

NOTICE OF RACE

GULF OCEAN RACING CIRCUIT

(A GYA SANCTIONED EVENT)
(1st Act of the Proposed GYA PHRF CIRCUIT)
AND THE

GULF COAST SPORTBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted By:
Biloxi Yacht Club & Gulfport Yacht Club

April 7th-9th, 2017



1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta is sanctioned event the Gulf Yachting Association and will be sailed under the management of the Gulfport, Biloxi, & Long Beach Yacht Clubs.
- 1.2. This regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for sanctioned events (available at www.gya.org)

2. CLASSES & ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Classes to be sailed: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF NON-Spinnaker, Melges 24, VX One Design, and the Viper 640.
- 2.2. All entrants must complete the registration form on line at GulfportYachtClub.org or the Regatta Page <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/13870>
- 2.3. For the PHRF Classes, all yachts must have a current GYA PHRF Rating Certificate. The PHRF Classes Crew limits (number or weight) as reflected on the boat's valid GYA PHRF certificate will be in effect. For GYA Rating information please go to www.GYA-PHRF.com

3. ENTRIES & FEES

- 3.1. All entries in the GORC (PHRF Classes) must check-in with their completed Crew Lists at the registration desk at Gulfport Club by 1830 hours April 6th, 2017.
Fees: \$45 before April 1, 2017, \$65 after.
- 3.2. All entries in the Sportboat Championship (Melges 24, VX One, Viper 640 Classes) must check-in with their completed Crew Lists at the registration desk at Gulfport Yacht Club by 1030 hours April 7th, 2017.
Fees: \$75 before April 1, 2017, \$95 after.

4. SAFETY:

- 4.1. All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard safety equipment regulations.
- 4.2. Boats competing in the GORC (PHRF Classes) shall comply with the US Sailing Special Equipment Requirements for Nearshore Racing, check-In with Race Committee at the beginning of each day of racing with all of the crew wearing their PFD's, carry a working motor with enough fuel to motor 20 miles, and have proper working navigation lights.
- 4.4. Boats competing in the Sportboat Championship (Melges 24, VX One, Viper 640 Classes) must wear their PFD while away from the dock and while racing.

- 4.4 A boat shall report for any safety inspection when asked to do so by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. Any boat found without all safety items may incur a scoring penalty or disqualified by the Protest Committee.

5. CHANGES TO RACING RULES:

The Sailing Instructions may change some of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY, APRIL 6th

1730-1830 GORC PHRF Check-In and Registration at GYC
1900 PHRF Classes Skipper's Meeting at GYC

FRIDAY, APRIL 7th

1055 Warning Signal PHRF Race Day #1 – Race to Biloxi Yacht Club
Party at BYC after racing

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th

0930-1030 Gulf Coast Sportboat Champs Check-In and Registration at GYC
1030 Gulf Coast Sportboat Champs Skipper's Meeting at GYC
1055 GORC Warning Signal Day #2 – Racing off of BYC
Party at BYC after racing
1125 Gulf Coast Sportboat Champs Warning Signal – Buoy Racing at GYC
Party & Daily Trophies at GYC after racing

SUNDAY, April 9th

1055 Warning Signal PHRF Race Day #3 – Biloxi Yacht Club to Gulfport Yacht Club
1055 Gulf Coast Sportboat Champs Warning Signal – Buoy Racing at GYC
Trophy Ceremony following all races at Gulfport Yacht Club

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration Desk during Check-In.

8. SCORING:

- 8.1 Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A.
- 8.2 All races will be scored in the GORC (PHRF Classes).
- 8.3 In the Sportboat Championship (Melges 24, VX One, Viper 640 Classes) a competitor will be allowed to discard one (1) race if six (6) or more races are scored.

9. TROPHIES:

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall finishers in each class.

10. COMMUNICATION INFORMATION:

GYC Regatta Chairman Samson Vasquez (228) 323-1336 samsonvasquez@gmail.com	BYC Regatta Chairman Winfield "Scotty" Scott (228) 327-6794 wscott50@att.net	LBYC Regatta Chairman Thomas Stokes (601) 408-4903 tommy@stokesdistributing.com	PCYC Regatta Chairman Oliver Peneguy (228) 547-6207 wopeneguy@bellsouth.net
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- 10, Dockage:
GYC has the Visitors' Pier with water & power, 3-Ton Hoist, Launching Ramp for competitors.
BYC has secured free dockage for at the Seafood Museum Schooner Pier. Please, contact Scotty Scott.