



**Gulf Yachting Association Semi-Annual Meeting  
August 30, 2014  
Pass Christian Yacht Club**

**Call to Order 10:01 hours**

**Executive Committee** members present: Commodore Ewell C. Potts, III, Vice-Commodore George Goodall, Rear Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Immediate Past Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., Alan McMillan, Parliamentarian and Secretary Treasurer, Janace Batty

**Roll Call:** 20 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GMYC, GYC, JYC, LAYC, LBYC, MYC, NYCPA, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC, SYC & TYC.

Rear Commodore Catherine Cromartie led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Commodore, George Goodall led us in a prayer and recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

**Introduction of all the Excom members as listed above.**

**Conduct of the Meeting** - Alan C. McMillan as our new Parliamentarian, explained that the 33 club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes.

**GYA Past Commodores were recognized** - David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Tom Beery (SRYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Jerry Ellis (BYC), Danny Killeen, Sr. (SYC), Janet Miller-Schmidt (PontYC), Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. (PCYC), Judy Reeves (BWYC), Ted McLane (StABYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC), John Morrow (GYC), Pete O'Neal (BucYC), & Tootie Barnett (SYC)

Introduction by Commodore Ken Yeoman, welcomed the GYA to Pass Christian Yacht Club. Robin Rafferty will be the Regatta Chairman this weekend and he thanked all for coming.

**Minutes** - Tom Beery made a motion, which was seconded & passed, to approve the 2014 Annual Board of Directors Meeting minutes as previously distributed with one change addressed to the heading from 'Winter' to 'Annual'.

**Financial Report - Secretary-Treasurer** - Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of August 30, 2014 the balance in checking was \$14,783.89 and the balance in savings account was \$15,953.19.

### **Executive Committee**

Commodore Potts said that the Executive Committee, had its meeting on Friday night, and addressed the following agenda items:

- 1) **Commodore Harry Chapman** - offering old memorabilia. There are many extra copies from the UWF archive of directories and programs. These items will be placed out on the table this weekend for anyone to take if they'd like.
- 2) **Sails for Sustenance** - is supported by Excom to ask everyone to donate their used sails and equipment to the cause in Haiti. SFS will prepare a Resolution for adoption by the GYA.
- 3) **Winter meeting** place and time set for January 9-11, 2015 at BYC
- 4) **Process for proposed changes to Regulations** was discussed at length and it was agreed upon by the Executive Committee to support the proposed regulation change process.
- 5) **GYA assessment** will continue to be on dues statements.
- 6) **Newsletter** thanks for all reports given to the webmaster Robbie & Jennifer Schmidt
- 7) **The New Boat Selection Committee** will meet Sunday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m. and it was stated that a diverse committee has been set up to serve on this project which seeks change which is always tough.
- 8) **Lipton 100 anniversary** we need a long range committee to start planning a special event in celebration of this 100 year anniversary.
- 9) **Nominating slate introduced for 2015** – attached letter of Excom appointed Nominating Committee to serve as leaders in 2015. The Excom approved the nominations to be presented to the Board of Directors at Winter Meeting.

Commodore Potts thanked all the GYA Opening Regatta judges and all of the other volunteers at PCYC, who are as follows, Chief Judge, Chris Luppens, Vice Commodore George Goodall, J. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr., and Wallace Paletou, alternate judges are Lloyd Causey and Karen Reisch.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historian** - Commodore Harry Chapman gave the report of the historians' visit to UWF Archive, which included Ken Kleinschrodt, John Matthews, and himself. We are missing several deeds of gift, Lipton programs, and Offshore Challenge programs. Ken Kleinschrodt was told by Dean DeBolt that a scanned copy is acceptable when submitting information to be archived.

**Sails For Sustenance** - founded a charity for sailing yacht clubs and gave history that stated that the charity was formed in 2006 by Jay Smith, NOYC Rear

Commodore & Race Committee Chairman of NOYC and other sailors from NOYC. Donators will receive a valuation from a local sail maker for tax deduction purposes. Call Rick Smith or contact them at noyc.org. Commodore David Bolyard offered his loft to gather, evaluate and ready sails for package. Excom feels that this is a very good cause to support.

**Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. -**

Mr. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. - one appeal was received in last month. There is a need to submit a proper diagram, with short precise sentences in the description. Mr. LeBlanc will go back to the committee again for formality of clarification. Mr. LeBlanc thanked the GYA who paid for the silver plaques, which were improvements purchased and mounted on the Uncle Roy trophy.

**By-Laws Committee** – Commodore Basil Kennedy has no report other than ratification, already mentioned with respect to a prior proposed change lacking notice.

**Capdevielle – Kevin Northrop** - Committee Chair reported that there are a few items that the committee has initiated as “alternate format” addendum to the regulations. Thanked Commodore Taggart for submitting the 30 day notice of meeting issue in a regulation. Capdevielle participation is still down and flat. Eight boats participate, for the average in Capdevielle events and twelve to fifteen for the championship events, such as the Open Regatta and Lipton's. Commodore Potts brought up the issue on number of races for Liptons and believes there is a need to vote for increase in number of races by the Winter meeting.

**Judges – Chris Luppens & U. S. Sailing – Chris Luppens** - Lloyd Causey is a new judge. Area D coordinator has requested information on outstanding money spent. U.S.Sailing is reviewing area D specifically and a written report is attached. Race Official testing is also being reviewed. National symposium conference will be what the annual meeting is called, to be held in New Orleans, LA at the Hyatt, January 22-24, 2015. Chris urges everyone to attend. Thanked everyone for the newsletter. Positive changes are coming next year.

**Membership Committee** – Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. has not received any new membership applications, at this time.

**Race Management** - Chairman, Michael Hage expressed that there is a need for a qualified observer for Lipton this weekend. Standardized Lipton form with legible crew on-line worked well. VHF hand held will be used. Appendix T, alternative penalties, will not be used.

**Racing Rules** – Commodore Larry Taggart helped update all regulations in directory in regard to questions on scoring and proposals coming up so that motions are done appropriately. Too often we've not received feedback because of the timing of the proposed regulation change.

**Sail Measurement Committee – Claude Dannemann** - All is good with sail measurement. Mr. Dannemann and his measurers processed all 10 boats, which measured in.

**Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright** – The 2015 Racing Schedule has been updated. Local events do not require approval by the Board of Directors. There is a need for this information ahead of time.

**Trophy Committee – John Matthews** -

Ken Bowers', appraiser, Quartersmith Jewelers, is introduced by John Matthews. Mr. Bowers' explained his view point of the importance of the history of these trophies. Dane trophy was also discussed and referred to documenting the value and history. Trophies are estimated to be valued at \$250,000.00, and there is consideration for the need for travel trophy insurance. Basil Kennedy is working on a proposal for these trophies. Anyone who wants to submit a proposal for insurance bids on these trophies can contact John Matthews. Commodore Potts thanked the Trophy Committee for all their work in replacing trophies, bringing the value up to date.

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch** - presented a written report, which will be attached. U.S. Sailing website lists all event dates and whether they are a qualification. Her report is in the newsletter which added information of all championship programs.

**Youth Committee - Holly Murray** -

Web page junior board contacts in newsletter handbook are updated and placed on web page. There will be some adjustments which Ms. Murray will do to update the content. Pontchartrain Back to School event for September 6-7, 2014 is promoted. Commodore Potts reports that we're working on the youth structure being a council.

**Foundation – Tod Holman** -

Foundation reported all their monies and this was distributed to all earlier this year. Foundation still hopes to raise the reserves to \$200,000. Foundation contracted a CPA firm in New Orleans, LA, to review the IRS tax exempt form attached. Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Sr. asked a question about obtaining a fund manager. Tod Holman said that he would look into this. Report attached.

**Offshore Council – Alan McMillan** -

Offshore Council meeting is today at noon. Article in newsletter about gate for the Challenge Cup needs feedback. Eleven clubs participated in the Challenge Cup, which was slightly up in number of boats SYC won the Challenge Cup event in 2014 and the event will move to GYC in 2015. Women's PHRF Championship was won by Rachel Gillette of PYC wants to extend to any club interested in hosting the 2015 Women's Championship. Report attached.

**PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery -**

PHRF GYA certificates have decreased. This is Wes Stanley's last year to serve on committee for MS. Next PHRF meeting is September. Need recommendations for MS, as well as a replacement for his position as Chair. Commodore Beery offers to help getting anything out to the PHRF certificate holders and stresses importance of getting race results to them so as to compile accurate information.

**One-Design – Kevin Blank -**

One Design Committee secretary, Kevin Blank, reported Laser and Opti circuit events. Working on better job of information sharing and making sure all of these are placed on schedule in December for January 2015 meeting. Commodore David Bolyard is trying to gather a challenge of the 'go to your first out of town regatta' event. He hopes to gather people up in their surroundings and even go up as far Jackson, MS.

George Goodall- USS sailing symposium will be focused on teaching sailing. The meeting costs for three days for \$200 January 23 & 24, 2015, hotel rates are \$110 per night.

**Multihull Council – Bob Hodges -**

No report

**Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt -**

Commodore Potts thanked Robbie for updating the website and congratulated him on his efforts. Thanked Jennifer Schmidt, also, who just sent out the third quarter GYA newsletter.

**Directory - Cheri Dillard** - directory update needed. Help us with your personal information and email addresses updated.

**Old Business -**

Changes to Regulation proposal was presented by Larry Taggart (attached) as a motion, which was read and copy presented to all in attendance. Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., seconded motion to pass, and passed.

**New Business -**

Commodore Potts introduced his officers. Commodore Potts reminded everyone of the Sportsmanship Award and Steve Monteguet will be here Monday to present this trophy.

Robbie Schmidt explains the Capdevielle on-line registration which is a download in this file directory. Information must be updated. The eblast system also provides a form to add yourself to the list for phone and addresses. Directory information is extremely important to us in communicating to you all.

Commodore Janet Miller-Schmidt questioned money paid to Area D and asked for detail and explained the RSAs \$500. Chris offered the amount of money that GYA is paying Area D this year \$500, which has declined over the past three years.

Commodore Potts hopes that everyone enjoys themselves this weekend. Flag raising ceremony is at 12:30.

**Adjourned 11:20** hours.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Janace Batty, Secretary Treasurer Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_



**AGENDA**  
**GYA SEMIANNUAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, August 30, 2014**  
**PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB**

ORGANIZED 1901 – REORGANIZED 1920

1. CALL TO ORDER -GYA COMMODORE Ewell C. Potts, III (SYC)
2. ROLL CALL of CLUBS-SECRETARY/TREASURER, Janace Batty (BUCYC)
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-VICE COMMODORE, George Goodall (FWYC)
4. INVOCATION-VICE COMMODORE, George Goodall (FWYC)
5. MOMENT of SILENT PRAYER for ILL & DECEASED COMMODORES & SAILING FRIENDS
6. INTRODUCTION of FLAG OFFICERS-George Goodall, Vice Commodore, Catherine Cromartie, Rear Commodore, Janace Batty, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr.
7. CONDUCT OF THE MEETING-Alan McMillan (PYC)
8. RECOGNITION of PAST COMMODORES and SPECIAL GUESTS
9. WELCOME- Pass Christian Yacht Club Commodore Ken Yeomans
10. READING and APPROVAL of MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING held 5/2/14
11. FINANCIAL REPORT - SECRETARY/TREASURER, Janace Batty (BUCYC)
12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – COMMODORE Potts
13. REPORTS:
  - A. HISTORIAN COMMITTEE – HARRY CHAPMAN (BWYC/SYC)
  - B. SAILS FOR SUSTENANCE – Jay Smith
  - C. APPEALS COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN, Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. (SYC)
  - D. BYLAWS COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN, Basil Kennedy (BWYC)
  - E. CAPDEVIELLE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, Kevin Northrop (PCYC)
  - F. JUDGES – GYA SENIOR JUDGE, Chris Luppens (MYC)
  - G. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. (PCYC)
  - H. RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, Michael Hage (GYC)
  - I. RACING RULES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, Larry Taggart (SYC)
  - J. SAIL MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE – Claude Dannemann (BWYC)
  - K. SCHEDULE – CHAIRMAN, Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC)
  - L. TROPHY COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN, John Matthews (PYC)
    - i. Ken Bowers – The Quarter Smith, Jeweler & Trophies, New Orleans, LA
  - M. US SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE-CHAIRMAN, Karen Reisch (PONTYC/SYC)
  - N. YOUTH COMMITTEE – CHAIRPERSON, Holly Murray (GYC)
  - O. GYA FOUNDATION, INC. – PRESIDENT, Charles M. “Tod” Holman (BYC)
  - P. OFFSHORE COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN, Alan McMillan (PYC)
  - Q. PHRF- CHAIRMAN, Tom Beery (SRYC/MYC)
  - R. ONE DESIGN COUNCIL - CHAIRMAN, Ashley Sukalski (FWYC)
  - S. MULTIHULL COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN, Bob Hodges (PontYC)
  - T. GYA WEB MASTER –Robbie Schmidt (SYC)
  - U. GYA DIRECTORY EDITOR – Cheri Dillard (PCYC/BWYC)
14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS-
  - A. Proposed change to the GYA regulations for sanctioned events to define procedure effecting future changes.
15. NEW BUSINESS-
  - A. Recognize Steve Montagnet, Jr., Chairman Sportsmanship Award
  - B. Robbie Schmidt- on-line registration system for all GYA Capdevielle events
16. CLOSING REMARKS - COMMODORE Potts (SYC)
17. REMINDER OF MOTIONS MADE and PASSED
18. ADJOURNMENT



**GULF  
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August 30, 2014

Janace Batty  
Secretary Treasurer, GYA  
5171 Eagle point Drive  
Grand Bay, Alabama 36541

Dear Janace,

In compliance with Article IV, Section 2, paragraph B of the Gulf Yachting Association's Bylaws, Commodore Ewell C. (Corky) Potts, III, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appointed Commodores, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr., John Mathews and Larry Taggart to the 2015 Nominating Committee. Danny was Commodore in 2013 and resides in the state of Mississippi. John was Commodore in 2011 and resides in the state of Florida and Larry was Commodore in 1994 and resides in Louisiana.

This committee is pleased to place before the Board of Directors the following nominees for the Gulf Yachting Association Officers of 2015. All of the nominees have agreed to serve in the positions for which they are nominated. A report of the Nominating Committee will be made to vote on at the Gulf Yachting Association's Board of Directors Winter Meeting on January 15, 2015.

Commodore	George F. Goodall, Fort Walton Yacht Club
Vice Commodore	Catherine (Cathy) Cromartie, Fairhope Yacht Club
Rear Commodore	Michael G. Hage, Gulfport Yacht Club
Secretary/Treasurer	Janace Batty, Buccaneer Yacht Club/Mobile Yacht Club

Sincerely,

*Daniel B. Killeen, Jr.*

Daniel B. Killeen, Jr.  
GYA Chairman, Nominating Committee 2015

Cc: Ewell C. "Corky" Potts, III  
George F. Goodall  
Catherine Cromartie  
John H. Mathews  
Larry Taggart

GYA RACE MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT

Liptons, PCYC, 2014

Pass Christian Yacht Club

The Race Mgmt Committee is still in need of Qualified Observers in general but also for this regatta (Liptons). Please see me after this meeting if you are interested.

Online registration for the Liptons was attempted for the first time ever. Overall, this was a success but there are several things still to be ironed out. Thanks to the help of Robbie Schmidt, we feel this is going to replace the old paper way of registering for the Liptons. The online form created, was meant to look and feel just like the traditional paper one that was mailed out. This year, both were done just as we were transitioning but next year we are hoping to go all online.

This year there are a few changes regarding the racing rules, one of which will take place at this regatta. The first is the use of VHF Radios in Flying Scot regattas. The FSSA has already passed and are allowing this and the Racing Rules Committee has blessed it as well, therefore it will be used in this Lipton regatta. The other change is Appendix T, which is Alternative Penalties. US Sailing has published a summary sheet regarding this if you should decide to implement it. Currently it is not in our Standard Sailing Instructions therefore it will not be used at this Liptons until the Standard SI's have been changed.

Michael G. Hage

Race Management Committee, Chairman

## SCHEDULE

### Semi-Annual Board of Director's Meeting Report

The schedule committee is getting ready to send out their request for information for the 2015 GYA Schedule. To prevent some of the problems we had last year, we need people to check the directory and if the person listed as the contact for your club, is not correct or their information is not correct, please get us the correct contact information.

I am adding Naomi from StABYC as the FL representative, replacing Bernie Knight, and I am looking at possibly replacing the AL representative. Our hope is that the state representatives can organize their states a bit before it gets sent to me, it has worked with Danny as the MS representative and Karen as the LA representative. I'm hoping Naomi can do some of the same with the issues we had last year from FL. I handled AL last year without difficulty, so I don't know if at this time I really need a separate representative for my state.

I have contacted the committee chairs about their schedule needs, and will be sending an email out to the clubs in the next several weeks.

Randy Fitz-Wainwright  
Chairperson, SCHEDULE COMMITTEE



Gulf Yachting Association  
Trophy Committee

August 30, 2014

Report to the Board of Directors

1. The GYA Trophy Committee recommends the following changes be made to the Regulations for Sanctioned Events. The purpose is to standardize the proper identification of perpetual trophies awarded at GYA Sanctioned events.

The engraving on the perpetual trophy awarded to the winner of the Knost Ladies Championship states "Knost Perpetual Trophy". As a result, this title should be used when referencing the perpetual trophy.

*Request the following change be made:*

*Gulf Yachting Association  
Regulations for Sanctioned Events*

*Part 2*

*Section H- Special Capdevielle Regulations*

**Paragraph 32.4:**

**As it reads: ..... Knost Trophy....**

**Change to read: .....Knost Perpetual Trophy**

**Paragraph 32.5:**

**As it reads: .....Knost Trophy...**

**Change to read: .....Knost Perpetual Trophy.....**

2. The Trophy Committee engaged the services of Ken Bowers, Appraiser, The Quarter Smith, New Orleans, LA to conduct and appraisal of all GYA Perpetual trophies. The total value of all GYA perpetual/owned trophies is \$378,050.00. The purpose of the appraisal was to establish value for insurance purposes. The Trophy Committee recommended that all perpetual trophies valued at \$5000 and above and that travel be insured. The trophies meeting this criteria at valued at \$177,450.00. Ken Bowers was introduced to the GYA Board of Directors.

3. The Trophy Committee also supports the establishment of a Lipton Anniversary Planning committee by the EXCOM to prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge. The Trophy Committee plans to refurbish the Lipton Half Model which is awarded to the winner of the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge.

4. The insurance for GYA Perpetual Trophies will be renewed by the end of September. Commodore Basil Kennedy is the point of contact for this action.

Submitted by: John H Matthews, Committee Chair

**U S Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch presented a written report which will be attached. The U S Sailing website lists all championship event dates and whether they are a qualification or invitation event for 2014. Applications are closed for the Youth Championships and for the Junior Women's event, Leiter and Ida Lewis. U S Sailing is in the process of notifying Maddie Murray and Amelie Lagarde (only GYA team) who were accepted for the Jr. Women's Doublehanded event. The Area D Chubb Junior Championships will be at Lake Norman, Mooresville, NC in June; Sam Vasquez is the contact. The Offshore Championship and the Women's Championship will not be held in 2014. Some of the Championships are being combined with other events, for example the U S Singlehanded Championship will be part of the Laser North Americans in 2014. The Adult Championship, which replaces the Men's and Women's Championships, will be held at Ft. Worth Boat Club in J70s. Karen thanked everybody for their support in dealing with the Adams issues. The Trustees of the Adams Cup have presented a proposal to US Sailing, to hold the trophy at the National Sailing Hall of Fame, until it is decided what is to happen to the event. The Trustees and US Sailing could not agree on an appropriate event to award the Adams Cup. Karen has contacted the families of the other Adams and Mallory trophies, to discuss where those trophies should be housed.**

**Karen Reisch**

## **Engagement for the Gulf Yachting Asso Foundation**

### **SUMMARIZATION OF IRS PUBLICATIONS**

#### **526 "CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS"**

#### **1771 "CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS-SUBSTANTIATION AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS"**

#### **4302 "A CHARITY'S GUIDE TO VEHICLE DONATIONS"**

#### **4303 "A DONOR'S GUIDE TO VEHICLE DONATIONS"**

To: 1) research and determine the tax implications of a particular transaction or transactions; and  
2) providing business tax advice and consulting with you for consideration in making tax related decisions.

The purpose of this engagement is to assist the GYA Foundation in determining the tax ramifications of certain transactions. Specifically, will:

1. Understand the provided organizational documents and the Foundation's stated purpose within the current IRS code. (GYAF Articles of organization & Bylaws, IRS Letters 8/22/93 & 6/9/98, objectives and policies 8/30/03 and 2012 990ez)
2. Propose the specific direction on how to handle arms length transactions when Gulf Yachting Association members donate assets that are for the use for furthering the mission of the GYA Foundation.
3. Suggest the proper direction within IRS guidelines for the treatment of donated assets that further and support the sailing mission that generate revenue.

It is understood that there is no direct entity relation between the GYA Foundation and the GYA. However there is an affiliation through common goals of supporting sailing etc. Additionally the GYA is composed of 30 member Yacht Clubs across the gulf area that serves to coordinate the activities of its members clubs and individual members (per the Treasurer) .

Generally, there should not be an adverse impact on a charity's tax-exempt status if the organization does any of the following with donated vessels:

1. Sells the donated vessels and uses the proceeds exclusively to fund its charitable programs.
2. Regularly uses the vessels for a significant period of time to conduct activities that substantially further its charitable programs.
3. Sells the vessel after it makes a material improvement to the vessel and then uses the proceeds to exclusively further its charitable programs.
4. Distributes the vessels at a price significantly below fair market value to needy individuals.

## WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATION

If a donor contributes a vessel and claims the value of the vessel is more than \$500, the charity is required to provide a contemporaneous written acknowledgement to the donor, such as Form 1098-C, *Contributions of Motor Vehicle, Boats, and Airplanes* within 30 days of the contribution, except if the intention of the charity is to sell the vessel at fair market value, then the acknowledgment must be within 30 days of the vessel's sale. The Form 1098-C must be sent to the IRS by February 28<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year in which the charity provides the acknowledgment to the donor.

All acknowledgments to donors must include the following information, plus information on what the charity did or intends to do with the vessel:

1. The donor's names and taxpayer identification number
2. The vessel identification number
3. The date of the contribution
4. One of the following:
  - A statement that no goods or services were provided by the charity in return for the donation, if that was the case.
  - A description and good faith estimate of the value of goods or services, if any, that the charity provided in return for the donation.
  - A statement that goods or services provided by the charity consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits, if that was the case.

### CHARITY INTENDS TO SELL THE VESSEL

If the charity sells the vessel for more than \$500, the acknowledgment must also include a statement certifying that the vessel was sold in an arm's length transaction between unrelated parties; the date the vessel was sold; the gross proceeds received from the sale; and a statement that the donor's deduction may not exceed the gross proceeds from the sale.

### CHARITY INTENDS A SIGNIFICANT INTERVENING USE OF THE VESSEL

To qualify as a Significant Intervening Use, the charity must use the vessel to substantially further its regularly conducted activities, and the use must be considerable. In most cases, if the property is held by the charity and used for at least three years, the donor's deduction will be fair market value as of the date of the contribution.

For these vessels, the acknowledgment must include a statement certifying the charity intends to make a significant intervening use of the donated vessel; a detailed statement of the intended use; a detailed statement of the duration of that use; and a certification that the vessel will not be sold before completion of that use.

However, at the date the charity disposes the vessel, a donor must recapture part of the charitable contribution deduction by including it in income, if the follow statements are true:

1. The claimed value and related deduction of more than \$5,000 was more than the taxpayer's basis in the property.
2. The charity sells, trades, or otherwise disposes of the property after the year it was contributed, but within 3 years of the contribution. The deduction is then limited to gross proceeds from the sale of the vessel.
3. The charity does not provide a written statement (such as on Form 8282, Part IV), signed by an officer of the organization that certifies its use of the property was substantial and related to the organization's purpose or certifies that the intended use of the property became impossible.

#### CHARITY INTENDS TO MAKE A MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE VESSEL

A material improvement includes a major repair or improvement that results in a significant increase in the vessel's value. In this situation, the acknowledgment must include a statement that the charity intends to make a material improvement to the donated vessel; a detailed description of the intended material improvement; and a certification that the vessel will not be sold before completion of the improvement. The donor's deduction is the fair market value of the vessel as of the date of the contribution.

#### DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000

For vessel donations with fair market values in excess of \$5,000 a qualified appraisal is required. For boat donations, this valuation must be performed by a marine surveyor within 60 days of the contribution.

It appears that in your GYAF Articles of Incorporation (Article II Section n) of your organizational documents that it allows the foundation to receive gifts ( Including Vessels ) and to use those gifts for the specified purposes and that as long as you document that it is for the purposes of the Gulf Yachting Association Foundation Inc and comply with the above guidance, then the boat donation should be allowed according to IRS 501© (3) requirements.

## **CLASSIFICATION OF RENTAL INCOME DERIVED FROM PERSONAL PROPERTY (INCLUDING BOATS)**

Vessel rental income from an exempt function is typically classified as program-related investment income. Specifically, rental income received from an affiliated GYA organization is considered program service revenue for purposes of the Form 990. Based on the understanding that the organizations leasing the boat will be related/affiliated sailing clubs, and this will aid in the mission of the organization and this will be documented, this transaction appears to meet the criteria of program service revenue and not considered unrelated business income subject to tax.

Unrelated business income is the income derived from a trade or business regularly conducted by an exempt organization and not substantially related to the performance by the organization of its exempt purpose or function (Mission of Promoting Sailing), except that the organization uses the profits derived from this activity.

Generally, rental income of personal property, such as a boat, to a non-affiliated person or organization will be classified as unrelated business income and will be taxable.

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(Retired)

June 18, 2014

Mr. Michael Bauer  
Gulf Yachting Association Foundation  
1634 Marina Dr.  
Slidell, LA 70458

Dear Mr. Bauer:

We look forward to the opportunity to provide tax research services for Gulf Yachting Association Foundation (the "Foundation"). This letter outlines our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement.

Tax research services may include:

1. Research to determine the tax implications of a particular transaction or transactions.
2. Providing business tax advice and consulting with you for consideration in making tax related decisions.

The purpose of our engagement is to assist the Foundation in determining the tax ramifications of certain transactions. Specifically, we will:

1. Understand the organizational documents and the Foundation's "stated purpose" within the current IRS code.
2. Propose the specific direction on how to handle arms length transactions when Gulf Yachting Association members donate assets that are for the use for furthering the mission of the Foundation.
3. Suggest the proper direction within IRS guidelines for the treatment of donated assets that further and support the sailing mission that generate revenue.

However, it is ultimately your responsibility to assess the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

In performing our engagement, we will be relying on the accuracy and reliability of information provided by the Foundation's personnel. We will not audit, examine, or review the information. Please also note that our engagement cannot be relied on to disclose errors, fraud, or other illegal acts that may exist.

*James*  
07-22-14

Mr. Michael Bauer  
Gulf Yachting Association Foundation  
June 18, 2014  
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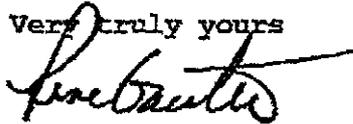
Rene G. Gautreau is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement.

Our fees for these services will be based on the actual time spent at our standard hourly rates. Our standard hourly rates vary from \$130-\$190 depending on the experience level of the personnel assigned to your engagement. We estimate that the engagement should not exceed 6 hours.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe that this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy to confirm your understanding, and return it to us.

*Total price not to exceed \$150 without prior written consent. GYAF*

Very truly yours



Rene G. Gautreau  
Partner

Response:

The foregoing letter fully describes the services required and is accepted by us.

Acknowledged:

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Officer Signature: *Jana R. Miller Schmidt*

Title: *GYA Foundation Secretary*

Date: *7-21-14*

RGG/glr

3209 Ridgelake Drive, Suite 200  
Metairie, LA 70002

August 12, 2014

Gulf Yachting Association Foundation

1634 Marina Drive

Slidell, LA 70458

Client #108

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FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Per June 18, 2014 engagement letter

Tax research  
Discount

\$900.00

(150.00)

\$750.00

PLEASE INDICATE CLIENT NUMBER ON REMITTANCE.

# Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc.

Established 1993

Summer Meeting Aug 30, 2014

Financial report mid year 2014 – Jan 1 through July 31<sup>st</sup>

Accounts Balance 1/1/14

Whitney Checking Account	16,244.50	
Hurricane Account	4,741.76	
Investment Account	<u>126,084.23</u>	
		\$147,070.49

Income

Silent Auction - Checks/Cash	620
- GYA CC machine	1746.52
In Memory of Alan Sheppard	50
In Memory of Walter Chamberlain in 2014 up to 7/31	1,770
Assessments – 33 Club, 5 Affiliates	2,725
Investment account gain/(loss)	2,961.34

Expenses

Grants paid in 2014 for 2013	2,836.30
Fees Hurricane Acct	130.00

Accounts Balance mid year 7/31/2014

Whitney Checking Account	20,319.72
Hurricane Account	4,611.76
Investment Account	<u>129,045.57</u>

\$153,977.05

GYA Executive Committee meeting August 30, 2014 at PCYC

Chairman Alan McMillan brought meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Board members present:

1. Bob Reedy
2. Sam Vasquez
3. Alan McMillan, Chair
4. Karl Boehm, Secretary
5. William Zehner

Tom Berry was present as Chairman of the PHRF committee.

Absent were Ben Faget and Winfield Scott

**Chairman McMillan reported out on:**

1. Challenge Cup held at PYC, please see attachment for details.
2. PHRF Women's Championship held at PBYC. Please see attachment for details.
3. He also talked about PBYC offering up the chance for other clubs to host the PHRF Women's Championship in the future. Alan stated that he sent that request out in the GYA newsletter but has not heard back from any clubs.

It was asked that Tom Berry be part of the distribution list for the Offshore Council Executive committee.

Alan stated that he sent out a letter for the Offshore council in the GYA quarterly meeting newsletter and will continue to do that quarterly.

Karl will contact GYA board to see when the official sanctioned event wording will be added to the "Regulation for Sanctioned events" for bidding on a PHRF Sanctioned event. Alan stated that the GYA board had approved this to be added.

Alan in his report on the Challenge cup talked about improvements that we need consider in the future: Alan added these items to his newsletter and these items will be talked about at the winter meeting.

1. Leeward gates
2. A&B classes going around long mark twice to get boats closer finishing in all four classes.

3. Maybe having the long mark .5 miles from short mark and keeping the rounding the same as this year for class A&B Long-Short.
4. Maybe putting an offset on the short mark to keep class A&B out of that area.

Karl passed around an application form for Clubs to fill out when wanting to bid on a PHRF Sanctioned event: Form was approved by all board members with minor changes please see form in attachments. There is a form already out there that needed updating and this is replaces that form

Alan asked if there was a requirement to have sanctioned events require the host clubs to send the Offshore Executive Committee the NOR and sailing instructions for approval. Karl will look for that and if not will make a proposal to have that added.

Karl had gone through the Bylaws and Regulations for PHRF Sanctioned events, here are the sections that board we should address this year and Karl will work on the wording then send out for review. Entire board that was present agreed that we should work on these items

1. 6.4 And 11.1 Bylaws for Offshore Council rules for holding and executive meeting. (Main point is what does "in person" mean) GYA executive committee has address this in (Section 3 Meeting) allowing conference calls. Karl will write up based on conversation at meeting.
2. Wording to include the holding of two other meeting by the Executive Committee. One at the Opening Regatta and One at the Lipton and whether we need a conference call prior to any meeting to get aligned on meeting topics.
3. Need to get guidance for these sections: Karl will put something together and work with the regatta chairs to ensure we are following the Bylaws or Regulation. Without at least stating that you allow participants that are not GYA club members we are in violation of Regulation 3.3
  - a. GORC
  - b. WFORC
  - c. Gulfport to Pensacola
4. Committee would like to understand why section 6.3 C under Judges and Protest. Karl will talk with David Bolyard and on the water Judges.

Attached are the reports for the Challenge Cup and the GYA Women's PHRF Championship

## Proposal to Host A GYA PHRF Event

**Return this form to any OFFSHORE Executive board member prior to the start of the Annual GYA Offshore Council meeting**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club making a formal proposal to host the  
\_\_\_\_\_ (GORC, GYA Challenge Cup, Women's RHRF  
Championship, WFORC) Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your club hosted this event in last 3 years? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
If you check no, then fill out the entire form. If you checked yes then go to bottom.

1. Does you Club have adequate docking at the club or in the area for the expected number of boats? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Does club have a Hoist or accessibility to a hoist? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
Please describe depth under the hoist and its capacity.
3. Is adequate Lodging available near the Yacht Club? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. Does the Club have the facilities that can handle the functions involved with making a successful regatta (Parties, Competitors Meetings and meals. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If you answer no please explain! \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the club have qualified race committee personnel and equipment to run this regatta? **i.e. committee boats, marks, flags, radios, etc.** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

As a requirement your club will be required to send Sailing Instructions and A Notice of Regatta for review to the Offshore Executive members and Lead Judge" When required to have one"

**Club agrees to host regatta and follow all bylaws that are established by the GYA for this event.**

**Must be signed by an active club officer.**

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Subject: Challenge Cup**

Number of participating clubs: 11

Number of participating boats: 42

Club team positions:

1st = Southern

2nd = Pontchartrain (tied)

2nd = Bay Waveland (tied)

3rd = Pensacola

4th = Mobile

5th = Pensacola Beach

6th = Fairhope

7th = New Orleans

8th = Gulfport

9th = Fort Walton

10th = Tammany

Best in class:

A = Rougarou, SYC

B = Blue Bayou 2, Bay Waveland

C = Rodent, PYC

D = Bruja, SYC

G.Y.A.

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# GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

"Supporting Yachting in the Southeast since 1901"

September 2014

## Calendar

Aug 29 - Sept 1

Lipton Regatta - PCYC

Aug 30

GYA Semi Annual Board Meeting - PCYC

Sept 6 - 7

Back to School Regatta PontYC

Sept 26-28

GYA Multihull StABYC

Sept 27-28

Wadewitz - FYC

Oct 10-12

WFORC - PYC

Oct 25-26

GYA Fish Class BucYC

Dec 27-28

Sugar Bowl - SYC

## Commodore Notes



Well, if you can believe it, Summer must be over as Liptons is this weekend already. Southern is coming into the event with a lead in the Capdevielle standings as a result of a win in the Junior Liptons, Weatherly and tie for first, losing in the tie breaker with PCYC in the Knost. The pressure is on, as the Liptons is the most heavily weighted of the events usually, so that effort continues. It was exciting to see such a great turnout for the Jr Liptons along with the interest from the back of the fleet with the youngest of sailors. There appears to be great interest there and so each of our member clubs should continue to encourage their younger sailors to stay involved with our interclub competition which is unique to the GYA.

Plans are continuing with the Winter meeting to be held in Biloxi during the traditional second weekend in January and all are keeping their fingers crossed that the Gulf stays free of any serious weather conditions as new harbors are being completed and filled with new boats and interest in sailing. Little progress being made in New Orleans at this point, but hopefully that will change shortly.

I'm not quite ready to announce the schedule for the new boat committee, but a meeting of the committee will be held at

the Liptons to approve the schedule and plan of attack. There will be a few boats at the Liptons to show their wares, but it is anticipated to have a formal demonstration in late Oct or early November where all manufacturers will be asked to participate and make their presentations in anticipation of making a decision to present a new platform for the interclub competition. Please remember that no one is suggesting that the member clubs get rid of their Flying Scot programs or boats as they have and will continue to serve the GYA Clubs for years to come.

The Fall sailing season is also right upon us with a packed schedule during some of the best sailing conditions. Please send any suggestions or comments on to myself or to any of the committee chairs that have so kindly dedicated their time and effort to further the goals of the GYA. The webmaster, Robbie Schmidt, along with the boss, Jennifer, continue to make strides in moving the website and other computer assisted information systems forward in trying to make life in the GYA easier with such things as computerized scoring and registration for your regattas along with easier communication channels between the Association and it's members. Thanks to them and to all of the volunteers for their efforts.

See you soon,

Corky

# GYA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## Commodore

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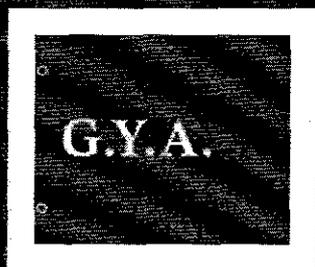
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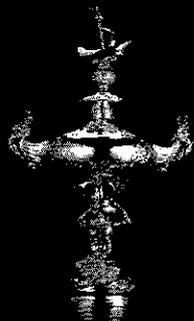
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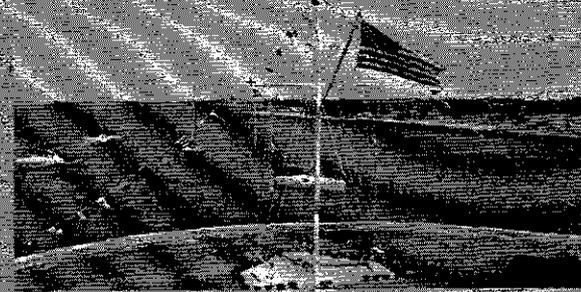
# GYA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



There is a tremendous need at the UWF GYA Archives for Lipton Programs. There are only a handful of the programs available, and almost all of them are from the 70's to the present. The first 20 years are missing, as are most of the 40's, 50's and 60's. If anyone knows of a personal collection and/or a Yacht club collection that have any Lipton Programs, that can be loaned, donated, or scanned/copied and added to the Archives, please let us know, [historian@gya.org](mailto:historian@gya.org).

Kenny Kleinschrodt

# GYA Scheduling



## Capdevielle Standings

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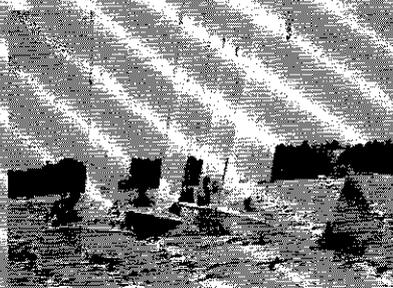
1 SYC	0.9231 (9)
2 NOYC	0.7981 (8)
3 PontYC	0.7834 (9)
4 StABYC	0.7606 (8)
5 FWYC	0.7512 (8)
BucYG	0.8929 (7)
BWYC	0.8558 (7)
MYC	0.8306 (7)
FYC	0.7128 (7)
JYC	0.6515 (7)
PCYC	0.8970 (6)
GYC	0.8209 (6)
BYC	0.6844 (4)
LBYC	0.7068 (3)
NYC	0.6375 (2)
LAYC	0.6944 (1)
TYC	0.6667 (1)
PYG	0.6304 (1)

\*NOTE: It takes eight Regattas to be counted for the Capdevielle Championship. Scores for Clubs attending less than eight regattas are for information only.

either incorrect or the email addresses are no longer active. Please check the directory to be sure the proper contact information is as it should be, if not, please email me at [schedule@gya.org](mailto:schedule@gya.org) with the correct information. On a side note, when submitting your regatta information to our committee, we do not need every regatta your club is running, only a list of the events that have participation from clubs outside of yours.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Randy Fitz-Wainwright



Hi everyone! Well, it's that time of the year again . . . time to start thinking about putting the 2015 GYA schedule together. I would like to ask for everyone's help this year in hopes of avoiding some of the issues we've encountered this past year. When planning your club's regatta schedule for the coming year, please use this past year's sailing schedule to help your club format what you will do for the upcoming year. The creation of the GYA schedule requires our committee to collect that information from all participating GYA clubs, and fit them into the same 365 days on one schedule.

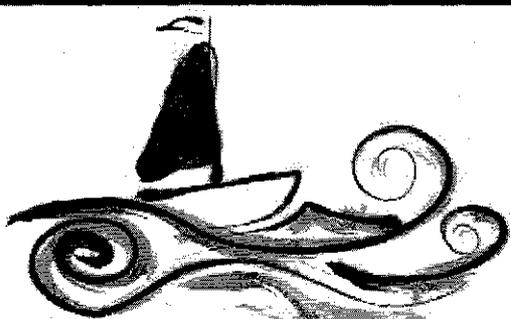
I would also like to ask that each GYA Club Commodore or Secretary be sure to update the contact information for the GYA directory. It becomes very hard to track down committee chairs to discuss scheduling conflicts when the contact person listed in the directory for your club is

**On the water, need to know who is who?**

You can now access GYA Club Sail numbers on your mobile device by going to <http://www.gya.org/nums>

**Not on the GYA Bi-weekly email list and would like to be included?**

visit [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org) and sign up



# GYA YOUTH COMMITTEE

NATIONAL SAILING PROGRAMS  
SYMPOSIUM 2015



JANUARY 21-24 • NEW ORLEANS

The backpacks are full and the buses are running as the youth are returning to school. The summer of 2014 is now just a fond memory of cookouts, sail camps, GYA Jr. Lipton and GYA 420 Championships. SYC Juniors did a fantastic job of defending the Jr. Lipton Cup with GYC, MYC and FWYC close behind. GYC will be the host club for 2015 Jr. Lipton Regatta. The GYA 420 Championship was a fun and exciting series, especially with the last races deciding the champion.

Congratulations to skipper Ricky Welch and crew Grant Johanson of LBYC who worked hard for their championship!

With the close of summer brings, what I think is the best time of the year to sail in the GYA, fall. Our waters are warm and the breezes are cool this time of year, which is a great weather combination, since we have plenty of sailing yet to be done. The Opti circuit still has two events to be sailed the year, the Wadewitz and the Opti-Midwinters, which this year is a Team Trial Qualifier. Laser Radial sailors have the Back to School Regatta at Pont YC and 420 sailors have the Wadewitz Regatta.

We are very excited and looking forward to the twist Pont YC has added to the Back to School Regatta, a

Dingy Challenge Cup! Not only is it fleet racing but, if your club brings an Opti, a laser radial, a 420 and a Flying Scot, they will be scored as a team. I know of six clubs that have their teams lined up for this weekend, a sure sign that the youth are really excited about it! Don't forget to name your team!

I am enclosing my email address and would like to ask each club to send me the name of all juniors of their club that competed in any class on a national level or a US Sailing event. I would like to have the name, the class, venue location and their finish. My email address is youth@gya.org.

Fall also brings the start of High School Sailing. This is a wonderful opportunity to attract the youth in your area to the sport of sailing. ISSA is the governing body for the sport and an excellent resource. If you would like to talk to someone already in the game, feel free to reach out to other area coaches for answers. We are all more than happy to help bring more youth to the sport of sailing. The GYA club's that are currently sponsoring teams are: BWYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, LBYC, OSYC, PYC, Pont YC, and SYC.

Holly Murray

Youth Committee Chair

What should I attend?

NSP is an event that provides sailing education, research, and information for all ages and levels of experience. It is an excellent opportunity to learn from the best in the industry and to meet with other people who share your passion for sailing.

Calendar of Events and Programs  
NSP is a multi-day event that includes a variety of activities, including seminars, workshops, and social events.

Registration and Fees  
Registration is required for all attendees. Fees vary depending on the type of registration you choose.

Travel and Accommodations  
Travel and accommodations are the responsibility of the attendee. There are many options available for both.

Local Sponsors and Exhibitors  
Local sponsors and exhibitors will be present at the event, providing a great opportunity to explore the sailing industry.

Networking Opportunities  
Networking is a key part of the event, allowing attendees to connect with others in the industry.

Additional Information  
For more information, please visit the NSP website or contact the organizers.

Contact Us  
If you have any questions, please contact us at the following email address or phone number.

Event Dates and Location  
The event will take place from January 21-24, 2015, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Event Website  
Visit our website for the latest news, updates, and registration information.

[http://nsp.ussailing.org/?page\\_id=64](http://nsp.ussailing.org/?page_id=64)

Email: [nsp@ussailing.org](mailto:nsp@ussailing.org)

# GYA REGULATION QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Two questions have recently been raised about the following GYA regulation:

## GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events

**15.3 Championship Eligibility.** To qualify for Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible GYA Clubs (17) shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year. Clubs are encouraged to compete in more than fifty percent of the Capdevielle Events, but only the scores of the club's best eight finishes shall count as championship points earned (B).



### Question 1)

In 2014, there are fourteen Capdevielle events scheduled, so per Reg. 15.3, seven (50% of 14) are required to qualify. Reg. 15.3 further specifies that the "best eight finishes shall count". If a club completes only seven events, how is an "eighth" event to be scored? Note that there is not a single "DNC" score under the Cox-Sprague system, but rather, different scores depending upon the number of entrants in each event.

### Question 2)

Reg. 15.3 specifies that "the club's best eight finishes shall count". Under the Cox-Sprague system, a 2nd place in a 4-boat regatta scores 37 of a possible 43 points, for a "percent of perfection" (PoP) series score of 0.8605, while a 3rd place in an 8-boat regatta scores 62 of a possible 72 points or a PoP of 0.8611. Thus, the 3rd-of-8 yields a better series score than the 2nd-of-4. So, in situations such as this, which is the "best finish" for scoring purposes, the higher finishing place or the higher series score?

After some discussion among the Racing Rules and Capdevielle Committees, these questions have apparently been answered by Commodore Danny Killeen Sr.:

"Qualifying for the Capdevielle means that a club is not put on probation when it competes in 50% of the sailed events.

This keeps the GYA BOARD from having to change the qualifying number of regattas after the fact when regattas are unable to be sailed. Previously there was a fixed number which had to be changed post facto when regattas were lost. Alternatively, clubs would be placed on probation when "Hurricane/No Wind" regattas occurred especially late in the schedule year and a club failed to meet the number.

Qualifying is important for retaining "Host Regatta" privileges. It also provides that a club will have a member of the Capdevielle Committee which is where the rules and other items that affect them are discussed.

The number of scored regattas is designed to keep clubs competing in regattas until the last several regattas. This has proved effective in recent years where participation in the final event still left several clubs as possible winners.

All of this was discussed and explained at the Capdevielle Meeting at GYC Jan 2014."

The Capdevielle Committee will review the Regs to see if further clarification is needed.

Larry Faggart,

Chair, GYA Racing Rules Committee



# CONGRATULATIONS GYA SAILORS

## U S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS (Finals)

### U S Junior Women's Double-handed Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy

Madelyn Murray Long Beach YC & Amelie Lagarde Southern YC

### U S Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships for the Nancy Leiter Clagett Trophy

Emily Wright, St Petersburg YC 8/33  
Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC, 14/33

### Chubb U S Sailing Junior Championships Byte CH (singlehanded)

Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC 4/20  
Emily Wright, St. Petersburg YC 6/20

### Interlake (3-person)

FIRST PLACE Liam McCarthy St. Petersburg YC, Josh Dochoda St. Petersburg YC, Greiner Hobbs Davis Island YC

### 2014 Youth Sailing Championships

**Laser** Ty Baird, St. Petersburg YC

**Laser Radial** Nic Baird, St. Petersburg YC

Liam McCarthy, St. Petersburg YC

Patrick Shanahan, St. Petersburg YC

**I 420** Ryan Vittemberg / Robert Gordon, Houston YC

### U S Singlehanded Championship

#### Laser Radial - Gold Fleet

11th Patrick Shanahan, St. Petersburg YC

16th Nic Baird, St. Petersburg YC

43rd Ty Baird, St. Petersburg YC

52nd Charlotte Rose, Houston YC

#### Laser Radial - Silver Fleet

4th Josh Dochoda, St. Petersburg YC

17th Daniel Kendrick, Houston YC

22nd Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC

#### Laser 4.7 Fleet

6th Kyle Dochoda, St. Petersburg YC

### 2014 U S SAILING Development Team Sperry Top-sider

**Finn Class** - John F. Dane, Pass Christian YC

**Nacra 17** - Taylor Reiss

**Laser Radial** - Haddon Hughes, Houston YC

### 2014 U S Sailing ISAF Youth World Championship Team

**Laser Radial** - Haddon Hughes, Houston YC

## CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS & Other Events

**Sunfish Class Junior North American Championship**  
Boyd Housey, 3rd place, First American

### J 22 Mid Winter Championship

1st Benz Faget NOYC, SYC

3rd Zak Farberg BWYC, SYC

### St Petersburg NOOD Regatta

**Hobie 33** - Steve Attard, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

**A-Class Catamaran** - Bob Hughes, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### VX One Mid Winter Championship

Rob Doolittle, David Bolyard, Larry Frost, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### A-Class Coconut Grove Mid Winter Championship

Bob Hughes, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### A-Class "Intergalactic" Winter Regatta

Bob Hughes, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### 2014 Quantum Key West Race Week

**High Performance Class** - Decision, Stephen Murray, Southern YC 2nd

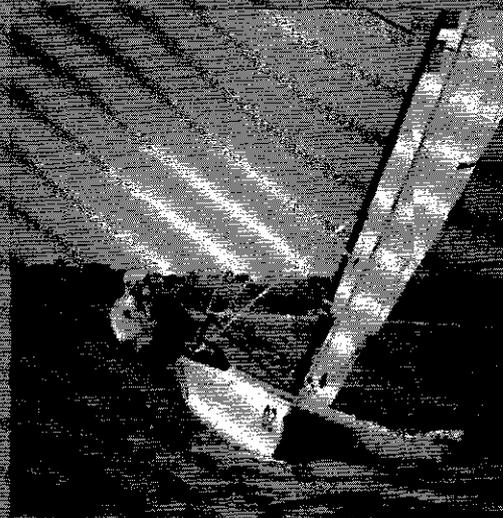
**Melges 32** - Stormyogel, Chris Wientjes, NOYC 7th

**J 70** - Joust, Tim Molony, Southern YC, 9th

### 2014 Etchells World Championship

1st Crew Marcus Egan, Southern YC

Please share the accomplishments of sailors in your Class and Club. Send to Karen Reisch, Championships Committee [Karen.Reisch@useg.mil](mailto:Karen.Reisch@useg.mil)



# Upcoming Flying Scot Events of Interest

The following are some of the "open" Flying Scot events that may be of interest to you. All Flying Scot sailors are also reminded & encouraged to renew their membership in the FSSA if you have not already done so.

September 6-7, 2014	October 25-26, 2014
Back To School Regatta	Hospitality Regatta, JYC
PontYC Mandeville, LA	Jackson, MS
September 27-28, 2014	November 22, 2014
Wadewitz Regatta	FSSA Cajun Country Championship, LCYC
FYC Fairhope, AL	Lake Charles, LA
October 4-5, 2014	December 27-28
Great Scot Regatta, BSC	Sugar Bowl Regatta SYC
Birmingham, AL	New Orleans, LA
October 11, 2014	March 15-19, 2015
Monk Smith Regatta, BWYC	FSSA Midwinter Championship, SSS
Bay St. Louis, MS	Sarasota, FL
October 18, 2014	June 20-26, 2014
Gumbo Regatta, LAYC	FSSA North American Championship, BWYC
Lake Arthur, LA	Bay St. Louis, MS
October 18-19, 2014	
Great Pumpkin Regatta, BSC	
Birmingham, AL	

Further information can be found on the individual host club, GYA and the FSSA websites.

Larry Taggart  
FSSA Gulf District Governor



## RACE MANAGEMENT

I would like to thank all of those individuals who have volunteered their time to be a Qualified Observer so far. This program is still growing and we are working on making it better all the time. If you have an interest in becoming a Qualified Observer, please let me know.

Please remember that if you would like to have your regatta considered for the Excellence in Race Management Award, you need to request (at least two weeks ahead) a Qualified Observer to be there. Please contact me and I will make sure someone is there.

As the Racing Rules Committee has already stated, the FSSA has allowed VHF radios to be carried aboard Flying Scots during regattas so competitors can hear any OCS'. Please note that if you intend to allow this in any of your regattas, certain wording must appear in the NOR and the SI's. This wording can be found in the FSSA Handbook, **Specification Article S-7. This change will be in place for the Lipton's this year.**

Another area of change the Race Mgmt Committee is looking at, along with the Racing Rules Committee and Judges Committee, is the new US Sailing RRS Appendix T, *Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution*. This deals with alternative penalties when certain rules have been broken. More information on this procedure can be found at: <http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race%20Admin/Racing%20Rules/Documents/2013-2016+US+Sailing-Prescriptions+rev.+02.14.pdf>.

If the Race Management Committee decides to allow this to be used in the Liptons, the Standard SI's will first have to be amended to allow for this change. Look for more information on this in the near future.

I hope to see everyone at the Liptons this year and remember if you need any help with your regatta, from writing the NOR & SI's to actually running the event, please don't hesitate to call on my committee. That's what we are here for. Also, please refer to the Race Management section of the GYA website for a further knowledge base of race management items.

Sincerely,  
Michael G. Hage  
Chairman, GYA Race Mgmt Committee

# Offshore Council

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The GYA and 2014 host club, the Pensacola Yacht Club held a very successful Challenge Cup regatta June 27, 28 & 29. The Offshore Council will discuss possible improvements for the 2015 Challenge Cup, scheduled to be hosted by the Gulfport Yacht at our upcoming meeting at the Lipton Regatta, August 30, 2014, Pass Christian Yacht Club. Your feedback is important. Some suggestions include:

Continuing the practice of at least one upwind finish each day.

Incorporating a leeward gate to improve racing by minimizing congestion at that make rounding, especially between the Class B and Class C boats, that converge together at the first leeward mark rounding. Additionally, having a leeward gate may would help reduce the problem of sprit boats converging at the leeward make at extreme angles as compared with the deeper sailing displacement boats.

Having the faster Class A boats and perhaps the Class B boats, sail the longer upwind leg for their entire course. This would give them more sailing and reduce their "down time" after each race, while

waiting for the Class D boats to finish their race course.

We also solicit your input regarding the Class A and Class B breaks. We have attempted (2012 Challenge Cup regatta) to have Class A be a Sport Boat Class, with Class B at non-Sport Boat Class.

Although we received good feedback regarding this concept, it created very large PHRF classes. This resulted in returning to the present practice of the current PHRF breaks, which results in Sport Boats and non-Sport Boats competing together, but in tighter PHRF bands.

The Offshore Council is requesting your feedback on these and any other improvements for future Challenge Cup regattas.

Alan C. McMillan  
GYA Offshore Council Chair

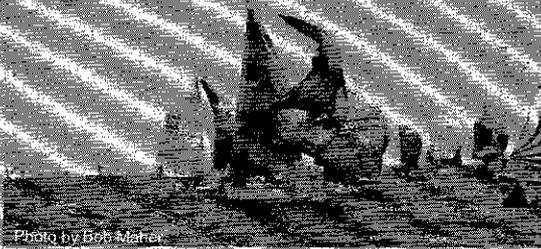


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**Proposed change to the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events to define procedure for effecting future changes.**

Regulation 1 currently reads:

**1 Applicability**

These Regulations spell out the administration, management of, and criteria for events sanctioned by the Gulf Yachting Association. They may be amended by the GYA Board of Directors only.

Change to read:

**1 Applicability**

These Regulations spell out the administration, management of, and criteria for events sanctioned by the Gulf Yachting Association. These regulations may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those members present and entitled to vote provided that the amendment:

- A. shall have been proposed in writing by a General Member, a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, a Council, or a standing or special committee;
- B. shall have been submitted to the Racing Rules committee for advance review as required by Article VIII, Section 8-B of the bylaws; and
- C. shall have been included with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.
- D. if B and C above are not complied with, than the vote to amend must be approved by an affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those members of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote.