



**Mobile Yacht Club  
Summer Regatta  
Bobby Hankins Memorial Fish Class Regatta  
July 18 & 19, 2020**

*Sailing Instructions*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is organized by the Mobile Yacht Club (MYC) and will be sailed under the management of the MYC Race Committee (RC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the *GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events* (available at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)).

**2 Eligibility:**

Open to Viper 640's, VX1's, Melges 24's, Fish Boats, & Finn's

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located under the clubhouse on the South wall. At the end of each day of racing, the RC will post its docking time as well as any boats that it plans to score in other than their finishing position. Notices of protest hearings and requests for redress will be posted here within 20 minutes of the expiration of protest time.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these SI's shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located underneath the clubhouse on the South West corner. Written answers will be posted on the official notice board.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the MYC flagpole located on the front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS Race Signals AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 For all Sport Boats, five (5) races are scheduled.
- 6.3 For the Fish fleet, five (5) races are scheduled.
- 6.4 For the Finn Fleet, (3 ) races are scheduled.
- 6.5 1 Completed race constitutes a regatta.

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| <b>Saturday, July 18</b> | 1300                       | Warning signal for the first race of the day, all courses |
|                          | Additional races to follow |   |
| <b>Sunday, July 19</b>   | 1025                       | Warning signal for the first race of the day, all courses |
|                          | Additional races to follow |   |
|                          | 1430                       | No initial warning signal may be made after this time     |

- 6.7 The warning signal for the second and subsequent races of each day shall be made as soon as practical after the finish of the first race and after any necessary crew changes.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 COURSE 1 - Sport Boat Fleet (Viper, VX, Melges) - Viper Flag  
Fish Class - Fish Class Flag  
Finn Class – Finn Class Flag

- 7.4 The order of starts will be provided at the skippers meeting.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be on Mobile Bay, East of MYC, South of Dog River Channel.

## 9 CHECK IN

Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Must Check in wearing life jackets

## 10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the race courses, the order in which they are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 On Course, no later than the warning signal, the RC will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 11 MARKS

- 11.1 Course 1: Mark 1 will be a green tetrahedron. 2s/2p (gate) will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball.
- 11.2 Course 2: Marks 1, & 2 will be orange tetrahedrons. There will be no offset mark.
- 11.3 The starting marks will be between RC boat displaying orange flags and an Orange Tetrahedron
- 11.4 New marks on Course 1 as provided in SI 13 will be Pink for mark 1 and yellow for mark 3.
- 11.5 New marks on Course 2 as provided in SI 13 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 11.6 The finish mark will be an orange or red ball RC Boat

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

12.2 Course 1: The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on RC boats on each end, OR between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **14 THE FINISH**

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the nearby mark.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

16.1 If no boat has reached the first weather mark within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

16.2 If no boat has sailed the course and finished within 90 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

## **17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 Protests forms are available at the regatta desk. Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Boat has docked, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

17.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses

17.4 Hearings will be held in the regatta desk room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This is in addition to the requirements of RRS 62.2.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS A4 will apply.

18.2 For all fleets, each boat's total score will be the sum of its scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.1.

18.3 In the event one or more boats are delaying the completion of a race, the RC may score the boat or boats points equal to their position. This is in addition to RRS A4.1.

18.4 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored "Did Not Finish."

19 **SAFETY REGULATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- 19.1 Per GYA Regulation 6 (a), all competitors on Course 1 (Capdevielle Viper 640 and Viper 640 Open) shall wear a USCG approved PFD, dependent 100% on foam, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods of adding or changing clothing.
- 19.2 All boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 The GYA and the MYC will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 **SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside the areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

21 **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones.

**Contacts:**

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## Attachment A Courses

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| <b>Viper Course</b> | Start, 1, 1a, 2g, 1, 1a, Finish |  | <b>Fish Course and Finn</b> | Start, 3, 2g, 3, Finish |
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