

Spring Regatta

May 19-20, 2018

Buccaneer Yacht Club

Mobile, Alabama



Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events. Advertising is restricted to Category A and other information to Appendix 1.

2. Entries/Classes

Capdevielle Viper 640, Open Viper 640, Lightnings, Fish and Finn

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Registration Desk no later than 1100, Saturday, May 19th. Answers, in writing, will be posted no later than 1200, May 19th.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the Skippers Meeting on Saturday and by 0830 on Sunday, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the front yard. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after AP is lowered.

6. Schedule of Events

Saturday May 19:

Registration 900-1100 hrs.

Skippers Meeting, 1100 hrs.

First Warning 1255 hrs.

Following races will be conducted back-to-back. Five races are scheduled, three on Saturday and two on Sunday but this schedule may be altered depending on conditions. No more than four races will be run on one day.

Sunday May 20:

First Warning 1025 hrs.

(No races will start after 1430 hrs)
Trophy presentation ASAP after racing

7. Class Flags

Capdevielle Viper 640 GYA Burgee

Viper 640 Viper 640 Class Flag

Lightning Lightning Class Flag

Fish Fish Class Flag

Finn Finn Emblem flag

8. Racing Area

Generally East to Southeast of Buccaneer Yacht Club channel entrance but may be south of Dog River channel depending on wind and weather conditions.

9. Courses

All courses will be Windward/Leeward. Viper 640's will sail on Course 1, and Lightnings and other classes on Course 2. Course letters will be posted on the Committee Boat and the number of laps shall be displayed (e. g. W-2 or W-2 ½ or W-3). There will be an offset mark at each weather mark and a gate at the leeward mark for the Viper 640 course (Course 1). If only one mark is present at the leeward mark area it should be rounded to port. (See Course Diagram). On Course 2 there will be no offset mark and no gate mark. The port end starting mark will be the leeward mark.

10. Marks

Marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. A subsequent mark change will be an orange tetrahedron. The weather mark for Viper 640 (Course 1) will be a lime green tetrahedron with a subsequent change mark a pink tetrahedron. Offset marks will be Red round "hippity hop" type marks.

11. Check-In

Each boat shall sail by the RC Starting Boat and hail their sail number and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee at the beginning of each day's racing. The "L" flag will be dropped approximately one minute before the starting sequence begins. "L" flying at the finish indicates that further races are to be run.

12. Change of Course After the Start

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. Starting and Finishing Lines; Starting System

The starting system is described in RRS Rule 26. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall stay clear of boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

Starting and finishing lines will be between the staff of an orange line flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the forward (course side) edge of a nearby mark or between staffs displaying orange flags on two Race Committee boats. A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal. The anticipated starting order of fleets on Course 2 are: Lightning, Finn, Fish. On course 1 Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640 will start together. Open Viper 640 boats shall fly an orange pendant (to be provided at the Skipper's Meeting) attached to the end of the boom or lower leach of the mainsail.

14. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will hail the sail numbers of boats over early on VHF channel 68, or that have broken Rule 30.1. The failure of any boat to

hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This is in addition to RRS 62.1(a).

15. Penalty System

Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

16. Time Limit

The time limit for all races will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored *Did Not Finish*. This changes Rule 35.

After the Second to last placed boat finishes, the race committee shall have the authority to recall the last placed boat and award that yacht a last place finish, in order to decrease the time between races.

17. Protests

Rule 61.1 (a) is changed by adding the following: “A boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, of the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the protested boat(s) and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.”

Protests shall be written on forms available at the Registration Desk and delivered to the Registration Desk within the protest time, which will end one (1) hour after the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day’s racing.

Protest notices will be posted within twenty (20) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as a witness. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by Rule 63.2.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

18. Scoring and Number of Races

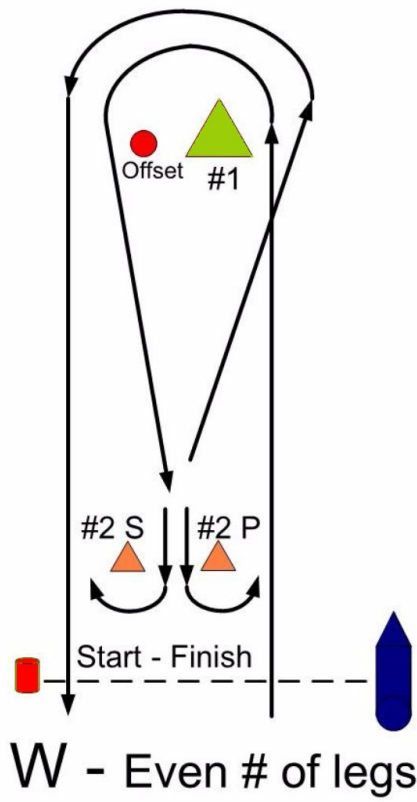
The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Each boat’s score will be the total of her scores in all races completed. This changes Rule A2. One (1) race constitutes a regatta.

19. Safety and Responsibility

A boat, which retires from a race, shall notify the race committee before leaving the racecourse, or, if unable to do so, shall notify a regatta official immediately after arriving ashore.

It shall be the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue a race.

Personal floatation devices (life jackets) shall be worn when code flag “Y” is displayed.



Course 2: Lightnings, Finns, Fish

