



Gulf Yachting Association

NOTICE OF WINTER MEETING

January 17-19, 2020
Gulfport Yacht Club
800 East Pier Road
Gulfport, MS 39501

ORGANIZED 1901 – REORGANIZED 1920

TO: Commodores of General and Affiliate Members
GYA Executive Committee
GYA Past Commodores
GYA Standing Committee and Council Chairmen
GYA Coordinator of each GYA General Member Club
GYA Associate Members

The Winter Meeting of the Gulf Yachting Association will be held on January 17 – 19, 2020 at Gulfport Yacht Club, 800 East Pier Road, Gulfport, MS (228) 863-6796. Since some mailing/email addresses may have changed since the last meeting, please distribute this information to the appropriate contacts at your club.

Please find attached proposed changes from the Racing Regulations Committee, Capdevielle Committee and the By-laws Committee, these proposals will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday. A detailed schedule is attached.

Friday, January 17, 2020

1800 Executive Committee Meeting & Dinner

Saturday, January 18, 2020

0830 Registration

0900 Committee Meetings start according to schedule

1800 Cocktail hour and GYA Foundation Silent Auction

1900 GYA Annual Awards Dinner Banquet, RSVP to Gulfport YC gyc.frontdesk@gmail.com (228) 863-6796 ext. 306

Sunday, January 19, 2020

0900 Committee Meetings continue

1030 Board of Directors Meeting

GYA COMMODORES - GENERAL MEMBER CLUBS - Your club's attendance is very important. If you cannot attend the Board meeting, please send a WRITTEN NOTICE naming your club's representative to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer via mail: 1245 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530, email secretary@gya.org, or hand deliver prior the start of meeting.

All Club Commodores and their members are invited to attend the Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening at the Gulfport Yacht Club. The banquet cost will be \$24.99 per person, plus tax and gratuity (cash bar). Please make your dinner reservations to Gulfport Yacht Club by January 3, 2020 via email gyc.frontdesk@gmail.com or by calling (228) 863-6796 ext. 306. Gulfport Yacht Club does not do cross club charging, a guest registration form has been attached to this notice to pre-register.

The GYA has been offered a special room rate of \$109 (king) and \$119 (double) at Centennial Plaza located at 200 E Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS, about 7 minutes from club. If you would like to make a reservation, please call (228) 206-7880, use group code **G2001gulf** or go online to <https://centennialplazams.com>.

Your GYA Flag Officers look forward to seeing you at the Winter meeting hosted at Gulfport Yacht Club. Please wear your appropriate blazer, club badge and dress slacks for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schmidt
GYA Secretary/Treasurer
(228) 669-7518

Notice of Proposed By-Law Change

Article V – Board of Directors

Section 1: Composition and Authority. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Corporation and shall be composed as follows:

(no change to A. or B.)

Current

- C. One representative from each yacht club holding General Membership in the Corporation, said representative to be either:
- (1) The current Commodore of said General member, or
 - (2) Such other person designated by written document signed by the Commodore or Secretary of said General member and delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation. Said representative shall be a member of the General member so represented and shall not represent any other General member at the same meeting.

Proposed

- C. One representative from each ~~yacht club holding General Membership in~~ **General member of** the Corporation, said representative to be either:
- (1) The current Commodore of said General member, or
 - (2) Such other person designated by **electronic communication or** written document ~~signed by~~ **from** the Commodore or Secretary of said General member and delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation. Said representative shall be a member of the General member so represented and shall not represent any other General member at the same meeting.

Purpose

- C. Language change for concise wording throughout the Bylaws.
- (2) To provide that an email to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer, from a club Commodore or club Secretary designating an individual other than the Commodore as a representative at a meeting, be an acceptable manner of designation.

2020 GYA Proposed Rule Changes

Reg 4.2

Current Text

Notice of Race. Clubs hosting sanctioned events shall give proper notice of the event. A Notice of Race template, written and approved by the Race Management Committee, shall be used and once posted the Notice of Race link from Regatta Network shall be also be posted on line using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org no later than 2 months prior to the regatta.

Proposed Text

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Reg 4.3

Current Text

Registration. All sanctioned events shall use Regatta Network for registration and reporting results. The specific Regatta Network event link shall also be posted on line using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org

Proposed Text

Registration. All sanctioned events shall use Regatta Network **(or other EXCOM approved website)** for registration and reporting results. The specific Regatta Network event link shall also be posted on line using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org

Reg 4.4

Current Text

Reporting Results. Final results shall be posted by the end of the last day of the event to Regatta Network.

Proposed Text

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Reg 7.4

Current Text

Regatta Name	Abbr Name	Designation	Host Club
Mardi Gras		Non-Championship	New Orleans Yacht Club
GYA Opening	Opening	Non-Championship	GYA Commodore's Club
Spring		Non-Championship	Buccaneer Yacht Club
Candler		Non-Championship	Saint Andrews Bay Yacht Club
Meigs		Non-Championship	Fort Walton Yacht Club
Summer		Non-Championship	Mobile Yacht Club
Weatherly		Non-Championship	Gulfport Yacht Club
Junior Lipton Challenge	Junior Lipton	Championship Regulation 20	Determined by previous year results
Knost Ladies Championship	Knost	Championship Regulation 21	Pass Christian Yacht Club
Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge	Lipton Cup	Championship Regulation 19	Determined by previous year results
Wadewitz		Non-Championship	Fairhope Yacht Club
Sugar Bowl Race of Champion	Sugar Bowl	Championship Regulation 22	Southern Yacht Club and New Orleans Yacht Club alternating years

Proposed Text

Capdevielle Series Regattas. Interclub events established by the BOD and managed as specified in Regulation 11 – Host Club Requirements. Certain regattas have special regulations as defined below in addition to the regulations common to all series regattas. Series regattas may be added with the approval of or deleted by the action of the BOD only. Series regattas established by the BOD are:

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Reg 10.1.(b) (ii)

Current Text

General Exception. A club that does not own a Capdevielle Interclub Boat may apply to the EXCOM to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner. Approval shall apply only in the Capdevielle Point Year in which application was made and only be valid for the club/boat combination stated in the application. A club desiring to charter a different boat within the same point year must re-apply. (This General Exception shall only be in effect for the calendar years 2018 and 2019.)

Proposed Text

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Reg 18 (a)

Current Text

A GYA-assigned sail number shall appear on each mainsail. The only exception shall be for boats and/or sails duly chartered from another GYA club. Sail number size, location and spacing shall be in accordance with US Sailing and the International Viper 640 Class Association specifications.

Proposed Text

A GYA-assigned sail number shall appear on each mainsail **and on the bow of each boat. Bow numbers shall be minimum 10” tall numbers and need not correspond to the sail number used but shall comply with Appendix A.** The only exception shall be for boats and/or sails duly chartered from another GYA club. Sail number size, location and spacing shall be in accordance with US Sailing and the International Viper 640 Class Association specifications.

Reg 18 (c)

Current Text

All sails used in GYA Capdevielle events shall have valid Viper 640 Class sail royalty stickers that shall be signed and recorded by a GYA measurer before use in any Capdevielle race. Clubs may designate only one new set of sails per calendar year to be used in Capdevielle events on any club owned boat. Any prior year's Capdevielle designated sails may be used on any club owned boat at any time.

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Proposed Text

Reg 19 (c)

The adopted Challenge form shall be sent by email, delivered in person, or by other means and is expected to be received from all clubs anticipating participation in the event at least 12 (twelve) days prior to the first race. The names of team captains, skippers and crews may be modified in writing or submitted to the host club regatta desk up to one (1) hour prior to the start of the first race. Any modifications after this time must be approved by the Lipton judges.

Reg 19.5

Current Text

(b) A skipper shall sail in only one (1) race (shall not crew in other races). Waived for 2019 and 2020 except for the top 8 finishing clubs in the immediate prior year

(c) A team member may crew in one or two (2) races (shall not skipper either one). Waived for 2019 and 2020 except for the top 8 finishing clubs in the immediate prior year

(d) Except for the top 8 finishing clubs in the immediate prior year, a team member may sail in a maximum of two (2) races but may only skipper one (1) race. This regulation does not apply to the top 8 finishing clubs from the immediate prior year and reverts to the prior regulation after the 2020 Lipton.

Proposed Text

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Appendix A

Proposed Text

Appendix A – GYA Club Capdevielle Sail Numbers

1–9	Biloxi
10–19	Pensacola
20–29	Southern
30–39	Pass Christian
40–49	Buccaneer
50–59	Gulfport
60–69	St. Andrews Bay
70–79	Mobile
80–89	Fairhope
90–99	Bay-Waveland
100–109	New Orleans
110–119	Fort Walton
120–129	Jackson
130–139	Pelican
140–149	Grand Lagoon
150–159	Pensacola Beach
160–169	Point
170-179	Pontchartrain

180–189	Ocean Springs
190–199	Singing River
200–209	Cypremort
210–219	Lake Forest
220–229	Tammany
230–239	Navy
240–249	St. Petersburg
250–259	Lake Arthur
260–269	Long Beach
270–279	Grande Maumelle
280–289	Houston
290–299	South Shore
300–309	Lake Charles
310–319	Birmingham
320–329	Apalachee Bay
330-339	Sarasota
340-349	Lakewood
350-359	Texas Corinthian
360-369	Davis Island

Appendix B Capdevielle Year Scoring – Cox Sprague Scoring System

B1 Description

A Club's score for each race or regatta shall be the points indicated on the accompanying table corresponding to her finishing position and the total number of starters. Points in parentheses are for DNF, DSQ or equivalent; DNC is zero points. A Club's series score shall be the quotient of her total accumulated points, and the maximum possible points (first place) for the counted races or regattas.

For Capdevielle scoring purposes only, starter is defined as a club that comes to the starting area for at least 1 race in an event. Clubs that do not come to the starting area in any races, shall be scored DNC for that event.



Commodore Shan Kirk
and the Board of Directors
Invite you and your guest to the
Gulf Yachting Association
Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday, January 18, 2020

6 pm Cocktails and Auction
7 pm Dinner

Gulfport Yacht Club
800 East Pier Road
Gulfport, MS

RSVP by January 3, 2020
(228) 863-6796 ext.309
gyc.frontdesk@gmail.com

Blue Blazer/Cocktail Attire
Cash Bar

Award recipients please sign in upon arrival

Buffet style dinner menu

Tossed Salad Station
Carving Station (Beef Tenderloin)
Seafood Pasta (Pasta di frutti di mare)
Roasted Chicken with a Parmesan-Herb Sauce
Cranberry Apple Pecan Rice Pilaf
Fresh Steamed Green Beans
Dessert Station
\$24.99++ (20% Gratuity, 7% Tax)