



Gavins Point Yacht Club
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 8, 2025
Snuggerud's Residence, Yankton, SD

Call to Order	<p>Steve Snuggerud, Commodore, Call the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Recording Secretary, Dawn Rang, was present.</p> <p>Board Members Present: Steve Snuggerud, Janae Aasen, Dawn Rang</p> <p>Not Present: Mike Grave, Tom Stengrim, David Rice</p>
Commodore's Report	<p>Steve Snuggerud, Commodore, report on highlights of the 2025 Season.</p> <p>SPRING THAW: The Spring Thaw Party went very well again, co-hosted by Erin and Paul, pork loin cooking by Steve and Sarah, and help by all as usual, Melodie at the cash table, I think. Numbers very consistent with recent years, around 100 I believe. We netted around \$900 I think, I sent the report to everyone by text, and I can't find it. Cooking everything makes it easy to make a profit, I would rather charge \$20 instead of \$25 next year, when we make everything, we would still be in the clear around \$500, I guess. Thanks to Mike for hosting the Cottage again. Erin and I would be willing to host again, unless someone else wants to take it over, with some new ideas, anyone else is welcome to host.</p> <p>SUMMER SOIREE: A Saturday night dinner was attended by less than 25 people; a lot of discussion was had about dropping this event. Weather is very iffy and in the past few years' attendance has not been good. Instead of this event, it was decided to try a SECOND FRIDAY SOCIAL during the months of June, July, August and September from 5p-7p. Bring your own meat to grill and a side to share if you want. Free will donation for drinks. All in attendance were in favor of trying this for the 2026 Season.</p>

SAILING CAMP: One of our group's missions is to help promote boating. This annual summer camp provided the opportunity for 25 youth sailors to learn the skills of sailing. While many of us may take sailing for granted, both generations had an opportunity to learn the concepts of sailing, manning their own vessel, and learning water safety. It's a pleasure for our group to share the joy of boating and provide them with life-long skills when out on the water. Thanks to Mike & Molly Kuhl for their fantastic leadership skills and for agreeing to lead the future for our sailors. Thanks to the many volunteers, this event wouldn't be possible without the volunteers. It was discussed to change the Member Registration to \$75.00, and Non-Member to \$100.00 and we will provide lunch and not to give a gift to them for attending. All in attendance were in favor.

LUAU: In the middle of July, we pulled out the tiki torches and 48 of our members and 30 racers, along with 15 volunteers and 16 children wore their Hawaiian attire for another beautiful evening at the North Shelter. BBQ by Hawk's. A very special Thank You to Pat Peterson, Janae & Anna Aasen, Steve, Sara & Kate Snuggerud and Kriss & Mark Ibiss for their talents of decorating the shelter. The Pain Killer bar is such a huge hit! It was discussed to no longer allow the volunteers to have complimentary meals and split the event. If the Regatta participants would like to attend, they would be \$35.00 pp.

BASH TO THE COLONIES: (Per E-mail Sent by Paul) The Bash was a great hit this year, I believe we had about 30 registered boats. We have been averaging around 25-30 in recent years. Wind was awesome and it was a great sail. I believe we cleared around \$750 after giving out trophies and dry bags. Thanks to Steve and Sarah for running the start and finish line. We need to continue to work to find some powerboaters interested in being safety boats to run the lake and back. This is our 7th year for the yacht club having the event, with myself as lead of the event, ...by year 10 I would like to hand this off to someone else for some new Ideas about the event.

HOBIE FLEET: (Per E-mail Sent by Marc G): Club boats were set up for the season on May 10 and stayed on the beach until October 4. The logbook shows about 110 club boat sailings for this year. This compares to about 130 in 2023 and 2024, and 90-100 in 2020-2022. So, there was a drop in sailings, but still more than 2020-2022. I haven't done a detailed analysis of the check-outs yet, but I suspect

the explanation is mostly some poor weather on some weekends. In terms of club boat maintenance, the big purchases were a new Wave main (purchased from Brindisi in Omaha in January) and a Getaway Jib purchased from Whirlwind Sails. It was good that we bought that Wave main, because one of our old ones was destroyed this summer during a capsize - not me this time, and the club member made a donation to the club toward part of a new sail. A few months ago, the board gave me permission to order 3 more Wave mains, but I haven't placed that order yet. I still recommend we go forward with getting those new sails. We had a typical amount of minor maintenance issues on the boats, which added up to a few hundred dollars in parts. Next year I want to replace the seat pads on some of the boats (Fast Eddie and one other, can't remember which one), which will cost a few hundred dollars and last a long time. The boats are otherwise in good shape - masts are all fine, hulls are solid, trampolines appear to have lots of life. One of the halyards gave out at the end of the season, and it's possible more halyards will need replacing over the next few years, but we have multiple spares. We still need to name the fourth Wave we bought near the end of last year. I meant to send out a poll with some options, but the time slipped away from me. I was hoping to get some club members interested in racing the Waves during the summer series but had no luck - I mentioned it to many Wave sailors, but plainly put, almost no one was interested. I tried to run a little survey at the beginning of the season to poll club boat sailors about what they would like to see changed with how the club boats work but got very few responses. One potential improvement that multiple people asked about was adding an electric winch to make it easier to haul the Getaway back into its parking spot. I talked about this with multiple board members, and I think it's doable - we now have a power point in about the right spot, so we would need to buy a winch and probably some dyneema/UHMWPE line, install a post, and mount the winch to the post. We would also need to think about how the winch line would attach to the Getaway - we would want the load spread out evenly across the aft crossbar, so I think a bridle of some kind would be best. A big thank you to Paul B, Kevin Kuhl, and Jon Kinsley for their continued help with the club boats. It's great to have others who can step in to diagnose maintenance issues, do check-outs with new members, and generally keep an eye on things.

	<p>4th OF JULY BOAT PARADE: Discussion about if the winds are higher than 15 MPH, the parade will be held the following day 7/5 starting at 11:00AM. All in attendance were in favor.</p> <p>MINI LONG SHOT & OKTOBEREST: Good participation and the Oktoberfest event was a huge success. David & Melodie Rice did an outstanding job! They have agreed to do it again in 2026.</p> <p>SUMMER SERIES RACING: No report.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Janae Aasen, Treasurer, reported our yearly total income of \$18,398.12 and total disbursements of \$18,455.04. With a net income of \$56.92.</p> <p>Year-end cash balances: Checking: \$9,306.06 Savings: \$8,006.63</p>
Secretary's Report	<p>Dawn Hanson-Rang, Secretary, reported we took in 109 members in 2025, with 20 new members joining. The directory will not be printed; it will be an electronic version only. This can be printed from the Flipbooks application it will reside on. Membership renewal information sent in March 2026. This will include the Equipment Use Wavier; we will be having all members sign one for all events that GPYC hosts.</p> <p>Discussion about the cost of dues for 2026. All in attendance voted to increase to \$100.00 and we will not charge a processing fee if paid online.</p> <p>Communication from the yacht club will come from email (gavinspointyachtclub@yahoo.com), website: gavinspointyachtclub.com or Facebook: Gavins Point Yacht Club</p>
Old Business	<p>Signage for the North Shelter. Steve Snuggerud will get this accomplished.</p>
New Business	<p>By-Laws - Review current by-laws, open discussion to add an article about the Reserve Fund, and a few other revisions.</p> <p>2026/2028 Board of Director Position to be filled: Corresponding/Recording Secretary – Dawn Hanson-Rang term ends 2025. Nomination e-mail was sent on 2/14/2026.</p>

An e-mail with the list of nominations for vote at the 2026 Spring Thaw will be sent on 3/15/2026. With the verbiage that an Announcement for additional nominations, vote and election of officers takes place at the 2026 Spring Thaw

Partnership with the Southeast South Dakota Sea Cadets. Tabled until the next meeting.

2026 Calendar of Events – set dates for each event and post to website. Revised and attached.

Facebook Review. Tabled until the next meeting.

GPYC Website, Open Discussion (e-mail from Mark M follows):

1. PAY NOW button for membership dues.
2. PAY NOW button for events.
3. Update Photos, etc.

PAY NOW button for events and membership dues-This is something I have never done and am not sure where to begin but I would imagine it would entail creating and linking a Paypal or Venmo account to the GPYC Bank Account. There are several legal risks — including IRS compliance for receipts, liability and account ownership, privacy and regulatory compliance, and security and fraud — that require careful planning and may warrant legal or financial consultation. Honestly, I am not comfortable with taking this on. Action Items: Steve Snuggerud is contacting Mike Grave to visit Mark Mazour if he would like us to hire someone to do this and not be involved with the management any longer. Janae Aasen has contacts that may be interested in revamping the website. She will report when

Dawn Hanson-Rang was asked to provide summaries of each event that she has done, so there is documentation of “how to” and provide information via a Dropbox so that everyone has access to it. She is working on this and will have done it prior to May 1.

The next meeting will be held at a date yet to be determined.

Announcements & Meeting Adjournment	Adjourn Meeting at 6:15pm.
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