



GYA WEATHERLY REGATTA
JULY 26-27, 2025
GULFPORT YACHT CLUB, GULFPORT, MS



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: **GULFPORT YACHT CLUB (GYC)**
Hosted by: **GULFPORT YACHT CLUB (GYC)**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the Gulfport 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](https://www.gya.org/documents/bylawsregs/racingregs.pdf)
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- 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 I. (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) and Appendix T (ARBITRATION) of the RRS will apply.
- 1.5 Protests alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 shall not be accepted if they are from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1730 on July 25th at the registration desk and online.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the lower deck of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 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 Viper 640's
- 4.3 All other classes are open to all sailors. Handicap Spinnaker and non-Spinnaker will sail with PHRF time on distance ratings. If a competitor does not have a traditional PHRF certificate, a rating will be assigned by the RC (NP).
- 4.4 Registration shall take place online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29011>
. The registration deadline is 1030 on Saturday, July 26.

5. FEES

- 5.1 GYA Capdevielle Viper 640s – No entry fee. All other one-design and handicap classes – \$50.00 entry fee.
- 5.2 Open one-design classes include: Open Viper 640, Melges 15, VX One, and Handicap divisions (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker).

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See GYA Regulation 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements. GYA Regulation 17.7 does not apply to this event.

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 5.4 and 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 8.2 The maximum number of races to be attempted on the first day of racing is 3.
- 8.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:30.
- 8.4 For ALL fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 8.5 See below the scheduled warning signal time for each day's first race.
- 8.6 The warning signal for each day's second and subsequent races shall be made as soon as practical after finishing the first race and after any necessary crew changes.

FRIDAY July 25

1730-1900 Regatta Registration and Check-In (Regatta Room)

SATURDAY July 26

0900-1030 Regatta Registration and Check-In (Regatta Room)
1100 Competitors Meeting (Lower Deck)
1225 First Warning Signal for Handicap Class(es)
1255 First Warning Signal for Capdevielle and One Design Classes
(back-to-back races to follow)

SUNDAY July 27

1030 Warning Signal Handicap Class(es)
1100 First Warning Signal for Capdevielle and One Design Classes
(back-to-back races to follow)
1530 No races start after this time
ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation (Lower Deck)

9. VENUE

The racing area will be the Mississippi Sound Southeast of GYC.

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.

- 10.3 Five (5) races are scheduled for One Design classes, of which one will constitute a series. Two (2) races are scheduled for the Handicap Class, of which one will constitute a series. Three (3) boats will constitute a class in any one design or handicap fleet.
- 10.4 The Open Viper 640 class will start with the Capdevielle Class.

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. 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. TROPHIES

Trophies for the Capdevielle Viper 640s will be presented per GYA Regulations. Trophies for the Open Viper 640 fleet, one-design fleets, and handicap 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 its discretion.

15. LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Courtyard Marriott Gulfport Beachfront – 1600 East Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39501
Holiday Inn Express – 4302 West Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39501
Centennial Plaza (2 Hotels on Site) – 200 East Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39507

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Sandy Dowdle – sdowdle609@att.net
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