



ST. ANDREWS BAY YACHT CLUB

GYA OPENING REGATTA 2021

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is organized by the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and will be sailed under the management of the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 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).
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) of the RRS will apply.

2 Eligibility:

- 2.1 All yacht clubs which are current General Members of the Gulf Yachting Association are eligible to participate in Capdevielle Vipers and the Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial trophy.
- 2.2 All other classes are open to all sailors.
- 2.3 This Event counts toward the GYA Youth One-Design Circuit for Laser and Club 420 classes.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the window outside of the bar. At the end of each day of racing the race committee will post its docking time as well as any boats that it plans to score in other than a finishing position. Notices of hearings will be posted here within 20 minutes of the expiration of protest time (flag "L" will NOT be displayed with this notice.) This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.2 When the "AP" flag is flown ashore (two sounds when raised, one sound when lowered) the next race is postponed. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than thirty (30) minutes after the "AP" is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions 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 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 On the water oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made by the Race Committee for Course 2 only.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the St.ABYC flagpole located on the south lawn. Also see Section 3 of these Sailing Instructions.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, May 1, 2021

0830- 1100 Regatta Registration (Bar)
1200 Skippers Meeting (Sailing Center)
1400 Warning Signal all Classes (back to back races to follow)

Sunday, May 2, 2021

1025 Warning Signal all Classes (back to back races to follow)
1400 No races start after this time
ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation (Ballroom)

6 CLASS FLAGS

(COURSE 1) - Capdevielle Vipers - GYA Burgee
Open Viper 640 - Viper 640 Class Flag
Masters Flying Scots – Pink Flag
VX ONE - VX ONE Class Flag

(COURSE 2) Laser Full - White Laser Class Flag
Laser Radial - Red Laser Class Flag
Club 420 - Yellow Flag
Sunfish - Sunfish Class Flag
Optimist – Optimist Class Flag

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area for Course 1 will be in St. Andrews Bay southwest of the club and the racing area for Course 2 will be in St. Andrews Bay immediately south of the club.
- 7.2 Both Course 1 and Course 2 will be nearby the commercial ship channel. Competitors may be required to cross the ship channel to get to their race course. Note: Commercial vessels have the right-of-way and you must give way to them.

8 CHECK IN

Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The selected course will be signaled from the race committee signal boat no later than the warning signal. See Attachment A for course descriptions.
- 9.2 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat on Course 1 no later than the warning signal. Compass Bearing may be displayed on Course 2.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Course 1: Mark 1 will be a green tetrahedron. The offset mark, 1a, will be a red ball. The gate, Marks 2a and 2b will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Course 2: Mark 1 will be a green tetrahedron, Marks 2, & 3 will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 4 is the same mark as the starting mark.
- 10.4 New, "change", marks on Courses 1 & 2 as provided in instruction 14 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Course 1: The mark at the starboard end of the starting line will be the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag. The Signal Boat will have a white buoy attached to the stern by a line approximately 25 feet long. The White buoy and its attachments are parts of the mark. The port end of the starting line will be a floating pin displaying an orange flag. The starting line will be between the orange flag displayed on the signal boat and the pin.
- 11.2 Course 2: The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and a nearby mark. The Signal Boat will have a White buoy attached to the stern by a line approximately 25 feet long. The White buoy and its attachments are parts of the mark.

12 RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1, with the addition that the race committee will hail the boat's sail number. The delay of such a hail or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a). Flag "X" shall remain displayed until all boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with Rule 30.1, if it applies, but not later than four (4) minutes after the starting signal. This changes RRS 29.1

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee may change the next leg of the course in accordance with Rule 33.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark. On both courses 1 & 2 the nearby mark will be an Orange Ball.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat that has completed a One or Two Turns penalty shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing, or, if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, and shall include the sail number(s) or otherwise identify the other boat(s) involved in the incident. Failure to comply with this instruction shall risk going thru arbitration to settle this fact or possible protest hearing later. This changes RRS 44.2.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1
- 16.2 The time limit will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within one hour after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

- 16.3 In the event one or more boats are delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may score the boat or boats points equal to their position. This changes RRS A4.1.

17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 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 acknowledgment from the Race Committee. Failure to do so will make the protest invalid. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 17.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be written on forms available at the Official Notice Board (lower deck) and delivered there within Protest Time which will begin when the race committee signal boat docks at the end of the day's racing. Protest time will end one hour later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 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 witnesses. Such posting shall constitute notice of hearing as required by rule 63.2.
- 17.4 Protests and Requests for Redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 17.5 Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS will apply.

18 SCORING

Ties will be decided in accordance with RRS A8.

29 TROPHIES:

Trophies for Capdevielle Vipers and Masters will be awarded in compliance with GYA regulations. The trophies for one design fleets will be awarded for first place and may be awarded for additional places depending on the number of boats competing in the class.

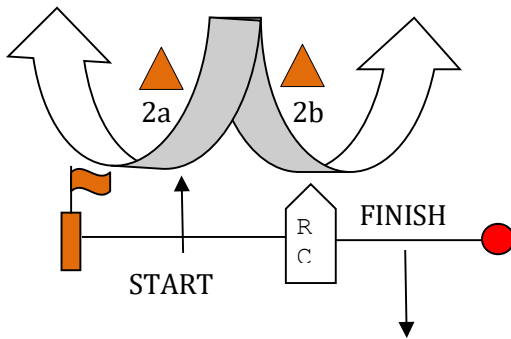
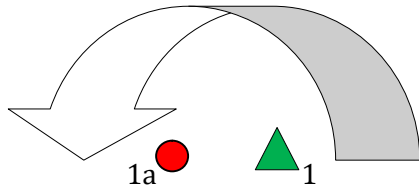
20 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 20.1 All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. 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 Race Committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 The Gulf Yachting Association and the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club 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.
- 20.3 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the race committee, at its discretion and with concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored "Did Not Finish".

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SAILING!!

APPENDIX A

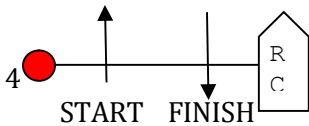
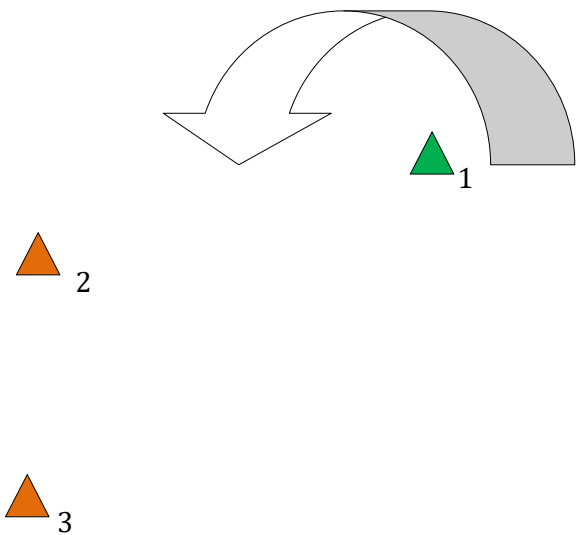
COURSE 1



W2: start, 1, 1a, 2a-2b, 1, 1a, finish

W: start, 1, 1a, finish

COURSE 2



W: start, 1, finish

W2: start, 1, 4, 1, finish

T: start, 1, 2, 3, finish