



**The 86th Commodore Bernard L. Knost  
GYA Ladies Championship Regatta  
Pass Christian Yacht Club  
June 15th – 16th, 2024**



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1. The organizing authority is the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC).

### **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (which can be found at [www.gya.org](http://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 Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- 2.2. Scoring: the RRS Appendix A 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:

(a) All requirements for eligibility are outlined in the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, and in particular Regulation 21. See [GYA Racing Regulations](#).

- (b) Male assistance is not allowed while a Viper is Racing. Requests for assistance may be granted by the Race Committee via VHF radio.
- (c) Five (5) races are scheduled. One race completed shall constitute a series.

3.2. PHRF Competition for the Drury Dragon Schneider Trophy (Sunday Only):

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. At least half of the crew, including the skipper, must be female. Yachts must have a current GYA PHRF certificate. **PHRF will only race on Sunday.**

- 3.3. Optimist class fleets are invited to compete. If enough entries are received then we will have Red, White, and Blue Fleets and a separate Green Fleet. Optimist Class races will be run on a separate course, with up to five (5) races per day. One race completed shall constitute a series.

#### 4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration is available on Regatta Network which can be accessed at GYA.org and also will be available in the PCYC clubhouse on Saturday, June 15th, 2024, from 0900 to 1100. There are no registration fees for Capdevielle races. The fee for PHRF yachts will be \$75.00 and the fee for optimist class will be \$20.00.

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#### 5. PRIZES

- 5.1. Trophies for Capdevielle class will be awarded as prescribed with GYA regulation 16.
- 5.2. Trophies for PHRF and Optimist classes will be awarded contingent on the number of entries. At a minimum, the champion and runner-up will be awarded.

#### 6. COURSES

- 6.1. Capdevielle courses will be sailed on windward-leeward courses to be described in detail in the sailing instructions.
- 6.2. PHRF courses will be sailed on windward-leeward courses or around fixed marks in the Mississippi Sound south of PCYC, with GPS coordinates of marks provided at the skippers' meeting for the day.
- 6.3. Optimist courses will be appropriate windward-leeward and triangles run on a separate course from Capdevielle.

## 7. SCHEDULE

Saturday - June 15th, 2024	0900 - 1100	Breakfast & Registration
	1130	Competitor's Meeting
	1300	Warning signal for the first Viper 640 race and Optimist race of the day 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 Dinner

Sunday - June 16th, 2024	0900 - 1100	Coffee & Breakfast
	1100	Warning Signal for PHRF
	1145	Warning signal for first Viper 640 race and Optimist race of the day. 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.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 9. 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.

## 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact:

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