

Spring Regatta
May 4-5, 2019
Buccaneer Yacht Club
Mobile, Alabama



Sailing Instructions Capdevielle Course

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, Finn and Fish. Capdevielle and Open Viper will start together.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located downstairs next to the elevator. Any questions concerning the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Registration Desk no later than 1100, Saturday, May 4th. Answers, in writing, will be posted no later than 1200, May 4th.

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 4th:

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 three races will be run on one day.

Sunday May 5th:
First Warning 1025 hrs.
(No races will start after 1430 hrs)
Trophy presentation ASAP after racing

7. Class Flags

Viper 640	Viper 640 Class Flag (to signal both Capedevielle and Open Viper 640)
Finn	Finn Emblem Flag
Fish	Fish Class 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

The course for all fleets will be LA2 as shown in Addendum S of the RRS.

10. Marks

Marks will be orange tetrahedrons. Offset marks will be red or orange round marks. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting and finishing mark (if used) will be a lime green tetrahedron.

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.

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 lime green tetrahedron 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 are Viper 640 then Fish.

14. Recalls

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.2. Additionally, the race committee will endeavor to hail the sail numbers of boats over early, or that have broken Rule 30.1, and will also endeavor to hail when they have returned to the pre-start side of the line, except when Flag I has been displayed. Vipers will be hailed by VHF as well on channel 68)

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.