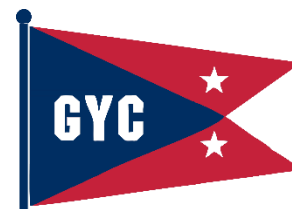




75th JUNIOR LIPTON CHALLENGE
August 1st & 2nd, 2020
Gulfport Yacht Club
Gulfport, MS 39501



NOTICE OF RACE (REVISED 7-19-2020)

Organizing Authority: **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events*, found at www.gya.org/documents/GYA2020Directory.pdf
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 Appendix T and V1 shall apply.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 All yacht clubs, which are current General Members, in good standing, of the GYA, are eligible to participate. Per GYA Regulation 10.1 (c), each club may enter only one (1) Viper 640.
- 2.2 See GYA Regulation 20.2 concerning age requirements.
- 2.3 Registration shall take place on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20957>
- 2.4 All competitors shall complete the [Release Waiver](#) before competing in the regatta at Gulfport Yacht Club. Teams shall submit their [Individual Race Crew List](#) for each race before the end of the Protest Time each day. The Individual Race Crew Lists shall be submitted electronically in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.5 It is requested that all teams register according to 2.3 prior to Friday, July 31st. This is important for proper planning and management of social distancing.
- 2.6 Attachment 1 outlines additional requirements and guidance for the regatta.

3 Number of Races

- 3.1 Six (6) races are scheduled.
- 3.2 One (1) race constitutes a series.

4 Schedule

Saturday, August 1st

- 0830-0955 Check-in via text or phone to the Regatta Chair.
1000 Competitors' meeting broadcasted over VHF Channel 72
1130 First warning signal of the day, additional races to follow

Sunday, August 2nd

- 0900 Competitors' courtesy update over VHF Channel 72
1000 First warning signal of the day, additional races to follow
1500 **No warning signal after this time**

NOTE: Each team will have an assigned hoist time for launching. The assigned times will be published no later than 2000 hrs on July 31st.

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website and will be published no later than 2000 hrs on July 31st. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20957>

6 Venue

The racing area will be southeast of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor.

7 Scoring

- 7.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall apply, except that no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1
- 7.2 Series ties shall be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 20.5. This changes RRS A8.

8 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Host Club, nor any race official will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9 Safety

All competitors shall wear, at all times while racing, a US Coast Guard PFD, dependent 100% on foam for flotation, except for brief periods of time while adding or removing clothing. All requirements of GYA Regulations Section D will be followed.

Sailing during the COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to event organizers and competitors alike. The OA, including host clubs, intend to follow all applicable governmental requirements, but it is also up to each individual skipper, crew and guest to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. Similar to offshore safety equipment, the OA strongly recommends all appropriate health precautions, but makes no assessment or warranty of each team's preparedness or safety.

EACH COMPETITOR PARTICIPATES IN THIS EVENT AT THEIR OWN RISK.

10 Support Boats

As races will be sailed back to back, please have your team ready and prepared to make changes on-the-water, between races. If your team will not have a support boat to facilitate changes on the water, please inform us at registration, if not sooner, and we will make arrangements for your team to be on the water for crew changes.

11 Awards

Awards shall be awarded per GYA Regulations 20.6 and 20.7. There will not be a planned awards ceremony. Trophies will be delivered to the recipients.

12 Further Information

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