



# GYA OPENING REGATTA

MAY 3-4, 2025



Organizing Authority: PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB (PYC)

Hosted by: PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB (PYC), PENSACOLA, FL

## Sailing Instructions

**Final**

**Revised 5/3/2025**

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 are deleted. This is an addition to the NOR.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the EAST WALL BLUE PORCH MAIN BUILDING.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located in the club lobby one hour before the Competitors Meeting. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted 60 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Pensacola Yacht Club Flagpole on the front lawn.
- 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 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 5.2 See GYA Sailing Regulation 27.3 for GYA Masters Race Requirements.
- 5.3 For ALL fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

#### FRIDAY May 2

0830-1030	Regatta Registration and Check-In Ballroom A.
1830	GYA Executive Committee – PYC Boardroom

#### SATURDAY May 3

0830-1030	Regatta Registration and Check-In Ballroom A.
0830	Ballroom A – Hot breakfast and Beverages (\$5.00)
0900	Capdevielle Committee Meeting (TBD)
0900	Race Management Committee Meeting (TBD)
0900	GYA Trophy Committee Meeting (PYC Lighthouse Room)

1000	GYA Board of Directors Ballroom B
1100	Flag Raising Ceremony PYC Flagpole
1100	Lunch available Grill Room
1130	Competitors Meeting Ballroom A
1300	Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)

#### **SUNDAY May 4**

0830-0930	Hot Breakfast Ballroom A
1025	Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
1430	No races start after this time
ASAP	After Racing - Trophy Presentation Ballroom A

- 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  
GYA Masters – Fish Class flag

**Catalina 22 – Pink Flag**

**Melges 15 – Purple Flag**

The initial order of starts will be provided at the Competitors Meeting

#### **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area shall be the area East and south of Bayou Chico Channel Marker #2.

Further instructions can be found on the Official Notice Board located on the PYC Clubhouse Blue Porch.

#### **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 vessel and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty as stated in RRS 444.3(c) in the first race of the day. This modifies RRS A5.

#### **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagram in Attachment A is a general illustration of the race courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. See the description of Marks in Section 10. MARKS.

- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and may display approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

#### **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 The starting marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a nearby red ball for all courses.
- 10.2 For the Viper & Melges-15 courses, Marks 1 and 2g (gate) will be Orange tetrahedrons. The windward mark will be an Orange tetrahedron and the Mark 1a (offset) will be a red ball.
- 10.3 For the Fish / Catalina-22 course, there will be an Orange tetrahedron for the windward mark without offset mark and there will be no gate.
- 10.4 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.5 The finishing marks for all courses will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and a nearby red 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 vessel on the starboard end and the course side of a red 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 modifies RRS A4, and A5.
- 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 or sail 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 modifies RRS 61.1(a).

## **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 vessel on the port end and the course side of red ball on the starboard end.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- 14.2 Appendix V1, (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark after starting is 30 minutes.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 minutes.
- 15.3 Boats still sailing the course 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 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 Protests forms shall be available at the regatta official notice board. Hearing requests 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 hearing requests 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 PYC board room upstairs 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 the requirements of RRS 63.7(b).
- 16.6 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.

## **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. This changes the Preamble of Part 4.
- 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 concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored DNF. This action of the RC will not be grounds to request redress (This changes RRS 61.1(a)).

## **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 BOATS**

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 sailed the course or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

## **22 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. Changes in sailing instructions may be made on the water by VHF and/or by hailing (RRS 90.2(c)). VHF communication channels will be communicated at the Skippers Meeting.

## **23 TROPHIES**

Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 and Masters will be awarded in compliance with GYA Regulations. A trophy for the Open Viper 640 fleet will be awarded for first place. Other trophies will be awarded as determined by the Organizing Authority.

## **24 CONTACTS**

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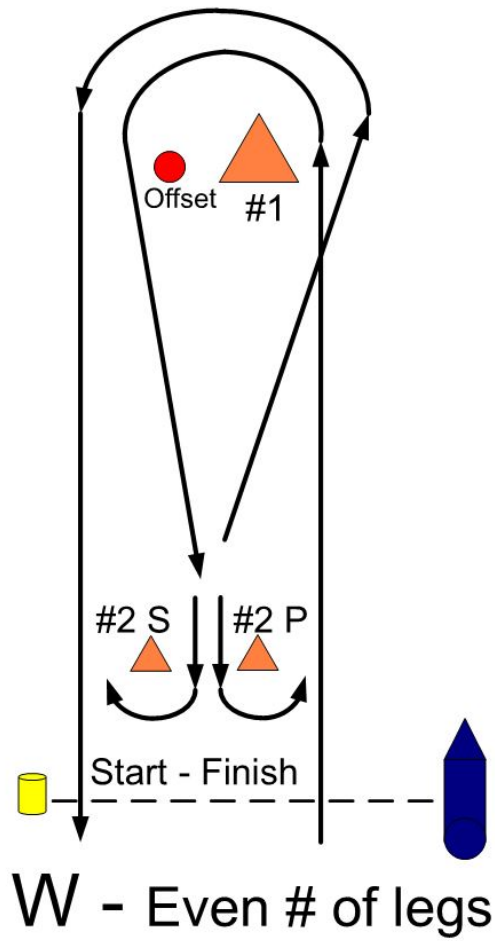
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## Attachment A – Course Diagrams



This diagram is for illustrative purposes only. Actual marks are described in 10. Marks above.