

Gulf Yachting Association

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June 2015

Upcoming Events

June 6-7

Candler - StABYC

June 19-21

Offshore Challenge Cup - GYC

June 26-28

Gulfport to Pensacola

SYC/GYC/PYC

July 11-12

Meigs - FWYC

July 18-19

Summer - MYC

July 25-26

Weatherly - GYC

Aug 1-2

J22 Championships- PCYC

Jr. Lipton - GYC

Aug 8-9

Womens PHRF Championship -

PCYC

Aug 15-16

Knost - PCYC

Please visit www.gya.org
for full regatta schedule

2015 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge

Experimental Format Announcement

Bay Waveland Yacht Club - Host Club

This year only, eight (8) races will be scheduled. The unofficial format, just a heads up, (the official format will be described in the NOR) will be:

Two (2) races on Saturday afternoon, Two (2) races on Sunday morning
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Scheduled races will be back to back

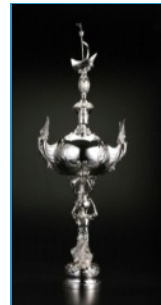
The limits on skippering and crewing are doubled

All completed races will be scored (no throw outs)

Race courses to accommodate the experimental format will be a shorter distance, have a time limit with shorter anticipated time for the first boat to sail and complete the course.

No change to the perpetual trophy distribution for the first, second, third and last race. The last race is the last race sailed which could be race #2 thru #8

Individual race trophies for all eight (8) races will be provided by BWYC



Online Registration for Lipton's

When the system is initialized, it will dispatch emails to each club's Commodore, Secretary and GYA Coordinator. That email will contain a specialized coded link unique to each club, please DO NOT forward outside of your club. The officer should then forward email to the appropriate individual who will complete the team registration. After the form is completed and submitted, it will be automatically routed back to the club's Commodore and Secretary for approval. The club's Commodore and Secretary will receive a unique email with a link to use

for approval of the entry. Once both the club's Commodore and Secretary have used the unique link to approve team, it will be forwarded to the host club and marked as submitted by the system. A status link will be posted on www.gya.org which will show the status of club who have completed registration. If you have questions regarding this process, please send inquiry to Robbie Schmidt at webmaster@gya.org.

GYA Boat Selection Committee

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After a huge vote of confidence by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting in Fort Walton Beach, the New Boat Selection Committee is hard at work trying to put together the implementation phase of the process. The boats are being exposed to all of the sailors at various events and now the decision making process has to begin with information being provided to all of the GYA clubs. Attached is an outline (*see next page*) for the implementation phase and the committee is anxious to accept comments and suggestions from the GYA member clubs and all of their members. Therefore, please feel free to send in your two cents with respect to any particular issues that are shown in the outline, and if you believe items are missing from the outline, please feel free to provide those comments as well. These are exciting times for the GYA and in moving forward with utilizing a new platform to conduct inter club competition, the entire committee looks forward to hearing from you. Comments are preferred to be in writing, but if not, please feel free to contact any of the committee members. Please send your thoughts and comments to any of us.

Very truly yours,

Corky Potts

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Capdevielle Committee

Kevin Northrop, Chairman

The 2015 Capdevielle Season has gotten off to a great start!

Three regattas have been sailed to date with three different winners- congratulations to NOYC (Mardi Gras), Pass Christian YC (Opening), and Buccaneer YC (Spring). Next up on the calendar is the Candler hosted by St. Andrews Bay Yacht (June 6-7), if you have never been to this event I would recommend you make the trip over to Panama City as they do an exceptional job hosting this regatta every year. Great breeze, wonderful club, and warm hospitality!

Finally, I would also encourage those interested in Capdevielle sailing to take the time to sail the VX-One and Viper 640 and give your feedback to your club's Commodore. It is vital that the sailors give their input as to what boat they would like to see as the next Capdevielle boat. There are demo opportunities at most GYA events this year. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to sail both of these boats and offer feedback ahead of the September Board of Directors vote.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water. Please visit the <http://www.gya.org/documents/schedule/schedule.pdf> to stay update on upcoming Capdevielle events.

BOAT SELECTION OUTLINE

IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

I. CAPDEVIELLE SAILING MISSION STATEMENT

- A) More people involved to grow sport
- B) Affordable means to expose sailors to racing
- C) Fair/Consistent/Available Competition

II. AREAS OF CONCERN/NEED

- A) Regulation/Administration
 - 1) Regulations/Bylaws
 - a) Capdevielle
 - b) Championships
 - c) Possible PHRF usages
 - d) Safety
 - e) Time frame and makeup of implementation
 - f) Misc - Ages/Gender/Weight/No. of Persons
 - 2) Acquisition/Use of Boats
 - a) Ownership vs. Borrowing
 - b) Leasing/Chartering
 - i) Short Term
 - ii) Long Term
 - c) Lease/Purchasing
 - d) Financing/Loans
 - i) Private
 - ii) MFR/Dealer
 - iii) GYA Foundation
 - e) Demands to MFR/Dealers for Bids
 - i) Forms
 - ii) Options
 - iii) Time Frames



Photo from VX1 Facebook

B) Maintaining/Owning (Comparisons of Boats)

- 1. Specifications
 - i) Spreadsheets
- 2. Technical Advances/Retrofits
 - i) Hulls
 - ii) Keels
 - iii) Rudders
 - iv) Spars
 - v) Sails
 - vi) Standing/Running Rigging
- 3. One Design Integrity
- 4. Parts/Replacement
 - i) Availability
 - ii) Cost
 - iii) User Friendliness
- 5. Support
 - i) Fellow Sailors
 - ii) Class Assoc. National/International
 - iii) MFR
 - iv) Dealer Networks
- 6. Market Availability
- 7. Usage/Safety
- 8) Portability for Travel/Use
 - i) Trailers
 - ii) Dollies
 - iii) Containers
 - iv) Ramp/Hoist Launching
 - v) Beach Use
- 9. Reparability/Insurability



Photo from Viper 640 Facebook

III. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION/EDUCATION/AND REQUESTS FOR INPUT

- A) WHOM (To and From)
 - i) Various Committees in GYA
 - ii) Various Committees in Clubs
 - iii) Directors
- B) HOW
 - i) Email/Letter
 - ii) Meetings
 - iii) Requests for Info
 - iv) Newsletter
- C) WHEN
 - i) Schedule of Milestones
 - ii) Anticipated Implementation Schedule
 - iii) Future Expectations



2015 Capdevielle Challenger Series

Kevin Northrop, Chair



Hi All GYA sailors,

I Wanted to make sure that all clubs are aware of the Capdevielle Challenger series for 2015. The objective of the Challenger Series is to give young or inexperienced teams recognition for their participation in GYA events and foster friendly competition between clubs that reside in the same state. Listed below is the criteria used to determine the winners by state.

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Rules for Determining the Winners of the State Banners

The following provide a set of regulations to determine the winner of the States for 2015:

1. Four Regattas must be scored to qualify for the Banner.
2. In the event that one of the state required Regattas is lost, the number scored will be three.
3. The top Four (4) Clubs in the Capdevielle Series from the previous year are not eligible for the State Banner.

4. To be eligible for the State Banner a Club must compete in its home state Capdevielle Regattas.
5. GYA Regattas can be used for scoring to bring a Club's total scored up to the required four. The best GYA finish will be used.
6. The GYA Regattas are: Opening, Knost, Junior Lipton and Lipton Regattas.
7. STATE BY STATE REQUIRED REGATTAS:

Alabama: Spring, Summer, Wadewitz and Best finish of the GYA Regattas.

Florida: Candler, Megs and the Best 2 finishes of the GYA Regattas.

Louisiana: Mardi Gras, Sugar Bowl and the Best 2 finishes of the GYA Regattas.

Mississippi: Weatherly and the Best 3 finishes of any other GYA Regattas.

Clubs not eligible for State Banners in 2015 are

BucYC, BWYC, PCYC and SYC.

Disabled Sailing: An Appeal for Support

Published on March 2, 2015

by Josh Adams, Managing Director of US Olympic Sailing



It's been a month since the International Paralympic Committee publicized its decision to drop sailing from the slate of sports at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. Since then ISAF has stepped up to lead the appeal for reinstatement. At US Sailing, we believe ISAF leadership is critical to our chances of overturning this decision, and we are pleased to see President Carlo Croce take this on himself.

As the MNA of a leading Paralympic sailing nation, US Sailing serves a supporting role to ISAF along with our fellow MNAs who integrate Paralympic sailing into the national sailing team effort. In this role we are advising ISAF on the IPC appeal, providing data about Paralympic sailing participation, and communicating with the many leaders in the disabled-sailing community. One thing is clear at this stage of the game—we must maintain urgency in the effort to submit a positive, forward-looking, and winning appeal to the IPC.

You can help, too. Right now ISAF is gathering data and letters of support from MNAs. They also have made it clear that individual letters of support from the broad sailing community will make a difference in the appeal. If you'd like to voice your support for Paralympic sailing's reinstatement in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, we encourage you to speak up and have provided some tools to help:

- * Send letter of support as an email to disabled@isaf.org
- * Address your letter of support to ISAF President Carlo Croce
- * Feel welcome to copy and paste the form letter at ussailing.org (see below)
- * Personalize the letter and describe what Paralympic sailing means to you
- * Disabled sailing organizations, foundations, etc are encouraged to write letter of support on official letterhead

There is a proven track record of sports winning reinstatement after initially being dropped from Olympic and Paralympic competition. Paralympic sailing deserves to play the game in Tokyo, and you can make a difference in ISAF's appeal to the IPC.

2015 GYA OFFSHORE CHALLENGE CUP



**JUNE 19 - JUNE 21
GULFPORT YACHT CLUB**

Register by June 10th & Save \$10 per boat

<http://www.gulfportyachtclub.org/gycregattapage.htm>

**Live Music Friday & Saturday Night
Free Beer after Racing Compliments of
Mississippi Brewing Company**



DOCKING & PARKING

Long term and Trailer parking will be in the vacant lot North of the boat ramp. All participants and spectators must fill out the Dockage Request Form if they plan to bring a boat by water or land. We will post and send out assignments.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1O5mWInTO6IHhXU371PH8IZFXTLm4f9734ZpOA9aPH0M/viewform>

GYA CROSS CLUB CHARGE

If you plan to cross charge back to your club, save some time and have your GUEST CARD ready for pick up when you arrive. Visit this link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ZmQSc09YdjyHMbuNzbhtdw097HSGuTe8XIev6u0wdSo/viewform>

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MINUTES FOR THE QUARTERLY REVIEW, MAY 6, 2015

The Quarterly Review was held Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Singing River Yacht Club. All Area Handicappers were present.
DISCUSSION:

LONG DISTANCE RATING DIFFERENCES:

The PHRF committee recognizes that certain boats perform outside their rating range on point to point (race starts in one location such as a city, state, or country and ends in another) or distance type races. The committee has decided to make a detailed study from existing race results (where available) and other data to define the boats that fit in this category. It is the intent of the committee to issue a separate LD (Long Distance) certificate to be used in races that meet the criteria as ultimately determine by the committee. Southern California ratings for Bouy, Random Leg, and Off The Wind type courses, as compared to GYA rated boats of the same type, were discussed as part of the continuing discussion on this topic.

RENEWAL NOTICES:

Continuing our improvements necessary to streamline the administrative process of issuing renewal notices:

Currently, we are renewing certificates each month as they expire, to expire December 31st of the following year. This is done with a prorated fee from the current month of expiration. In the near future approximately half the fleet will be renewed in December 2015 for 2 years, and the other (approximately) half to be renewed in December 2016 for 2 years, with renewals to continue this way every December.

Up to 3 renewal notices are currently sent advising the certificate holder of the renewal request. Approximately 85 % renew with the first request, 8% with the second request and 2% with the third and final request.

This is an administrative burden as well as postage expense. The following recommendation was accepted unanimously:

Rather than sending out a renewal request, send out the renewed certificate with an invoice and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the certificate holder to return a check or the renewed certificate stating that they will not renew. A copy of the certificate will be included for the certificate holder to mark any changes and forwarded in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. If a response is not received within a month the data base will reflect an expired certificate. This should be a significant improvement to the administrative time spent in renewing certificates and can be implemented in the near future.

PROVISIONAL RATINGS Since the Annual Review:

All provisional rating issued since the Annual Review were affirmed at this meeting.

NEW BOATS TO RATE: BASE NET COMMENT

CHEOY LEE 44 CC CTR 150 159 +3 HD SAIL, +6 ROLLER FURLING



APPEALS:	BASE	NET	COMMENT
BAVARIA B1 "BAD ALICE"	117	117	Requests +9 seconds based on performance

DECISION: TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER MEETING.

CAL 48 MOD "TIARE"	87	78	Requests +3 seconds based on performance
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DECISION: TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER METING.

REVIEWS:	BASE	NET	COMMENT
AMF 2100	228	228	OWNER REQUESTED 246 BASED ON PERFORMANCE & NATIONAL #'s

DECISION: After review of data, the committee voted unanimously to change the Base rating to 243.

CREEKMORE CUSTOM HIS	165	165	OWNER REQUEST THAT BASED ON PERFORMANCE HIS RATING BE LOWERED -6 SECONDS TO MAINTAIN EQUITY WITH OTHER BOATS IN CLASS.
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DECISION: The committee agreed to accept this request and lowered the Base rating to 159.



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2015 Capdevielle Standings

(as of Spring Regatta)

1	BucYC	1.0000	9	StABYC	0.7532
2	PCYC	1.0000	10	FYC	0.7234
3	BWYC	0.9362	11	GYC	0.6934
4	MYC	0.8961	12	BYC	0.6753
5	NOYC	0.8759	13	NYC	0.6596
6	SYC	0.8540	14	PYC	0.6383
7	FWYC	0.7868	15	LBYC	0.6277
8	PontYC	0.7597	16	GLYC	0.6170