



## GYA 420 Championship

(October 16-17, 2021)

Organizing Authority: **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**

Host Club: **Southern Yacht Club**

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events  
<https://www.gya.org/documents/bylawsregs/racingregs.pdf>.
- 1.2 Appendix T and V1 shall be in effect.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

#### 2 Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the Lobby of the Clubhouse.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the SI's shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located in the Lobby of the Clubhouse and written answers shall be posted on the official notice board.

#### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the SIs shall be posted 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the A-frame halyard on the SYC west waterfront.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes." This changes race signal AP.

#### 5 Schedule

- 5.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 One (1) race constitutes a regatta.

#### Saturday, October 16

0900–1000 Check-in  
1000 Competitors' meeting  
1130 First warning signal of the day, additional races to follow

#### Sunday, October 17

1000 First warning signal of the day, additional races to follow  
1500 **No warning signal after this time**  
ASAP Trophy presentation (under the SYC clubhouse)

## **6 Class Flag**

The class flag will be described at the competitors' meeting (Purple flag).

## **7 Racing Area**

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain north of the Club.

## **8 Check In**

Prior to the warning signal for the first start of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Penalty for not complying with this requirement may be a scoring penalty.

## **9 Courses**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat shall display the course to be sailed, and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10 Marks**

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Offset mark 1a will be an orange sphere.
- 10.3 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.4 The start and finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

## **11 The Start**

- 11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.4 The RC may hail boats that are OCS. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 Change of Course**

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

## **13 The Finish**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and an orange ball.
- 13.2 Flag "A" displayed, with no sound, by the RC signal boat while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

## **14 Time Limits**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark shall be 30 minutes.
- 14.2 The time limit of the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 Protests and Request for Redress**

- 15.1 Protest forms shall be available at the Registration Desk. Protests, requests for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the RC boat docks.. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Hearings will be held in the small room adjacent to the Tullis Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## **16 Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no races scored will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.2 Add, "A score of (TLE) will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A10.

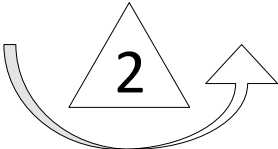
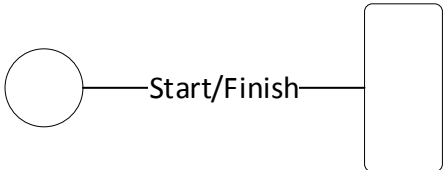
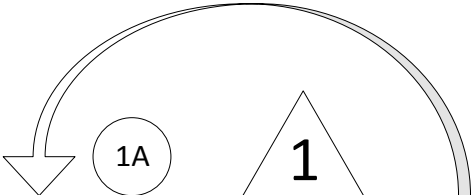
## **17 Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her personal safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2 All competitors shall wear, at all times, a US Coast Guard PFD, dependent 100% on foam for flotation, except for brief periods of time while adding or removing clothing. All requirements of GYA Regulations Section D shall be followed.
- 17.3 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with concurrence of the Judge, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored "Did Not Finish".

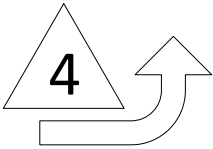
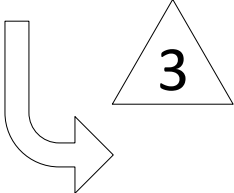
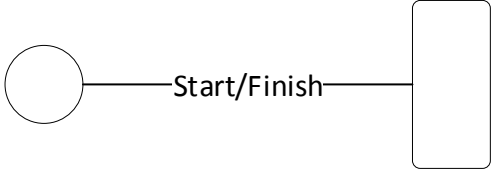
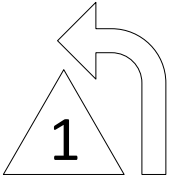
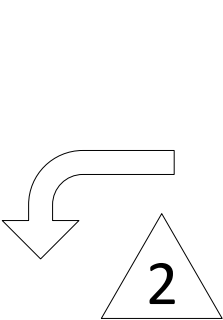
## **18 Responsibility**

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

**Attachment A**



Course 1: Start-1-1A-2-1-1A-2-Finish



Course 2: Start-1-2-3-4-Finish