



**Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting
May 21, 2016
Fairhope Yacht Club**

Call to Order 10:03 hours

Executive Committee members present: Commodore Catherine Cromartie, Vice Commodore, Michael Hage, Rear Commodore, Chris Luppens and Secretary-Treasurer Janace Batty.

Roll Call -17 clubs were represented & constituted a quorum: BWYC, BUCYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, HYC, JYC, LBYC, MYC, NYC, NOYC, PCYC, PYC, PONTYC, STABYC, SRYC.

Vice Commodore, Michael Hage led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commodore Robert Mace led us in a prayer. Commodore Cromartie recognized the recently deceased with a moment of silence.

Introduction of all the Excom members as listed above.

Conduct of the Meeting – Commodore Cromartie. The 33 seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes. No one may speak until recognized and we will take reports at the regular time and if there are any motions, we ask to hold those until New Business.

GYA Past Commodores were recognized: David Bolyard (PONTYC), Tom Batty (BUCYC/MYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Harry Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Ken Kleinschrodt (BucYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Robert Mace (FYC), Pete O’Neal (BucYC), Danny Killeen, Jr., (PCYC), Tom Beery (SRYC) and George Goodall (FWYC)

Commodore Cromartie introduced Paul Young, CEO of Rondar Boats, Dan Tucker, U.S. Sales Representative for Rondar Boats and presented these gentlemen with a GYA burgee. Buttons (Ed) Padin, Viper 640 Class Administrator is also here. Zeke Horowitz had a wonderful clinic last night for the Vipers.

Commodore Gary Garner welcomed the GYA to Fairhope Yacht Club. Thanked all for coming.

Minutes – Commodore Tom Batty moved to approve the minutes as posted. Commodore Kennedy moved for 2 corrections to the Minutes: to strike Paragraph A under New Business. This correction was seconded and approved. Second correction is to remove the word “his” in Paragraph B under New Business. This correction was seconded and

approved. Following, the Minutes of the January 10, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were approved as corrected.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer. Janace Batty made the financial report and stated that as of April 30, 2016 the balance in checking was \$22,285.87, and the balance in savings account was \$15,955.98.

Executive Committee

Commodore Cromartie said that Executive Committee, in its meeting on Friday night, addressed several items on agenda.

GYA has renewed insurance through Chubb (USS). The policy totals were the same as 2015. Investment account for self-insuring was discussed. Excom approved a new amount of \$3500, instead of \$2500 to be invested for 2016.

Curren trophy is at John Curren's home in New Orleans, LA. We are waiting on trophy insurance costs from Eagan Insurance.

Rear Commodore Luppens introduced 'SAP' a system on time to collect data on race courses. Charleston race week used this system and were pleased. Chris will make an application with USSA to use SAP during the 2016 Lipton Challenge. There will be no cost associated with its use.

Rear Commodore Luppens stated that Judge Emeritus award, per proposal, will be kept at BWYC. Foundation gave the GYA the money for this award (approximately \$180).

There is a Safety group proposed by Commodore Cromartie as an advisory committee. Commodore Cromartie will have more information on this at Liptons.

Nominating Committee for 2017 slate will be Commodore Tom Batty (AL), Chair, Commodore David Bolyard (LA), and Commodore John Matthews (FL)

Commodore Cromartie asks if there were any questions from the board on these Excom items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Schedule – Chairman, Randy Fitz-Wainwright – Randy reminded everyone that they can log their own documents to the GYA 2016 Racing Schedule from the link on original calendar. Commodore Cromartie thanked Randy for being the Regatta Chair and PRO for the Opening Regatta. Report available on website

Offshore Council – Sam Vasquez – Offshore reports that they had 11 boats for GORC from PHRF. It was great having PCYC & GYC host the races. Sam needs a letter from your Club Commodore stating who the official representative is supposed to be from each club.

Appeals – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr. no report

By Laws Committee – Commodore Basil Kennedy bylaw change on January 14, 2016 was sent to GYA Secretary changing name of Racing Rules committee (Article VIII) and errors on minutes. Report available on website

Capdevielle-Committee Chair Gary Rogers- Attendance is up from 6 to 11. Viper transition is going well. There are thirteen clubs with Vipers. The Viper new boat price of approximately \$36,000 lasts until July 2016. There is still a four boat package which lasts until September, 2017. The Opening Regatta is the first race in the sport boat championship series; to be held this weekend at FYC; next one will be at Meigs in FWYC. GYA proposed a way to number the sails and still have a unique difference. Everyone must join the Viper class for each boat. Commodore Cromartie urges everyone to register new sails the first day of use viper640class.com. Report available on website

Judges – Chris Luppens Presently, we have 20 certified judges and we are down to a pool of 9 for the center. Recently, several have taken the judges test at SYC advance seminar. Thanked SYC for helping support the judges so well. Ask Rear Commodore Luppens if any club wants to set up a workshop. Report available on website

Historian Commodore Kleinschrodt has no report

Membership Committee – Commodore, Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. has received one new application for GYA membership, the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Kemah, TX. Rear Commodore Luppens made motion to approve this club for membership, motion was seconded and passed. Report available on website

Race Management – Clinton Edwards short meeting call by reserve clinic. Commodore Harry Chapman requested that the registration be in good print for Liptons. Response was that all registration is done online at Liptons.

Sail Measurement Committee – Commodore Bolyard stated his opinion that the GYA should continue its practice of measuring sails. Commodore Cromartie stated she has spoken with Dave Nickerson, Viper 640 Class Technical Committee. If the GYA wants to continue to measure sails, Dave has stated that he will work with the GYA to obtain templates.

Racing Rules – Commodore Larry Taggart gave a full report that since winter meeting he's gone through minutes and reports and all up to date. Currently there are two new proposals to be voted on at Liptons. Larry clarified for Commodore Chapman that the Master's change will be a part of these voted on.

Trophy Committee – no report

U. S. Sailing Championships Committee - Karen Reisch presented a written report, available on the website. Championships have been changed for the membership or application. There is still open junior women's doublehanded at BWYC May 24, 2016 and junior women's singlehanded.

U. S. Sailing – Pete O'Neal, J22 posting has the ability to change class rules and if not in specific events. As far as Sears, Commodore O'Neal is trying to find out about the details and see if we can resume' into the Smythe. Commodore Bolyard says that you have to go to the proper individual and get the answer in writing. Rear Commodore Luppens suggests that if anyone wants to specifically compete, please let him know. Our contact is Edith Collins, Area D, who is doing a great job. Report available on website

Youth Committee – Tom Whitehurst - absent

Foundation – Tod Holman – absent due to family illness Rear Commodore Luppens explains that the Foundation hopes to have an Amazon Smile account, a program through Amazon Prime which allows you to donate a percentage of your purchase to a charity, set up soon.

PHRF - Commodore Tom Beery Full report available with the minutes on the website. Overall length limit of 20' mono hull, self-bailing, has been eliminated and can apply for a regular PHRF certificate. Five handicappers from the five states on are the committee. This is the last year for Julian Bingham in AL. Website has a new spreadsheet with all the detail on each certificate. Needs results from PHRF races. Report available on website

One-Design – Kevin Blank none absent

Webmaster - Robbie Schmidt

No report

Directory - Cheri Dillard Directories are mailed out and everyone can join as an associate.

Unfinished Business-

Change of Racing & Rules to change the name of committee not noticed in time and will be voted on at Liptons. Racing Rule report available on website

New Business – Commodore Cromartie asked Commodore Taggart to comment on offshore council regulations & bylaws, which will be noticed and voted on at Liptons.

GYA Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy. Specifically, to delete the 2nd sentence of 43.4(b), which currently states: "If skippers are rotated, they must be from the same GYA member club". Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. made the motion, this was seconded passed.

There were two regulations to be reviewed from Winter meeting 32.1 Host Club, additions (c) The Race Committee shall attempt to conduct six races over the two days approved by

the GYA Board of Directors and (d) A race shall not be started in steady winds of 18 knots or over. This issue of the age limit and the wind velocity is discussed. Judges should consider the wind along with the Race Committee. Motion is resented, seconded and passed for the KNOTS TO be six races. 32.1(d) discussion followed on over regulating. 32.1 (d) motion is seconded, motion opposed. The suggestion of no minimum age limit was discussed and it was agreed that the wording added to 32.2 Eligibility “with the exception that one crew in each race – not the skipper – may be in the 9-11 age range.” Motion seconded and passed. Report available on website

Commodore Kennedy made motion to spend up to \$300 to purchase a recorder, recognizing the need for digital preservation of the minutes, to be kept on record. Commodore Pete O’Neal made motion to amend the recorder for use for Board of Director’s meetings only. Motion seconded and passed as amended.

Race management – Clinton Edwards feels because the races are getting shorter there is a need for the 40% rule. Motion is to include Appendix T, Section A, B, and D into the Standard Lipton Sailing Instructions. This is to be in effect for this year’s event. Motion seconded and super majority passed. Report available on website

Commodore Cromartie presented burgee to Past Commodore Tony Smythe, representative of Texas Corinthian Yacht Club, Kemah, TX

In closing, Commodore Cromartie is happy to have a lot of one design boats competing this weekend. All of the GYA past and current club boats will be on the racing courses and we appreciate all who attended.

Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr., made motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Adjourned 11:36 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janace Batty

Approved: _____

May 21, 2016

GYA Scheduling

The only thing that I have is to ask that you remind your regatta organizers and PRO's to post all their regatta documents themselves via the link that they used to post their regatta dates, and if we need to resend that link to them to contact me and we will be happy to resend.

Randy Fitz-Wainwright

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GYA Offshore Council Recommendations for Bylaws & Regulations

2016 GYA Annual Meeting Attachment

Bylaw Proposals:

- 5.2 - Adding all Sanctioned Events to be counted as the third vote in Election of the Executive Committee.
- 5.4 - Adding all three meetings for the Executive Committee.
- 6.4 - Allowing Executive Committee members to be able to attend meetings & vote via phone.
- 6.5 - The addition to allow the Executive Committee to have conference calls.
- 11.1 - Updating allowing phones & addresses replacement after resignation of Executive Committee Member.

Regulation Proposals:

- 58 - Inserting missing regulations for GORC.
- 59 - Inserting missing regulations for WFORC.
- 60 - Inserting missing regulations for Gulfport to Pensacola.
- 61 - The Proposal for the GYA PHRF Championship Circuit. *Adds a plaque to GYA Winter Meeting Order

Proposed GYA Offshore Council Bylaws:

5.2 For the purpose of recording votes and determining the results of such election, the ballots be cast in writing by the delegates of the newly appointed Council. Each delegate shall be entitled to one base vote, one additional vote if his club participated in the last held Challenge Cup and one additional vote if his club participated in ~~the last held G.O.R.C. or W.F.O.R.C.~~ **any of the last held Offshore Council Sanctioned Events**, for a maximum of three votes, for each of the seven persons for whom he votes.

5.4 - The Offshore Council Executive Committee will hold three meetings a year at certain venues: Annual GYA Winter Meeting, Opening Regatta and Lipton Regatta. Present Offshore Council Executive Committee Chairman will set up a meeting space for each of these meeting.

6.4 - The Executive Committee shall take such actions and make such nominations and appointments as the Executive committee shall determine by majority vote of its members voting in person or **by telephone/computer.**

6.5 - Conference calls will be held following the same meeting rules as stated in section 6.2. Votes will only count for the members on the phone at the time of the vote and that will determine the number of voters to determine majority vote based who is on the phone at the time.

11.1 Robert's Rules of Procedure shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Executive Committee and Offshore Council, except that voting by proxy shall not be permitted. In the Event a delegate to the Offshore Council is unable to attend a meeting of that body, then a member of that delegate's club may attend and vote in his place upon presentation of written credentials from the Commodore of said club. In the event a member of the Executive Committee is unable to attend a meeting of that body **in person or telephone/computer**, ~~or in the event of his resignation,~~ the Executive Committee, may at its option, can accept an alternate replacement from said member's club, upon presentation of written credentials from that club's Commodore. **In the event of an Executive members resignation the Executive Committee will appoint a replacement with majority approval.**

GYA Offshore Council Regulations for Sanctioned Events

55 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

55.1 Offshore Council Sponsored Events. Compliance with **ISAF Offshore Special Regulation B and United States Coast Guard Regulations for Safety Equipment** is required. Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if the USCG Regulations are not met.

58 Gulf Ocean Racing Circuit (GORC)

58.1 Sponsorship. The event is sponsored by the GYA Offshore Council.

58.2 Host Club and Offshore Council

(a) The Host Club shall be determined by the GYA Offshore Council Executive Committee at the GYA Winter Meeting.

(b) The Host Club Race Committee shall conduct the event.

58.3 Rating System. Races shall be sailed under the GYA-PHRF rating system.

58.4 Eligibility.

(a) Entries shall be by Members of GYA Clubs (3).

(b) All boat shall have a valid GYA PHRF Rating Certificate.

58.5 Number of Races. Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

56. Scoring. The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used.

56.7 Trophies. The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for the regatta.

59 West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit (WFORC)

59.1 Sponsorship. The event is sponsored by the GYA Offshore Council.

59.2 Host Club

(a) The Host Club shall be the Pensacola Yacht Club.

(b) The Host Club Race Committee shall conduct the event.

59.3 Rating System. Races shall be sailed under the GYA-PHRF rating system.

59.4 Eligibility.

(a) Entries shall be by Members of GYA Clubs (3).

(b) All boat shall have a valid GYA PHRF Rating Certificate.

59.5 Number of Races. Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

59.6 Scoring. The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used.

59.7 Trophies. The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for the regatta.

60 Gulfport to Pensacola Race (GPR)

60.1 Sponsorship. The event is sponsored by the GYA Offshore Council.

60.2 Host Club

(a) The Host Club shall be Southern Yacht Club.

(b) The Host Club Race Committee shall conduct the event.

60.3 Rating System. Races shall be sailed under the GYA-PHRF rating system.

60.4 Eligibility.

(a) Entries shall be by Members of GYA Clubs (3).

(b) All boat shall have a valid GYA PHRF Rating Certificate.

60.5 Scoring. The RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used.

60.6 Trophies. The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for the regatta.

61 – GYA PHRF CHAMPIONSHIP CIRCUIT

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61.1 Host Clubs and Schedule

- (a) The Circuit Schedule shall be determined by the GYA Offshore Council Executive Committee at the GYA Winter Meeting.
- (b) The GYA Offshore Championship Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA Clubs (3) approved by the GYA Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting.
- (c) The circuit will have two categories: Spinnaker Racing Fleet and Cruising Spinnaker Fleet
- (d) The Circuit shall consist of between 3 and 5 regattas.
- (e) The Host Club(s) Race Committee shall conduct their event(s).
- (f) Entry fees may be charged.

61.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants shall be members of GYA Clubs (3). There is no limit to the number of entries per GYA Club.
- (b) Skippers must compete in at least three (3) circuit races to be scored.
- (c) Competitors must race in the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet of circuit regattas.

61.4 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed boats.
- (b) All boat shall have a valid GYA PHRF Rating Certificate.
- (c) Boats can be sailed by different skippers and crew for each event.

61.5 Trophies

- (a) The Host Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.
- (b) GYA Supplied keeper plaque shall be awarded at the GYA awards banquet to the overall winner.
- (c) A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the GYA PHRF Championship Circuit overall winning boat, The GYA PHRF Boat of the Year Trophy.

61.6 Scoring

- (a) The Low Point Scoring system shall be used and each boat shall count the best three (3) Overall Finishes for circuit scoring.
- (b) A non-circuit-eligible sailor's position in a circuit regatta will be included in the overall scoring of that regatta.
- (c) Tie Breaking.
 - i. The first tie breaker will be in favor of the boat that beat the other most in all of the circuit races in which both participated.
 - ii. The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the boat that beat the other in the GYA Gulfport to Pensacola Race, if both sailed.
 - iii. The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the boat that beat the other in the last circuit race in which both participated.

(Potential Circuit Regattas: GORC, GPT to PCOLA, WFORC, & LPRC)

Bylaws Committee report 5/21/16

On January 14, 2019 a bylaw change as proposed by Com. Taggart to change the name of the Racing Rules Committee (Article VIII) was forwarded to the GYA Secretary for inclusion with the notice of the meeting.

Several proposed changes to the Offshore Council Bylaws were shared with our committee and were determined to be outside of the purview of the committee. The Offshore Council has the authority to change their bylaws as long as they are not in conflict with the GYA bylaws

The chair noted that in the minutes of the most recent winter meeting that item A under unfinished business appears to be a duplicate of item A of new business that was approved Jan. 11, 2015.

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Capdevielle Committee Report

2016 Capdevielle Competition:

So far two regattas have been completed, Mardi Gras and Spring. As you know, the third is the Opening this weekend. Mardi Gras had 7 clubs participating, up from 4 in 2015. Spring had 11 clubs participating up from 6 in 2015. So, while it's early yet, attendance appears to be on the rise. Regatta results are posted on the website. Capdevielle scores have been calculated but the latest standings have not been posted yet. Spring was only last week.

Viper Transition:

The transition to the Viper 640 as the Capdevielle Interclub Boat is coming along well. As of today, 11 member clubs have acquired at least one boat. Seven took advantage of discounted pricing that expired in February to purchase new boats and have taken delivery of them this weekend. Member clubs with boats are: BYC, BucYC, FWYC, GYC, JYC, MYC, PCYC, PYC, PontYC, StABYC and SYC. New boats can still be purchased at a lesser discount (\$34,994) if ordered by July 31, 2016. Rondar also has a 4 boat package at discounted prices that extends until September 5, 2017.

The first regatta of the GYA Sportboat Championship and Interclub Series is taking place this weekend. This event has also been declared by the Viper Class Association as the 2016 Gulf Coast Championship. The next event in the series will be at the Meigs in Fort Walton.

We have a proposal before the Class to approve a design to allow GYA sail numbers to be applied to sails that are then used at Class events outside the GYA. Their next meeting is at the Viper International and North American Championships in November. As I understand it, each boat may constitute a class member (providing you join the class) so if you have a boat or boats, join the class and we can vote too.

Committee Actions:

In addition to discussions via email thread, the committee met this morning. We are working on a proposal to reorganize the Capdevielle Challenger Division competition which we believe will increase participation among Challenger Division clubs. The current format of four state divisions will be consolidated into one with all regattas in play for Challenger Division clubs. In addition, the best finishing division club at each individual regatta Challenger Division club will be recognized and awarded a trophy for First Place, Challenger Division. We plan to have the regulations modifications for this reviewed by the Regulations Committee in time to put it to a vote at the Liptons.



Judges Committee Report
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- Per the updated and correct GYA Directory for 2016 there are a total of 19 certified judges in the GYA including certified judges in the St. Petersburg and Houston Areas This is down from a total of 23 certified judges in 2014-2015. This means that the GYA effectively has a pool of 9 certified judges to pull from. The GYA needs to be encouraging new recruits to become judges.
- A two day judge's seminar was held at Southern Yacht Club on Feb. 27-28, 2016. The Seminar was taught by Jim Tichenor – HYC and Chris Luppens – MYC. There were a total of nine participants, six who were already certified judges and were taking the test for recertification, and 2 new judge candidates. Everyone who attended the seminar took the advanced judge test and passed it. Potentially we should be adding two certified judges to our ranks as a result.

A special note of recognition goes to Southern Yacht Club for their ongoing support of the judges in the GYA. The workshop was once again held at SYC and they went out of their way to provide a very cost effective venue for everyone involved.

- The US Sailing Club Judge program is a very cost effective way to introduce new people to judging and it is only a one day workshop. People completing the workshop can take an online test and become certified as Club Judge. Please contact me for additional information and for setting up a workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. 'Chris' Luppens
GYA Administrative Judge

GYA Membership Committee Report

for

2016 Annual Meeting 21 May 2016

The membership committee has received one application for General Membership to the GYA.

The Texas Corinthian Yacht Club application was submitted to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer on a suitable form and they have been recommended for General membership by:

1. Houston YC
2. Pass Christian YC

The membership Committee, consisting of Commodore Kenny Kleinschrodt Buccaneer YC (AL), Commodore Jim O'Neal Lake Arthur Yacht Club (LA), Robin Rafferty Pass Christian Yacht Club (MS), Commodore John Mathews Pensacola YC (FL) and chairman Commodore Danny Killeen, Jr. Pass Christian Yacht Club, has reviewed the application, letters of recommendation and Article III of the GYA By-Laws.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 6, B; the membership committee does hereby recommend that the Texas Corinthian Yacht Club be accepted as a General Member of the Gulf Yachting Association.

Motion for TCYC approval for membership.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 6: Membership Committee, B- Duties,

The membership committee has received no resignations. (Article III, Section 5. A)

The membership committee has no recommendations for Suspensions. (Article III, Section 5. B)

RACING RULES COMMITTEE Annual Meeting Report

May 21, 2016

(Revised April 22, 2016)

1. The GYA Regs were updated from the 2015 copy through the 2016 Winter Meeting. All minutes and committee reports were reviewed to get the revisions approved by the Board during this time frame, and the GYA Excom, and all relevant committee and council chairs were also asked to review the revisions. We particularly thank Cheri Dillard for her review and incorporation of the Regs into the GYA Directory.
2. The RRC makes the following proposal to amend Reg 43: *GYA Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy*. Specifically, to delete the 2nd sentence of 43.4(b) which currently states: “**if skippers are rotated, they must be from the same GYA member club**” as indicated below.

43.4 Crews

- (a) The crew shall number **two, three or four** (the skipper and one, two or three crewmembers).
 - (b) Skipper rotation from one race to the next is optional. ~~If skippers are rotated, they must be from the same GYA member club.~~ Crews need not be from the same GYA member club
 - (c) The same individuals shall be on board each boat for every race.
 - (d) The minimum crew weight shall be 425 pounds live weight.
3. At the Winter Meeting there was a motion passed that stated: “that Racing Regulations review the Knost”. Commodore John Dane also recently submitted some revisions to the Knost Regs. Some of the suggestions included condition guidelines, the number of races, and, the elimination of age requirements.

The RRC concurs with Commodore Dane’s condition guideline proposed additions to Reg. 32.1:

32.1 Host Club

- (a) Pass Christian Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event except that,
- (b) Regulation 23, Judges and Protest Committees, shall apply.
- (c) ~~The Race Committee shall attempt to conduct six races over the two days approved by the GYA Board of Directors.~~
- (d) ~~A race shall not be started in steady winds of 18 knots or over.~~

Commodore Dane also proposes to eliminate all age requirements:

32.2 Eligibility

- (a) Racing skippers and crewmembers shall be limited to females ~~who have reached the age of twelve years before January 1st of the year of the series.~~

The majority of the RRC does not support the proposal to completely eliminate the minimum age requirement. While their weight may prove to be to some advantage, three 7 year olds in a boat are probably not experienced enough to race. The GYA and PCYC could also be flirting with potential liability. Even the Junior Lipton Championship has some age restriction, and the Liptons, by its minimum weight requirement, essentially does not permit an entirely “youngster” team.

A suggested alternative wording:

- (a) Racing skippers and crewmembers shall be limited to females who have reached the age of **twelve** years before January 1st of the year of the series, **with the exception that one crew in each race – not the skipper – may be in the 9–11 age range.**

There were no other requests by any Council or Committee for proposed Reg change review since the January meeting.

We also recommend that whatever is approved at the May meeting be posted on the GYA website as an individual item as well as emailed to the regular mailing lists.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Commodore Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.
Chair

Committee Members:

Commodore Ken Kleinschrodt
Commodore John Matthews
Commodore Judy Reeves

U S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Report to Gulf Yachting Association

May 21, 2016

The Committee continues to monitor the activity and participation of the sailors in the GYA, as they submit applications and resumes and enter the various U S Sailing Championship eliminations and national finals.

The following events are still open for applications:

- U S Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy, July 5-10, at BayWaveland YC, MS, in 420s, Open entry, 40 teams accepted, 29 entered to date, entry deadline May 24, 3 GYA teams entered
- U S Junior Women's Singlehanded Championship for the Leiter Trophy, July 26 – Aug 1, at Sail Sand Point, Seattle, WA, in Laser Radials. Open entry, 40 entries accepted, 24 entered to date, deadline to enter June 19, 1 GYA sailor entered
- International Women's Keelboat Championship, August 14-20, at American YC, Rye, NY, sailed in J70s, Request invitation by June 1
- U S Singlehanded Sailing Championship, July 7-10, at Mentor Harbor YC, Mentor, OH, in Lasers and Laser Radials, register through July 6
- U S Multihull Championships, August 22-26, at Carlyle Sailing Association, Carlyle, IL, bring your own Hobie 18, register through August 17

Attached is a list of participants (to date) in the U S Sailing Championships as listed on the webpages of the individual championships. Deadlines for entry or application to many of the events have already passed. The entry to many of these events has changed from elimination to resume, or regional eliminations, with no boundaries.

GYA participants: Adult Championship, Chris Wientjes, David Bolyard, TBD, NOYC
Youth Championship, Laser Radial, Ricky Welch Long Beach YC
Jr. Women's Single, Camille McGriff, Fairhope YC
Jr. Women's Double, Mallory Edwards / Ali Ware, Gulfport YC
Camille McGriff / Sara Boyd, Fairhope YC
Rachael Metruck/ Morgan Hurst, Ft Walton Beach YC

The J22 MidWinter Champion has served as the GYA elimination for the Adult Championship in the past and in 2016, and will again be the elimination event in 2017. It will be held at SYC in 2017.

The Area D Junior Championships eliminations, which is governed by the Area D Agreement, held the Smythe (singlehand) and Bemis (doublehand) in mid-April, with less than 2-weeks notice. No GYA junior sailors were able to participate. The Sears (Triple hand) is not yet scheduled for 2016. It will be in Florida Sailing Association. The finals are scheduled for August 11-16 at Mission Bay YC, San Diego, CA, in Laser Radials, Club 420s and Lightnings. In 2017, the Area D rotation brings the Junior Championship eliminations to the GYA. The finals are at Toms River, NJ, in Laser Radials, Club 420s and Flying Scots.

As for hosting championship finals, according to the championship calendar, the "Southeast" and "Gulf Coast" are listed as host areas for 2017 for the U S Adult Sailing Championship, and 2019 for the U S Junior Championships.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Reisch

USSA Championships Chair

GYA PHRF RATING COMMITTEE REPORT, MAY 21, 2016

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 479, which is a 6% decrease from the 508 certificates reported at the January board meeting. This decrease is attributed to the decrease in 2 year renewals averaging 6% across all rating areas. (See attached summary)

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "GYA-PHRF.com" or on the GYA.org web site (click on PHRF).

Our May 4th PHRF meeting had a short agenda, no new boats to rate and no appeals to hear. However, an important PHRF by-laws change was voted in that eliminated the minimum 20 foot length overall requirement to obtain a PHRF rating. All boats that are mono-hull, have a self-bailing cockpit can now obtain a PHRF certificate provided they meet other PHRF by-law requirements such as no trapezes. Mono-hull boats not meeting these requirements will continue to get a X-PHRF certificate that limits their participation in regattas that specifically allow X-PHRF certificates in the NOR and/or sailing instructions. Race organizers, committees, yacht clubs are the final authority to set the eligibility requirements for their regattas.

Each Area Handicapper serves on the PHRF committee for 5 years. We rotate one change per year. 2016 is the last year for Julian Bingham, who is the Area Handicapper for the Alabama. Julian has been an excellent Area Handicapper for Alabama and the GYA as a whole and will be missed on the committee. During the year I will be in contact with the Commodores in Alabama as well as other interested sailors for recommendation for Julian's replacement.

A handout is available at the front table that lists, by each club, all boats with valid PHRF certificates. The listing is by club, by NET rating. In the left margin is the appropriate GYA Challenge Cup Class assignment. Race distance is shown for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker races per our Race Results data base. Note that the Challenge Cup requires that one boat in a class/manufacturer model type, such as Melges 24, J-30, etc. have at least 50 nautical miles of race data on file to qualify all boats in that class model type to be eligible to enter the Challenge Cup. Note that the handout only shows boats with current certificates. If there is any question on mileage not shown, such as a boat with an expired certificate, please contact me. This listing is also available on our web site.

Our web site now has a new listing of all the certificate data for each yacht. This is the same information contained on each owner's certificate. This listing is available to anyone that can access excel spreadsheet data.

Timely submittal of race results to gya.phrf@gmail.com (or regular mail) insures that skippers from your Club will have their race results data reviewed by the PHRF Committee at our Annual review in December. Boats that have no current year race data recorded will not receive the same level of review as boats with recorded race data. Submittal of results this past year was way behind previous years submittals. I encourage all commodores to have their race

committees submit regatta results in a timely manner. Large submittals at the end of the year may not be input in time for the PHRF Annual Review which is scheduled for December 7, 2016.

The PHRF Mailing list on excel spread sheets or Gum Labels are frequently requested by Clubs putting on regattas. This is a free service and is provided immediately, when requested. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail (gya.phrf@gmail.com), or phone (228-769-6718 – leave a message). In most cases requested data is supplied the next day.

We now have an up to date list of e-mail addresses and can e-mail (bcc) a copy of your regatta flyer, NOR, SI's, etc. to current PHRF certificate holders that have e-mail address on file (93%). This is a great way to get information on your regatta to most all GYA PHRF sailors.

A Race Committee File (on excel spread sheet) that has all the pertinent race data information is also available when requested.

Proposed amendment to bylaws to change the name of the Racing Rules Committee to the Racing Regulations Committee for presentation at the Semi-annual Meeting—September, 2016.

Proposed by: Commodore Larry Taggart.

Reason: To change name of committee to more properly reflect its function.

~~DELETIONS~~INSERTIONS

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES, DELEGATES, ADVISORS

SECTION 1: STANDING COMMITTEES

A. The Standing Committees of the GYA shall be: Appeals, Bylaws, Capdevielle, Judges, Membership, Race Management, ~~Rules~~Racing Regulations, Sail Measurement, Schedule, Trophy, USSA Championships, and Youth. Said committees shall function as described in Sections 2 through 12 of this article.

SECTION 8: RACING ~~RULES~~ REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. **Composition.** The committee shall be composed of a chairman and such other members as are deemed necessary.

B. **Duties.** The committee shall maintain a current set of GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events, originate amendments to said Regulations when appropriate, review amendments to said Regulations originated by parties other than the Racing ~~Rules~~ Regulations Committee, edit for composition, and give a recommendation for action, if any.