

## Minutes of the General Membership Meeting of 1 April 2004

**Call to Order:** 1950

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve minutes as published, motion passed. **Commodore's Report:** Mail- We've received the usual junk mail, copies of "The Lead Line" and "Sailing World", a notification from I-LYA that our renewal application has been accepted, and an invitation to attend the I-LYA Spring Meeting on April 2-4. The club also received a nice thank-you note from Marilyn Warchol.

**Benevolence:** We are happy to report that Mary Colie has volunteered for this post at tonight's meeting, Thank You Mary.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Racing- The next meeting of the RC will be on May 10 2004 7:30 p.m. at Jack Wood's. It was mentioned again that the mooring balls look like an excellent choice and the RC will be purchasing these as replacements as needed. After polling the skippers, an overwhelming majority voted to keep the starting times unchanged, by an approximate ratio of 3-1. Matt Dubois approached the VC about making a personal appeal to the GIYC racers to rejoin the club, these former members left over dispute involving mandatory work assignments. The board has voted to accept volunteering for RC boat, as an activity that would meet this requirement, and the VC will be approaching the former members with a personal appeal. The RC also voted to raise WNATR fees from \$80 to \$95, with a \$10 discount to club members if it is not in conflict with the rules. It was noted again that the laminated racecourse cards would be included with the registration fees. **Rear Commodore's Report:**

**Cruising:** No current CC report, there hasn't been a meeting since before the last GMM. The Rear Commodore mentioned again that about 98% of the details of the 2-week cruise have been worked out; the rest of the schedule has also been completed. The next cruising committee meeting is scheduled for April 18 at the Howard's, please bring a dish to pass. Tonight's program will be Bruce Jenvey's "Stupid Boat Tricks"; we are looking forward to this always highly entertaining speaker. A reminder here that next month's program will feature Paul Mooney on metal boat building, with the swap meet afterwards.

**Treasurer's Report:** CD's unchanged, checking account balance at \$1842 and the bills have been paid.

**Membership Chairperson:** We are happy to announce quite a few visitors tonight, including former members Carolyn and Dennis Woods, Tina Askins, Jody Larrou, Andrea Duane, Elizabeth Johnson, Comfort Smith, Sharon Kemp, and next month's speaker Paul Mooney. Welcome all! We are also pleased to announce that the club is anticipating the return of 10 former members, and that most of the renewals for this year have been received.

**Delegate Reports:**

**PHRF-LE:** Doug Howe: Several local boats had their ratings changed, the Yamaha 33 had its rating raised from 144 to 150, the Ross 780 from 159 to 165. A full report of all regional adjustments will be made at a later date. It was also announced that the Western Lake Erie BOTY award will

be suspended this year, as well as the roller furling credit changes that were announced earlier in the year. Club members were also reminded to see Doug if they want to renew their individual USSailing memberships.

**Video Librarian:** We have 10 overdue items, and one new title, "How To Handle A Keelboat Under Power". Please let Mike know if you have any of the overdue tapes and return them ASAP.

**Old Business:** CD holders left over from the "Commodore's Ball" are still available to club members for \$5, they will be available at tonight's and future GMM's. If you didn't get a complete picture cd at the ball please contact Dick Synowiec for a copy.

**New Business:** The website has been revamped, Tom Priest and Brian Duane are looking for any assistance to further improve our Internet presence. The changes look very appealing; an attractive site should help immensely toward our goal of increasing publicity for the club and attracting new members. Bruce Jenvey offered to post a link to our website on the online version of "Great Lakes Cruiser", we are still attempting to get feature articles about the club published in local newspapers, the Commodore is making the overtures to the responsible parties. The organizational chart will be available for members to choose their work assignments at tonight's meeting. The club will also be publishing a chart of the WNATR courses in a future edition of "The

Starboard Tack" for those individuals that aren't racing on Wednesdays but are racing in other club events. The Cruising Committee and board will also be debating in

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### Time is Running Out

May 1 is the deadline for signing up for WNATR without a penalty. June 1 is the deadline to sign up for cruising awards.

Both applications are available on the the WSSC website.

## Currents

**GMM Meeting,** Mr. Nicks, Thursday, April 1, 2004, 7:30 pm Arrive early for broasted chicken buffet – Bruce Jenvey

May 11 – Skipper's Meeting, Ford Yacht Club

May 19 – WATNR Spring #1

May 15-16–Icebreaker to Harbor Hill Marina – Detroit (tentative)

**Upcoming Programs:**

May 6 – Paul Mooney, Steel Boats + Swap Meet

June 2 - Dave Synowiec, SCUBA diving

## DEAR FRIENDS:

Thank you for the Big Beautiful bouquet of flowers that arrived just in time to brighten up a dreary hospital room. Also, thanks, to all for the cards and well wishes, the many visits to the hospital and the phone calls. The members of the West Shore Sail Club are very special! May you all stay healthy- Thank you all once more. Sincerely and with love, Marilyn

## **Cruising**

When on a club sponsored cruise and you arrive at the port and don't know where to dock. Look for the Mother Goose flag flying from the port captain's boat. The port captain is there to assist you.



## CEDAR ISLAND YACHT CLUB EVENTS

Here are the highlights from the CIYC social calendar.

Maple Leaf regatta (fish fry)	July 24
<b>WSSC Port to Port Race/Regatta</b>	Sept 4
Steak BBQ/party	Sept 4
LD regatta breakfast	Sept 5
LD regatta /chicken-on-a-bun dinner	Sept 5
WSSC will have breakfast	Sept 6

**Racing and Cruising applications, instructions and schedules can be found on the WSSC website.**

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the near future the possibility of allowing non-WSSC members to participate in club cruising events. It is hoped that this will entice those non-members to join our club in the future. The board has also been debating the merit of purchasing some sort of promotional item to hold the literature we distribute during the semi-annual cockpit littering campaigns; nothing has been decided at this time. The board will also be re-debating the issue of DRYA membership, this proposal was discussed and the board members present voted 4-1 to join this organization, the consensus being that it was a worthy organization to support, and could help to put the club "on the map", so to speak.

**Next GMM:** 06 May 2004 Next Board Meeting: 5 April 2004 at the Priest's Adjourn: 2039

## TO WSSC,

It has been a great Winter here in Vero Beach, Florida. My wife and I live here now from January - May. As our condo is on the Florida Intercoastal waterway (Indian River Lagoon) we were looking forward to purchasing a used sailboat and making watersports part of our everyday activities. Unfortunately we discovered that although there is plenty of water in the intercoastal, the actual navigable channel is small, and the options for sailing our limited. We could motor to the Sebastian or Fort Pierce Inlets from the Atlantic Ocean which are both about ten miles North or South of us but that takes us out of the 'sunset cruise' mode. As a result this condition we were forced to bite the bullet and purchase a used deck boat which actually has served us very well. The Indian River lagoon is filled with nooks and crannies to explore and teaming with wild life.

While down here we joined the Vero Beach Sail and Power Squadron as a method of learning the local lore and waterways. The association is made up of many 'Snowbirds' like my wife and myself. They have a club house right at the Vero Beach Marina (which has plenty of deep water and facilities). The power squadron is basically a social organization but they do have an active arm which conducts power, sail, and boating safety courses. They also sponsor a group of 'Sea Scouts' which use their docks and facilities.

The 'Big Deal' at this club is in making the 'America's Great Loop' cruise. This cruise consists of traveling the Eastern coast of America, channeling to the Great Lakes, hitting all five, then making their way to the Gulf of Mexico down the river systems, circling around Florida and back to their home port. There is a Web Site: [WWW.GREATLOOP.Com](http://WWW.GREATLOOP.Com) that gives the details of the process. It appears to be quite an adventure and usually takes more than a year. One of the popular 'Wintering' spots is 'Toledo Beach' on Lake Erie. I thought that to be pretty interesting. Since my wife and I live in Gibraltar during the Summer and Fall, we may end up being a shuttle service for many of our Florida friends who put up in Erie for the winter, fly back to Florida, then return at Spring thaw to continue their trips.

I do not know if any WSSC members have made this trip but it would be nice to latch on to one of these 'Loopers' to share their adventures at one of our meetings.

Looking forward to Summer.

Tom & Beverly Jones

(Son of the 'Original' Flying Dragon)

## HURRAY FOR THE GOOD SHIP TALISMAN

Give three cheers, and three cheers more for the mighty captain of the sailing sloop Talisman. They have done it, they have circumnavigated the world under sail. Huzza and more cheers, fire the canon Peter and Ginna have now joined a very select group of adventurers who have sailed around the world. Dan Rutledge PC-80

Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2004 12:21 PM

Hi we are in Trinidad after 28 days at sea. Had a great sail with the winds with us all the way. Ginna on the last day caught 3 huge Wahoo and the freezer is full!!

Have a wonderful Easter

Peter & Ginna

## Jerry & Mary on 'Whisper in the Carribbean

### We are weathered in!

We are in Compass Cay in Exuma, Bahamas. This is a small marina on an island with a population of 1! If you ever want to go someplace and be idle, this is it! There is no restaurant and only 3 places to rent. You have to arrange to have all supplies brought in before your arrival. There is a 17 ft. Boston Whaler for your convenience. In the evening there is a wonderful place to gather with whoever is here and await the possibility of seeing the green flash at sunset. The marina has only slips for 8 yachts about 65 to 120 ft. and 4 moorings. Guess what we are on! The yacht Moonraker just left this morning with the owners aboard, just 114 ft. and goes 35 knots ( $35 \times 1.15 = 40.25$  mph). They burn 300 gallons per hour of fuel! They are having the boat loaded on a freighter this summer and having it shipped to the Mediterranean. I asked the engineer why they didn't just take it there and he said that the fuel barge couldn't keep up with the consumption! There is another boat named "18/8", which our wives know represents the finest stainless cutlery, it has no crew, just the family. It is a 1965 Burger that has to be seen to be believed! It spent 13 months in the yard being rebuilt, it is the prettiest boat in the harbor, with a classic beauty, incidentally by the same designer as our "Whisper".

We are stuck in the harbor by heavy winds that seem to have plagued the Bahamas this year. We are continually being told "wait til next month everything dies down", and then the next month they say the same thing. Now their saying that this is the worst winter in memory, "you should have been here last year"! Well if we have to wait anywhere this is the place! We are waiting to move north in the Exumas to cross over to the Abacos, which everyone now says we won't like, to commercial! Whatever they say we have to see for ourselves, right?

We have been gone for almost 9 months and the main complaints have been for a roomy boat with a larger galley and a true shower. (We take our showers in the cockpit.)

We won't be sending this for a while because there is no phone here!

Ta Ta for now,

Jerry & Mary "Whisper"

### On our way again!

We are finally free, we left Compass Cay on Sunday and anchored at Emerald Rock at Wardrick Wells. The evening was nice although it did get bumpy in the morning, then the next day we went to Normans Cay and met our friends. Dinghied around the harbor and have to admit that this was more like what we had expected the islands to be like. This island used to be a stopover point for the Columbian drug kingpins. The homes and businesses are all falling apart now because they were finally put away. There is even a plane falling apart in the water that crash landed. Bullet holes in the walls of the homes still bear testimony to the last stand of these crooks. You can't get Bahamain to talk about this seamy side of their history. The Bahamas seem to have many episodes in their history of lawlessness, from the days of pirates and wreckers to recent days when the islands were known as the "Land of the Waving Palms" in reference to the payoffs that became the death of the tourist industry. The resorts finally gave up and simply abandoned the buildings and grounds. There are so many resorts that are crumbling down that it contributes to the general feeling of despair. People are without work and money. Yet in many of the main stops the businesses charge a 5% surcharge for use of a credit card and automatically! add 15% to the check for a tip; in many cases, the tip is not justified.

There are no taxes here so this is simply a way to nail the tourists. Well that's enough of the problems of the Bahamas, I guess we have enough of our own!

We have crossed the Exuma Sound and are on Eleuthera Island at a place called Rock Sound, it is the cleanest town we have seen in the islands. As we came around the point into view of the town we were greeted on the radio and welcomed here. It seems there is a man here that returned home here 4 years ago and now runs the gas station. His plan is to bring in the cruisers to the area since the resort businesses are now gone. It seems to be working, there are 26 boats in the harbor and the word is getting out that the cruising boats are welcome. He will arrange to get whatever the cruiser needs done taken care of. I hope that he succeeds. We will be staying here about 3 days and then moving on towards Spanish Wells.

Ta Ta for now,

Jerry & Mary "Whisper"

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