



2017 SIR THOMAS LIPTON CHALLENGE
September 1-3, 2017
Organized by the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)
Hosted by
PASS CHRISTIAN YACHT CLUB (PCYC)



NOTICE OF RACE

Amended July 28, 2017

1. Rules

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the “GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events,” www.gya.org.
- b. GYA Regulation 2.2 incorporates certain rules of the Flying Scot Sailing Association which are contained in the class “Member Handbook” and posted at www.fssa.com.
- c. Advertising shall be restricted to that described in ISAF Regulation 20.9.
- d. VHF Communications from Race Committee to Competitors will be attempted. Flying Scot Sailing Association Class Rule 7C is changed to allow the use of VHF radios to monitor the Race Committee (RC) on the same channel used by the RC and to receive notifications from the RC at any time during the race day.
- e. RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1. RRS A8 changed by NOR 7.c

2. Eligibility and Entry

- a. All Yacht Clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA in good standing, are eligible to participate.
- b. GYA Clubs intending to challenge for the championship shall file the GYA List of Representatives form no later than August 16, 2017, fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the first race. The form shall be sent to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer and the Host Club (two copies).

3. Schedule of Events

	Event	Time
Friday	Boat Measurement	1100-1630
	Registration	1100-1800
Saturday	Registration	0800 1030
	Team Captains Meeting	1045
	Warning Signal First Race	1230
	Warning Signal Second Race	As soon as practical after the conclusion of the first race and after any crew changes
Sunday	Warning Signal First Race of the Day	1025
	Warning Signal Next Race of the Day	As soon as practical after the conclusion of the first race of the day and after any crew changes

4. Measurement

- a. Sails will not be measured at the regatta site. Competitors are referred to GYA Regulation 29.1 for sail measurement requirements.
- b. Please see the last page for contact information to have your sails measured and stamped.
- c. The boats of the top ten finishers from the 2016 Lipton Championship will be measured prior to the 2017 event. Those clubs are Pass Christian, Southern, Bay-Waveland, Mobile, Buccaneer, Gulfport, Pontchartrain, Fort Walton Beach, New Orleans and St. Andrews Bay
- d. Boat Measurement will occur on Friday, September 1, 2017, from 1100-1630 hours at the PCYC Boat Hoist. The centerboard will be measured in the boat. Once successfully measured, a boat may not leave the premises.

5. Sailing Instructions

- a. Sailing Instructions will be available at the Regatta Desk located in the PCYC Board Room and in the Team Captain's Packet.
- b. The Sailing Instructions will contain diagrams of the courses to be used.

6. Venue and Support Boats

- a. The racing area will be in the northern Gulf of Mexico, just south of the PCYC.
- b. As races may be sailed back to back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for crew changes that may be required on the water.
- c. If your team does not have a support boat to facilitate changes on the water, please inform at registration and we will make arrangements for your team to be on the water.

7. Scoring

- a. Four (4) races are scheduled. Two (2) completed races constitutes a series.
- b. The low point scoring system of Rule A4 will apply, except that no race scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- c. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 25.2. This changes RRS A8.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

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

9. Safety

It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, to wear a life jacket when conditions warrant and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety. Competitors are reminded that all Federal and Mississippi State safety regulations should be observed. Mississippi law states that children under 12 years of age must wear a properly secured U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.

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Principal Race Officer: David Taylor

Chief Judge: Chris Luppens

GYA Chief Measurer: Claude H. Dannemann, Jr., chdannemann@gmail.com (228) 493-0110

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Visiting Boats:

Please contact Willie Davis, e-mail harbormaster@ci.pass-christian.ms.us Phone: (228) 452-b5128 or Robin Rafferty, e-mail: roraff@cableone.net Phone: (228) 547-4873

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Local Accommodations

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Hotel Whiskey 115 Davis Ave. Pass Christian, MS 39571(228) 493-6200

Hotel Pass Christian 111 West Scenic Dr. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228) 222-2062

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