



# GYA WEATHERLY REGATTA

JULY 26-27, 2025

Organizing Authority: Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC)

Hosted by: Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC),  
Gulfport, Mississippi



## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.2 The *US Sailing Prescriptions* in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.3 The following rules are changed by this SI;
  - SI 4.2 – RRS Signals
  - SI 8 – RRS A5
  - SI 11.3 – RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2
  - SI 11.4 – 61.4(b)(1)
  - SI 14 – RRS 44.1
  - SI 15.3 – RRS 35, A4, A5, A10
  - SI 17.2 – RRS A4, A10

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck. At the end of each day of racing, the Race Committee (RC) shall post its docking time as well as any RC actions. Notices of protest hearings and requests for redress shall be posted here within 20 minutes of the expiration of protest time.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk at located in the club office one hour before the Competitors Meeting. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted on the official notice board 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 on the official notice board by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located on the east side of the club property.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS race signals AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 See GYA Sailing Regulation 5.4 and 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 5.2 The maximum number of races to be sailed on the first day of racing is: 3 (Refer to GYA Sailing Regulation 5.4(e)).
- 5.3 For ALL fleets except Capdevielle and GYA Masters, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

### **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)

1255 Warning Signal for Capdevielle and One Design Classes (back-to-back races to follow)

### **SUNDAY July 27**

1100 Warning Signal 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)

- 5.4 The warning signal for the second and subsequent races of each day shall be made as soon as practical after the finish of the first race and after any necessary crew changes.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 Capdevielle Viper 640 / Viper Open Fleet - GYA burgee. One Design class flags will be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 6.2 The initial order of starts will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

## **7 RACING AREA**

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

## **8 CHECK IN**

[DP] Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race of the day. This modifies RRS A5.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the race courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be a green tetrahedron and 2g (gate) will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball.
- 10.2 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 The finishing marks will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby orange ball.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of an orange ball on the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her bow number on a VHF radio channel provided at the competitor's meeting. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall 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 shall be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat on the port end and the course side of orange ball on the starboard end.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Appendix T (ARBITRATION) of the RRS shall apply.
- 14.2 Appendix V I. (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 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 RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10.

## **16 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protests forms shall be available at the regatta official notice board. Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit for each day of racing is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress shall 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.
- 16.4 Hearings will be held in the skipper room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This is in addition to RRS 61.2(b)(2) requirements.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 For Capdevielle Class refer to GYA Sailing Regulations 5.3
- 17.2 A score of TLE will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A10.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Capdevielle competitors shall comply with GYA Section D, Regulation 6.

18.2 **All** boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with the concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued, scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **20. RESPONSIBILITY**

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

## **21 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside the 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.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones.

## **23 TROPHIES**

Trophies for the Capdevielle Viper 640s and Master's Flying Scots will be presented per GYA Regulations. Trophies for the Open Viper 640 fleet and one-design fleets 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.

## **24 CONTACTS**

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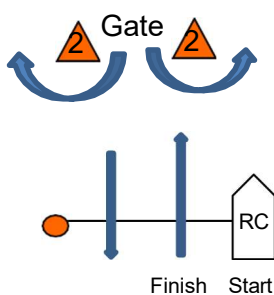
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## Attachment A – Course Diagrams



Course "W2" will be a four (4) leg Windward-Leeward courses with offset marks. All windward marks shall be rounded to port.

Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish.