



GYA OPENING REGATTA

MAY 3-4, 2014

Organizing Authority: Gulf Yachting Association, GYA

Host Club: Southern Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events apply. US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T, Sections A, B and C also apply.

2. Entries

2.1. The regatta is open to one design boats of the following classes: Capdevielle, GYA Masters Regatta – Commodore John Dane Memorial, VX-One, V-15, Optimist, Open Flying Scott, and other one-design fleets with four or more registrations.

2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying applicable fees at:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/8335>

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located near the 2nd floor grill.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 hours on the Saturday and 0830 on Sunday, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on Saturday.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the “A” frame structure located in the dry storage area near the boat hoists.

5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes’ in race signal AP.

6. Special Signals

6.1. The display of Flag "H" (white and red vertical bars) at the finish of any race means, “Racing has ended for the day.”

7. Schedule

7.1. A competitors meeting will be held at 1100 on Saturday in the main bar area.

7.2. 3 races are scheduled.

7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Saturday – 1355 additional races to follow.

Sunday – 1025 additional races to follow.

7.4. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

On Sunday, no race will be started after 1400.

8. Class Flags

8.1. The Class Flag will be:

8.1.1. Capdevielle – GYA Burgee

8.1.2. FS Masters – SYC Burgee

8.1.3. Open Flying Scot – Light Green

8.1.4. VX-One – VX-One Class Flag

8.1.5. V-15 – Teal

8.1.6. Opti – Pink

8.1.7. Other Classes – Class flags will be assigned at skippers meeting and posted on the notice board.

9. Racing Area

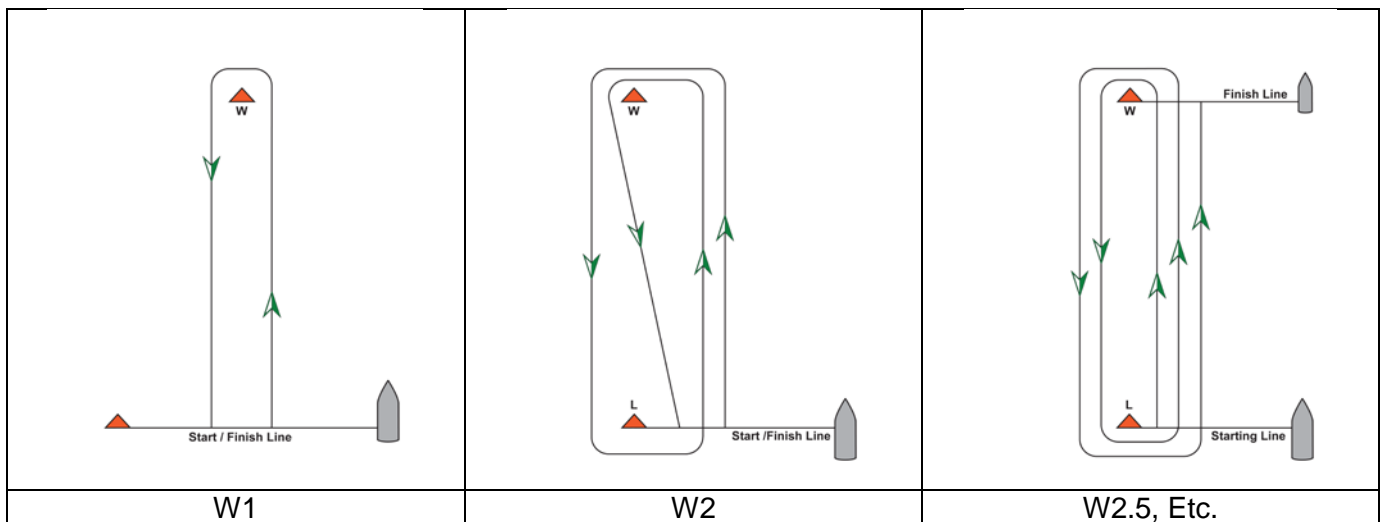
Racing will be on Lake Pontchartrain approximately 1 mile north of Southern Yacht Club.

10. Check In

10.1. All contestants must check in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat displaying code flag "L", prior to their first race of the day.

11. The Course

11.1. The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The courses will be windward – leeward courses designated by the letter "W" and the number of laps. The Race Committee finish boat may be to port or starboard of the finish pin.



11.2. The course and the approximate distance and compass bearing from the leeward mark to the weather mark will be displayed on the RC signal boat prior to the warning signal.

12. Marks

12.1. Marks will be orange inflatable marks.

12.2. New marks as provided in "Change Of The Position Of The Next Mark", will be yellow inflatable marks.

13. The Start

13.1. The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

13.2. Boats starting later than four (4) minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS.

14. Recalls

14.1. The race committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.

15. Change Of The Position Of The Next Mark

- 15.1. To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 15.2. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 15.3. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 15.4. Signaling the change of course will be as stated in Rule 33 using port or starboard shapes on white flags.

16. The Finish

- 16.1. Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the designated finish mark.

17. Time Limit

- 17.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 18.1. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested.
- 18.2. Protests shall be in writing; forms available at the SYC office, and delivered to the SYC Office within 60 minutes after the race committee boat docks.
- 18.3. US Sailing prescriptions in Appendix T Section C, "Expedited Hearings" apply.

19. Penalty System

- 19.1. US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T Section A, rule T1 Applies: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 19.2. US Sailing prescriptions in Appendix T Section B, "Penalties Taken After a Race" apply.

20. Scoring

- 20.1. The scoring system is: Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4.
- 20.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 20.3. No races will be excluded. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A4.

21. Disposal of Trash

- 21.1. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will be subject to protest and either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

22. Safety Regulations

- 22.1. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.

23. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Capdevielle:

Winning Club shall receive the Comm. J. Gilbert Scheib Trophy.
Individual Race and Series trophies

GYA Masters:

Oldest crew member of winning team: Red Jacket,
Winning Club shall receive Comm. John Dane Memorial Trophy
Series Trophies

One Design & Opti:

Series Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.
Opti Green Fleet competitors will receive participation awards.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25. Contact Information

For further information please contact:

GYA Commodore - Ewell "Corky" Potts III - ecpotts@bellsouth.net

Principal Race Officer – George Hero – Ghero@GeorgeHero.com 504-427-5856

Chief Judge – George Goodall - georgeg305@cox.net

SYC Manager - Timothy J. Fitzpatrick tim@southernyachtclub.org 504-593-8204

Southern Yacht Club – (504) 288-4200 www.southernyachtclub.org