



80TH Jr Lipton Regatta

July 19-20, 2025



Organizing Authority: **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**
Hosted Club: **Mobile Yacht Club (MYC)**
Mobile, Alabama

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may not be protested. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by 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 GYA Reg 2.2: Capdevielle Interclub Events. Part 2 of these regulations and the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules, when not in conflict with the RRS or these regulations, shall govern. The following sections of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules shall not apply for GYA Capdevielle events: 10.1, 10.3, 10.4 10.5.
- 1.4 Changes to Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 1.4.1 SI 4.2 changes Race Signals AP.
 - 1.4.2 SI 10.3 changes RRS 60.5b(1) and A5.
 - 1.4.3 SI 13.3 changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.
 - 1.4.4 SI 15.4 changes RRS A4 and A10.
 - 1.4.5 SI 15.3 changes RRS A8.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located downstairs on the south side of the building.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall be submitted in writing to the Registration Desk located in the Main Dining Room one hour prior to the skipper's 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 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the Yardarm on the East Lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes. This changes Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 5.2 Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 19, 2025	0800-1115	Registration/Check-In
	1115	Skipper's Meeting Main Dining Room
	1325	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races. No more than four (4) races.
Sunday, July 20, 2025	1025	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races.
	1530	No warning signal after this time
	TBA	Trophy Presentation (Main Hall)

- 5.3. Per GYA Regulation 17.7, the names of the skipper and crew for each race shall be submitted by the end of the protest time limit each day. [NP]

6. CLASS FLAG

Class flag shall be the GYA burgee.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be Mobile Bay, East of Mobile Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Race committee will not post the course as there is only one course option.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Offset mark "1a" will be a red ball.
- 9.3. New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at one end and an orange cone at the other end.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, or she must comply with RRS 30.1, the Race Committee may announce on VHF 72 her bow / sail number. Failure to hear or understand the announcement on VHF, or the order of hail of the bow / sail number(s), shall not be grounds for redress..

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at one end and an orange ball on the other end.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 13.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.
- 13.3. 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 or is in addition to RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10. See SI 15.4.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Hearing Request Forms are available at the Registration Desk. Protests, requests for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after RC Signal boat docks. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3. Notices will 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.
- 14.4. Hearings will be held upstairs on the north side of the dining hall.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Point System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no race scores will be excluded.
- 15.2. One (1) races constitute a series.
- 15.3. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 20.5. This Changes RRS A8.
- 15.4. A score of TLE shall be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes or is in addition to RRS A4 and A10.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All requirements of GYA Regulations Section D shall be followed.
- 16.2. Prior to the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her bow/sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP] (Discretionary Penalty)
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP]

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside 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. [DP]
- 17.2 For safety reasons, and to alleviate congestion, **ALL** coach and spectator boats shall stay 150 yards below and outside the extensions of the finish line, to allow competing teams time and space to take down spinnakers after finishing a race.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race Committee VHF Channel will be announced at the skippers briefing. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, this includes the use of cell phones. [DP]

19. TROPHIES

Trophies will be given according to GYA Regulations 20.6 and 20.7.

20. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

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Attachment A

