

Bringing Racing to the Upper Bay



***Membership Meeting of the Georgetown Racing Fleet
November 13, 2004 at Bill and Audrey Schlegels***

• **Attendees:**

Ken Germain	Lynne Mahaffy	Tom Stoner
Dennis & Joyce Glackin	Judd Stewart	Bill & Audrey Schlegel
Bruce Grissom	David Shinkfield	Mike Cone
David & Hanne Hamme	John Mraz	Barbara Holmes
Chris Horrocks	Jens Glysing-Jensen	Guy Veach

• **Review of 2004**

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As Commodore for 2003 and 2004, Tom Stoner gave a brief review of the past year. Tom had shared in his pre-meeting notes that the GRF has run, although not quite like a Swiss watch, successfully enough to allow the opportunity for a likeminded group of people to get together to enjoy the commonality of sailing, socializing and racing. I for one want to thank Tom Stoner for his dedication to the fleet. Tom was consistently with us on the race days and at club events despite his demanding professional schedule. Some of his review included:

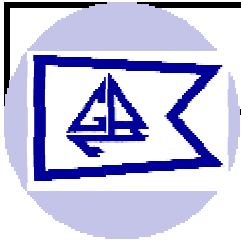
- Harwin Smith is moving to South Carolina soon and Stinger has been sold. Tom proposed that Harwin be offered a Life Membership for his service to the club. This proposition was unanimously approved. **Tom Stoner**
- In appreciation of the Jensons work as Committee boat, the club will send a gift certificate to the Kennedyville Inn.
- We had an excellent Series this year with good participation and some some results being separated by only seconds.
- GRF was well represented this year in the CBYRA races with notable reference to David Poff in the Governors Cup and George Fallon in the Screw Pile.
- A brief review of the clubs financial state shows that we are sound.

• **Officer Nominations for 2005 - 2006**

Tom Stoner detailed the proposed nominations for Officers

- Commodore - Bruce Grissom
- Vice Commodore - David Hamme
- Race Committee Chair - John Mraz
- Treasurer - Dennis Glackin
- Membership Chair - Jean Grissom & Joyce Glackin
- Mooring Chair - Ken Germain
- Publicity Chair - Barbara Holmes
- Entertainment Chair - **VACANT**
- Communications - **VACANT**
- Webmaster - David Shinkfield & Chris Horrocks

These nominations were unanimously approved



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- The chairmanship of the meeting was handed over to Bruce Grissom as our new Commodore
- Racing Schedule for 2005

The racing schedule for 2005 was reviewed and agreed upon and is attached. It was agreed we will have the Committee boat start the race and if racing to continue following the final start with time credit for late starting in 5 minute increments. For example, if the Committee boat is ready to start 12 minutes after fleet has started the Committee boat must wait to cross the line at 15 minutes after the start. The Committee boat will then receive a 15 minute credit at the finish. **All racing boats are expected to act as Committee Boat at least once during the season.**

The Race Committee will consider:

- Additional early and late season races to be introduced (Frigid Digit and Frostbite)
- More windward/leeward courses
- Establishing preset courses to simplify race administration
- Introduction of a Cruising class

Other decisions were:

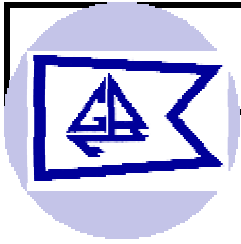
- Year book to be updated to give a clearer definition of the Starting procedures.
- Temporary race mark to be called "TT". New flags to be made.
- Continue use of the hand held starting flags.
- Dock box to be moved to P dock adjacent to John Mraz's slip.
- Expanded racing rules course (Racing 101) and new racing skipper mentoring by current members.

- Additional discussion:

Jens Glysing-Jensen proposed that GRF organize a CBYRA Sanctioned race to give additional publicity to the club. The Bay Jam was considered a suitable option. Although there were some reservations about the Club's ability to manage a sanctioned race, Jens, David Hamme, Tom Stoner and John Mraz will further develop the options and present their proposals.

- Youth Sailing

It was discussed that the youth sailing program be developed into a one day event allowing greater promotion and to include a club social event, dingy racing and racing rules review. This event would be open to the public and it was suggested that Turners Creek would be an ideal location with good accessibility for fleet boats and guests. A committee to manage this event will be required



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Treasurer's Report

Paid up membership reports 28 Skippers and 27 Associates. Our bank balance increased by \$400 by year end to \$3000.

We anticipate increased expenses next year with the servicing of the moorings and have offset these by budgeting for new members.

Our membership costs will remain the same with the additional cost of two Pavilion Party tickets included.

It was agreed that we order 16 new burgess at an estimated cost of \$300.

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David Shinkfield

Membership Committee Report

Our membership goal is to get 25 boats regularly out to the starting line for our races.

The new committee has been put to task to collect club history and incorporate this in a brochure that can educate potential members as to the history and purpose of the club and our activities.

The membership committee also understands that a consistent approach to recruitment needs to be documented and followed to ensure that potential members are not left behind.

**Jean Grissom
Joyce Glacken**

Mooring Committee Report

It was agreed that we would arrange to service the Turner Creek moorings. Tom Stoner will obtain a quote and review with the Commodore

Representation on CBYRA and PHRF

**John Wickens assumed Harwin's role as GRF PHRF representative.
Tom Stoner will represent GRF at CBYRA**

Meeting concluded at 6:30pm