

Sailing Instructions

Spring Regatta and GYA Finn Championships

May 17th & 18th, 2025
Buccaneer Yacht Club
Mobile, Alabama



1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, the NOR, the Sailing Instructions, and applicable class rules. Buccaneer Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority and will administer the races.
- 1.2 Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640 may change Crews and Helmsmen between races.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1 (b) are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V1 (Alternative Penalties) will apply.
- 1.5 Rule 42.2 is varied by Finn class Rule C1:
 - (1) Code Flag O displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 is varied in that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking, and ooching are permitted".
 - (2) Code Flag R displayed with the warning signal or near a mark indicates that: "After starting or rounding the nearby mark, RRS 42 applies without variation".

2. ELIGIBILITY and REGISTRATION:

All yacht clubs which are current General Members, in good standing, of the GYA are eligible to participate in the Capdevielle Viper 640 class. All registration for one design classes shall be through Regatta Network at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29666#_home

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located by the elevator vestibule. 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.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall be submitted in writing to the PRO. Written answers shall be posted on the official noticeboard.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the lawn East of the Main Hall.

5.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday May 17th:

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| 8:30-10:30 | Continental breakfast (Sack lunches available for purchase) |
| 10:30 | Skipper's Meeting for PHRF/Portsmouth race |
| 11:00 | Skipper's Meeting for Capdevielle and one design classes |
| 11:55 | Warning for PHRF/Portsmouth Handicap race |
| 12:55 | Warning for first Capdevielle race (Further Races Back-to-Back) |
| ASAP | After Racing – Trophy Presentation for PHRF/Portsmouth race |
| 19:00-21:00 | Food and Band. |

Sunday May 18th:

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| 8:00-9:30 | Continental breakfast |
| 10:25 | Warning for first Capdevielle race (Further Races Back-to-Back) |
| 14:30 | No warning signals after this time. |
| ASAP | After Racing – Trophy Presentation |

7. NUMBER OF RACES:

For all one design fleets, five (5) races are scheduled, three on Saturday and two on Sunday, but three races could be sailed on Sunday if less than three are sailed on Saturday. One PHRF/Portsmouth race is scheduled. For all fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a series.

8. CLASS FLAGS:

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| Capdevielle Viper 640 - | GYA burgee |
| Open Viper 640 - | Viper 640 class flag |
| Finn - | Finn class emblem flag |
| Fish - | Fish class flag |
| PHRF/Portsmouth | Buccaneer Burgee |

9. RACING AREA:

For One-design classes, Mobile Bay, generally South and East of Buccaneer Yacht Club and North of the Dog River Channel. PHRF/Portsmouth will stay West of the Mobile Ship Channel.

10. CHECK IN:

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

11. COURSES:

- 11.1** The **COURSE DIAGRAMS** in Appendix S-Standard Sailing Instructions of the RRS (attached), show the racecourses **LA** to be used for Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640, and **L** to be used for Fish and Finns.
- 11.2** No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed.
- 12. MARKS:**
- 12.1** On course **LA** for Vipers, mark 1 will be a lime green tetrahedron, mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball, 2s and 2p (gate marks) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 12.2** On course **L** for Fish and Finns, mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron and 2s and 2p (gate marks) will be orange tetrahedrons, (the same gate marks as for courses **LA**). There will be no offset on courses **L**.
- 12.3** The starting line will be between two anchored RC boats displaying orange flags, or a RC boat and a nearby mark.
- 12.4** On course **LA**, a change mark for mark 1 will be a pink tetrahedron. Change marks for 2s and 2p (gate marks) will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 12.5** On course **L**, a change mark for mark 1 will be a yellow tetrahedron. Change marks for 2s and 2p (gate marks) will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 12.6** The finish line will be between two anchored RC boats displaying blue flags or a RC boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby mark.
- 13. THE START:**
- 13.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 13.2** The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on RC boats on each end of the starting line, or between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 13.3** A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This modifies RRS 63.1, A4, and A5. (?)
- 13.4** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified; the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. For Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640, the RC may broadcast her sail number on a VHF radio channel provided at the Skipper's meeting. The default channel will be 68. 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 62.1(a).
- 14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**
To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a change 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.
- 15. THE FINISH:**
The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat and the course side of a nearby mark, or between staffs displaying blue flags from two RC boats at each end of the finish line.
- 16. PENALTY SYSTEM:**
Appendix V1, 'Alternative Penalties', shall apply for Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640 classes and other one-design classes.
- 17. TIME LIMITS:**
- 17.1** The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 17.2** The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.

- 17.3** Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes or is addition to RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.
- 18. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:**
- 18.1** Hearing Request forms shall be available on the official notice board. Protests, Requests for Redress and Requests for Reopening shall be delivered to the PRO or Chief Judge within the posted protest time limit.
- 18.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.3** 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.
- 18.4** Hearings will be held in the Main Hall of Buccaneer Yacht Club and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 18.5** 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 62.2.
- 19. SCORING:**
- 19.1** The Low Point scoring system of RRS A4 will apply, except that no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 19.2** A score of TLE will be two points more than the last boat in the class to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A10.
- 20. SAFETY REGULATIONS:**
- 20.1** Capdevielle competitors shall comply with GYA Section D, Regulation 6, including the use of USCG PFD's
- 20.2** 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.
- 20.3** In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC may order a capsized boat rescued and scored DNF.
- 21. 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.
- 22. SUPPORT BOATS:**
- 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, abandonment or flies Code Flag V.

23. 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.

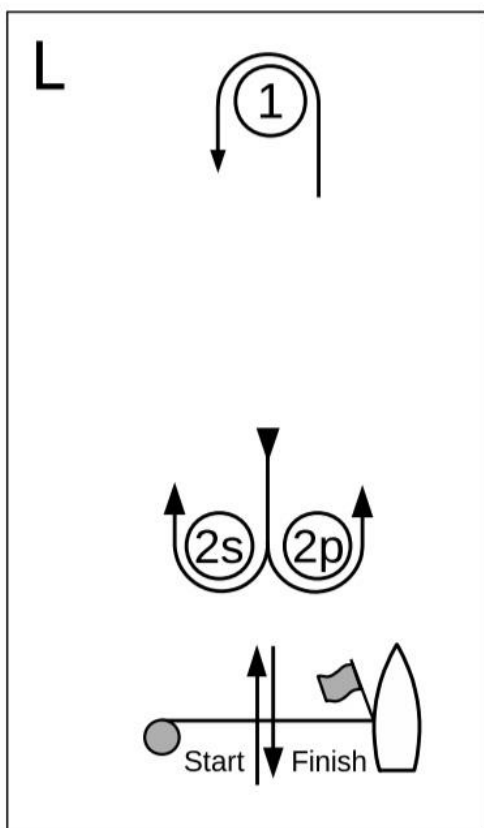
24. TROPHIES:

Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 will be awarded in compliance with GYA regulations: first, second and third place overall, and trophies for each race winner. A trophy will also be awarded to the Challenger Division winner. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in Open Viper 640, Fish, and Finn. The Roy Sellers Jr. Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winning Fish Boat skipper. The Geotechnical Engineering Testing, Inc. perpetual trophy will be presented to the first-place skipper in the PHRF Spinnaker division. Other PHRF/Portsmouth trophies and trophies for other one-design classes (if any) will depend on registration.

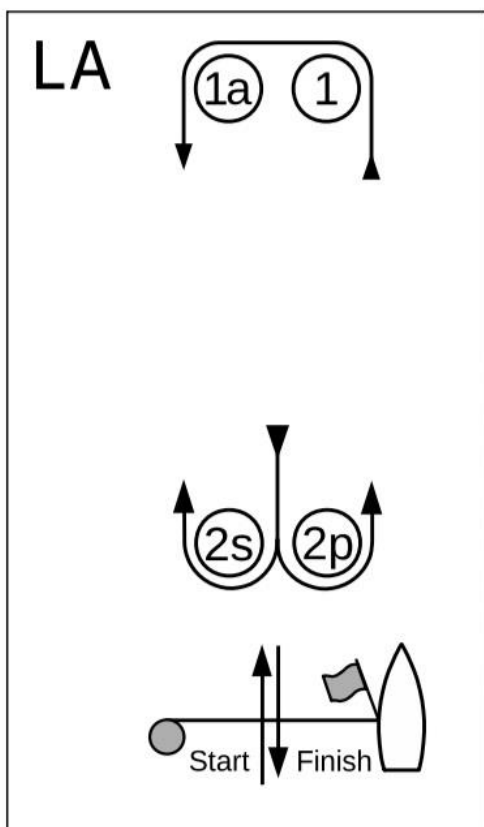
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COURSE DIAGRAMS



| Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish | |
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| <i>Signal</i> | <i>Mark Rounding Order</i> |
| L2 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |
| L3 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |
| L4 | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |



| Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish | |
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| <i>Signal</i> | <i>Mark Rounding Order</i> |
| LA2 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| LA3 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| LA4 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |