone (yay!). It also means that we can get scorching hot weather during our weekend events (boo!). But we can stay cool because the water temperature is now perfect for swimming (yay!). However, it is also hurricane season (boo!). We sailors have to be adaptable to have fun and stay safe. GSC has several fun events coming up in June, July, and August. Please put them on your calendars, but check for e-mails in the event that changes have to be made.



Past Commodore **Mike Sawzak** is organizing an “*Aquatic Tug of War*” on the annual Summer Sailstice which falls on June 22. The event will be held starting at 2:30 PM at Lake Sylvia. This is an inter-club event with Sailing Singles of South Florida. A raft up of two rows will have the effect of a stadium to view the best of three tugs competition. Contestants will be allowed to wear individual PFDs. If you have a drone with a camera, or can borrow one for the day, please bring it. RSVP with Mike at mickymike@live.com, and with <https://www.summersailstice.com> to be eligible for win prizes.

Join us for the annual **July 4th BBQ and Fireworks** at Sailor's Point. Pay \$10 by check in the mail in advance or \$13 online per person. No money or



RSVPs will be accepted on the day of the event. The club is supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips, ice, utensils, water, and paper goods for the barbecue. Bring your own lawn

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REMINDER

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FROM THE HELM

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chairs, beverages, bug spray, and patriotic spirit! Come by car or by boat. We will be able to see the Hollywood fireworks display starting at 9 PM.



Past Commodore **Gregg Henry** is organizing the annual **Dinghy Run** on July 13. In case of bad weather, we will move it to July 20. Launch your dinghy at the Riverland Woods Park Boat Ramp at 10 AM and dinghy as a squadron to My Big Fat Greek Restaurant for lunch. Members can optionally join the group by car at the restaurant around noon. On the way back, we will stop at the infamous Ouzo Tree. I have maps in PDF format that I can send by e-mail on request.

Our annual **Beach Bash** will be held on August 10 at the Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park. The annual event features a pig roast and is on the water. We'll send out more details closer to the event.

Volunteers make everything happen, and I am always looking for people to step up to help. We have regular events like the weekly happy hours at Bahama Breeze, the summer Friday night Starlight Musicals at Holiday Park, and the monthly Sunday Jazz Brunch at the Riverwalk. If you can adopt an event to help out, or wish to promote a new one, please let me know.

Come to Happy Hour

At a recent gathering of happy Gulfstreamers, we had 23 participants. Bahama Breeze has been a great gathering place for our Tuesday happy hours, but the number of people has been inconsistent (23 one week, one the next!) Please stop in on Tuesday, from 6:30 to 8 or so, and socialize with your sailing friends! We gather every Tuesday except for our general meeting night. Bahama Breeze is at 3339 N. Federal Highway just north of Oakland Park Blvd.



FROM THE LAKE

By Lake Director Luis Oliveira

Gulfstream Sailing Club youth Summer Camps at Sailors Point in Hollywood started on June 10. The age range for the camps is 8 to 14 years old and the maximum class size is 20 kids, with two US Sailing certified instructors. A few teenager volunteers help out the instructors both on land and on the water. Most of the volunteers are past participants of our sailing program.

LeeAnn Rodriguez has been running the youth program for the last five years and has done an outstanding job at it. Under her leadership the number of yearly registrations have grown to near 200, a number compatible with clubs with much stronger resources than GSC has. Unfortunately LeeAnn and her family are moving to the Tampa area in the near future, which is going to leave some pretty big empty shoes to fill.

The ideal situation would be to have some of the parents take over from LeeAnn and I'm discussing it with some of them, but if anyone is interested in helping with any of the aspects of the kids program, please let me know.

See below for dates, fees, registration and other information.

Camp Dates:	Camp 4 – Jul 8-12
Camp 1 – Jun 10-14	Camp 5 – Jul 15-19
Camp 2 – Jun 17-21	Camp 6 - Jul 22-26
Camp 3 – Jun 24-Jun 28	Camp 7 – Jul 29-Aug 2
No Camp - Jul 1-Jul 5	Camp 8 – Aug 5-9



Registrations: In person at Sailor's Point on Saturdays only from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, or via regular mail to LeeAnn Rodriguez at 1215 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood FL 33019. Accepted no later than one week prior to class date, on a first come first serve basis, no reservations and no class day registration accepted. Cash or checks only.

Summer Camp Fees (non-members): \$200.00 for the first child; \$175.00 for each additional.

Summer Camp Fees (members and city of Hollywood residents): \$150 for the first child and \$125.00 for each additional. Proof of residency necessary (Water or Electric bill).

Security Deposit: ALL classes require a separate \$50.00 damage/security check or cash that will be returned at the end of the last class, if no damage was done to any of the equipment.

Camp Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (no lunch provided)

Requirements: Able to swim (Swim test 1st day); closed toed shoes (rubber soles); Sun screen & water

Sailor's Point Address: 921 N. Northlake Dr. Hollywood, FL 33019

For more information contact: LeeAnn Rodriguez 954-558-7004 or at anyonecan@learn2sail.org



FORT LAUDERDALE PIRATE FEST

By Lord Commodore Gregg Henry, Ret.



On Saturday April 20th, the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club put on the 2nd Annual Pirate Fest and Raft Race. Even though I'd been talking about the fest starting at 11:00a.m., it really got started at 5 a.m. when I pushed *Mi Sirena* off the dock.

The bridges were a little slow. We were at the floating docks at Sailboat Bend Esplanade Park, at 5:30a.m. I had called Mickey Mike when I left the dock, and there he was, standing on the sea wall waiting to help me tie up. Thank you, Mike!

We set up on the grass close to *Mi Sirena*. We had a chest filled with silver and gold coins that we gave to the kids. Capt. Red Skeleton was there, locked up in a gibbot sitting on a powder keg. I had my portable sound system inside

the keg. It was a wireless remote mic so someone could talk to the kids from afar.. How fun! "Avast, me hearties!"



The bands were good, especially Celtic Mayhew, a pirate-themed group.

Quite a few high-end pirates vendors were there, selling clothes, boots, weapons and miscellaneous paraphernalia (also, vendors for kids' stuff). Lots of food of all sorts and, of course, beer and cocktails...Hoo zaa!

Dates to Remember

- June Meeting.....June 18
- Sailstice Raftup, Lake Sylvia.....June 22
- Fourth of July, Sailor's Point.....July 4
- Dinghy Run to My Big Fat Greek Restaurant.....July 13
- July MeetingJuly 16
- Beach Bash Party on the Beach.....Aug. 10
- August Meeting.....Aug. 20

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PIRATE FEST, APRIL 20, 2019

Photos by Rear Commodore Eric Kobrin

Then there were the cannons. OMG. There were a half dozen black powder cannons on the dock aimed across the river. Boom!

According to a rep from the Rotary Club, the turnout was a lot bigger than expected. Next year should be even better. The raft race was a bit disappointing. There were only four rafts participating. In past years – they’ve had the raft race for many years – there were as many as 15 rafts.

I talked with a person from the Rotary Club in regards to volunteering for next year. She told me what they need is help with the raft race. A light bulb went off in my head. We as a club could help. We have boats, dinghies, and water people. We could get recognition and give back to the community.



I almost forgot... I had made reservations for 6 at the Pirate Republic across

the river. When the festival closed a bunch of us got on *Mi Sirena* and invaded the restaurant. Eleven pirates in all, some by land and some by sea. Good talk, food and fun.

Lord Commodore Gregg Henry, retired.

P.S. The Boynton Beach Pirate Fest and Mermaid Splash is Oct. 26-27. The “Pirates of the



Gulfstream” will be there. All are invited. Feel free to talk to any one of us about costuming. Arrr....



GULFSTREAM REGATTA—APRIL 13, 2019

Photos by Rear Commodore Eric Kobrin

The Gulfstream Regatta was held on Saturday, April 13. After a series of misfortunes (engine failures, mostly) among the Gulfstream fleet, the Regatta went on with just Luis Oliveira to represent us. Here are a few photos to show the conditions of the ocean that day, and the sailboats that did make it to the starting line.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Gulfstream Sailing Club
Beach Bash

AUGUST 10

*Please watch your email for details or call
Mary Brown if you would like to help!*

954-319-0650

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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

As we start June, we have 79 active family memberships. This is slightly down from 85 at this time last year. This weekend I sent a reminder email to 22 members that have not renewed for 2019, so hopefully we will hear from some of them soon to get back up to our usual membership level.

Also, we typically mail out the renewal forms at the end of the year but on our website we have only had the applications for initial membership. I have added the renewal form to our website as well, so it is easy and convenient in case someone didn't get the renewal by mail or has misplaced it.

We recently had our slightly smaller than planned but totally fun Memorial Day raftup at Sunrise Bay and we had a few guests that stopped by to join the raftup from Birch Park. Also we have had some guests visit our weekly happy hours and meetings. Hopefully they will all realize what a fun group we are and will be submitting their membership applications soon.

As a reminder, both the new member and renewal applications are on this page, on our site:
<http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/membership.php>

Please help spread the word if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our club or if you know any previous members that have drifted away, we'd love to have them! We have a lot of exciting events just around the corner.



Past Commodore and Membership Chair Ben Bowen with Past Membership Chair and Commodore Phil Decker.

NEW MEMBERS AS OF JUNE, 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
Fernando Javier Brawn and Carolina Andrea Mesa	954-448-6295	"Blue Water" - Beneteau first 30.5'
Eduardo Gahoa and Adriana Gahoa	786-299-0828	"Locura" - Fontaine Pajot 46' (catamaran)



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