



# GYA OPENING REGATTA

April 18-19, 2026

Organizing Authority: **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**  
Host Club: **Bay Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC)**  
**Bay St. Louis, Mississippi**



## NOTICE OF RACE

**AMENDED 2/28/2026**

### 1. RULES

- a. 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](#)"
- b. The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- c. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) of the RRS will apply.
- d. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may not be protested. This changes RRS 60.1,
- e. Protests alleging a breach of a Rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31, shall not be accepted from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).
- f. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), making relevant information available to all Capdevielle, Open Viper, and Melges 15 boats. This changes RRS 41(c). See Sailing Instruction Appendix A for rules and details.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. All yacht clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA, in good standing, are eligible to participate. Per GYA Regulation 10, each club may enter only one (1) Capdevielle Viper 640.
- b. See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events 27.2 for Master's Regatta eligibility requirements. Master's Class will be sailed in Fish Boats.
- c. All other classes are open to all sailors.
- d. See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events Rule 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements. Rule 17.7 does not apply to this event.

### 3. ENTRY

- a. All registration shall take place online at Regatta Network: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30845> by 1030 on April 18, 2026.
- b. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

### 4. FEES

- a. GYA Capdevielle Viper 640's and GYA Masters Class -- No fee.
- b. Multi-hand classes entry fee is \$50.00. Single-hand classes entry fee is \$25.00.

### 5. NUMBER OF RACES

- a. See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- b. See GYA Sailing Regulation 27.3 for GYA Masters Regatta Race Requirements.
- c. For other Classes: ten (10).

## 6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- a. See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- b. The maximum number of races to be attempted on the first day of racing for the Capdevielle class is: Four (4).
- c. Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 18, 2026	0900-1030	Registration / Check-In
	1130	Skipper's Meeting -Downstairs, front lawn flagpole
	1300	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back-to-Back races.
Sunday, April 19, 2026	1055	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back-to-Back races.
	1530	No warning signal after this time
	TBA	Trophy Presentation (Dining Room)

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on-line on Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30845>) by April 13, 2026 23:59.

## 8. VENUE/COURSE

The racing area will be East of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club on Bay St. Louis.

Courses (expected fleets)

- Multi-hand: Windward-Leeward with a gate. Viper, Fish, Melges 15, Flying Scot, Hobie Wave
- Single-hand: Windward-Leeward with no gate. 420, ISCA, ILCA, RS Aero
- Optimist: Windward-Leeward with no gate. Green, Red, White, Blue

## 9. SCORING

- a. Scoring shall use the low point system of Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.

## 10. 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.

## 11. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Mississippi State safety equipment regulations and Section D (Responsibility, Safety, and Compliance) of the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

## 12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

As races are sailed back-to-back, Clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for crew changes that may be required on the water. If your team will not have a support boat to facilitate changes on the

water, please inform the host club at registration, or before, and we will attempt to make arrangements for your team to be on the water and ready for any desired crew changes.

### **13. TROPHIES**

Trophies shall be awarded per GYA Regulations 23, 27.6 and 27.7. Other classes will be awarded based on participation.

### **14. FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACTS**

For questions regarding this event, please contact:

**Regatta Chair: Weezie Kennedy**

**Principal Race Officer: Clinton Edwards**

#### **Yacht Club Contact Information:**

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**Registration : Online - <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30845>**