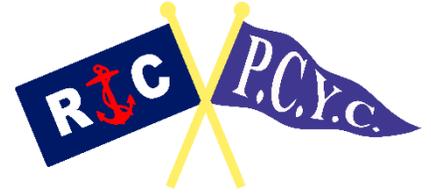


The 88th Commodore Bernard L. Knost GYA Ladies Championship Regatta

August 2nd-3rd, 2025

Pass Christian Yacht Club
Pass Christian, MS



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC)
Hosted by: Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC)

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the Pass Christian 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](#).
- 1.3 The *US Sailing Prescriptions* in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) of the RRS will apply.
- 1.5 2025 GYA Knost Regulations:

21 KNOT LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

21.1 Host Club. Pass Christian Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event.

21.2 Eligibility

- (a) All team captains, skippers and crew shall have been members of the GYA club they represent for at least one (1) month prior to the date of the first race.
- (b) Racing skippers and crewmembers shall be limited to females.
- (c) Regulations governing male assistance shall be established by the host club and shall be published in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

21.3 Teams

- (a) The team captain may also skipper and/or crew provided that the captain meets the gender requirement.
- (b) There shall be no minimum weight requirement.

21.4 Trophies Pass Christian Yacht Club or the donor or trustees of the Knost Perpetual Trophy shall purchase and award:

- (a) All trophies required by Regulation 16.1.
- (b) Plaques (not trophies) for the first, second and third place teams.

21.5 Perpetual Trophy

The winning club shall be awarded the Knost Perpetual Trophy and the Knost Champion Banner.

21.6 2025 Event

- (a) The following applies to the 2025 event only:
- (b) The 2025 event will be sailed in Melges 15s.
- (c) The minimum number of persons onboard shall be two. There shall be a 200 lbs weight minimum of the persons onboard while racing. This amends regulation 17.5. Competitors shall comply with regulation 17.6.
- (d) The following GYA rules shall not apply to the 2025 event: 6 (amended for M15 class rules), 8 (amended for M15 class rules), & 18.
- (e) Melges class rules shall apply except for C3.1, C3.2, C3.3, this amends GYA rule 2.2



2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Regatta Registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located in the bar of PCYC.

3.2 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.

3.3 [DP] 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 Class.

4.2 See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events 17.3 (c) For 2025 Knost only, a skipper shall be the helmsperson in no more than three (3) races.

4.3 The Open Melges 15 Class is open to female sailors. There are no crew restrictions for the Open Melges 15 Class.

4.4 Registration shall take place online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28965>.

4.5 All sailors in this event shall be female. No men are allowed to race.

4.6 Optimist class fleets are invited to compete. If enough entries are received then we will have Red, White, Blue and 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.

5. FEES

5.1 GYA Capdevielle -- No fee.

5.2 Open Melges 15 -- \$45

5.3 Optimist Class -- \$45

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events Rule 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements.

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.

8.2 The maximum number of races to be attempted on the first day of racing is 8

8.3 See the table for the scheduled warning signal time for each day's first race.

8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 2:30pm.

SATURDAY, August 2nd

8:30am-10:45am	Regatta Registration and Check-In in the ballroom.
9:00am	Breakfast in the Bar
11:00am	Competitors Meeting in the bar.
12:55pm	Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
6:00pm	PCYC Luau & Knost Luau Party

SUNDAY, August 3rd

9:00am	Breakfast in the Bar
10:55am	Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
ASAP	After Racing - Trophy Presentation in the bar.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be just South-East of the Pass Christian City Harbor.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.
- 10.2 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 10.4 One Design classes may sail more races at the discretion of the PRO on their course.
- 10.6 The Open Melges 15 Class will NOT start with the Capdevielle Class. It will start after and be scored separately.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Mississippi safety equipment regulations.

13. TROPHIES

Trophies for the Capdevielle Class will be presented per GYA Regulations. Trophies for the Open Melges 15 Class will be awarded to the first-place finishers, with additional trophies potentially awarded based on the number of boats competing in each class. The Host Club may also present additional trophies at their discretion.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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