Another month, and another Tiller Tales!

First, let's take a second to recognize what a great job our Newsletter Committee is doing with this publication. This committee is the hardest working team in the Club…and if you're in on the joke, you know it's a one-man show! So, if you've got the time and inclination to work on our newsletter, reach out to Franz or me, so we can get you in on all the fun.

Speaking of fun, we've got great articles about racing, cruising, and social on deck for this month. It's been a busy month, that is for sure. Since our last Tiller Tales went to press, I believe there have been two raft-ups, one fun ocean race, several Sunfish race days, a few happy hours, several Saturday open-sails, and even a couple of meetings just for good measure!

If you've missed these events, make sure to check out our Calendar on the Gulfstream Sailing Club website so that you're in the know. As a Flag, we are redoubling our efforts to make sure this resource is kept up to date with the latest and greatest schedule for events. So check it out at http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/calendar.php

The next couple of months are shaping up to be an incredibly packed with great events to participate in and opportunities to just get out on the water. I'm elated by the sheer number and breath of events and so proud of all the work the Volunteers are putting in to make this Calendar happen….it's shaping up to be an exciting Spring!
The Lake team just keeps on going with great things such as another round of Sunfish races coming up on March 10th and Opti racing on March 11th for the kids. Soon, the Lake & Social teams will begin opening up the Lake on Wednesday nights starting on March 14th for Hump-Day Sailing & Grillin’. This newest GSC tradition is such a great way to get out on the water for those that may not have a Big Boat of their own. Many a crew spot has been given based on relationships forged at the Lake, so lets take advantage of this great facility. As a special treat for this round of Hump-Day Sailing, our 420 program is *ALIVE*!!! Make sure to check out the last page for the details on this exciting new development for GSC.

On the Social front, Jim Webb (another Committee of one) has been hard at work getting the word out on our Happy Hours. We've seen tremendous participation, so lets keep the momentum going all the way through the end of March. Not only do we have these Happy Hours, but the raft-ups after our Sunday Sails and Races have been exceptional, with fun and camaraderie shared as the sun sets over the flotilla in Lake Sylvia. Its been great to see so many boats participating in these raft-ups again, and I hope to see even more at our next Sunday Sail & Raft-up on March 4th. Then there are all the events yet to come! Make sure to save the date and get some green for our St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 17th. Soon afterwards is Lake Bash on April 14th and the after-party for GSC Regatta on April 21st! Keep watching for emails from Jim on all of these great parties.

Cruising's been pretty quiet in the winter months, but thats about to change! While this may seem a bit off, its not too early to start thinking about preparing for the Bimini Cruise for Memorial Day. There are a variety of things to do to make sure you're a "legal eagle" when cruising out of the States, so the earlier you get your Customs Decal and Local Boater cards, the better!

Ocean Racing is heating up...can you feel it? With our "shake down" race complete with the Valentines Turkey Trot, the Spring regatta season is soon upon us. Remember, this year's GSC Regatta will be April 21st. Make sure to get your entry form/waiver as well as NOR at the Regatta website: http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/regatta/2012 and send it in asap! Hot on the heels of GSC Regatta will be Hospice by the Sea Regatta on May 19th. A re-incarnation of another popular regatta, the second annual Hospice by the Sea regatta promises to be even more exciting and fun than last year's inaugural event. Watch for details to come and make sure to check your email for this (and all) Gulfstream Sailing Club communications.

As you can see, its shaping up to be a great Spring. I hope to see many of our Members coming out as the weather warms up. We are lucky to live in some of the best sailing waters.

Adeel Arshed – Gulfstream Sailing Club Commodore
I think that everyone that participated in last Saturday’s Sunfish race at the Lake, can agree that it was by far one of the best racing days we have had in a long time and that in itself is not an easy feat to achieve, if you read my race results there’s never a boring day at North Lake. The racing is very competitive most of the time and the weather conditions are mostly great.

Well, last Saturday the weather was great, sunny with about eight to ten knots from the East and we had (14) boats racing, five in “A” fleet and nine in “B” fleet, which is a record for the largest number of boats racing in a long time. What made a big difference was how well everybody was sailing, we could easily have everyone race “A” fleet, the last three or four boats in “B” fleet were not that far behind and many of the finishes were a second apart, the race committee had its hands full with the finishes.

With that many boats racing there were a few close calls on the water and lots of questions about the racing rules. After the races and many of us with beer in hand, we all sat around an upside down plastic container working as our table, while Marty “The Judge” patiently answer all our questions and clearly explained the racing rules to all of us. We are very lucky to have you and Harriet in our group and thankful for your help.

A big thanks to the race committee Dennis Zimmerman and Harriet Ottenheimer, later reinforced with Mike Limuti and Marilyn Mammano.

Race Results – Winter Series III “A” Fleet

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Thank you to all for showing up, you made it that much more fun and I hope you keep coming.

The next race day is March 10, don’t miss it.

Luis Oliveira
Our social calendar is very active this year with all of the events planned, so join in and take advantage of the fun upcoming.

So far we have already had our Dingy Run and Change of Command Dinner in January in addition to our first Sunday Sail and raft up on January 29. (I consider the raft up to be a social event!) Although the weather was chilly and the turnout sparse, the participants had a great time on the dingy run and lunch at the 15th Street Fishery. The Sunday Sail and raft up was well attended with 6 boats at the raft up, plenty of food and drink to go around, and a fun crowd.

HAPPY HOUR - Every Tuesday (except the second Tuesday of the month when we have our General Meeting) we have dinner and celebrate Happy Hour at Rendezvous Waterfront Restaurant off Route 84 just west of Route 95. Come join us for good conversation and camaraderie anytime between 6 and 8 pm. Happy hour drinks are ½ price until 7 pm. **We will continue Tuesday night Happy Hours thru March.**

LAKE GRILLING - **Starting March 14, there will be Sailing and Grilling every Wednesday evening** starting at 5 pm at the Lake in Hollywood. Bring your own food and beverages for the grill and sail till sundown on the Club’s Sunfish or 420’s. Come sail or just share good company on the waterfront

FEBRUARY -

Feb 11 - Our VALENTINES couples ocean race and raft up in Lake Sylvia was held on Saturday in very stiff winds. Five boats left the starting line but two (Jendai and Munimm) turned back with problems shortly after the start and proceeded early to the raft up in Lake Sylvia.
The raft up included four sailboats eventually when our former Commodore John Gehrig and his son surprised us by joining the raft up with his power boat Full Deck. A lot of food and drink was shared and everyone (including Bill and Jacqui Bradley, Ross and Astrid Hutton, Adeel and Krystal Arshed, Jim and Betty Lou Webb, Luis and Helena Oliveira, and Mike and Brenda Duval) enjoyed a great raft up party.

MARCH

Mar 4 - We had another Sunday sail and raft up scheduled for Sunday which is always an enjoyable sail and really fun party at the raft up. However, due to a front coming through bringing gale warnings with 40 knot gusts, this event was transferred to Franz and Janis’ place overlooking Sunset Lake and we had grilled burgers, cheese and crackers, potato salad, brownies and much conversation.

Mar 17 – ST PATRICKS DAY - We are very fortunate this year to have Roman and Sue Gastesi hosting our annual St Patrick’s day party at their house on Saturday, March 17. They have a beautiful location on the intercoastal waterway near the 17th Street Bridge.

Franz and Janis Walkow will be providing their world famous Corned Beef and Cabbage for the party. The club will provide beer, wine, rum punch and setups. Everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and your own liquor.

You are requested to sign up at the Club’s General Meeting on March 13 or call Jim Webb before March 14 if you plan on attending so we can plan accordingly.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS -

Mark your calendar and start planning to attend some of our other major events this year including:

- GSC Regatta and After Party in April
- Lake Party in April
- GSC Cruise to Bimini in May
- Intercoastal Dinner Cruise in early June
- Pool Bash in July
- Beach Bash in August
- Boatathalon in September
- Halloween Party in October
Cruising Report - Chris Bare, Rear Commodore

We've had 2 cruising events this year already, both with post-sail raft-ups in Lake Sylvia. The January 29th event saw 6 boats and had some extra visitors shuttled from Bahia Mar via dink.

Five boats made it out to the February 11th raft-up after the annual couple’s race. Thanks to Bill and Jacqui Bradley for being the first to drop anchor and helping everyone else raft up. Some boats headed home as the sun set, while others stayed the night in the lake to enjoy our winter weather.

As a reminder, it's not too soon to start thinking about our Bimini Cruise in May. (think about customs decals, ships station licenses, restricted radio operators permits, passports, entrance documents). I hope we have a big turnout this year!

Ocean Race Report— Luis Rato Oliveira, Vice Commodore

Valentines Day - Couples Race results
1st - Commotion
2nd - Magic
3rd - Grand Cru
Thanks to all that participated

Luis Rato Oliveira - Vice Commodore, Ocean Race Chair and Lake Everything with wife Helena
This issue is a little late. Better late than never but better never late is what Janis' tells me. However, thanks to our social secretary, we have had visitors from Melbourne, FL, Princeton, NJ, Oklahoma City and Brodeshom, Germany in February. The Walkow Resort in Fort Lauderdale, FL is a popular place when it is COLD up north. We have also had two unscheduled GSC “events” at The Walkow Resort,

One was a meeting to teach committee chairs how to use the new GSC phplist e-mail system. Attendees Janis & Franz Walkow, Adeel & Kristal Arshed, Jim & Betty Lou Webb, and Luis Oliveira. These people can now send email to all members. Dinner was served after class.

The second was March 4th, when the Sail and RaftUP were cancelled due to the gale force winds. These winter fronts seem to be carefully planned to hit South Florida on weekends. We had lots of food prepared for the raftup as did the other GSC members who planned to sail.

So...we had a barbeque at our place and invited the folks we could reach by cell phone or VHF radio. The plan was to use the grill at the pool and eat around the pool, but it got so cold (for us thin blooded Floridians) that we stayed indoors and your editor brought the burgers up the elevator. Thank you to Joe and Mary Merchberger for inviting us and our friends Andi and Roger Brandt from Germany to sail on Mai Tiki.

I would like to welcome the following members into our club:

AnneRose and Wolfgang Pozsicsanyi from Fort Lauderdale owner of ANYI

Charles Wright of Fort Lauderdale.

We are very pleased that they have joined us.

If any members need a new name tag, please contact me at 954 969 9196 or email tbird10@bellsouth.net
The GSC 420 Fleet is ready for action at Sailor’s Point, and we have an active schedule for you to enjoy. The 420 is a two-person dinghy most commonly used as a training boat for high schools and colleges. The boats tend to be evenly matched, and provide an excellent resource for honing basic skills.

What we have planned is a Wednesday evening series, to begin in Mid March, when the clocks change. There will be an orientation session on Wednesday, March 14 at 18:30, to introduce everyone to the boats, how to rig, launch, recover and stow them, and all of their gear. We hope to have everyone that is interested in participating in the 420 Series in attendance for the Orientation, so that we can get everyone checked out on the boats in one session.

Racing will begin on Wednesday, March 28 at 18:00 hours. We have five boats, so we need five teams of two, plus another team to do race committee. Fear not, it will be a round robin format, with each team taking a turn at R/C duty during each race day, so no one team will be stuck doing R/C all evening. The official Notice of Race will be out shortly. There will be four series, between March and October, and an Overall Winner will be named for the top performer through all of the series.

Dates are as follows:

Series One: March 28, April 11, 25 (First Start 18:00)
Series Two: May 9, 23, June 6, 20 (First Start 18:30)
Series Three: July 11, 25, August 8, 22 (First Start 18:30)
Series Four: Sept 5, 19, October 3, 17 (First Start 18:00)

An informal debriefing, with race results announced, will take place ashore after each evening’s racing.