



GYA OPENING REGATTA



May 20 -21, 2023

Organizing Authority: Southern Yacht Club

Hosted by: Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, Louisiana

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), including the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.
- 1.2 Appendix V1, "Alternate Penalties," will be in effect.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.4 RRS 35, 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.1, A5.1, A5.2, A8, A10, and Race Signals are altered herein.
- 1.5 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (Sis) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6 The notation '[NP]' in a rule in these SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1

2 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the SYC lobby.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding the sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the PRO, and written answers shall be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on a VHF channel announced at the competitors' meeting.
- 3.4 Oral instructions may be given on the water at the discretion of the RC. Competitors may be hailed by voice, loud hailer, or VHF radio.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the A-frame halyard in the SYC west harbor front (near SYC hoists).
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

5 Schedule

- 5.1 For the Capdevielle and Open Viper 640 fleets five (5) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 For the Masters fleet three (3) races are scheduled, to be sailed on one day.
- 5.3 For all fleets one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

Saturday, May 20	0900-1030	Continental Breakfast
	1000	Semi-annual GYA meeting-East Dining Room
	1100	Competitors meeting (Tiki Bar)
	1130	Flag Raising Ceremony
	1255	Warning signal of all classes. Subsequent races to follow
	1730-2030	Food & band under club
Sunday, May 21	0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
	1025	Warning signal of all classes. Subsequent races to follow.
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Trophy presentation

- 5.4 The warning signal for the 2nd 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.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1 Capdevielle Viper 640 – GYA burgee
Viper 640 Open Class – Viper 640 class flag
GYA Masters – light green flag
- 6.2 The order of starts will be provided at the competitors' meeting.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, north of the SYC clubhouse, to the east of the SYC fixed marks.

8 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 [DP] [NP].

9 Course

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, 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 will post the course to be sailed.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 Offset mark 1a will be an orange sphere.
- 10.3 New marks per SI 13 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.4 The start/finish mark will be an orange sphere.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange sphere at the port end of the line.
- 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, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF radio. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 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 shall be replaced by an original mark.

13 The Finish

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC boat and the course side of a nearby mark.

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 for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and is an addition to RRS A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

15 Hearing Requests

- 15.1 Hearing request forms will be available at the Regatta Desk located in the SYC lobby. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last Capdevielle Viper 640 race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Hearings will be held in the Board Room of SYC on the 2nd floor.
- 15.5 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.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no races scored will be excluded.
- 16.2 A score of TLE shall be two (2) 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. [DP] [NP]
- 17.2 All competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD, dependent on 100% foam for flotation, while on board a competing boat while racing 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 the concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored DNF.

18 Support Boats

- 18.1 All support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside 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, abandonment, or flies Code Flag V. [DP]
- 18.2 For safety reasons and to alleviate congestion, all coach and spectator boats shall stay 100 yards below and outside the extensions of the finish line to allow competing teams time and space to take down spinnakers after finishing a race.

19 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 communication that is not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones. [DP]

20 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority, nor the host club, nor the race officers will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

21 Trophies

Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 and Masters will be awarded in compliance with GYA Regulations. A trophy for the Open Viper 640 fleet will be awarded for 1st place.

22 Contact Information

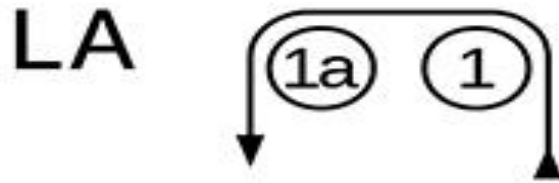
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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish