

# Gulfstream Sailing Club

## Tiller Tales

September 2023

### FROM THE HELM

*Paul Jehlen, Commodore*



## Don't Look at That Phone

Navigating at sea even with the most advanced technology is a big responsibility and never to be taken lightly. After 5 weeks in the Bahamas, we were heading home. The wind and the weather were perfect. There were 8 of us on board, the atmosphere was relaxed as we headed north. The water in the Caribbean is for the most part very clear and you can see when you are approaching shallow areas even without sophisticated navigation during clear days. Possible that is when you are paying attention. On this day I took a phone call and was distracted while going through the channel in the south end of Eleuthera, the result was we ran aground on a soft sand bank an hour before the top of high tide. I

### 2023 Officers

Commodore.....Paul Jehlen  
 Vice Commodore..Hunter Quackenbush  
 Rear Commodore.....Robert Schudy  
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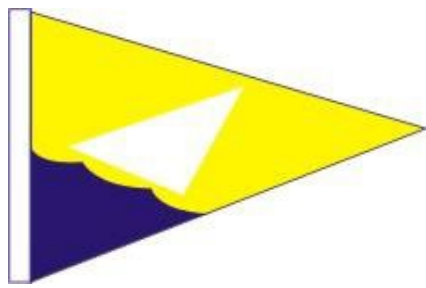
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### 2023 Committee Chairs

Auditing.....Linda Gossett  
 Crew Pool.....Open  
 Cruising.....Open  
 Legislative.....Sam Walker  
 Membership.....Ben Bowen  
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 Programs.....Open  
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 Regatta.....Linda Gossett  
 Science.....Robert Schudy  
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# PARTICIPATE IN LIFE

## INSTEAD OF JUST WATCHING IT PASS YOU BY.



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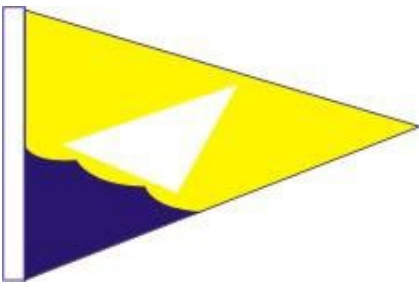
saw the deeper water not even 30 yards in front of us, but it was on the back side of the sand bank that got shallower as we continued forward. I realized we were touching bottom because we slowed down to a stop, there was no big bump, only very soft sand. I thought we could work through it by hard right rutter full speed ahead and hard left rutter full speed ahead. We were not going anywhere. With our push we cleared a huge trough of sand behind us but there was zero forward motion.

We could not get off at the top of high tide, which was an hour after we ran aground. Over the next 12 hours we snorkeled and sounded the water around us with the dingy to find the deepest way out and it was not in front of us. We tried extending the boom and putting weight on the boom with no luck. We extended our longest halyard from the main mast and made a harness for the dingy so we could pull from the center stern of the dink to pull the boat over, to ensure our success we dumped 600 gallons of water and moved anything that weighed more than 20 lbs. as far forward as possible, including people. We sat waiting for the tide to come up. Two experienced crew went into the dink and with a 40 horse Yamaha on a 12'6" dink pulled the mast and heeled the boat over. But with every pendulum it can come back with a vengeance, once our boat came off the sand, the keel was free and pulled the dingy backwards. The bow of the dink went straight up in the air digging and the stern went under scooping up buckets of water. While this was happening, Bruce was catapulted out of the bow of the boat. I will never forget seeing him holding the rail and flipping out of the boat, he never let go of that rail. Note "god loves fools and drunks" I will let you pick which one I was that day. Oh ya, the second high tide was at 10:30 at night.

The dingy filled with water and was only afloat because of the air in the rib. We came off the sand bar fast and the dink could not keep up with us and started being dragged backwards under water. We slowed down, they caught up and we anchored in deeper water for the night.

The moral of story: Don't look at your phone while at the helm, Safety first and life vests are not an accessory – Safety First.

We are so grateful we got off the bank, the price we were quoted for a tow off was \$5,000, that would have been a very expensive phone call. Thank you, Hunter, for your network of friends everywhere.



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*Mother, mother ocean,  
I have heard you call  
wanted to sail upon your waters  
since I was three feet tall.*

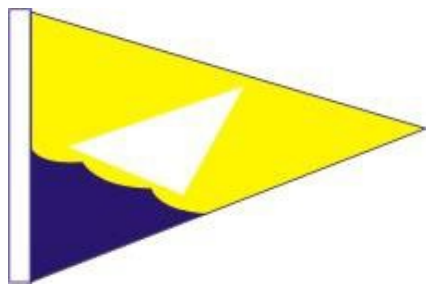
A Jimmy Buffet story shared by  
Ben Bowen's father Bill Bowen

Written September 7, 2023



Everybody is sharing their Jimmy Buffett stories, and I mean "everybody" literally. Something about that guy, he just touched so many people, and -- here's the key -- made them happy. He always seemed so relaxed and jovial and made everyone else happy with his easygoing approach to life, strumming his guitar and singing witty songs for fifty thousand people, up on stage barefoot, wearing a T-shirt and shorts. It's possible that some other singer could have come up with "Wasted away again in Margaritaville," but doubtful anyone could sell it like he did. He came across as a character out of one of his songs. And his songs were irresistible adventures in carefree living. Even when his plane got shot at by Jamaican authorities, the song he wrote about it was fun. I had a close friend growing up in Decatur, Ga., who performed in every configuration of singers at our eighth grade Hootenanny, because she was the only one who could play guitar. We sang "Puff the Magic Dragon" and "Yellow Bird" together. Deborah McColl pursued her musical dreams and was playing piano in an Atlanta nightclub in the late seventies when Jimmy Buffett walked in and proposed she help him make his "Son of a Sailor" album. She became the original "Coral Reeferette," and probably could have stayed forever, but envisioned more for herself than backup singer. If you listen to the "You Had To Be There" live album from 1978, you'll hear Jimmy introduce her as his band performs in Atlanta's Fox Theater, where I saw many movies with my mother, sitting under several constellations of fake stars twinkling down from the ceiling. I just spoke with Deborah a few months ago and she was still kvelling about what a sweet guy Jimmy is. I don't think he told many people about his illness. By the



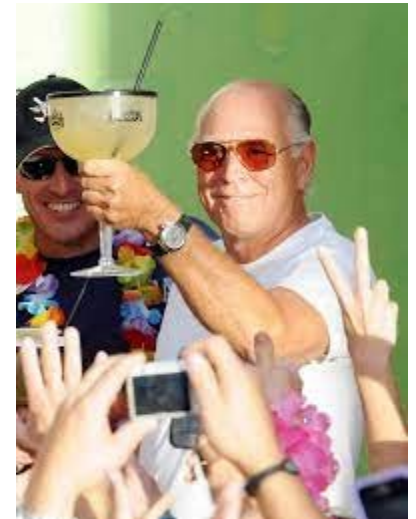


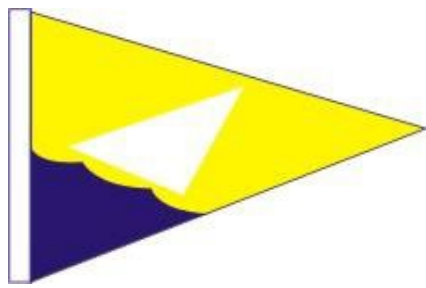
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time the “Son of a Sailor” album came out in March of 1978, I was starting a job as the Key West Citizen sports editor, which I held until 1982, and of course heard all kind of stories about Jimmy, who had lived there off and on for seven years. Mostly what I heard was: “Jimmy Buffett showed up unexpectedly at the Chart Room bar, jumped onstage and played for an hour.” I would hear those stories quite often. That was before he opened up his Margaritaville restaurant on Duval Street (1985) and then, of course, he was playing THERE unexpectedly every so often. I worked with a woman at the Citizen who had known Jimmy in Nashville, when he worked as a journalist for Billboard. I got the impression that she knew him because of her relationship with Bobby Russell, one of the hottest songwriters in town for a moment in the late sixties, with “Little Green Apples,” a Grammy winner in 1968 for Roger Miller, and “Honey,” a No. 1 hit for Bobby Goldsboro that same year. By the time Russell married actress Vicki Lawrence in 1972 (who had a huge No. 1 hit with his song “The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia”) my friend Betty had moved to Key West with enough money to buy a big Conch House and a little blue Porsche. So, when, in my capacity as sports editor, I learned that Jimmy would be competing in the Inaugural Ernest Hemingway Marlin Fishing Tournament in 1982, I was asked to tell him “Betty said hello.” On the fateful morning, fortified with a huge roast beef on Cuban bread sandwich from La Bodega on Simonton, I showed up at the boat and boarded with Jimmy and three other competitive anglers and we spent the morning and early afternoon searching for marlins in the Gulf Stream. I don’t actually remember that we caught any, nor do I remember much about what we talked about. I don’t even remember eating that giant hoagie. I do remember that he struck me as a regular guy, and when he said “Really? How is Betty?” He had a strange look on his face. During the four years I lived in Key West, quite often tourists would stop me on the street and ask if I was Jimmy Buffett. It happened several times, even though Deborah assured me vehemently that I look nothing like him. Maybe it was just a mental trick their brains played, walking around Key West and halfway expecting to see Jimmy. He is a guy that just shows up unexpectedly. Back in the ‘80s, you turn on your TV and there he is, talking about manatees. In the early 2000s, you’re watching the Miami Heat play in American Airlines Arena, and there is Jimmy in his courtside seat. When he scored a sponsorship with the Dolphins to push his LandShark beer, they



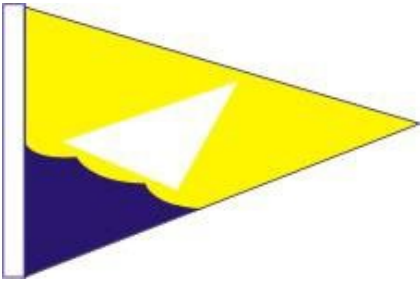


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even renamed the stadium LandShark Stadium. For a while. That's when people began to understand the ambiguity of Jimmy's persona – he was a laid back, carefree guy who wrote funny songs, but he was also a giant corporation. His massive Margaritaville Resorts sprang up in Nashville, the Bahamas, Times Square, Orlando, Gatlinburg, Hollywood Beach ... in 2015 my son and I had taken to racing little sailboats on North Lake in Hollywood some Saturdays. The sailing club was next to the lake and enjoyed a view across the Intracoastal Waterway of Hollywood Beach. During the course of that summer, a giant edifice was creeping skyward over there across the water, a few stories each week, extending upward toward the clouds. It ended up with 17 stories, a large swimming pool, a "FlowRider" surfing simulator, restaurants, bars, a pavilion across A1A because there are not enough (four) live music venues in and around the hotel. When this mammoth resort was completed that September, I just happened to be anchored on North Lake, on a boat trip to Key Largo. I paddled a little dinghy over and tied up next to a grocery store to walk around and look at the resort. I immediately began hearing buzz – Jimmy Buffett is going to play an unannounced concert. They were setting up a stage between his giant building and the T-shirt shops and pizza restaurant across the way. A crowd was gathering. Musicians were walking out on the stage and tuning. It was surreal, I couldn't believe my luck. Then out comes Jimmy and they start playing songs in that distinctive genre known as Jimmy Buffett music. He just showed up and played. Everybody knew all the words to the songs. Hundreds of people congregated there right next to the little amphitheater and Hollywood Beach rocked for an hour or so. Turns out he always does that when he opens a resort, just shows up and plays a concert. That's what I was told. I have a friend named George Manosis who I used to hear playing Irish music in downtown West Palm Beach 30 years ago in a little bar called O'Sheas. He's still at it, playing at various venues around Palm Beach County. A few months ago, he was playing someplace, and Jimmy Buffett walks up and speaks admiringly of his playing, offers him a gig at his Hollywood Beach resort. Just shows up out of nowhere. There has been much comment about the flood of memories and tributes posted about Jimmy Buffett, and it does seem he held a unique place in the hearts of so many people. I don't think I gave much thought to how much I admired him and appreciated his influence until now that he's gone. The realization of how much I will miss him just showed up out of nowhere.



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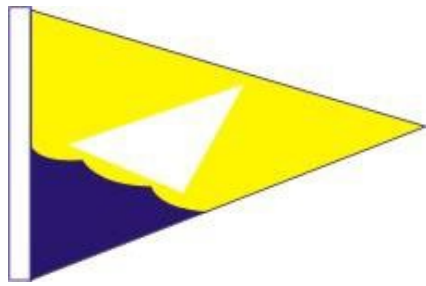


**After Class  
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### Dog Life Jacket Shopping Tips

*Your canine crew can come in all shapes and sizes, so learn how to pick the right personal flotation device (PFD) for your cherished companion.*

By Rich Armstrong, BoatUS. Magazine Senior Editor

Dog owners love to brag about how good their pooch can swim, but even true “water dogs” can only doggie paddle for so long before exhaustion sets in and drowning becomes imminent. Although it’s not a legal requirement, BoatUS. encourages all boaters to outfit their dogs with a life jacket — and put it on them every time — whether on the docks or out on the water.

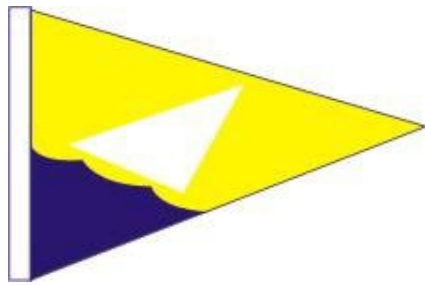
There are well over a dozen brands of canine life jackets, each with its own design details. Unlike human life jackets, where Coast Guard certification is the gold standard, there are no standards for dog life jackets. Here are some features you should look for:

>> **Handle(s):** Regardless of size, chances are you’ll have to lift your dog out of the water and back onto the boat. Most brands have a handle on the top center of the jacket aligned with your dog’s spine, so you can pick him up (like a briefcase). Some designs for larger dogs incorporate two handles. Keep in mind the added weight of a wet dog. Check the handle stitching (preferably double stitching), since it’s going to be put under a lot of strain.

>> **Buoyancy:** Superior dog life jackets have flotation under the belly as well as on the back and sides. Some jackets have flotation sections under the neck to help keep your dog’s head above water.

>> **Color:** Earth tones may look cooler on your boat, but should your four-legged buddy go overboard, high visibility is essential. Bright colors, preferably with a reflective strip, make a dog easier to spot in the water.

>> **D-ring:** This is a nice feature to look for, so you can attach a leash.



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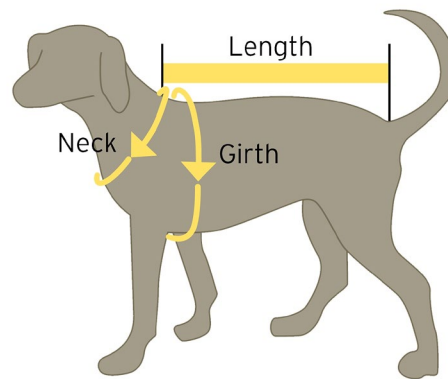
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>> **Straps:** In general, the more adjustments, buckles, and closures, the better the final fit. Touch tape closures work well, and they're easier to put on and take off, but consider that they tend to attract hair/fur and need cleaning, so they maintain their cling. For straps, the wider the better, since they're less likely to chafe your dog. Straps under the belly should be padded. And you don't want excessively long dangling straps after fitting, since they're just asking to be chewed or could get tangled on something.

>> **Size and fit:** Make sure you're purchasing a dog life jacket that is the proper size for your dog, so a prepurchase fitting is ideal. Stores like West Marine, Petco, and PetSmart allow customers to bring in their dogs to try on life jackets.

*To zero in on the perfect size for your pooch, use a ribbon-like tailor's tape to take the following measurements: 1. GIRTH (most important) – dog's chest at the widest point just behind the front legs, 2. NECK – around the base of at the widest point, 3. LENGTH – base of neck (at the bottom of the collar) to base of tail Write down these three measurements, along with your dog's weight, since they'll help you determine which size to order. Just like for human wardrobes, "medium" in one manufacturer may be different from another.*

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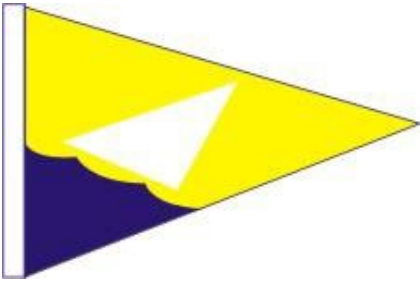
**CAPTION** [Dog PDF 1 Nedrow-Wigmore.jpg] credit: Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore | BoatU.S. Whether on the dock, or on deck while under way, keeping Rover safe from drowning gives any skipper great peace of mind.

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## Frost Park Flea Market

300 Northeast 2nd Street  
Dania Beach, FL 33004



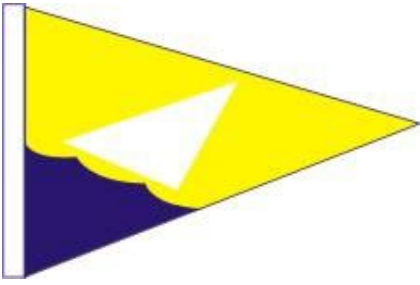
*GSC will have a booth at the Frost Park Flea Market.*



**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

*Please bring anything you would like to donate to the club. 100% of the proceeds will go towards operating costs for the club.*



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### *Dingy Run & Lunch at Rendezvous*

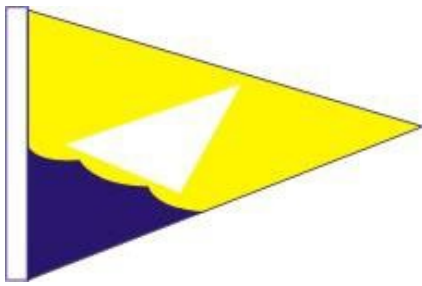


*Yo, Ho*

*Yo Ho*

*A Pirates Life for Me*





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### *WHY DID YOU JOIN GULFSTREAM SAILING CLUB?*

*By Past Commodore Linda Gossett*

Did you have visions of a boat captain inviting you out for a day sail, at no cost to you? Are you a boat captain looking for reliable crew?

Are you looking to join an organization with similar interests to you?

**GULFSTREAM SAILING CLUB (GSC) IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT CAN MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN**

My husband, Bill, and I joined GSC in 1986 because we were new to the area and wanted to learn to sail the small sailboat he had just purchased. We introduced ourselves at that first meeting and said just that. After the meeting, we met several members and talked about our shared interests. We were invited to crew on a boat that next weekend. We enthusiastically said yes but we had no idea what that meant.

Here's what I found to be a definition of a crew member:

1. Be on time,
2. Be respectful of the vessel and the captain's authority
3. Be willing to participate in any way the captain needs, which may include things like putting on the sails, finding all the hardware, learning how to use the hardware, how to trim the sails, how to store the sails at the end of the day.
4. I found it helpful to show up with water and snacks as it went a long way toward keeping me on the boat, especially after my screw ups!
5. Show up to help on designated workdays, help however you can. show off your special abilities.
6. Make sure wench handles do not go overboard and if they do, offer to replace it if you had a clumsy Linda moment and caused it to go swimming.

This sounds like a lot of work, it is, BUT it is also a wonderful way to enjoy the South Florida waterways with friends.

The other part of the equation is meeting people who share your interests.....How can you meet them if you never come to meetings or events? There are some really great people who volunteer to run the club, come meet them, offer to use your skills and have a great time!

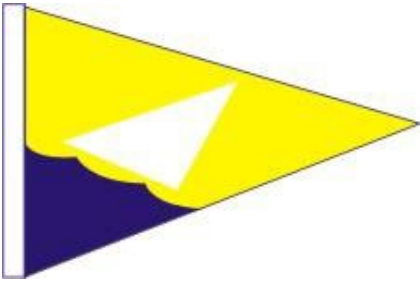
I have taken my own advice and have had the fun of being:

Lake Captain, Treasurer, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore, Regatta Chairman

During these years, I have made fantastic friends, raced sailboats all over the state, and it all started because we introduced ourselves and followed up by volunteering!

**I HOPE YOU HAVE MANY GREAT YEARS WITH GULFSTREAM SAILING CLUB, GETTING OFF THE DOCK AND HAVING A TON OF FUN!**





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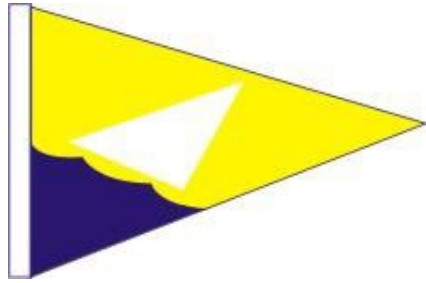
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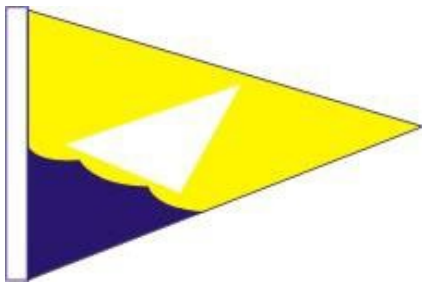


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Gulfstream Sailing Club Announces Fall Sailing Classes in Hollywood

*Registration is Open for Youth and Adults to Learn How to Sail on North Lake*

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA – The Gulfstream Sailing Club of Fort Lauderdale has opened registration for the fall series of sailing classes for youth and adults. Classes are open to the public and club membership is not required. Instruction is done on its fleet of small and easy-to-sail Sunfish sailboats on North Lake in Hollywood.

The series of six classes for kids of age 8 – 14 runs weekly starting on October 15 and ending November 15. Two adult learn-to-sail series will be run this fall. The first series is October 14 and 15, and the second series is November 11 and 12. The price for kids and adults for Hollywood residents or GSC members is \$150. Otherwise, the price is \$200 for the series.

For information about signing up for lessons and registration forms, visit the website: [www.gulfstreamclub.com](http://www.gulfstreamclub.com). Lessons are provided at Sailor's Point, 921 N. Northlake Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019.

About Gulfstream Sailing Club: The Gulfstream Sailing Club, founded in 1957, is one of Broward County's oldest sailing clubs. The Sailing Club is run by its members who are volunteers committed to preserving fun, safety, and affordability in Fort Lauderdale yachting. Boat ownership is not a prerequisite. It is an active club, holding many activities and social events throughout the year, including small and large boat sailing and racing.

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**Welcome  
New Members**

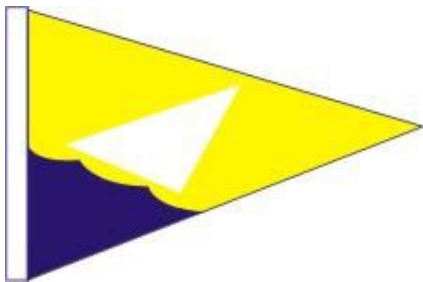
Jessica Birbrayer  
Shooki Grasiani  
Shaun Moss  
Miguel Rey  
Suzanne Vilano

Jeanne Brodsky  
Leo Hidalgo  
Ashely Owen  
Omar Rojas  
Ken Wickman

Manuel Gomez  
Joseph Hoffer  
Chrisina Rabinowitz  
Val Uzum

New members since June 2023





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### 2023 SUNFISH RACE SCHEDULE

#### **Fall Series:**

Sep 16; Oct 7  
Oct 28; Nov 18

#### **Commodores Cup**

Dec 9

Skipper's meeting at 11:00 AM each day,  
races start shortly thereafter

#### **Race Fee:**

\$5.00

#### **Sunfish Rental Fee:**

\$10.00 for club members  
\$20.00 for non-members

#### **Requirements:**

Closed toed shoes (rubber soles)  
and life jackets must be worn when sailing.

#### **Sailor's Point Address:**

921 N. Northlake Dr.  
Hollywood, FL 33019

#### **Directions to Sailor's Point:**

From 95 exit at Sheridan St. and go East to Federal Hwy., go South (right) to Johnson St., East (left) to 10th Ave., South (right) to Northlake Drive, East (left) to end of Northlake Drive, South (right) to gate into Sailors Point.

For more information contact: Luis Oliveira [sailorspoint@gulfstreamsailingclub.org](mailto:sailorspoint@gulfstreamsailingclub.org)



# FUN

