



**THE 84th ANNUAL
COMMODORE BERNARD L. KNOST
LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
AUGUST 14 - 15, 2021
PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE**

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The organizing authority is the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC).
- 1.2. GYA Regulation 5.2b – Judges and Protest Committees, states that there will be on-the-water judges. The judges will have the final authority as to whether a race shall be started, shortened or abandoned.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) *Regulations for Sanctioned Events* (which can be found at www.gya.org) and the respective class rules, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the NOR and Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- 2.2. Scoring: the RRS A4 Low Point System shall be used. However, no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 2.3. Crew Lists and Crew List Changes: For the Viper 640, Team Captains shall adhere to 2021 GYA Regulation 17.7. All crew lists are required to be submitted by team captain or their designees no later than the end of allowed protest time each day for the races conducted that day.
- 2.4. VHF Radios Aboard Viper 640s. Viper 640 Sailing Association Class Rule 10.9.2 is changed to allow the use of VHF radios to monitor the Race Committee (RC) on the same channel used by the RC and to receive notifications from the RC at any time during the race day. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will use Channel 68 to provide information to competitors. After the starting signal, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats (including by VHF radio) that are OCS and boats that have not complied with RRS 30.1. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the lack of a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3. CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Viper 640 competition for the Commodore Bernard L. Knost Trophy & Banner:

- (a) GYA General Member clubs in good standing are eligible to participate.
- (b) All requirements are outlined in the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, and in particular Regulation 21.
- (c) Five (5) races are scheduled. One race completed shall constitute a series.
- (d) All Team Captains, Skippers and Crew shall have been members of the GYA Club that they represent for at least one month prior to August 14, 2021.
- (e) The Viper 640 shall be sailed by a minimum of two (skipper & crew) per Viper 640 Class Rules. There shall be no maximum number of crew. There shall be no minimum limit for crew weight.

3.2. PHRF Competition for the Drury Dragon Schneider Trophy:

Two races are scheduled. One race completed shall constitute a series. Entries are limited to seaworthy yachts not less than 20' LOA with a draft not less than 22" and with a minimum freeboard of 10". All yachts must be equipped with a VHF radio. More than half of the crew, including the skipper, must be female. Yachts that register as spinnaker class must have a current GYA PHRF certificate.

4. REGULATIONS GOVERNING MALE ASSISTANCE

There will be no male assistance to the Viper 640 class while the boat is in the water. The Race Committee may grant exceptions by request.

5. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration will be in the PCYC clubhouse on Saturday, August 14, 2021 between from 0900 to 1100. There are no registration fees for Viper 640 races. The fee for PHRF yachts will be \$50.00.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 14, 2021:

0900-1100 Breakfast & Registration

1000 PoBoys, ice, beer, and snacks available for takeout

1030 Competitor's meeting

1130 Warning signal for PHRF class yachts

1230 Warning signal for the first Viper 640 race with additional races to follow. Races will be sailed back-to-back, with crew changes on the water. If a team needs assistance changing crews, please notify the RC in writing prior to the Competitor's meeting.

1800-2100 Luau/Pig Roast under club; A La Carte Dining upstairs

Sunday, August 15, 2021:

0900-1100 Coffee & Breakfast

1000 PoBoys, ice, beer, and snacks available for takeout

1030 Warning signal for PHRF class yachts

1130 Warning signal for Viper 640s. Additional races will be sailed back-to-back.

1430 No race will be started after 1430 hours

Trophy presentation will follow the conclusion of all races.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. SLIPS

Teams requiring slips for spectator or crew change boats should contact the Harbor Master's Office Directly for assignment - (228)-452-5128. There may be limited courtesy space available on the PCYC pier for August 13 - 15 on a reservation basis- please contact PCYC directly.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact:

PCYC and check the website for further information.

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