



102nd SIR THOMAS LIPTON INTERCLUB CHALLENGE CUP

September 2nd – 3rd, 2023



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

Hosted Club: **Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC)**

Pass Christian, Mississippi

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AMENDED 8/28/2023

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 by the “[GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).”
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.3 GYA Reg 2.2: Capdevielle Interclub Events. Part 2 of these regulations and the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules, when not in conflict with the RRS or these regulations, shall govern. The following sections of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules shall not apply for GYA Capdevielle events: 10.1, 10.3, 10.4 10.5.
- 1.4 Changes to Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 1.4.1 Appendix V will apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
 - 1.4.2 SI 8.2 changes Appendix S 27.1.
 - 1.4.3 SI 10.3 changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.4.4 SI 14.3 changes RRS 35.a, A4, A5, and A10.
 - 1.4.5 SI 15.3 changes RRS 66.
 - 1.4.6 SI 16.1 changes RRS A.2.1.
 - 1.4.7 SI 16.3 changes RRS A8.
 - 1.4.8 SI 16.4 changes RRS A4 and A10.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located upstairs.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI’s) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located upstairs 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes.’ This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Five (5) races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Schedule of Events

Friday, September 1 st	1400-1700	Boat Measurement, ref GYA Reg Section H 19.2
Saturday, September 2 nd	0900 0800-1000	Registration/Check-In
	1015 1115	Team Captain’s Meeting (Board Room)
	1215 1330	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races. No more than three (3) races.
Sunday, September 3 rd	1030	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races.
	1630 1600	No warning signal after this time
	TBA	Trophy Presentation (Dining Room)

- 5.3 Per GYA Regulation 17.7, the names of the skipper and crew for each race shall be submitted by the end of the protest time limit each day. [NP]

6. CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be the GYA burgee.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be South of the PCYC in the Mississippi Sound.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Race committee will not post the course as there is only one course option. This changes RRS 27.1.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Offset mark "1a" will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the two RC boats at each end or a green mark at the port end.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 10.4. When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee may announce on VHF 72 bow/sail number. Failure to hear or understand announcement on VHF 72 is not grounds for redress.

11. 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.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying a blue flag on the two RC boats at each end or a green mark on the starboard end.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Appendix V, "Alternative Penalties," shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 13.2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes. GYA Reg 19.7.a
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes. GYA Reg 19.7.b
- 14.3. Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes or addition to RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are 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 is 60 minutes when RC Signal boat docks. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. On the last day of racing a request for re-opening of a hearing shall be delivered:
 - 15.3.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 15.3.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 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 Board Room.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no race scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1
- 16.2. Two (2) races constitute a series.
- 16.3. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 19.9. This Changes RRS A8.
- 16.4. 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 or addition to RRS A4 and A10.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. All requirements of GYA Regulations Section D will be followed.
- 17.2. Prior to the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP]
- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP]

18. SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other 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, or abandonment. [DP]

18.2 For safety reasons, and to alleviate congestion, **ALL** coach and spectator boats shall stay 150 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 COMMUNICATION

Race Committee VHF Channel 72. 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. PRIZES

Prizes will be given according to GYA Regulations 19.10 and 19.11.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

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Attachment A

