



GYA OPENING REGATTA
May 4-5, 2024
Fairhope Yacht Club, Fairhope , AL

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority and Host: Fairhope Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the Fairhope Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 1.2 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events \(RSE\)](#).
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration table and on Regatta Network.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI's.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All yacht clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA, are eligible to participate in Capdevielle Viper 640's and the Master's Regatta (in Flying Scots) for the Commodore John Dane Memorial trophy.
- 4.2 See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events 26.2 for Master's Regatta eligibility requirements.
- 4.3 In addition to Capdevielle and Master's, the event is open to the following one-design classes: Open Viper 640, Lightning, RS Aero, Melges 15, Laser, C420, Optimist, Optimist Green Fleet.

- 4.4 The event is open to all boats with a valid GYA ORA-1 PHRF Certificate wishing to race in the Handicapped Fleet.
- 4.5 All registration shall take place on-line at Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=27788
- 4.6 Competitors wishing to sail in the Master's, who do not have a Flying Scot available, please contact Randy fitz1350@bellsouth.net

5. FEES

- 5.1 GYA Capdevielle Viper 640's and Master's Flying Scots Regatta -- No fee.
- 5.2 The fee is \$60 for PHRF and One Design

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events Rule 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements. Rule 17.7 does not apply to this event.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY May 3

- 1630 – 1800 Early Registration and Check-In (Ball Room)
- 1830 ExCom Meeting (Jubilee Room)

SATURDAY May 4

- 0830 Regatta Registration (Jubilee Room)
- 0900 Hot Breakfast and Beverages (Ball Room)
- 1000 GYA Board Meeting (Ball Room)
- 1100 Lunch Available (Under Club)
- 1100 Competitors' Meeting (Under Club)
- 1130 Flag Raising Ceremony (FYC Flagpole Area)
- 1300 Warning Signal - All Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)
- 1700 Commodore's Party / Food (Under Club) - Entertainment provided by The Groovinators

SUNDAY May 5

- 0800 Hot Breakfast (Ball Room)
- 1025 Warning Signal - All Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)
- 1430 No Races to Start after this Time
- ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation and Light Appetizers (Ball Room)

9. VENUE

The racing area will be west of FYC on Mobile Bay. Sailing Instructions will contain further details.

10. SCORING & RACE DAYS

- 10.1 Each class shall be scored using RRS Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 10.2 Racing scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Capdevielle will follow GYA sailing reg 14.1 (Five (5) races). Other classes will attempt Six (6) races.
- 10.3 Three (3) races are scheduled for the GYA Masters. All races will be attempted on Saturday, weather permitting.
- 10.4 Three (3) boats will constitute a class in any one design fleet.
- 10.5 The Open Viper 640 class will start with the Capdevielle Class.
- 10.6 One (1) race will constitute a series in each class.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

As races will be sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for any required on-the-water crew changes.

12. 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, shall accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

13. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Alabama safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race, continue racing, or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing of life jackets while on the water.

14. PRIZES

Awards for Capdevielle Viper 640s and Master's shall be awarded in compliance with GYA regulations. 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 each class.

15. LOCAL ACCOMODATION

Local Accommodations are Hampton Inn Fairhope 251-928-0956, Marriot Grand Hotel 251-928-9201, Holiday Inn Express @ 928-9191

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Howard MacNair, howardmacnair@gmail.com ,251-776-8449

Principle Race Officer: Carl Wainright, carlwainright@bellsouth.net ,251-423-7323

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