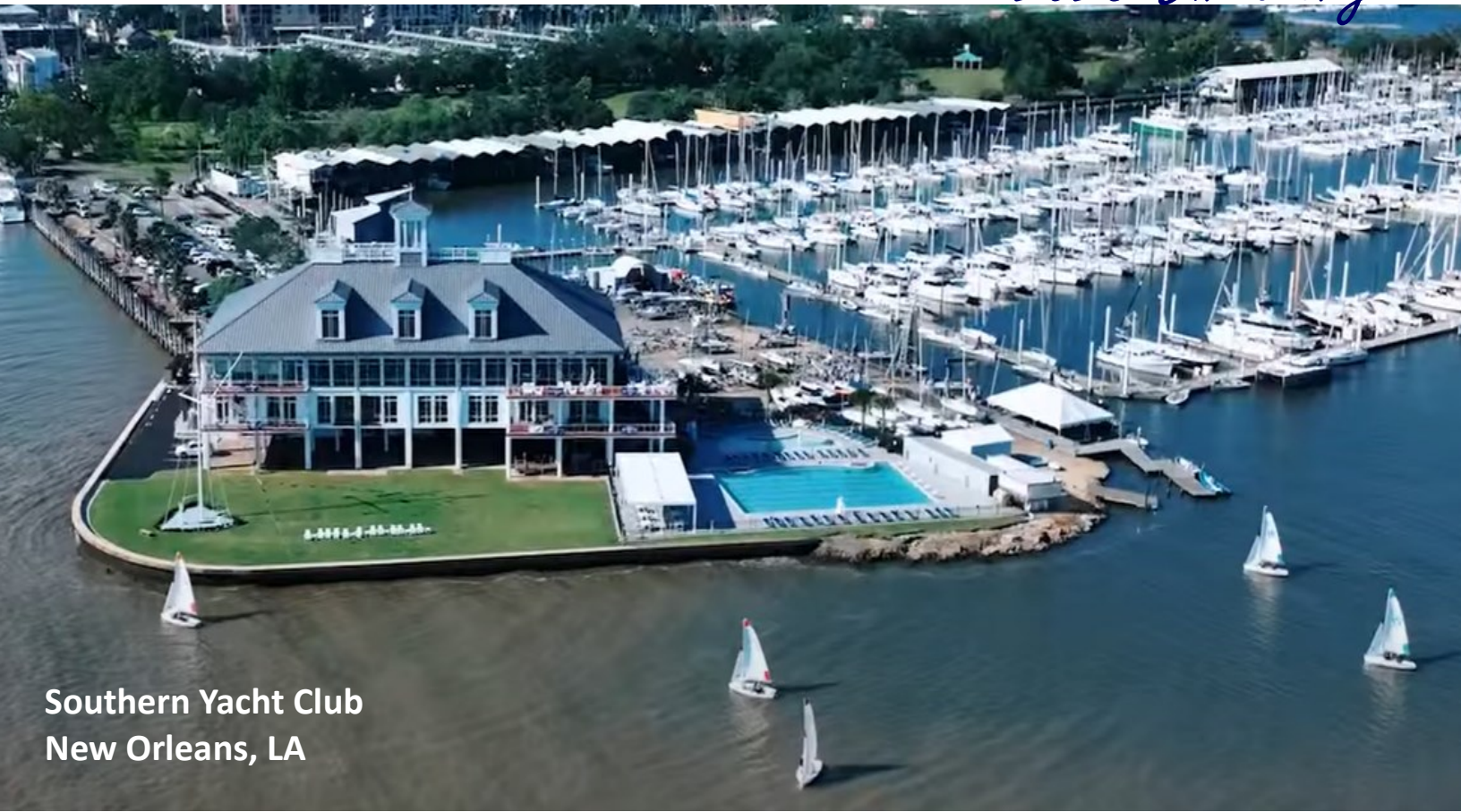




GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

2023 Directory



Southern Yacht Club
New Orleans, LA

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

The Gulf Yachting Association was organized to promote the sport of yacht racing on the Gulf Coast and in nearby areas. The GYA, founded in 1920, has its roots in the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association that existed from 1901 – 1909. The GYA has grown from the original five clubs to over thirty-member organizations. The GYA sanctions various yachting events, including interclub competition in one design and handicap rated yachts, and serves to coordinate the activities of its members.

The GYA is a member of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the governing body of the sport in this country, and is recognized as a member “regional sailing association” (RSA) of that organization. As a member RSA, the GYA provides representation to US Sailing for its sailors, encourages participation in national championships sanctioned by US Sailing, and provides an Appeals Committee to decide appeals involving the racing rules.

The GYA is one of four yacht-racing associations forming “Area D”, one of eleven areas in the United States. Areas are geographical delineations within the jurisdiction of US Sailing that serve many functions in the administration of the sport.

Documents governing the activities of the GYA are the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, any special rules of order adopted by the Board of Directors, the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, and various rules and regulations governing yacht-racing competition.

Membership in the association is provided for in two classifications for yacht clubs and other organizations that promote yachting: General Membership, which carries full participation in GYA affairs and Affiliate Membership, which provides for participation on a reduced basis. There is also an Associate Membership for individuals and a Sponsoring Membership for corporations or other entities wishing to support the work of the GYA, neither of which carries voting rights within the GYA.

The GYA is structured with a Board of Directors as the senior body, with full authority to govern the organization, an Executive Committee to run the organization between meetings of the Board, an Offshore Council to promote offshore yacht racing, and various committees to accomplish the work of the organization.

Gulf Yachting Association Archives

A GYA Historical Records Collection was established in 1993 at the John C. Pace Library Special Collections at the University of West Florida in Pensacola (phone 850-474-2000).

Currently the collection contains the Minutes of GYA Board Meetings from November 1920 to present. The minutes are sent to the collection on an annual basis. The collection also contains the originals of the Lipton Regatta results from 1920 to the present.

www.gya.org

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GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION FLAG OFFICERS 2023

GYA COMMODORE

Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt, Jr. (SYC)

GYA VICE-COMMODORE

Randy Fitzpatrick – Wainwright (FYC)

GYA REAR COMMODORE

Alan McMillan (PYC)

GYA SECRETARY-TREASURER

Jennifer B. Schmidt (SYC)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The four Flag Officers and the Immediate Past Commodore

GYA IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE

Gary Rogers (JYC)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The current elected Commodore of each GYA General Member Club,
the current GYA Flag Officers and the GYA Past Commodores.

ADDITIONAL GYA POSITIONS

General Counsel

Michael Mark (BucYC)

Parliamentarian

Cary Trapani (BWYC)

Directory Editor

Catherine Cromartie (FYC)

Jennifer B. Schmidt (SYC)

Historians

Henry G. (Harry) Chapman (BWYC/SYC)

Cathy Cromartie (FYC)

Michael G. Hage (GYC)

Danny Killeen, Jr. (PCYC)

John Matthews (PYC/NYCP)

John Morrow (GYC/StABYC)

Robin Rafferty (PCYC)

Web Master

Robbie Schmidt (SYC)

MEETINGS

Annual Meeting – First Saturday in May

Semi-annual Meeting – Saturday morning of Labor Day Weekend

Winter Meeting – January (date to be announced)

Election of officers and adoption of current year's racing schedule

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS DIRECTORY

General Member Yacht Clubs

Apalachee Bay Yacht Club	ABYC
Bay-Waveland Yacht Club	BWYC
Biloxi Yacht Club	BYC
Birmingham Sailing Club	BSC
Buccaneer Yacht Club	BucYC
Cypremort Yacht Club	CYC
Davis Island Yacht Club	DIYC
Fairhope Yacht Club	FYC
Fort Walton Yacht Club	FWYC
Grand Lagoon Yacht Club	GLYC
Grande Maumelle Sailing Club	GMSC
Gulfport Yacht Club	GYC
Houston Yacht Club	HYC
Jackson Yacht Club	JYC
Lake Forest Yacht Club	LFYC
Lakewood Yacht Club	LYC
Long Beach Yacht Club	LBYC
Mobile Yacht Club	MYC
Navy Yacht Club Pensacola	NYCP
New Orleans Yacht Club	NOYC
Ocean Springs Yacht Club	OSYC
Pass Christian Yacht Club	PCYC
Pensacola Yacht Club	PYC
Pensacola Beach Yacht Club	PBYC
Point Yacht Club	PtYC
Pontchartrain Yacht Club	PontYC
Sarasota Sailing Squadron	SSS
St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club	StABYC
St Petersburg Yacht Club	SPYC
Singing River Yacht Club	SRYC
Southern Yacht Club	SYC
Tammany Yacht Club	TYC
Texas Corinthians Yacht Club	TCYC

Affiliate Member Yacht Clubs

Bay Point Yacht Club	BPYC
Bluewater Bay Sailing Club	BBSC
Corinthian Sailing Association of Lake Pontchartrain	CSA
Lake Charles Yacht Club	LCYC
Lake Pontchartrain Women's Sailing Association	LPWSA

JACK AND FLO SCHEIB SERVICE AWARD

This perpetual award was established December 6, 1992, by the Gulf Yachting Association's Board of Directors to recognize and honor individuals who, over the years, have made "significant and outstanding contributions in service to the sport of sailing".



The award is named for and dedicated to J. Gilbert and Flora K. Scheib, and its presentation annually at the GYA Winter Meeting is a continuing reminder that it originated as a tribute to Jack and Flo Scheib, each of whom served the Gulf Yachting Association ably, loyally, and diligently for many decades.

The selection of the recipient is made by a committee composed of the current Commodore of the GYA and the two immediate Past Commodores.

The Jack and Flo Scheib Service Award for 2022 was presented to 2017-2023 GYA Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer B. Schmidt (SYC) during the Annual GYA Winter Meeting and Awards Banquet held in January at Southern Yacht Club.

Below are the names of the honored recipients of this distinguished service award, the club(s) to which each belongs and the year for which the award was presented:

Flora K. (Flo) Scheib	SYC	1992
Commodore George C. Criminale, Sr.	MYC	1993
Commodore Marshall J. Brown	FWYC	1994
Juanita (Granny) Dees	FYC	1995
Commodore Thomas D. Beery, Jr.	SRYC	1996
Commodore Michael S. Johnson	FYC/FWYC	1997
Mr. Roy A. (Uncle Roy) Troendle, Sr.	PointYC/SYC	1998
Commodore Joseph D. Alfonso	GYC	1999
Commodore Henry G. Chapman	BWYC/SYC	2000
Commodore François D. Valliant	PYC	2001
Commodore Roy Sellers, Jr.	BucYC	2002
Commodore Daniel B. Killeen, Sr.	SYC/PCYC	2003
Captain Pete Morrill	BWYC	2004
Ms. Joel Barnett	SYC	2005
Commodore Norton W. Brooker, Jr.*	MYC	2006
Commodore Walter G. Chamberlain	BWYC	2007
Mr. Al Rees	LAYC/CYC	2008
Commodore Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.	SYC	2009
Commodore Kenneth K. Kleinschrodt	BucYC	2010
Commodore James P. (Jim) O'Neal	LAYC	2011
Mrs. Karen Reisch	SYC/PontYC	2012
Mr. John G. Curren, Jr.	SYC/PCYC	2013
Commodore Stewart R. "Tootie" Barnett, Jr.	SYC	2014
Commodore Thomas A. "Tom" Batty	BucYC/MYC	2015
Ms. Cheri Dillard	PCYC	2016
Commodore Ewell C. "Corky" Potts, III	SYC	2017
Commodore John B. Morrow	GYC/SABYC	2018
Commodore John Matthews	PYC/NYCP	2019
Commodore Catherine Cromartie	FYC	2020
Commodore Michael G. Hage	GYC	2021
Mrs. Jennifer Brune Schmidt	SYC	2022

*Awarded Posthumously

GYA JUDGE EMERITUS AWARD

An award to recognize and create a permanent record of those who have provided outstanding service as Recognized/Certified judges was approved by the Board of Directors on April 16, 2016. Recipients must have been recognized and/or certified by the national authority and have served in the GYA for at least 5 years. This award is to be given only to those that are no longer actively engaged in judging and should only go to those that have performed long and meritorious service to the sport of sailing. Nominations for this award may be made by any active GYA Certified Judge and the status may only be awarded by unanimous vote of the GYA Executive Committee and the GYA Administrative Judge. The award may be made posthumously.

On September 5, 2016, as part of the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup Regatta trophy presentation, the award was presented for the first time. The first six recipients are all deceased. Commodore Catherine Cromartie and Rear Commodore/GYA Administrative Judge Chris Luppens made the presentations to representatives of their families.

Marshall J. Brown - 2016

Norton W. Brooker Jr. - 2016

Walter G. Chamberlain -2016

Calvin Jones, III - 2016

Capt. Peter A. Morrill - 2016

Francois D. Valliant - 2016

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GYA Executive Committee
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Daniel Machowski

Area “D” Regional Administrative Judge

Edith Collins (MYC)

Area “D” Race Officer

J.D. Rosser

Gulf Yachting Association

US Sailing Delegate

Holly Murray (LBYC/FYC)

Gulf Yachting Association Championships Coordinator

Samson Vasquez (BYC)

US Sailing National Championships

US Sailing National Championship information and contacts are listed on the USSAILING Website: www.ussailing.org/racing/championships. See each specific championship for additional information.

US Sailing Regional Training Coordinator

John Farris (FWYC)

INTERSCHOLASTIC SAILING ASSOCIATION (ISSA)

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ISSA is a nationwide organization governing secondary school sailing in the United States in independent and public high schools. Sailing eligibility starts at the eighth-grade level.

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Todd Fedyszn

INTER-COLLEGIATE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (ICSA)

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REGIONAL SAILING ASSOCIATIONS IN AREA “D”

FLORIDA SAILING ASSOCIATION

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

SOUTH ATLANTIC YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

STANDING COMMITTEES

APPEALS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Charles Harp (PYC) *Chair term is one-year*

TERM EXPIRES

2023

MEMBERS

J. C. (Chris) Luppens (HYC/MYC)

2023

Karen Reisch (SYC)

2023

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Cathy Cromartie (FYC)

MEMBERS

Michael Mark (BucYC)

Ewell C. "Corky" Potts, III (SYC)

CAPDEVIELLE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Paul Kleinschrodt (BucYC)

MEMBERS FROM SEPARATE STATES

"OPEN"

Samson Vasquez (BYC/PontYC)

John Marshall (BucYC)

Morgan Hurst (StABYC)

LA

MS

AL

FL

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

One-Design Council Chairman

Zak Fanberg (BWYC)

Chief Measurer

William Zehner (StABYC)

The Capdevielle committee also consists of appointees from clubs that qualified for scoring in 2022, are as follows:

BWYC – Richard "Boo" Heausler

BucYC – John Marshall

FYC – Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright

FWYC – John D. Farris

GYC – Michael G. Hage

JYC – Gary Rogers

MYC – Josh Deupree

NOYC – Dale Steinkamp

PCYC – Tom Duffy

PYC – John Matthews

PontYC – Beatriz Dupuy

StABYC – Jimmy Ruthven

SYC – Peter Gambel

JUDGES COMMITTEE

GYA ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

James "Doc" Hunter (BucYC)

Members

John Farris (FWYC)

Con Lancaster (SRYC)

Karen Reisch (SYC)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Danny Killeen, Jr. (PCYC)

MEMBERS

James P. (Jim) O'Neal (LAYC)

LA

Robin Rafferty (PCYC)

MS

John H. Matthews (PYC/NYC)

FL

RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Steve Nolte (GYC)

MS

TERM EXPIRES

2023

MEMBERS

Jim "Doc" Hunter

AL

2023

Scott Hartwell

AL

2023

William Zehner

FL

2024

Karen Reisch

LA

2024

Bill Wright

MS

2024

Steve Nolte

MS

2024

No one named at this time

TX

No one named at this time

AR

RACING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Richard "Boo" Heausler (BWYC)

MEMBERS

Commodore Michael Hage (GYC)

Commodore John H. Matthews (PYC/NYC)

Commodore Dave Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/CSA/PCYC)

SAIL MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE

CHIEF MEASURER

William Zehner (StABYC)

MEMBERS

Dave Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/CSA/PCYC) ***

Benz Faget (NOYC/SYC/LPWSA/CSA) ***

Hunter Riddle (PYC) ***

Jackson Benvenuti (BWYC/SYC/StFYC/COCOYC) ***

Karen Reisch (SYC/PontYC/BWYC)

Samson Vasquez (BYC/PontYC)

*** Sail Measurers

SCHEDULE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Randy Fitz-Wainwright (FYC) AL

MEMBERS

Danny Killeen, Jr. (PCYC) MS

Josh Murray (MYC) AL

David Bolyard (PontYC) LA

Robbie Schmidt (SYC) LA

TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Zak Fanberg (BWYC),
One-Design Committee

Scott Hartwell (FYC),
Youth Committee

Scott J. Sonnier (SYC),
Offshore Council

Michael Hage (GYC)

TROPHY COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Chris Dabney (FYC)

MEMBERS

Basil Kennedy (BWYC)

Chris Dabney (FYC)

Rory Rafferty (PCYC)

John G. Curren, Jr. (SYC/PCYC)

Michael G. Hage (GYC)

Karen Reisch (SYC/PontYC)

Janie Eshleman (PontYC)

Shan Kirk (SYC/PontYC)

Patrick Burns (PCYC)

USSA CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Chairman

Samson Vasquez (BYC)

U.S. Sailing Association Delegate

Holly Murray (LBYC/FYC)

Clinton Edwards (BWYC)

Benz Faget (NOYC/SYC/LPWSA/CSA)

John Farris (FWYC)

Christy Welch (LBYC)

Laura and Patrick Burns (PCYC)

Joann Willits

YOUTH COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Scott Hartwell	AL
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MEMBERS

Bernat Gali	TX
Paul Rees	LA
John Farris	FL
Zak Fanberg	MS
Laura Dalglish	TX
Melissa Hackel	FL
Duff Friend	LA
Josh Dupuree	AL

John Farris (FWYC)
US Sailing Regional Training Coordinator

Holly Murray (LBYC/FYC)
US Sailing GYA Representative

Samson Vazquez (BYC)
US Sailing Championships Committee Chair

ONE-DESIGN COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Zak Fanberg (BWYC)	MS
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MEMBERS

Clinton Edwards (BWYC)	MS
Scott Hartwell (FYC)	AL
Paul Kleinschrodt (BucYC)	AL
Kevin Blank (FWC)	FL
Randy Fitz-Wainwright (FYC)	AL
Michael McKnight (PontYC)	LA
Claude Dannemann (BWYC)	MS
John Dane, III (PCYC)	MS
Samson Vasquez (BYC)	MS

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Safety Committee, formed in 2016, is an advisory committee within the Gulf Yachting Association ("GYA"). The purpose of the Committee is to promote safe sailing, reduce injuries, and increase sailing safety awareness in the GYA both on the water and on shore. The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be the Chairs of the Youth and Capdevielle Committees, the Chairs of the Offshore and One Design Councils, and two (2) appointed by the Commodore. The GYA Rear Commodore shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Executive Committee ("ExCom"). Committee communications may be via email or telephone conference. It is recommended that it meet in person annually at the Winter Meeting. Other meetings may be established as necessary.

In carrying out its purpose, the Committee is committed to five basic principles:

1. An annual review and report to the ExCom of GYA safety principles and guidelines.
2. Recommend to the ExCom any proposed or actual changes in safety policies, practices and procedures.

3. Assist the ExCom and other Committees in the planning of action to promote sailing safety.
4. Act as a problem-solving group to help with the identification and control of unsafe sailing practices.
5. Help resolve unsafe sailing practices.

OFFSHORE COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN

Scott J. Sonnier (SYC)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Benz Faget (NOYC)

Michael Charbonnet (PCYC)

Paul Gillette (PYC)

Bobby Tassin (TYC)

Zane Yoder (MYC)

William Zehner (StABYC)

For Other Council members, see individual member club listings.

OFFSHORE PHRF/ORA APPEALS COMMITTEE

Cleve Fair (PontYC), Chairman

PHRF/ORA RATING COMMITTEE

Thomas D. (Tom) Beery, Jr. (SRYC/PontYC), Chairman

Appeal Chairman

Cleve Fair (PontYC)

AREA HANDICAPPERS

ALABAMA

Brad Broadus (MYC)

ASSISTANT HANDICAPPERS

Brad Broadus (MYC)

Julian Bingham (MYC/BucYC)

Lee Creekmore (MYC)

Kevin Uteg (BucYC)

FLORIDA

William Zehner(StABYC)

Kevin Blank (FWYC)

Jeff Hunt (PBYC)

Neil McMillan (PYC)

Tony Nichols (PYC)

LOUISIANA – NORTH SHORE

Skipper Chenault (CSA)

David Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/CSA)

Steven Choate (PontYC)

LOUISIANA – SOUTH SHORE

Robert Rogers (SYC)

Benz Faget (NOYC/SYC/LPWSA/CSA)

Stanton Murray (SYC/CSA)

Tim Molony (SYC)

Jerry DiColo (SYC)

Patrick Ryan (SYC)

Robert Grisoli (CSA)

Merlin Wilson, MD (SYC)

MISSISSIPPI

Eric Aschaffenburg (PCYC)

Samson Vasquez (BYC/PontYC)

Mont Echols, III (SYC)

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

The Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc., established in 1993, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. This means that donations made to the foundation are tax deductible. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to support the sport of sailing in the Gulf Yachting Association area. Questions about the Foundation may be directed to any of the Foundation Board of Director members listed below.

Contributions, donations, bequests, etc., may be directed to:
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President

Danny Killeen, Jr (PCYC)

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Treasurer

Sam Hopkins (GYC)

Legal Counsel

Scott Sonnier (SYC)

Board Members

Rob Doolittle, Chris Luppens, Janet Miller-Schmidt, Bernard Moseby

GYA ExCom Representative

Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt, Jr. (SYC)

US SAILING CERTIFIED JUDGES IN THE GYA

The US Sailing Judge Program (<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/judges/>) provides for individuals to become certified at various levels who then function as judges at sailing competitions. Judges can be certified at one of three levels, Club Judge (CJ), Judge (J) and National Judge (NJ). Individuals who have taken a training course and are in the process of becoming a certified judge are considered judges in training (JiT). Clubs are encouraged to use certified judges at all sanctioned events and to include the use of JiTs in order to help progress their experience level. The GYA website lists current JiTs. All currently certified judges can be searched for on the **US Sailing web site at: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-race-official>**. Additional contact information is available on the US Sailing web site. Additional help is available from the GYA Administrative Judge or the Area D Regional Administrative Judge.

US SAILING REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE – AREA D

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US SAILING CERTIFIED RACE OFFICERS IN THE GYA

The US Sailing Race Officer Program (<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/race-officers/>) provides for individuals to become certified at various levels who then function as race officers at sailing competitions. Race Officers can be certified at one of three levels, Club Race Officer (C), Regional Race Officer (RRO) and National Race Officer (NRO). Clubs are encouraged to use certified race officers at all sanctioned events. All currently certified race officers can be searched for on the US Sailing web site at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-race-official/>. Additional contact information is available on the US Sailing web site. Additional help is available from the GYA Race Management Committee Chair or the Area D Race Officer.

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GYA RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Deceased Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association Commodores

Commodore	Year	Club
Albert Baldwin	1901	Southern
J. Curtis Bush, Jr.	1902	Mobile
John J. Kennedy	1903	Biloxi
John A. Rawlins	1904	Bay-Waveland
Samuel F. Heaslip	1905	Pass Christian
Finley B. Hewes	1906	Gulfport
Albert Baldwin	1907	Southern
J. Curtis Bush, Jr.	1908	Mobile
Eaton J. Bowers	1909	Bay-Waveland

DECEASED GYA COMMODORES

Commodore	Year	Club
John H. Cross	1920	Pensacola
Byrd Enochs	1921	Biloxi
John P. Moore	1921	Biloxi
H. Falk	1922	Houston
Ed G. Quina	1923	Pensacola
W. Milton Miller, MD	1924	Southern
Alfred L. Gandy	1925	St. Petersburg
Ed B. Overton	1926	Eastern Shore
J. Monroe Kinabrew, Sr.	1927	Southern
John S. Bonner	1928–1929	Houston
Arthur R. Clark	1930	Sarasota
Russell G. Patterson	1931–1935	Pensacola
Auguste Capdevielle	1936–1939	Southern
H. Hilton Green, Sr.	1940–1941	Pensacola
Leslie P. Beard	1942–1943	Southern
Frank B. Wood	1944–1945	St. Andrews Bay
Wallace Chapman	1946	Biloxi
Thomas P. Kroutter	1947	Mobile
George P. Hopkins	1948	Gulfport
George W. Rifley	1949	St. Petersburg
Fred Clark	1950	Buccaneer
Cal Weiss	1951	Mobile
Eugene Taylor	1952	Pensacola
J. Gilbert Scheib	1953	Southern
Arthur B. Tipping	1954	Pass Christian
Wilton Duncan Sr.	1955	St. Andrews Bay
Jack Bonnell	1956	Fairhope
J. Alvin Weinfurter	1957	Bay-Waveland
Lawrence Beauvais, Sr.	1958	Mobile
Finley B. Hewes, Jr.	1959	Gulfport
Eugene D. Liddy, M.D.	1960	Sarasota
Marshall J. Brown	1961	Fort Walton
Nofie D. Alfonso	1962	New Orleans
Walter Seymour	1963	Biloxi
Howard F. Rees	1964	St. Petersburg
Alan Sheppard	1965	Pensacola
Foster P. Pfleger	1966	Buccaneer
*J. Wolters (Rip) Terrell	1967	Pass Christian
Henry B. Chapman	1967	Bay-Waveland
Robert G. Hughes	1968	Southern
T. Cooper Van Antwerp	1969	Fairhope
William Perry Brown	1970	Pass Christian
Lawrence C. Sommers	1971	New Orleans
†Harry Martinez	1971	
Allen M. Douglas	1972	St. Andrews Bay
Elton Bolton, M.D.	1973	Biloxi

DECEASED GYA COMMODORES—*continued*

Henry E. Lampe	1974	Jackson
William M. Ellis	1975	Southern
George C. Criminale, Sr.	1976	Mobile
Joseph D. Alfonso	1977	Gulfport
Michael S. Johnson	1979	Fort Walton
Daniel B. Killeen, Sr.	1980	Southern
Roy Sellers, Jr.	1981	Buccaneer
Robert K. Boyle	1983	Pensacola
Jerry Ellis	1984	Biloxi
George P. Hopkins	1987	Gulfport
Charles L. Dees	1988	Fairhope
C. E. (Ted) McClane	1989	St. Andrews Bay
Lloyd J. Parsons	1991	New Orleans
*William W. Weatherly	1992	Gulfport
George Brothers	1993	Mobile
Frank C. Allen, Jr.	1997	Pass Christian
François D. Vaillant	1998	Pensacola
Robert J. (Bobby) Bailey	1999	Gulfport
Stewart R. Barnett, Jr.	2000	Southern
Walter G. Chamberlain	2002	Bay-Waveland
Norton W. Brooker, Jr.	2003	Mobile
Calvin (Cal) Jones, III	2004	Fort Walton
*Malcolm E. (Mal) Blackwood	2006	Singing River
Ronald "Ron" Richards	2008	Pensacola

Honorary Members

Mrs. J. Gilbert (Flo) Scheib (SYC)	Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus
Morris Newman (SYC)	

*Posthumously awarded Honorary Commodore

†Honorary Commodore—formerly the *States Item* editor

LIVING PAST GYA COMMODORES

Commodore	Year	Club
Lewis B. (Buddy) Pollak, Sr.	1978	Pensacola
Henry G. (Harry) Chapman	1982	Bay-Waveland/Southern
Thomas D. Beery, Jr.	1985	Singing River
William F. (Bill) Dietrich	1986	Pontchartrain
John A. Oerting, Jr.	1990	Pensacola
Basil Kennedy	1992	Bay-Waveland
Lawrence W. Taggart, Jr.	1994	Southern
John B. Morrow	1995	Gulfport
Robert I. Mace	1996	Fairhope
Ken K. Kleinschrodt	2001	Buccaneer
James P. (Jim) O'Neal	2005	Lake Arthur
Janet Miller-Schmidt	2006	Pontchartrain
Thomas A. (Tom) Batty	2007	Mobile/Buccaneer
Judy Reeves	2009	Bay-Waveland
David Bolyard	2010	Pontchartrain
John H. Matthews	2011	Pensacola
Pete O'Neal	2012	Buccaneer
Danny Killeen, Jr.	2013	Pass Christian
Ewell C. "Corky" Potts	2014	Southern
George F. Goodall	2015	Fort Walton
Catherine "Cathy" Cromartie	2016	Fairhope
Michael Hage	2017	Gulfport

J.C. "Chris" Luppens	2018	Mobile
Shan Kirk	2019	Southern
Jimmy Ruthven	2020-2021	St. Andrews Bay
Gary Rogers	2022	Jackson

PAST GYA SECRETARY – TREASURER

C.G. Ferbuson	1938-1939	Southern
J Gilbert Scheib	1940-1980	Southern
Michael S. Johnson	1981-1988	Ft. Walton
Bob Mace	1989-1992	Fairhope
Francois D. Vaillant	1993-1995	Pensacola
Terry Dees Kolenich	1996-2000	Fairhope
Janet Miller Schmidt	2001-2005	Pontchartrain
William H. Brundige	2006	Southern
Jane Eshleman	2007- 2011	Pontchartrain
Janace Batty	2012-2016	Mobile
Jennifer B. Schmidt	2017-2023	Southern

+we are working to compile this list, if you have a name with years serves, please submit information to secretary@gya.org.

2023 GENERAL MEMBER YACHT CLUBS

Club	Location	Year
Apalachee Bay	Shell Point, FL	2004
*Bay-Waveland	Bay St. Louis, MS	1901
* <u>Biloxi</u>	Biloxi, MS	1901
Birmingham	Birmingham, MS	1994
Buccaneer	Mobile, AL	1933
Cypremort	Cypremort Point, LA	1978
Davis Island	Tampa, FL	2019
Fairhope	Fairhope, AL	1944
Fort Walton	Fort Walton Beach, FL	1955
Grande Maumelle	Little Rock, AR	1985
Grand Lagoon	Pensacola, FL	1968
Gulfport	Gulfport, MS	1903
<u>Houston</u>	La Porte, TX (resigned 1949)	1998
Jackson	Jackson, MS	1960
Lake Forest	Daphne, AL	1980
Lakewood	Seabrook, TX	2016
Long Beach	Long Beach, MS	1982
* <u>Mobile</u>	Mobile, AL	1901
Navy	Pensacola, FL	1981
New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	1953
Ocean Springs	Ocean Springs, MS	1971
*Pass Christian	Pass Christian, MS	1901
<u>Pensacola</u>	Pensacola, FL	1920
Pensacola Beach	Pensacola, FL	1983
Point	Josephine, AL	1992
Pontchartrain	Mandeville, LA	1968
Sarasota Sailing Squadron	Sarasota, FL	2015
St. Andrews Bay	Panama City, FL	1935
St. Petersburg	St. Petersburg, FL	1981
Singing River	Pascagoula, MS	1971
* <u>Southern</u>	New Orleans, LA	1901
Tammany	Slidell, LA	1981
Texas Corinthians	Kemah, TX	2016

*Charter member yacht clubs of the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association organized in 1901 and reorganized in 1920 under the Gulf Yachting Association. Charter member yacht clubs of the Gulf Yachting Association are underlined.

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Commodore: Michael Getman

Vice-Commodore: John McBride

Rear-Commodore: Craig Vollertsen

Race Committee Representative: Jamie Michaels

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Michael Getman

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Lisa Parker

Treasurer: Andrea Medley

Editor - *The Mark* C. Henry Depew

Club Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA #100277L

Commodore: Tommy Heausler

Vice-Commodore: Marc Eagan

Rear-Commodore: Margaret Taylor

Race Committee Representative: Clinton Edwards

Offshore Council Representative: Zak Fanberg

One-Design Council Representative: Eugene Schmitt

GYA Coordinator: Richard "Boo" Heausler

Junior Chairman: Kippy Chamberlain

Secretary: Kathi Troendle

Treasurer: Zak Fanberg

Editor - *Jib Sheet* Juliette Griffith

Club Manager: Ernest "Ernie" La Rocca Jr

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Election Month: November • USSA #100278M

Commodore: Kay Beaugez

Vice-Commodore: Brent Harrell

Rear-Commodore: Mike Owen

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Kay Beaugez

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Beverly Wilder

Treasurer:

Editor - Lee Sheet:

Club Manager:

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: December • USSA #100148F

Commodore: William Massey

Vice-Commodore: Tom Pack

Rear-Commodore: Stan Graham

Race Committee Representative: Loy O. Vaughan

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative: Stan Graham

GYA Coordinator: Wayne Bucher

Junior Chairman: Amy Sides

Secretary: French Forbes

Treasurer: David "Dave" Hackney

Editor - The Hornblower:

Club Manager:

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA #100279N

Commodore: A.B. Reasonover

Vice-Commodore: William "Bill" Culberson

Rear-Commodore: Joe Cowart

Race Committee Representative: James H. "Doc" Hunter

Offshore Council Representative: John Marshall

One-Design Council Representative: Danny Robertson

GYA Coordinator: John Marshall

Junior Chairman: Dylan Wacker

Secretary: Lisa Huffstetter

Treasurer: Lisa Huffstetter

Editor - *The Breeze*: Andrew Glass

Club Manager:

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Election Month: December • USSA #126119O

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Vice-Commodore: Alan Corne

Rear-Commodore: Edward Duhe

Race Committee Representative: Paul Stutes

Offshore Council Representative: Paul Stutes

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Jason Massey

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Scott Lavergne

Treasurer: Michael Lamperez

Editor - *The Pointer*:

Club Manager: Charles Nolan

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Election Month: January • USSA #

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Vice-Commodore:

Rear-Commodore:

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator:

Junior Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Editor:

Club Manager:

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Election Month: December • USSA #100280G

Commodore: Philip Durant

Vice-Commodore: John Adams

Rear Commodore: John Buziak

Race Committee Chairman: John Buziak

Offshore Council Representative: Don Faircloth

One-Design Committee Representative: Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright

GYA Coordinator: Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright

Junior Chairman: Jennifer Stanley / Ann Hartwell

Secretary: Tracy Hirsh

Treasurer: Jay Robberson

Editor– The Mainsheet: Nancy Fitzpatrick

Club Manager: Dave Willits

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Election Month: November • USSA #100281H

Commodore: John Hillsman

Vice-Commodore: David C. Vaughan

Rear-Commodore: Maureena Lysaght

Race Committee Representative: John D. Farris

Offshore Council Representative: Craig Wilusz

One-Design Council Representative: Mathew Bell

GYA Coordinator: John D. Farris

Junior Chairman: Valerie Custer

Secretary: Shari Wight

Treasurer: Taylor Vaughan

Editor - Letter Log: Trish Vaughan

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Election Month: December • USSA #100282I

Commodore: Bob Matson

Vice-Commodore: Steve Payne

Rear-Commodore: Scott Walley

Race Committee Representative: Kevin Marshall

Offshore Council Representative: Kevin Marshall

One-Design Council Representative: Kevin Marshall

GYA Coordinator: Kevin Marshall

Junior Chairman: Kevin Marshall

Secretary: Tracey Angelopoulos

Treasurer: Lynda Day

Editor - Lagoon Lines: Tracey Angelopoulos

Club Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA #100050Y

Commodore: Mary Michaels

Vice-Commodore: Sherri Jo McLemore

Rear Commodore:

Race Committee Chairman: Ben Guise, MD

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Committee Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Mary Michaels

Junior Chairman: Nicole Claas Moore

Secretary: Phillip Yates

Treasurer: Greg Hamilton

Editor – The Mainsheet:

Club Manager:

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Election Month: October • USSA #100283J

Commodore: Harvey "Skipper" Kalil, Jr.

Vice-Commodore: Brian Sullivan

Rear-Commodore: Hal Kaigler

Race Committee Representative: Steve Nolte

Offshore Council Representative: Steve Nolte

One-Design Council Representative: Sam Hopkins

GYA Coordinator: Michael G. Hage

Junior Chairman: Joey Beattie

Secretary: Paul Terrell

Treasurer: Dan O'Neal

Editor - The Log Sheet: Mike Joyner

Club Manager: Steve E. Chatelain

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: October • USSA #102879X

Commodore: Farley Fontenont

Vice-Commodore: Kenneth Humphries

Rear-Commodore: Madonna Breen

Race Committee Representative: Tim Johnson

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative: Madonna Breen

GYA Coordinator: Madonna Breen

Junior Chairman: Perdue Cheryl

Secretary: Sarah Hampton

Treasurer: Julianne Graham

Editor - Windjammer: Sara O'Dell

Club Manager: Ernest "Ernie" Brauner

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Election Month: November • USSA #100284K

Commodore: Dillon Allen

Vice-Commodore: Dale Currie

Rear-Commodore: Marsha Thompson

Race Committee Representative: Gary Rogers

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Gary Rogers

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Steve Browning

Treasurer: Robert Muller

Editor - Mainsheet: Amanda Prejean

Club Manager: Bill Pitts

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Election Month: December • USSA #141720F

Commodore: Jim Phillips

Vice-Commodore:

Rear-Commodore:

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Scott Funderburk

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Chepern Sussenberger

Treasurer: Scott Funderburk

Editor - *The Wheelhouse*:

Club Manager:

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA # 102884U

Commodore:

Vice-Commodore:

Rear Commodore:

Race Committee Chairman:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Committee Representative:

GYA Coordinator:

Junior Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Editor – *Lakewood Log*:

Club Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA #151876X

Commodore: Jan Hansen

Vice-Commodore: Tom Caldwell

Rear-Commodore: Thomas Barrett

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Jan Hansen

Junior Chairman: Julie Noble

Secretary: Shelda Jones

Treasurer: June Wiggins

Editor - *The Captains Log*: Jan Hansen

Club Manager:

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Election Month: October • USSA #100285L

Commodore: John O'Brien

Vice-Commodore: Maureen Lowe

Rear-Commodore: Judson Chamberlain

Race Committee Representative: Judson Chamberlain

Offshore Council Representative: David Hickman

One-Design Council Representative: John O'Brien

GYA Coordinator: Josh Deupree

Junior Chairman: Marc Leyk

Secretary: Bill Haffner

Treasurer: Curtis Polk

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Election Month: November • USSA #108950X

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Vice-Commodore: Mia Ottesen

Rear-Commodore: Steven Boomer

Race Committee Representative: Ken Pyle

Offshore Council Representative: Mark Smith

One-Design Council Representative: Mia Ottesen

GYA Coordinator: John Matthews

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Molly Werner

Treasurer: Esley Ottensen

Editor - *The Foghorn*: Mia Ottesen

Club Manager:

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Election Month: December • USSA #100286M

Commodore: Robert Grisoli

Vice-Commodore: Kasrl Hudson

Rear-Commodore: Ellen Artopoulos

Race Committee Representative: Ellen Artopoulos

Offshore Council Representative: Jack Bartlett

One-Design Council Representative: Dale Steinkamp

GYA Coordinator: Dale Steinkamp

Junior Chairman: Ryan Bancroft

Secretary: Jeff Willis

Treasurer: Randy Ortega

Editor - *Nautilus*: Oneil Williams

Club Manager: William Young

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Election Month: November • USSA #100287N

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Rear-Commodore: Michael Ramsey
Race Committee Representative: Ronny Bond
Offshore Council Representative: Ronny Bond
One-Design Council Representative: Ronny Bond
GYA Coordinator: Robbie Holstead
Junior Chairman: Amanda Ramano
Secretary: William Buchanan
Treasurer: Gian Motta
Editor - Breezes & Blows: Cyndi Moncrieff
Club Manager: Trisha Callahan
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Election Month: December • USSA #100288O

Commodore: Frank Lopiccolo
Vice-Commodore: Albert Betz
Rear Commodore: Michael Charbonnet
Race Committee Chairman: Aaron Levenson
Offshore Council Representative: Michael Charbonnet
One-Design Committee Representative: Aaron Levenson
GYA Coordinator: Tom Duffy
Junior Chairman: Tom Duffy
Secretary: John Weber
Treasurer: William A. "Bill" Peneguy
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Election Month: December • USSA #100290I

Commodore: David Chandler

Vice-Commodore: James Simkins

Rear-Commodore: Hal Smith

Race Committee Representative: Chase Munro

Offshore Council Representative: Paul Gillette

One-Design Council Representative: Hunter Riddle

GYA Coordinator: John Matthews

Junior Chairman: Andy Bellina

Secretary: Steve Cozart

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Commodore: Linda Thompson

Vice-Commodore: Karen Kriegel

Rear-Commodore: Pam Mauldwin

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Linda Thompson

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Bonnie Green

Treasurer: Paul Barrett

Editor - The Spreader: Bonnie Green

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Election Month: December • USSA #181808O

Commodore: Janet Asher

Vice-Commodore: Mike Hawkins

Rear Commodore:

Race Committee Chairman:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Committee Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Janet Asher

Junior Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Vince Arbour

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Election Month: November • USSA #100292K

Commodore: Brian Keating

Vice-Commodore: Court Richardson

Rear-Commodore: Paul Rees

Race Committee Chair: Adele Dauphin

Offshore Council Representative: Adele Dauphin

One-Design Committee Representative: Beatriz Dupuy

GYA Coordinator: Beatriz Dupuy

Junior Chairman: Beatriz Dupuy

Secretary: Court Richardson

Treasurer: Paul Rees

Editor - *The Chart*: Nicole Bentel

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Election Month: November • USSA#100249H

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Vice-Commodore:

Rear-Commodore:

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Committee Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Travis "Yates" Yates

Junior Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Editor – Breezy Blast:

Club Manager:

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: November • USSA #100294M

Commodore: Mary Anne DiSanti

Vice-Commodore: Brett Williams

Rear-Commodore: Susan Bosco

Race Committee Representative: J Conal "Con" Lancaster

Offshore Council Representative: Thomas D. Beery, Jr.

One-Design Council Representative: J Conal "Con" Lancaster

GYA Coordinator: J Conal "Con" Lancaster

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Susan Bosco

Treasurer: Danny Marks

Editor - Telltale: Sandra Rogers

Club Manager: Sandra Rogers

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Election Month: December • USSA #100295N

Commodore: Robert "Duff" Friend

Vice-Commodore: Timothy B. Molony, MD

Rear-Commodore: James R. Sanchez, Jr.

Race Committee Representative: Anne David

Offshore Council Representative: Scott J. Sonnier

One-Design Council Representative: Jay Kuebel

GYA Coordinator: Peter Gambel

Junior Chairman: Tim Alfortish

Secretary: Nathan Adams

Treasurer: Nathan Adams

Editor - Tell-Tale: George A. Hero, IV

Club Manager: Ed Gaskell

Club Office Manager:

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Election Month: December • USSA #657834W

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Vice-Commodore: Michael Wynn

Rear-Commodore: Brian Neubauer

Race Committee Representative:

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative:

GYA Coordinator: Jimmy Ruthven

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Lorraine McElheney

Treasurer: Tiffany Ennis

Editor - The Log:

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Election Month: October • USSA #100247F

Commodore: Brian Smith

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Rear-Commodore: Joe DiVito

Race Committee Representative: George Pennington

Offshore Council Representative:

One-Design Council Representative: Dr. Jody Abrams

GYA Coordinator: Dr. Jody Abrams

Junior Chairman:

Secretary: Veronica Hickey

Treasurer: Joe DiVito

Editor - Smooth Sailing:

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Election Month: October • USSA #146587G

Commodore: David Lander

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2022 Capdevielle Competition

Event Results

Mardi Gras Regatta – Host, New Orleans Yacht Club – 8 Boats
Champion – Bay Waveland Yacht Club

GYA Opening Regatta – Host, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club – 11 Boats
Champion – Mobile Yacht Club

Spring Regatta – Host, Buccaneer Yacht Club – 12 Boats
Champion – Buccaneer Yacht Club

Candler Regatta – Host, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club – 10 Boats
Champion – Southern Yacht Club

Meigs Regatta – Host, Fort Walton Yacht Club – 12 Boats
Champion – Buccaneer Yacht Club

Summer Regatta – Host, Mobile Yacht Club – 11 Boats
Champion – Pontchartrain Yacht Club

Junior Lipton Regatta – Host, Fairhope Yacht Club – 8 Boats
Champion – Bay Waveland Yacht Club

Weatherly Regatta – Host, Gulfport Yacht Club – 10 Boats
Champion – Pass Christian Yacht Club

Knost Regatta – Host, Pass Christian Yacht Club - 7 Boats
Champion – Southern Yacht Club

100th Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge – Host, Bay Waveland Yacht Club – 11 Boats
Champion – Bay Waveland Yacht Club

Wadewitz Regatta – Host, Fairhope Yacht Club – 9 Boats
Champion – Buccaneer Yacht Club

Race of Champions – Not sailed
Champion – N/A

2022 GYA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TROPHIES

Commodore Norton W. Brooker, Jr. - Jackson Benvenuti (BWYC)

Laser Sailor of the Year – Peter Buckley (PYC/GLYC)

Laser Radial Sailor of the Year – Joe Comer, V (FYC)

Opti Sailor of the Year - Jack Meade (SYC)

420 Sailor of the Year - Connor Fanberg (BWYC)

Capdevielle Challenger Series - Mobile Yacht Club

August Capdevielle - Buccaneer Yacht Club

Jack and Flo Scheib Service Award – Jennifer B. Schmidt (SYC)

US SAILING ADULT EVENTS

Gulf Coast Sportboat Championship / Mallory Qualifier

1st— Jackson Benvenuti, (BWYC SYC StFYC)

2nd—Zak Fanberg, (BWYC)

3rd—Max Albert, (PontYC)

U.S. Adult Sailing Championship - Mallory Cup

1st—Jackson Benvenuti, Chris Alexander, Andrew Eagan (BWYC SYC GYC)

3rd—Zak Fanberg, Sarah Taylor Fanberg, Eugene Schmitt (BWYC)

ADDITIONAL SAILING EVENTS

Viper 640 2022 North American Championship

1st—Jackson Benvenuti, Chris Alexander, Andrew Eagan (BWYC/SYC)

Viper 640 Youth North American Championship

1st—Michael Burns, William Trapani, Mitchell Martin (PCYC)

2nd—Connor Fanberg, Anders Fanberg, Kate Gibbons & Mary Ellen Edwards (BWYC)

3rd—Court Salloum, Anderson Wolford, Evan Garrison (GYC)

Viper 640 Women's North American Championship

2nd—Ali Ware, Ricky Welch, James Edwards (GYC)

3rd—Cam Farrah, Cliff Farrah, Andrew Brennan (FWYC/SYC)

RS AERO 7 North American Mid Winter Championship

1st Eugene Schmitt (BWYC)

2nd Buzzy Heausler (BWYC)

New York Yacht Club Resolute Cup

1st Silver—Southern Yacht Club

Ricky Welch, Dwight LeBlanc IV, Miia Newman, Richard Heausler

Sunfish US Masters Championship

3rd—Eugene Schmitt (BWYC)

Fish Worlds

1st—Kirk Newkirk (PBYC)

2nd—Tom Pace (PYC)

New York Yacht Club Hinman Masters Team Race Regatta

2nd – Southern Yacht Club

New York Yacht Club Hinman GrandMasters Team Race Regatta

1st – Texas Corinthian Yacht Club

6th – Southern Yacht Club



2022 GYA Capdevielle Series Champions – Buccaneer Yacht Club



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Gulf Yachting Association Privacy Policy

It is the policy of the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) that its directory is for the official use by the Gulf Yachting Association and its member clubs. This directory is not to be used for commercial purposes including the creation of mailing lists by or for commercial businesses.

It is the policy of the Gulf Yachting Association to publish in its directory the name, mailing address, at least one phone number and, if available, an e-mail address for each committee chair and members of the various GYA committees. This publication is strictly for communication purposes only. The GYA publishes for each yacht club, a listing of its officers and principal committee chairs with the same information and the same purpose as set forth above. The same information is published for each associate member.

In the absence of specific directions hereinafter set forth, the information as set forth for the above shall be published each year by the Gulf Yachting Association in its directory.

A committee chair, committee member, yacht club or associate member of the Gulf Yachting Association may limit the publication of information concerning such member by making a written request to the GYA Directory Editor, whose name is published in the annual directory, no later than November 1 of each year. In no event shall a person's name be completely deleted—the name and at least one form of communication must be published. Any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address should be directed in writing to the GYA directory editor as soon as such information becomes available.

It is not the policy of the GYA to sell or otherwise allow any commercial use of the names, address or telephone numbers of any person listed in the directory.

Gulf Yachting Association Web Page Policy

It is the policy of the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) that the web page and site be for official use by the GYA and its member clubs. It is not to be used for commercial purposes without the express written consent of the GYA Executive Committee.

It is the policy of the Gulf Yachting Association that the Executive Committee shall not enter into any agreement with any commercial business or entity that would call for publishing the name, mailing address, phone number or other information with respect to any member of any GYA member club, but may at its discretion, allow for links to businesses and alike of general nature that would not be offensive to the vast majority of the members of the GYA member clubs.

The Executive Committee is authorized to publish on the website the names, mailing address and at least one phone number and e-mail address for each committee chair and member of the GYA Committees, should it choose to do so.

A committee chair, a committee member, yacht club or associate member of the GYA may limit the publication of information concerning such member by making a written request to the GYA website editor, whose name is published in the annual directory, no later than November 1 of each year. In no event shall a person's name be completely deleted—the name and at least one form of communication must be published should the Executive Committee decide to publish any names. Any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address should be directed in writing to the GYA web page editor as soon as such information becomes available

GYA RECOMMENDATIONS

GYA Coordinator – Suggested Job Description

General

Each GYA General Member club must appoint a club member to the position of GYA Coordinator. This position serves as the all-important communications link between the Gulf Yachting Association and the member club. It is the holder's responsibility to disseminate information to those within the club who have "a need to know."

Qualifications

The person selected for this position may hold other club offices, but this is not a prerequisite or requirement. This person should have an active interest in the promotion of yachting in the Gulf Coast area and have (or be willing to acquire) a thorough working knowledge of the inner workings of the club as well as the Gulf Yachting Association. He/she should have good communication skills and be willing to attend meetings as necessary. This person should be willing to serve for several years to ensure continuity.

Duties

The GYA Coordinator is the official communications link between the GYA (and GYA Foundation) and the club. He/she is responsible for proper distribution of official GYA communications with his/her club. For GYA-sanctioned regattas the GYA Coordinator will receive copies of the Notice of Race. He/she is responsible for making additional copies as necessary and distributing them to the appropriate parties within the club (i.e., the Race Chairman, Regatta Chairman, Team Coordinator, etc.). The only other notice to the club will be sent to the club office to be posted on the club bulletin board. The GYA Coordinator should make certain that the notice is properly posted. The GYA Coordinator is also the designated recipient of all notices from the GYA Foundation and is responsible for seeing that these notices are copied, distributed, and/or posted, as appropriate. The GYA Coordinator should attend all board meetings of the Gulf Yachting Association and serve as an advisor to the club Commodore in this capacity.

Notes

It is recommended that the person accepting this position be prepared to serve for a minimum of 2–3 years in order to promote continuity in the club's relationship with the Gulf Yachting Association. It is further recommended that an assistant be named who will succeed the incumbent. It is of great importance that the proper address for notices be given to the GYA Secretary in time for inclusion in the GYA Directory since all notices will be sent to the address in the GYA Directory. It is recommended that this address be either a home or a business address rather than the club address to ensure timely receipt and distribution. This suggested job description is only a guide. It is intended to stress the significance of the GYA Coordinator as the contact point between the GYA, GYA Foundation, and the member clubs. It was prepared by the GYA to assist you in your selection of a GYA Coordinator.



Guidelines/Considerations for Donating Perpetual Trophies to the Gulf Yachting Association

A donated perpetual trophy can be a kind and thoughtful gift. It can also prove to be a burden to the recipient and an embarrassment to both parties. Thus, the reason for this article. Here are some questions and answers a prospective donor should consider prior to donating a perpetual trophy to the Gulf Yachting Association:

1. **Is there a need?** Certainly, this is the first consideration and one that is sometimes innocently avoided. Simply consult with the Trophy Committee Chairman who will be pleased to discuss the matter with you. The Chair has all up-to-date information at hand.
2. **Does the gift have to be approved?** Yes, all new perpetual trophies must be approved by the Board of Directors. The following pages list the procedures.
3. **What is the best type of trophy to present?** As the trophy will be permanent, it is expected that the quality of the award will meet high standards. Equally important, the award should normally be sturdy, without fragile and delicate appendages as almost all these awards travel annually from one event location to another, and must withstand the rigors of rough handling!
4. **What must be included with the trophy?** The trophy must be appropriately identified with engraving or be otherwise marked and should have provision for entering names of winners for several years to come, including an adequate base if needed for this purpose.
5. **Must keeper trophies be provided?** Typically, keeper trophies are presented along with each perpetual trophy. Donors are encouraged to provide appropriate keeper awards, but there is no obligation to do so.

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR DONATION OF A PERPETUAL TROPHY TO THE GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

- 1) Discuss the proposed donation with the Trophy Committee Chairman, informing him/her of your desire to donate a perpetual trophy.
- 2) The Trophy Committee Chairman will then inform the following:
 - a) the Trophy Committee members
 - b) the Executive Committee
 - c) other committees and councils as appropriate.
- 3) Prepare a draft of your Deed of Gift and forward it to the Trophy Committee Chairman, who will in turn forward it to all the above for comments or suggestions.

Note: See following pages for preparing a Deed of Gift. The Deed is a very important part of this procedure in that it spells out, to present and future individuals, the reasons for and the terms of the gift.
- 4) Prepare final Deed of Gift after mutual agreement on the terms with the Trophy Committee and the Executive Committee. Have the Deed signed and dated by the donor. The deed of gift shall then be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval, and after approval, signed and dated by the Commodore. One copy shall be attached to the minutes, and a copy shall be provided to the donor.

WRITING A DEED OF GIFT

A Deed of Gift is a formal and legal document that transfers property ownership from one individual or organization to another.

Executing a Deed of Gift is always in the best interest of all concerned parties, both present and future, as the Deed should clearly state the donor's reason for giving the gift, how the gift is to be used, and all pertinent details that may be applicable to the transfer of ownership. In addition, it outlines the recipient's wishes and verifies that both parties are in full agreement.

Failure to execute a Deed of Gift can often bring on future problems regarding the transfer of the trophy and its true intent.

Bearing the above in mind, we offer the following outline for preparing a Deed of Gift:

DEED OF GIFT

- a) **Opening Statement:** The (name of donor or organization) gives to the Gulf Yachting Association a perpetual trophy described as (describe trophy) to be so named (give formal name of trophy). This trophy is to be presented to the competitor in (name of Event) that (describe achievement) Example: "Mr. John Doe gives to the Gulf Yachting Association a perpetual trophy described as a sterling silver bowl, 10" in diameter, with a mahogany base 14" square, to be so named "The Jane Adams Sportsmanship Award". This trophy will be presented to the competitor at The Women's' Knost Championship who demonstrates the 53 highest level of Sportsmanship (to be interpreted as fairness, courtesy and grace in victory or defeat throughout the event)"
- b) **Purpose**
 - i) If there is a particular reason for this gift, give an explanation. b. If the trophy name memorializes an individual, give a short resume of his or her achievements. Example: "Over the years we have seen the emphasis on winning increase dramatically - all too frequently at the expense of good sportsmanship. This award, in perhaps a small way, will stop that movement. We are dedicating this trophy to Jane Adams, one of sailing's premier experts on the Rules of Sailing and fair play. Jane, who passed away in 1992, is responsible for many of our current rules and procedures and should be remembered for her lifetime of volunteer effort on behalf of our sport."
- c) **Rededication:** Add that 'In the event of insufficient interest or of other reasons, the trophy may be rededicated, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.'
- d) **Care of Trophy:** The Gulf Yachting Association has a program in effect for the care and maintenance of trophies.
- e) **Signing:** Final Deed should be dated and signed by the donor and by the commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association, signifying acceptance.

The Gulf Yachting Association sincerely appreciates the generosity displayed by the donation of a perpetual trophy which, along with its other perpetual trophies, serves to promote the sport of yacht racing in our area.



BYLAWS

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GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

BYLAWS

Article I – Name

The name of this corporation shall be Gulf Yachting Association, Inc. (herein sometimes referred to as “GYA” or “Corporation”).

Article II – Objects

The objects of this Corporation are to foster and encourage friendly, social and nautical relations between the cities of the South and all of North America, to foster and advance sailing and power boating in all phases, and in particular to promote interclub races and regattas, both inshore and offshore, under uniform rules among the constituent members of the Corporation.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs

- A. Eligibility Requirements. Yacht Clubs and Sailing Clubs located in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and other Southern states as may be determined by the Board of Directors (herein sometimes referred to as “Board”) from time to time, not connected with any commercial venture, shall be eligible to apply for membership in the GYA in the appropriate classification as described in Paragraph B below and meeting the additional requirements described therein.

B. Classification

(1) General Membership. Organizations in this classification shall have a clubhouse with adequate facilities and shall be a member of the United States Sailing Association (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “USSA”). Compliance with this requirement may be delayed until acceptance. General members shall have the right of full participation in GYA affairs as provided by these bylaws.

(2) Affiliate Membership. Organizations in this classification shall be a member of the United States Sailing Association. Compliance with this requirement may be delayed until acceptance. Affiliate members shall have the right to participate in USSA events conducted within the GYA, use the services of the Appeals Committee and the PHRF Rating Committee in accordance with the established procedures and otherwise participate in GYA affairs on a reduced basis as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time, but shall not be entitled to representation on the Board.

- B. Application and Election. Organizations applying for membership in either classification shall make application through the Secretary-Treasurer on a suitable form as provided by the GYA and shall be recommended by a minimum of two General members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall refer the application to the Membership Committee for review and action as described in Article VIII, Section 6-B of these bylaws. A two-thirds vote of those members of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote shall be required for election of an applicant to membership. Applicants elected to membership shall be declared a member upon payment of the appropriate dues and other fees.

Section 2: Individuals

- A. Associate Membership. This classification is available to individuals who are members of the Affiliate or General members of the Gulf Yachting Association. Associate members will receive copies of the directory, notices of meetings,

minutes of meetings and other publications as deemed appropriate. Associate members shall not have the right to vote.

B. Honorary Membership. This classification is reserved for individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the GYA or to the sport of yachting in general. Candidates shall be nominated in writing by the Executive Committee (herein sometimes referred to as "ExCom") or by a minimum of two General members. A two-thirds vote of those members of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote shall be required for election to membership in this classification. Honorary Membership conveys no rights within the GYA and has no financial obligations.

Section 3: Sponsoring Membership. Corporations and other entities wishing to support the work of the GYA may apply as a Sponsoring member with benefits as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Sponsoring Membership conveys no voting rights within the GYA.

Section 4: Financial Obligations

A. Dues. Annual dues shall be on a calendar-year basis and shall be as fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time, to be due on January 1 each year and delinquent after April 1. In the year of acceptance to membership said dues for new General and Sponsoring members shall be prorated based on the number of complete months remaining in the calendar year as of the date of acceptance. Annual dues for new Affiliate members shall be the full amount. Dues for the year of acceptance shall be due upon receipt of invoice.

B. Initiation Fees and Assessments. Initiation fees and assessments shall be as fixed by the Board of Directors from time to time, including due dates and delinquent dates.

C. Trophy Accountability. Each General member acknowledges, as a condition of membership, that it is financially responsible for any GYA-owned trophy, banner, and any associated equipment it receives, and agrees that it is subject to any policies the Board of Directors may adopt governing the administration and handling of these GYA properties.

Section 5: Resignations, Suspensions, Terminations

A. Resignations. General and Affiliate members current in financial obligations to the GYA may submit resignations in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to accept such resignations. If said resignation is mailed before January 1 the resigning member shall not be liable for dues for that year.

B. Suspensions.

(1) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend the membership of any General or Affiliate member that is delinquent in any financial obligation to the GYA in excess of (sixty) 60 days. The Board shall permit the ExCom to notify any such member in writing of the impending action upon determination that the financial obligation is delinquent.

(2) The Board may suspend the membership of any General or Affiliate member for lapses in meeting any of the membership eligibility requirements as described in Article III, Section I. Any member encountering such a lapse shall be given written notice of the infraction by the ExCom with a reasonable specified period of time to correct the lapse. The Board may extend this period given extenuating circumstances. Failure to correct the lapse of the identified eligibility requirement shall automatically result in the suspension of the member.

- (3) The suspended member shall not be represented at any meetings of the Board or Councils, shall not participate in any GYA sanctioned events, and shall not otherwise participate in GYA affairs until such suspension is lifted by the Board and the member is notified in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer. The suspended member may submit a request for a hearing to the ExCom for consideration by the Board.

C. Terminations

- (1) Any General or Affiliate member that remains in suspended status for more than six months shall be presented to the Board for action at the next regular meeting of the Board. Termination of membership because of suspended status shall be by majority vote.
- (2) The membership of any General, Affiliate, Honorary or Associate member may be terminated for conduct injurious to the name of the GYA by a two-thirds vote of those members of the Board present and entitled to vote, provided previous notice was given with the call of the meeting.
- (3) Members subject to termination proceedings shall be entitled, upon request, to a hearing before the Board.
- (4) Associate and Sponsoring members with delinquent dues will be automatically terminated.

Article IV – Officers Section

1: Positions. The officers shall consist of a Commodore (President), a Vice-Commodore (First Vice-President), a Rear Commodore (Second Vice-President), all of whom shall be members of different General members at the time of their election, and a Secretary-Treasurer. Said officers shall be termed “Flag Officers” in the tradition of yachting.

Section 2: Nominations

- A. By Committee. The Commodore, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint at or prior to the Annual Meeting a Nominating Committee of three individuals who reside in different states within the GYA area at the time of appointment and who are also Past Commodores of the GYA, unless none are available. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one candidate for each office to be filled and shall report said nominations in writing, prior to the Semiannual Meeting, to the Secretary-Treasurer who shall submit said report to the Executive Committee prior to the Semiannual Meeting and include a copy of said Nominating Committee report with the call for the Winter Meeting.
- B. By General Members. Individuals may be nominated for office by written nomination by at least five General members. Said nominations shall be mailed by registered or certified mail no later than fifteen days prior to the Winter Meeting to all General members and the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Elections. The election of officers shall take place at the Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors. The election shall be by ballot except for those offices for which there is only one nominee. Before the election, the Nominating Committee shall make its report and the Secretary-Treasurer shall read the names of any nominations under Section 2-B above.

Section 4: Terms of Office and Vacancies

- A. Terms of Office. Officers shall serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected and assume office, and their terms of office shall be based on the calendar year. No officer shall succeed him/herself in the same office except for the Secretary-Treasurer. For the purpose of this Section, an officer who has served more than half a term shall be considered to have served a full term in that office.
- B. Vacancies in Office. A vacancy in the office of Commodore shall be filled by the Vice Commodore automatically assuming the office of Commodore for the remainder of the term. A vacancy in the office of Vice-Commodore shall be filled by the Rear Commodore automatically assuming the office of Vice-Commodore for the remainder of the term. A vacancy in the office of Rear Commodore or Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by appointment made by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term. Section

5: Duties of Officers

A. Commodore.

(1) appoint all standing committees and their chairs (after consultation with the current chair of said committees), delegates and advisors as described in Article VIII of these bylaws.

(2) exercise ratification authority over the selection of council chairs.

(3) exercise ratification authority over the selection of the Chair of the PHRF Rating Committee. appoint the Lipton Cup Regatta race committee and jury as described in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events; and

(4) appoint a nominating committee as described in Article IV, Section 2, of these bylaws.

- C. Vice-Commodore. The Vice-Commodore shall assist the Commodore in the performance of his/her duties, preside at meetings in the absence of the Commodore, and perform such other duties of the office as are prescribed in these bylaws or the adopted parliamentary authority.

- D. Rear Commodore. The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore and the Vice Commodore in the performance of their duties, preside at meetings in the absence of those two officers, and perform such other duties of the office as are prescribed in these bylaws or the adopted parliamentary authority.

D. Secretary-Treasurer.

(1) keep a record of all proceedings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee in an official Minute Book and distribute copies of minutes of meetings of the Board to all members of the Board of Directors, chairs of all councils and standing committees, and others as appropriate;

(2) mail notices of meetings of the Board of Directors no later than thirty days prior to such meetings to all members of the Board, chairs of all councils and standing committees, and others as appropriate. The use of electronic mail shall be deemed sufficient to satisfy this requirement in cases where required recipients are known to have the capability to receive such communications.

(3) distribute copies of the GYA Directory to all General and Affiliate members, all members of the Board of Directors, chairs of all standing committees and councils, and others as appropriate.

(4) collect all dues and other monies of the Corporation and deposit same in the name of the Corporation in a bank or banks as determined by the Executive Committee, cause proper disbursements of Corporation monies, and render an annual financial report covering the previous calendar year at the Annual Meeting, and interim reports at the Semiannual and Winter Meetings;

(5) keep a record of the annual winners of all GYA-sanctioned events; and

(6) within seven days following the conclusion of the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Regatta, obtain a copy of the results of the regatta, in the format described in GYA Regulation 19.1(c) and, within seven days of receipt, forward said results to the GYA Historical Records Collection identified in the GYA Directory.

Section 6: Removal from Office. An officer may be removed from office for willful neglect of office, failure to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned to said officer, or willful violation of the bylaws, rules, and regulations of this Corporation. In the event a claim is made in writing to the Board of Directors or upon the written complaint of any member of the Board of Directors with respect to such officer, the Board of Directors shall notify the officer who is the subject of such complaint and furnish said officer with a copy of such complaint(s), and such officer shall be afforded an opportunity for a full and impartial hearing before the Board of Directors with respect to such complaint. A two-thirds vote of those members of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote shall be required to remove an officer from office.

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:

A. The Flag Officers of the Corporation.

B. The Past Commodores of the Corporation.

C. One representative from each 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 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.

Section 2: Voting. The voting authority of the Board of Directors shall be vested solely in the respective representatives of the General members present at a meeting, excepting those in suspended status. The presiding officer is empowered to vote only in event of a tie. All other members of the Board of Directors may make motions and take part in debate but shall not have a vote.

Article VI – Meetings of the Board of Directors

Section 1: Regular Meetings

- A. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting shall be held the first Saturday in May unless otherwise requested by the incoming Commodore and approved by the Board of Directors. The meeting shall be hosted by the yacht club of the Commodore or such other yacht club selected by the Commodore with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- B. Semiannual Meeting. The Semiannual Meeting shall be held the Saturday morning of each Labor Day weekend unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, at the yacht club hosting the GYA Championship for the Lipton Trophy.
- C. Winter Meeting. The Winter Meeting shall be held during the month of January, the date and location as determined by the Executive Committee. The business of the meeting shall include the election of officers, adoption of the race schedule for the current calendar year and such other business as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 2: Special Meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the Commodore with the approval of the Executive Committee, or upon the written request of forty percent of the General members given to the Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the following:

- A. Written notice of special meetings shall be given as prescribed in Article IV, Section 5- D (2).
- B. No business shall be transacted at said meetings except that stated in the notice.

Section 3: Quorum. A majority of the voting members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4: Virtual Meetings. Notwithstanding anything contained in Article VI, Sections 1, 2 and 3, under extenuating circumstances (natural disaster, state of emergency, epidemic, pandemic, and/or where governmental agencies restrict personal interaction), a meeting of the Board of Directors may be conducted by one or more means of remote communication through which all of the Board members may participate with each other during the meeting, if the number of Board members participating in the meeting would be sufficient to constitute a quorum. Participation in a meeting by this means constitutes presence in person at the meeting.

Article VII – Executive Committee Section

1: Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Flag Officers of the Corporation and the Immediate Past Commodore.

Section 2: Duties and Authority. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for executing the directives and policies of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have the full authority of the Board except for those powers described in Articles III; IV, VIII, Section 9-B; IX, X, XII, and XIII. None of the acts of the Executive Committee shall conflict with any actions taken by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet in person or by telephone conference at the call of the Commodore or at the request of three members of the committee given to the Secretary-Treasurer. A minimum of seven days prior notice of meetings shall be given to each member of the committee, except that this requirement may be waived with the consent of all members of the committee.

Section 4: Quorum. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Business by Mail. Business of the Executive Committee may be conducted by mail or electronic means when necessary. Actions taken by mail or electronic means shall be made part of the minutes of the next following meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 6: Reports. The Executive Committee shall make a report at each meeting of the Board of Directors, which shall include a summary of its actions.

Section 7: Budget. The Executive Committee shall adopt a calendar-year budget no later than March 1 each year. The budget may be amended by the Executive Committee by a majority vote without notice. Non-budgeted expenditures shall be approved by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Committees, Delegates, Advisors

Section 1: Standing Committees

- A. The Standing Committees of the GYA shall be: Appeals, Bylaws, Capdevielle, Judges, Measurement, Membership, One-Design, Race Management, Racing Regulations, Safety, Schedule, Trophy, USSA Championships and Youth. Said committees shall function as described in Sections 2 through 15 of this Article.
- B. All members of the Standing Committees shall be members of or affiliated with General members.
- C. Unless otherwise stated herein, terms for members of Standing Committees shall be one year, or until their successors are appointed. Terms shall be based on the calendar year.
- D. All Standing Committees shall make an annual written report at the Winter Meeting and such other reports as are necessary.
- E. All Standing Committees shall maintain a book containing minutes and other appropriate items to ensure the proper long-term functioning of the committee.

Section 2: Appeals Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of five voting members, one of whom shall serve as chair, and any number of associate members who may substitute for excused voting members.
- B. Terms. Voting member terms shall be five years or until their successors are appointed, said terms to be overlapping so that one term expires each year.
- C. Duties. The Committee shall hear and decide, in conformity with the racing rules and such other rules as may apply, all appeals from decisions of protest committees serving at events hosted by General and Affiliate members and such other organizations as determined by the USSA. Decisions of the Committee shall not be subject to review by the GYA and shall be binding on all parties thereto unless reversed or otherwise altered by the United States Sailing Association.

Section 3: Bylaws Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair and two additional members B. Duties. The Committee shall:
 - (1) review all amendments submitted in accordance with Article XIII, edit (if necessary) for composition and forward said amendments, together with the committee's recommendation for action, if any, to the Secretary-Treasurer in time for distribution as required by Article XIII.
 - (2) originate amendments as necessary; and

- (3) consolidate similar amendments for joint proposal subject to acceptance by the proposers

Section 4: Capdevielle Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair, the Chief Measurer, the Chair of the One-Design Committee and one representative appointed by the Commodore of each General member that competed in at least fifty (50%) percent of the Capdevielle events in the previous year.
- B. Duties. The Committee shall administer the annual competition for the Capdevielle Trophy as described in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events, including but not limited to: (1) informing host clubs of Capdevielle events of their duties and responsibilities; and (2) maintaining a record of the results of all Capdevielle events, computing the scoring for the Capdevielle competition and providing said scores to all General members at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors, after receiving the necessary information from host clubs.

Section 5: Judges Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair, called the "GYA Administrative Judge", who shall be a USSA National Judge, unless one is not available then a USSA Judge may fill the position, and a minimum of two (2) additional members.
- B. Duties. The Committee shall select the jury for events as required by the Regulations for Sanctioned Events, provide training for prospective individuals for certification as judges by the United States Sailing Association, provide recommendations for service on juries when requested and comply with all other requirements as specified in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

Section 6: Measurement Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair, called the "Chief Measurer", and such other measurers as are necessary to provide the services of the Committee to the membership.
- B. Duties. The committee shall measure sails and perform other duties as prescribed in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

Section 7: Membership Committee

- A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of a chair and four additional members.
- B. Duties. The committee shall review all applications for General and Affiliate Membership; review any other matters as necessary within the scope of Article III of these bylaws, including but not limited to continued compliance with eligibility requirements; and report its findings and recommendations thereon to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.

Section 8: One-Design Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair and one representative of each General member, appointed annually by the Commodore of the General member. The appointments shall be made and submitted to the Chair of the Committee no later than the Annual Meeting for which they appoint a representative.
- B. Duties: The Committee shall promote and support One- Design class sailing within the GYA, promote GYA interclub competition for the Commodore

Auguste Capdevielle Memorial Trophy and other GYA sanctioned and/or sponsored interclub competitions among One- Design classes and multihulls by proposing any improvements to format, competition, race management, rules and regulations it deems necessary, and provide a forum for the One-Design fleets to exchange views and help solve problems.

- C. Vacancies: A vacancy on the Committee shall be appointed by the Commodore of the General member of the vacating committee member and shall be for the remainder of the year.

Section 9: Race Management Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of eleven (11) members consisting of a chair, two individuals residing in each of the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and one individual residing in each of the states of Arkansas and Texas. In addition, the Chair may, in his/her sole discretion, appoint any number of non-voting associate members, selected without regard to residency location.
- B. Terms. The term of office for the Chair shall be one year or until a successor is appointed. The term of office for the remaining members shall be four years or until their successors are appointed. One term from Alabama and one from Louisiana shall expire at the end of even numbered years. One term from Mississippi and one from Florida shall expire at the end of each odd numbered year. The term from Arkansas shall expire at the end of odd numbered years prior to leap years and the term from Texas shall expire at the end of odd numbered years following leap years.
- C. Duties. The committee shall promote excellence in race management within the GYA, administer the competition for GYA Trophy for Excellence in Race Management, investigate reports of improper race management as set forth in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events, and provide assistance and advice on race administration.

Section 10: Racing Regulations Committee

- A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of a chair 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 Regulations Committee, edit for composition, and give a recommendation for action, if any.

Section 11: Safety Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be the Chairs of the Capdevielle, One Design and Youth Committees, and the Chair of the Offshore Council. The Rear Commodore shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Executive Committee.
- B. Communication. Committee communications may be via electronic means. It recommended that the Committee meet in person annually at the Winter Meeting. Other meetings may be established as necessary.
- C. Duties. In carrying out its purpose, the Safety Committee is committed to four basic principles:
 - 1. An annual review and report to the ExCom of GYA safety principles and guidelines.

2. Recommend to the ExCom any proposed or actual changes in safety policies, practices, and procedures.
3. Assist the ExCom and other Committees in the planning of action to promote sailing safety.
4. Act as a problem-solving group to help with the identification, control, and resolution of unsafe sailing practices.

Section 12: Schedule Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of five members consisting of a chair and four additional members residing in different states.
- B. Duties. The committee shall develop a draft of the GYA Racing Schedule for the coming calendar year, resolving conflicts where possible, and present said draft to the Board of Directors at the Winter Meeting for adoption.

Section 13: Trophy Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of a chair and such other members as are deemed necessary.
- B. Duties. The Committee shall have responsibility for the accountability of all trophies donated to or owned by the GYA or for which the GYA is otherwise responsible. This includes maintaining an inventory list of all competitive perpetual and marker awards, including trophies, banners, and other similar items, showing the location of each award. The Committee shall include said inventory list in its annual report. Responsibilities shall include arranging for said awards to be brought to events as appropriate for presentation; communication with host clubs to assure the purchase of such trophies as prescribed in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events. The Committee shall communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer to assure the timely purchase of those standard awards required by the Regulations to be supplied by the GYA for presentation at the required event and shall receive and review all requests for adoption of new perpetual trophies and banners. The Committee may make recommendations to the GYA Board of Directors regarding these matters as the committee deems appropriate. The Committee shall also maintain an Electronic Trophy Book which contains specific information for each Perpetual Trophy given to the GYA. A member of the Trophy Committee shall be designated with primary responsibility for maintaining and updating the Electronic Trophy Book.

Section 14: USSA Championships Committee

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of up to ten members consisting of a chair, the USSA Delegate (ex officio member), the Youth Committee Chair and up to 7 additional members appointed by the Commodore. Each of the states having General members in the Gulf Yachting Association shall have at least one representative. The Chair, the GYA USSA Delegate and the Youth Committee Chair may also serve as representatives of their respective states. If there is no representative available, a state may be unrepresented until a representative is available upon recommendation by the Chair and approval of the Commodore.
- B. Duties. The Committee shall promote participation in USSA Championships except for Offshore Championships, be thoroughly familiar with the rules published by the USSA governing its championships, recommend to the Schedule Committee the dates and host clubs for USSA Championship events hosted by General members, work closely with said clubs to ensure a

properly run event and assist those competitors sailing in events above the GYA level. The Technical Advisor shall assist in the drafting of documents as needed, such as the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Section 15: Youth Committee

- A. The Committee shall be composed of a Chair and one (1) representative from each GYA General and Affiliate member club.
- B. The term of office for the chair shall be one year or until a successor is appointed. The term of office for the remaining members shall be two years or until their successors are appointed.
- C. Duties. The committee shall promote the interests of youth sailing within the GYA.

Section 16: Special Committees. Special Committees may be appointed as necessary by the Board of Directors, or by the Commodore with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 17: USSA Delegate. The USSA Delegate shall represent the GYA at membership meetings of the United States Sailing Association, the Regional Sailing Association Council, and Area "D", shall make periodic reports on such representation, and shall be an ex officio member of the USSA Championships Committee of the GYA. The term of office shall be one year corresponding to the calendar year. The USSA Delegate shall be a member of a GYA General member and a member of the United States Sailing Association.

Section 18: Advisors

- A. General Counsel. The General Counsel shall be licensed to practice law, shall be a member of a General member, and shall provide legal assistance and advice to the GYA as necessary.
- B. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall be a member of a General member and shall serve as prescribed in the adopted parliamentary authority.

Article IX – Councils

The Board of Directors may authorize the formation of Councils to carry out the objectives of the GYA in defined spheres of activity. Such Councils shall have the authority to adopt their own bylaws, rules, regulations, etc., provided such bylaws, rules, regulations, etc. shall be ratified by the Board of Directors before becoming effective. Councils shall make written annual reports at the Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors and such other reports as are necessary and shall provide financial reports as necessary to the Secretary-Treasurer to facilitate the preparation of financial statements for the GYA. The selection of chairs by said councils shall be ratified by the Commodore with the approval of the Executive Committee before becoming effective.

Article X – Indemnification

Section 1: Coverage. Each director, officer or committee member serving the Corporation in any of its activities and his/her legal representative shall be indemnified by the Corporation against liabilities, expenses, counsel fees and costs reasonably incurred by him/her or his/her estate in connection with, or arising out of, any action, suit, proceeding or claim in which he/she is made a party by reason of his/her being, or having been, such director, officer or committee member, provided that in no case shall the Corporation indemnify such person or legal representative with respect to any matters as to which he/she may be adjudged in any such action, suit or proceeding to have been liable for willful misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of his/her duties as a director, officer or committee member.

Section 2: Compromise Settlements. The indemnification herein provided for, however, shall also apply in respect to any amount paid in compromise of any action, suit, proceeding or claim asserted against those persons named in Section 1 above (including expenses, counsel fees and costs reasonably incurred in connection therewith), provided the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have first approved such proposed compromise settlement and determined that the person involved was not guilty of willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Section 3: Willful Misconduct or Gross Negligence Determination. In determining whether a director was guilty of willful misconduct or gross negligence in relation to any such matters, the Board of Directors, or a committee or special advisor appointed by the Board of Directors as the case may be, may conclusively rely upon the opinion of independent legal counsel selected by such Board of Directors, committee or special advisor.

Section 4: Coverage. The Corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a part of or is party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he/she is or was an officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if he/she acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct unlawful.

Section 5: Presumption. The termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or upon a pleading of "nolo contendere" or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that he/she did not have reasonable cause to believe that his/her conduct was unlawful.

Section 6: Insurance. The Corporation shall procure insurance insuring the Corporation with respect to the indemnification set forth herein.

Article XI - Burgee

The burgee of the GYA shall be a pennant with a red field containing the letters "GYA" in white.

Article XII – Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, these bylaws, and any special rules of order the Board of Directors may adopt.

Article XIII – Amendments

Section 1: Articles of Incorporation Relationship. Articles contained in these bylaws dealing with matters also covered in the Articles of Incorporation may be amended only with a current amendment to the Articles of Incorporation as needed.

Section 2: Procedure. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds 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. if originated by a party other than the Executive Committee shall have been submitted to that committee through the Secretary-Treasurer no later than sixty days prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.
- C. shall have been submitted to the Bylaws Committee by the Secretary-Treasurer for review as required by Article VIII, Section 3-B of these bylaws; and
- D. shall have been included with the notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

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OFFSHORE COUNCIL BYLAWS

**ADOPTED BY GYA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 3, 1986
WITH AMENDMENTS THROUGH JANUARY 2005**

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Offshore council is to promote, encourage and coordinate offshore racing in GYA member clubs, to assist member clubs through the formulation of uniform tenets and conditions by which offshore events shall be organized, conducted and judged, to sanction events conducted pursuant thereto, and to foster interclub competition through such events as the Challenge Cup Series and G.O.R.C.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Each Commodore of a GYA member club shall annually name and designate a single member of his respective club to perform as delegate to the Offshore Council and said Commodore shall notify the chairman of the Executive Committee of such appointment.
- 2.2 The Offshore Council shall consist of the delegates, of the GYA member clubs, so named and designated by the Commodore of each respective club.

ARTICLE III MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 The affairs of the Offshore Council shall be managed by the Executive Committee, and such other committees may hereinafter be formed or named by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV ANNUAL MEETING

- 4.1 The Offshore Council shall meet at least once annually for the purpose of receiving a report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee on the state of offshore racing and the Executive Committee's ministration for the preceding year, obtaining the comments of members and other interested yachtsmen, and for the election of members of the Executive committee to serve for the ensuing year.
- 4.2 The current Chairman of the Executive Committee shall chair the meetings which shall be held at a suitable time and place communicated by him in writing to the Commodores and Offshore Council delegates of all GYA member clubs.
- 4.3 Meetings of the Offshore Council shall be open to all members of GYA member clubs.

ARTICLE V ELECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of seven persons, elected by single ballot cast by each delegate of the Offshore Council for seven of a minimum of twelve nominees, each of whom must be an active member in good standing of a GYA member club duly nominated from the floor by a delegate of the Offshore Council.
- 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., for a maximum of three votes, for each of the seven persons for whom he votes.
- 5.3 The current Chairman of the Executive Committee shall notify the members-elect of their election to the Executive Committee specifying within at least five days

advance written notice, the date and time of meeting of the Executive Committee as so constituted.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Executive Committee shall be duly convened by the current Chairman of the Executive Committee. The first order of business for the newly elected Executive Committee shall be to select a Chairman. Said Chairman must have been a member of the previous year's Executive Committee. (He need not be a member of the current Executive Committee.) The name of the person selected shall be forwarded to the Commodore of the GYA for his approval and confirmation. The Chairman, when appointed, shall serve until his successor is named and shall undertake performance of the duties of his office.
- 6.2 The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and Offshore Council. As Chairman, he shall issue all notices of meetings, establish meeting date and places, and disseminate in advance an agenda for all meetings and communicate any decisions of the Executive Committee as directed to do so the Committee.
- 6.3 The members of the Executive Committee can waive the requirements for advance written notice of any meeting by unanimous consent.
- 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.

ARTICLE VII P.H.R.F. RATING COMMITTEE

- 7.1 The P.H.R.F. Committee of the GYA Offshore division is hereby continued as an independent agency of the Offshore Council. It shall be constituted and function in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws of the P.H.R.F. Committee hereto adopted by the Executive Committee of the Offshore Council as amended.

ARTICLE VIII RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER CLUBS

- 8.1 Neither the Offshore council nor the Executive Committee shall have any power to bind any G.Y.A. member club to take or to refrain from taking any action or otherwise obligate such member club to any person, firm or corporation expressly or impliedly. Similarly, each GYA member club expressly reserves to itself its full right of self-governance and individual autonomy; the establishment of the Offshore Council is not to be deemed or considered as creating among GYA member clubs or association among them for such purpose or any purpose.

ARTICLE IX REPORT OF ADOPTION

- 9.1 Adoption of these rules respecting establishment of the Offshore Council of the GYA shall operate to repeal the provisions of Section XIV of the GYA Racing Rules and Regulations, effective upon the call to order, of the first annual meeting of the Offshore Council as provided in Article IV.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION

- 10.1 These rules may be modified and amended in the manner provide for with respect to the amendment of the Constitution of the GYA provided, however, that neither shall the provisions of Article VIII nor the remaining provisions be amended in a manner the force or effect of which would be to negate the recitations contained in said article, except by unanimous consent of all GYA member clubs.

ARTICLE XI RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 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, 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.

REGULATIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS



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GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION (GYA)

REGULATIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS

JANUARY 2023 EDITION

PART 1 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section A - Authority

1 APPLICABILITY

These regulations spell out the administration, management of, and criteria for events sanctioned by the GYA. These regulations may be amended or waived at any meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) only 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 BOD, the Executive Committee (EXCOM), a council or a standing or special committee.
- (b) Shall have been submitted to the Racing Regulations Committee for advance review as required by Article VIII, Section 8-B of the GYA 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, then the vote to amend must be approved by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (¾) of those members of the BOD present and entitled to vote

2 GOVERNING RULES

- 2.1 **Sanctioned Events.** The current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* as published by USSA, including Prescriptions, and this document, shall govern GYA sanctioned events and shall be stated in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for these events. Notices of Race that refer to these regulations shall state that competitors may obtain a copy from www.gya.org.
- 2.2 **Capdevielle Interclub Events.** Part 2 of these regulations and the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules, when not in conflict with the *RRS* or these regulations, shall govern. The following sections of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules shall not apply for GYA Capdevielle events: **10.1, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5.**
- 2.3 **GYA Sanctioned One-Design Events.** Part 3 of these regulations shall govern.
- 2.4 **GYA Sanctioned Offshore Events.** Part 4 of these regulations shall govern.

Section B - Definitions

3 TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THESE REGULATIONS

- 3.1 **GYA Club.** A GYA general member club is as defined by the current GYA Bylaws.
- 3.2 **Member.** A member in good standing of a GYA club, or a spouse or child who is entitled to the customary club privileges of a member in good standing (parent or guardian for children). Member requirements specific to each sanctioned event are detailed in each event's regulations.
- 3.3 **GYA Sanctioned Event.** A regatta or championship series established and sustained as a sanctioned event by the BOD shall be open only to GYA clubs and their members, unless otherwise stated in these regulations. A skipper who is a member of more than one GYA club may represent only one club in a sanctioned event. Sanctioned Events:

Event Name	Abbreviated Name	Event Style	Specific Governing Regulations
GYA Interclub Championship for the Commodore Auguste Capdevielle Memorial Trophy	Capdevielle	One-Design	<u>Regulations 7 through 23</u>
GYA Fish Class Championship for the John G. Curren Trophy	Fish Class Championship	One-Design	<u>Regulation 24</u>
GYA Multihull Championship for the Commodore Luis B. Pollack Trophy	Multihull	Handicap	<u>Regulation 25</u>
GYA Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy	Masters	One-Design	<u>Regulation 26</u>
GYA 420 Championship		One-Design	<u>Regulation 27</u>
GYA Individual Flying Scot Championship for the Cock of the Walk Trophy		One-Design	<u>Regulation 28</u>
GYA Laser Championship		One-Design	<u>Regulation 29</u>
GYA Lightning Championship for the Commodore Eugene Taylor Trophy		One-Design	<u>Regulation 30</u>
GYA Sunfish Championship for the Charles Galloway Trophy		One-Design	<u>Regulation 31</u>
GYA J/22 Championship for the Commodore Henry G. "Harry" Chapman Trophy		One-Design	<u>Regulation 32</u>
GYA Finn Class Championship		One-Design	<u>Regulation 33</u>
GYA Optimist Class Championship		One-Design	<u>Regulation 34</u>
GYA conducted semi-finals for US Sailing Championships		One-Design	<u>Appendix D</u>
GYA Offshore Challenge Cup	Challenge Cup	Offshore – ORR/PHRF	<u>Regulation 39</u>
GYA Women's HANDICAP Championship		Offshore – ORR/PHRF	<u>Regulation 40</u>
West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit	WFORC	Offshore – ORR/PHRF	<u>Regulation 41</u>
Gulfport to Pensacola Race		Offshore – ORR/PHRF	<u>Regulation 42</u>

(b) Additionally, all Capdevielle events listed in Regulation 7.4 are sanctioned events.

- 3.4 GYA Championship Eligibility.** During GYA championship events sailed as part of regattas open to other than GYA clubs or members, only GYA clubs or club members shall be eligible for the GYA championship trophies.
- 3.5 GYA Banner.** An official, approved banner that is awarded for display at GYA clubs shall be approved by the BOD. A banner will not be approved unless there is a permanent approved trophy for the event which lists the winners. A banner's approval may be revoked by the BOD.
- (a) The following two basic banner designs have been approved:
 - (i) **Core:** For established events which have demonstrated strong interest by many of the GYA clubs. These events have shown several years of active participation, proper race administration and are events that the association considers core events. All new banners for core events will be approximately 41" wide by 31" high. The banner color shall as much as possible be distinctive for that event. These banners will be similar in design to the approved banner for the Junior Lipton Championship.
 - (ii) **Non-Core:** For approved and/or sanctioned events that are designated GYA championship events. These are events which have a broad interest among GYA clubs (a history of six or more clubs participating) and which have demonstrated a commitment to good race management practices. All banners for non-core events shall be approximately 15" wide by 60" long. These banners should use the GYA logo rather than spelling out the name and should designate the event or class championship with either a logo or name and in most cases should include the word "championship" or "champion."
 - (b) The final design of the banner should be submitted through the Trophy Committee for its recommendation and must be presented to the BOD with specifications as to size, font, color and content before being approved. These specifications are to be catalogued by the Trophy Committee and the banner will become the property of the GYA.
 - (c) Approved core banners: Capdevielle Champion Banner, Lipton Cup Champion Banner, Junior Lipton Champion Banner, Knost Champion Banner, Fish Class Championship Banner, Junior Lipton Sportsmanship Banner, and the Offshore Challenge Cup Champion Banner.
 - (d) Approved non-core banners: GYA Sunfish Champion and the GYA Junior Sunfish Champion.
 - (e) No GYA club or organizing authority of any event or series shall produce, award or display any banner designated or labeled "GYA" or "Gulf Yachting Association" that is not approved by the BOD.

Section C – Event Management

4 NOTICES

- 4.1 Schedule.** GYA clubs shall schedule events in compliance with the standard schedule approved annually by the BOD. Exceptions may be made by adversely affected clubs with the concurrence of the EXCOM.
- 4.2 Notice of Race.** 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 (**or other EXCOM approved website**) shall be posted on-line using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org no later than 2 months prior to the regatta.
- 4.3 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 online using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org.
- 4.4 Reporting Results.** Final results shall be posted by the end of the last day of the event to Regatta Network (**or other EXCOM approved website**).
- 4.5 Controlling Perpetual Trophies.** See appendix H for further guidance.

5 RACE MANAGEMENT

5.1 Race Committees

- (a) For all sanctioned events, except the Sir Thomas Lipton Interclub Challenge Cup (Lipton Cup), the race management shall be by the host club race committee. The host club is strongly encouraged to include a US Sailing certified race official to be the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- (b) The Lipton Cup race management shall be by the Lipton Race Committee appointed by the GYA Commodore using a US Sailing certified Regional or higher race official as the PRO.

5.2 Judges and Protest Committees

- (a) For all events except those listed in Regulation 5.2 (b) the use of US Sailing certified judges is strongly encouraged.
- (b) For the Opening, Lipton Cup, Junior Lipton Championship (Junior Lipton), Knost Ladies Championship (Knost), GYA Race of Champions, GYA Fish Class Championship, and GYA Offshore Challenge Cup, judges shall be appointed by the GYA Administrative Judge, be approved by the ExCom and shall include a US Sailing certified judge as the Chief Judge. Judges at these events shall be on the water during the event.

5.3 Scoring

- (a) For all events, the RRS Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used. However, no scores shall be excluded unless otherwise stated in the event Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- (b) Exceptions to Regulation 5.3(a) are provided in Regulation 25.8 (Multihull Championship) and 39.9 (Offshore Challenge Cup).
- (c) Exceptions to Regulation 5.3 (a) are provided for Circuit scoring overall standings Regulations 35 (Laser Circuit), 36 (Optimist Circuit) and 37 (Club 420 Circuit).

Section D – Responsibility, Safety and Compliance

6 SAFETY

- (a) In all GYA sanctioned Viper 640 events and in all junior/youth events, USCG–approved Type I, II or III PFDs 100% dependent on foam for flotation shall be properly worn by all skippers and crewmembers while on board a competing boat while racing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- (b) All International Viper 640 Class mandated safety requirements shall be carried on board at all times.

PART 2 – CAPDEVIELLE REGULATIONS

In addition to or in exception to Part 1 – General Regulations, the following regulations shall apply.

Section E – Administration

7 GYA INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE COMMODORE AUGUSTE CAPDEVIELLE MEMORIAL TROPHY

7.1 Capdevielle Series Annual Awards that shall be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet:

- (a) The **Commodore Auguste Capdevielle Memorial Trophy** and the **Capdevielle Champion Banner** shall be awarded to the series winning GYA club.
- (b) Suitable keeper plaques shall be awarded to the clubs finishing first, second and third in the competition. The GYA shall purchase these plaques.

7.2 Series Winner Selection

- (a) Scoring. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System, as described in Appendix B, shall be used to score the annual series. Each competing club's score shall be the highest score calculated from the club's 2/3rd (rounded down to nearest whole number)

best Capdevielle Series Regattas in the calendar year with a minimum of five (5) events sailed. Ties. If an unbreakable tie exists, co-winners shall be declared. Co-winners shall make arrangements for the trophy and banner to be displayed at each club for an equal amount of time.

7.3 Point Year. The Capdevielle Point Year shall begin on January 1 of each year and the annual series for that year shall include all regattas scheduled and completed in the calendar year ending on the following December 31.

7.4 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:

Regatta Name	Abbreviated Name	Designation	Host Club
Mardi Gras		Non-Championship	New Orleans Yacht Club
GYA Opening	Opening	Non-Championship Regulation 23	GYA Commodore's Club
Spring		Non-Championship	Buccaneer Yacht Club
Candler		Non-Championship	St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club
Meigs		Non-Championship	Ft. 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 Champions	Sugar Bowl	Non-Championship Regulation 22	Southern Yacht Club

8 CAPDEVIELLE INTERCLUB BOAT

8.1 The Interclub Boat is the Viper 640, constructed by a builder selected by and meeting the specifications of the International Viper 640 Class Association. Interclub Boats used in competition by GYA clubs shall be properly registered with the International Viper 640 Class Association and be in compliance with the current [International Viper 640 Class Association rules](#).

8.2 The GYA chief measurer shall serve as the class liaison and authorized representative of the International Viper Class 640 Class Association and shall enforce all class and GYA rules.

9 SERIES ELIGIBILITY

Only GYA clubs are eligible to be scored in the Capdevielle Interclub Series.

10 GYA CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events

- (a) Equipment. Clubs that own at least one Capdevielle Interclub Boat shall compete in one of its own Interclub Boats unless the club qualifies for an exception as provided by Regulation 10.1(b)(i).
- (b) Exceptions to Equipment
 - (i) Loss or Damage Exception. In the event that a club does not have a club-owned Interclub Boat in racing condition because of total loss or excessive damage the club may apply to the EXCOM for the Lipton Cup, or to the host club race committee all other events, to charter an Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner.
 - (ii) 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 through 2025)
- (c) Boat Sailed. Clubs shall not interchange hulls during a regatta. A club shall compete in only one hull in an event except as provided in Regulation 10.1(c)(i). Changing hulls from one event to the next is permitted. Exception:
 - (i) During a regatta a hull may be exchanged for another in the event of serious damage.
 - (ii) Such changes shall require approval in advance by the event judges or by the host club race committee in events where judges are not used.
- (d) Open Division. For all non-championship events listed in Regulation 7.4, and at the discretion of the host club, there shall be an Open Division where entries start and sail the same race course as the Capdevielle entries. GYA clubs may enter boats in the Open Division in addition to their designated Capdevielle competition entry. Clubs entering multiple boats shall designate their one Capdevielle entry at the time of registration. The Open Division may also include privately owned Interclub Boats skippered by a member of a GYA club. Open Division entries shall be scored as a separate fleet. Host clubs electing to have an Open Division may charge entry fees for Open Division boats.
 - (i) Crew rotation, skipper limitations and equipment regulations are not required for Open Division boats.
 - (ii) Overt team racing tactics between divisions shall be prohibited. Entries found to have engaged in or benefited from team racing tactics to improve their score or worsen another boat's score shall be subject to disqualification.

10.2 Scheduling Other Capdevielle Interclub Boat Events. No GYA club shall schedule an open or invitational regatta that will have the Capdevielle Interclub Boat as participants on the same dates as a Capdevielle Series Regatta without the consent of the Capdevielle host club.

11 HOST CLUB REQUIREMENTS

11.1 Number of annual events allowed. No GYA club shall host more than three Capdevielle Series Regattas during any Capdevielle Point Year.

11.2 Host Club Eligibility.

Host clubs shall comply with (a) through (e) below. Except for the GYA Opening, Junior Lipton and Lipton Cup Regattas, a host club's failure to comply with one or more of the requirements below shall result in the hosted regatta's Capdevielle status being placed on probation for the next running of the regatta. Any failure by a host club to comply while the regatta is on probation shall result in the withdrawal of the regatta's Capdevielle status. Once withdrawn in accordance with this regulation, a regatta's Capdevielle status may only be reinstated by action of the BOD. The host club:

- (a) Shall have entered and competed in the event it hosts.
- (b) Shall have a minimum of five (5) eligible club teams in addition to its own entry compete in the event.

- (c) Shall compete in a minimum of 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle events during the Capdevielle Point Year.
- (d) Shall provide the proper notices, reports and trophies required by these regulations.
- (e) Shall adhere to proper race management and other procedures as prescribed by US Sailing and these regulations. Adherence, as used here, shall be determined by the Race Management Committee.

11.3 Regatta Probation. A host club whose Capdevielle status is on probation, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in Regulation 11.2, shall also have a certified Race Officer as PRO for the Capdevielle course, have a certified Judge review and approve regatta documentation before it is posted, and shall have a Qualified Observer, appointed by the Race Management Committee, on the Capdevielle course.

Section F – Event Management

12 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Host clubs shall provide an official registration committee, disseminate Sailing Instructions, accommodate crew weigh-ins, and perform other pertinent duties.

13 ENTRIES

There shall be no entry fee for Capdevielle events and a minimum number of three (3) teams competing for the event to be scored.

14 NUMBER OF RACES

14.1 The number of races scheduled and required to constitute a series at each event shall conform to the following:

Event	Number of Races Scheduled	Number of Races to Constitute a Series
Lipton Cup	5	2
Junior Lipton	6	1
Knost	Maximum of 5	1
Sugar Bowl	Maximum of 5	Per the OA
All Others	5	1

14.2 Host club race committees shall incorporate windward offset marks and leeward gates in all racecourses set.

15 SCORING

15.1 All Capdevielle Sailing Instructions shall include the applicable parts of these scoring and tie-breaking regulations.

15.2 All Events. The Low Point System (RRS A4) shall be used. However, no scores shall be excluded.

15.3 Ties: Except as provided in Regulations 19.9 (Lipton Cup), and 20.4 (Junior Lipton), ties shall be resolved according to RRS A8.

16 TROPHIES

16.1 Except as provided in Regulation 19 (Lipton Cup), 20 (Junior Lipton) and 23 (Opening), the host club shall purchase and award all required trophies. At minimum, trophies are required to be awarded as follows:

- (a) Awards for the first, second, and third place clubs overall.
- (b) The winning boat in each race of a series.

16.2 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the host club.

16.3 The trophies provided shall not be of the design of the standard adopted Lipton Cup plaques awarded by the GYA.

Section G – Eligibility and Criteria

17 TEAMS, CAPTAINS, SKIPPERS AND CREWS

17.1 Teams

A GYA club participating in a Capdevielle event shall be represented by its club-selected team. Each club shall select its team in the manner it deems appropriate. Teams shall consist of the captain, skippers and crews, each of whom shall meet these eligibility requirements:

- (a) Except as provided by Regulations 20.3(a) (Junior Lipton) and 21.2(a) (Knost), team captains and skippers shall have been members of the club they represent for at least three (3) months prior to the date of the first race.
- (b) Except as provided by Regulations 19.3(b) (Lipton Cup), 20.3(a) (Junior Lipton), and 21.2(a) (Knost), crews shall be members of a GYA club but need not be from the same club as the skipper.

17.2 Team Captains

- (a) The team captain has the final authority over team management.
- (b) The team captain may also skipper and/or crew.

17.3 Skippers

- (a) Except as provided in Regulations 19.5(b) (Lipton Cup) and 22 (Sugar Bowl), a skipper shall be the helmsperson in no more than two (2) races.
- (b) No crewmember shall handle the tiller/hiking stick except for brief periods of time or in case of an emergency.

17.4 Crews

Except as provided by Regulations 19.5 (Lipton Cup) team members may sail in all races.

17.5 Crew Weight

Except as provided by Regulations 20.3(d) (Junior Lipton) and 21.3(c) (Knost), the total minimum weight of the persons on board while racing shall be 390 pounds live weight.

17.6 Crew Weigh-in

- (a) There shall be no required formal weigh-in unless the total weight of a crew is challenged. Any participant who believes that there may be insufficient weight in any crew may protest. In such case, the challenged crew shall be weighed.
- (b) Provided that the team captain made no last-minute changes, a crew that is weighed and certified as meeting the above requirement prior to a race shall not be subject to challenge after the race.
- (c) Weigh-ins shall be conducted by a committee designated by the host club.
- (d) Crewmember weights shall be taken in normal, dry, sailing attire.

17.7 Crew Lists and Crew List Changes

The following procedures shall be mandatory for the Junior Lipton and Lipton Cup regattas. They are optional for all other Capdevielle events, but if the host club elects to require them, the host club shall restate them in the regatta Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

- (a) Except as provided below, no later than the end of protest time on each race day team captains or their designees should file crew lists with the race committee. The report shall include club name, race number, race date, sail number and the names of the skipper and crewmembers sailing the race.
- (b) Failure to submit crew lists by the end of protest time on each race day shall not be a penalizable offense.
- (c) No Club shall receive credit for their Capdevielle score until a crew list has been received by the GYA secretary if not received by the conclusion of a regatta.

18 SAILS AND RIGGING

- (a) A GYA-assigned Club Burgee shall appear on each mainsail. Bow numbers shall be in accordance with class rules. The only exception shall be for boats and/or sails duly chartered from another GYA club. **Each full color Club Burgee shall**

measure nominally 24" tall and nominally 36" wide and shall be permanently applied to each side of the main sail. Each Burgee shall be placed immediately below the lowest batten and centered fore/aft.

- (b) All sails shall be club-owned, unless the boat is chartered.
- (c) All sails used in GYA Capdevielle events 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.
- (d) All sails shall meet the measurement requirements of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules.

Section H – Special Capdevielle Regulations

19 SIR THOMAS LIPTON INTERCLUB CHALLENGE CUP

19.1 Host Club

- (a) The Host club shall be awarded to the highest placing club, in the prior event, from each state of Florida (2024), Alabama (2025), Mississippi (2026), and Louisiana (2027) on a rotational basis travelling from East to West. If, the proposed host club is not eligible to host, that club may offer hosting the current year to another GYA club, however, no club shall host in consecutive years. Said offers shall be made to clubs in the order of previous year highest finisher(s) beyond a three (3) mile radius of the ineligible club. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.
- (b) No later than three (3) days following the conclusion of the Lipton Cup, the host club shall provide the Secretary-Treasurer a copy of the complete final race results. In addition, the name of each competing club, the club's team captain and the team members, along with the names of the skipper and crew for each race, shall be included.
- (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide this information to the Historical Records Collection.
- (d) The Organizing Authority for the event will be the GYA.
- (e) 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. This requirement is not subject to protest.

19.2 Measurement

The top 5 clubs from the prior event, or any new boat, or a boat in its first year of Capdevielle sailing, shall have their boat measured before the first race is sailed. Host clubs shall make the necessary arrangements to have the Chief Measurer, adequate assistants and all templates, scales and measurement tools available at the regatta site to conduct the necessary measurements without impacting the race schedule.

19.3 Teams

- (a) Teams shall be composed only of eligible GYA members.
- (b) Teams Captains, skippers and crews shall be members of the same club for whom they sail.

19.4 Course Length

Three (3) legs of a course, not including a "leg" to an offset mark, shall be completed to constitute a race.

19.5 Number of Races Sailed by Team Members

- (a) The team captain may skipper or crew and shall comply with the following skipper and crew regulations.
- (b) A skipper shall sail in only one (1) race (shall not crew in other races).
- (c) A team member may crew in one or two (2) races (shall not skipper either one).

- (d) Except for the top 5 finishing clubs in the immediate prior event, a team member may sail in all races but may only skipper one (1) race.
- (e) Rule 19.5 a, b, c, d, shall apply to the first four races and shall not apply to the 5th race, if sailed.

19.6 Race Courses

- (a) Suggested target time for each race is 45 minutes.
- (b) No less than one-third of the original course, including the first leg, shall be to windward.

19.7 Time Limit

- (a) If no boat has reached the first weather mark within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- (b) If no boat has sailed the course, and finished, within ninety minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

19.8 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The Lipton Cup Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction templates, maintained and published by the GYA Race Management Committee, shall be used.

19.9 Ties

If the defending champion is tied as the winner on points at the end of the series, the defending champion shall be declared the winner. RRS A8 shall be used to resolve any further ties. This changes RRS A8.

19.10 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase, to be awarded by the GYA flag officers (below) trophies for:
 - (i) The team captain of the winning club.
 - (ii) The winning boat for each individual race (one award per winning boat).
 - (iii) Additional trophies may be awarded at the host club's discretion.
 - (iv) The trophies provided shall not be of the design of the standard adopted Lipton Cup plaques awarded by the GYA (below).
- (b) The GYA shall purchase and award:
 - (i) The standard adopted Lipton Cup plaques for the first, second and third place teams overall. Said team plaques shall be placed in the winning clubs, and the recipient clubs shall inscribe the plaques with the club name, the team captain, skippers and crew members' names.
 - (ii) The standard adopted Lipton Cup keeper plaques for recipients of the perpetual trophies dedicated to each race's winner.
 - (iii) Trophies for the individual skippers and crewmembers sailing for the overall winning team. The 1996 Lipton Cup crew trophy mug design is permanently adopted, and shall be used for every Lipton Cup regatta

19.11 Perpetual Trophies

- (a) The winning club shall be awarded the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy (half model) and the Lipton Cup Champion Banner.
- (b) The first race winner shall be awarded the Floyd Davis Memorial Trophy and standard adopted keeper plaque.
- (c) The second race winner shall be awarded the J. Fred Clerc Trophy and the standard adopted keeper plaque.
- (d) The third race winner shall be awarded the Michael S. Johnson Trophy and the standard adopted keeper plaque.
- (e) The fourth race winner shall be awarded a trophy provided by the host club, if five races are sailed, and the standard adopted keeper plaque.
- (f) The last race winner shall be awarded the Commodore Larry Beauvais, Jr. Memorial Trophy (regardless of the number of races actually completed) and the standard adopted keeper plaque.
- (g) The club exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship throughout this event shall be awarded the Sir Thomas Lipton Interclub Sportsmanship Trophy.
- (h) The club exhibiting most improved performance from the previous Lipton Cup regatta shall be awarded the Tim Murray Memorial Trophy. Regatta performances will be based on the number of clubs defeated at the finish of the regatta. Improved

performance will be based on the change in this measurement year over year to determine the winner. The winning club shall:

- (i) Have participated in the last two Lipton Cup regattas.
- (ii) Have completed all races the previous year.
- (iii) Not have been disqualified or otherwise penalized from a race the previous year.
- (iv) Not have been in the top five the previous year.
- (v) In the case of ties, the trophy shall be awarded to the club that defeated the most clubs in the final standing of the regatta.

19.12 Awards Ceremonies

The GYA flag officers shall have charge of all ceremonies that award Lipton Cup trophies. The host club commodore may serve as Master of Ceremonies.

20 JUNIOR LIPTON REGATTA

20.1 Host Club

- (a) The host club shall be determined exactly as the Lipton Cup host club, Regulation 19.1(a)(b), except that the three (3) mile radius restriction shall not apply.
- (b) The Organizing Authority for the event will be the GYA.

20.2 Eligibility

- (a) Skippers and crewmembers shall not reach their 19th birthday during the calendar year.
- (b) There shall be no minimum age except that least one (1) crewmember on board each boat shall have reached, or will reach, his or her 13th birthday during the calendar year.

20.3 Teams

- (a) All team captains, skippers and crew shall have been members of the GYA club they represent for at least one (1) month prior to the date of the first race.
- (b) The team captain may also skipper and/or crew provided that the captain meets the age requirement.
- (c) There shall be no minimum weight requirement.

20.4 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The Junior Lipton Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction templates, maintained and published by the GYA Race Management Committee, shall be used.

20.5 Ties

If the defending champion is tied as winner on points at the end of the series, the defending champion shall be declared the winner. RRS A8 shall be used to resolve further ties. This changes RRS A8.

20.6 Trophies

The host club shall award all trophies:

- (a) The host club shall purchase the trophies required by Regulation 19.10(a).
- (b) The GYA shall purchase and provide standard plaques (not trophies) for the first, second and third place teams.

20.7 Perpetual Trophies

- (a) The winning club shall be awarded the Junior Lipton Trophy (currently reads: GYA Fish Class Championship – Junior Division) and the Junior Lipton Champion Banner.
- (b) The skipper winning the last race of the series shall be awarded the Uncle Roy Trophy.
- (c) The club exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship throughout this event shall be awarded the Commodore Leslie P. Beard Memorial Trophy and the Junior Lipton Sportsmanship Banner.

21 KNOT LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

21.1 Host Club. Pass Christian Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event.

21.2 Eligibility

- (a) All team captains, skippers and crew shall have been members of the GYA club they represent for at least one (1) month prior to the date of the first race.

- (b) Racing skippers and crewmembers shall be limited to females.
- (c) Regulations governing male assistance shall be established by the host club and shall be published in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

21.3 Teams

- (a) The team captain may also skipper and/or crew provided that the captain meets the gender requirement.
- (b) There shall be no minimum weight requirement.

21.4 Trophies

Pass Christian Yacht Club or the donor or trustees of the Knost Perpetual Trophy shall purchase and award:

- (a) All trophies required by Regulation 16.1.
- (b) Plaques (not trophies) for the first, second and third place teams.

21.5 Perpetual Trophy

The winning club shall be awarded the Knost Perpetual Trophy and the Knost Champion Banner.

22 SUGAR BOWL RACE OF CHAMPIONS

Teams shall be the same skipper and crew in all races. There shall be no substitutions.

23 GYA OPENING REGATTA

23.1 Trophies. The host club shall award all trophies.

- (a) The host club shall purchase all trophies required by Regulation 16.1 except for first place.
- (b) The GYA shall purchase and provide a marker trophy for the Commodore J. Gilbert Scheib Trophy.

23.2 Perpetual Trophy. The winning club shall be awarded the Commodore J. Gilbert Scheib Trophy.

PART 3 – OTHER ONE-DESIGN REGULATIONS

Current One-Design Class Association Rules shall govern each class except as any class rules are changed by these regulations (including Part 1 – General Regulations).

Section I – Interclub One-Design Events

24 GYA FISH CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE JOHN G. CURREN TROPHY

24.1 Host Club. Shall be sailed annually at location and on a date approved by the BOD.:

- (a) Schedule and conduct the event annually.
- (b) Provide the boats.
- (c) Provide borrowed boat insurance.

24.2 Eligibility. Applications to Compete shall be accepted for a single team from any GYA club.

24.3 Competing Clubs Selection. Applicant clubs shall be selected to compete, and for boat assignments, by a drawing for position, which determines the order in which selected clubs draw for each race boats. The drawing for position may not be for all available boats if (c) below applies from the previous year.

- (a) If the previous year winning club applies, the club's application shall be accepted as an entry. That club shall not be excluded from competing by the drawing for position.
- (b) If the number of clubs applying does not exceed the number of available boats, each applicant club shall draw for its position.
- (c) If the number of clubs applying does exceed the number of available boats, the host club shall perform the drawing for position with these results:
 - (i) The first clubs drawn (up to the number of boats available) shall compete.
 - (ii) The remaining clubs, if they apply the next year, shall be placed at the top of that position list.

- (d) If a club decides not to sail after being notified that its application has been accepted, it shall so notify the regatta chair no later than seven days prior to the event. Failure to do so will forfeit the club's privilege to compete the following year.

24.3 Number of Races. Three (3) races shall be scheduled, one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

24.5 Teams

- (a) Each team member shall be a member of the GYA club he or she represents.
- (b) The racing crew shall number three (3) (the skipper and two crewmembers).
- (c) A different team member shall skipper each race.

24.6 Boats

- (a) Assignment. Each race boat shall be drawn for in the order determined by the drawing for position except that a club shall not sail the same boat more than once.
- (b) Insurance. Participating boats shall be covered by a borrowed boat insurance policy.
- (c) Breakdowns. The Sailing Instructions shall specify the procedure for signaling a breakdown.

24.7 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award trophies to the winning helmsman and crewmembers in each race and for each helmsman representing the winning club.
- (b) The GYA shall purchase and award trophies to the first, second and third place clubs.

24.8 Perpetual Trophy. The winning club shall be awarded the John G. Curren Memorial Trophy and the Fish Class Championship Banner.

25 GYA MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP

25.1 Host Club

- (a) The host club will be selected on a rotating schedule, maintained by the Multihull Council, a minimum of two year in advance.
- (b) The Multihull Council shall determine the classes to be competed.
- (c) Entry fees will be charged except that club teams should be sponsored by their respective yacht club in accordance with GYA Interclub practice.
- (d) The Organizing Authority for the event will be the GYA Multihull Council.

25.2 Classes

- (a) A minimum of five boats shall be required to establish their own One-Design Class.
- (b) US Sailing spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be established for catamarans not having the required five to compete in their own class. A GYA Multihull PHRF Class will be established for multihulls not making a one design class.
- (c) Classes for the Lewis B. Pollak Inter-Club Trophy shall consist of one spinnaker catamaran class, one non-spinnaker catamaran class, and a PHRF multihull class. Club teams may replace the PHRF multihull with a spinnaker or non-spinnaker entry as long as the boat is not of the same design as another boat on the team.

25.3 Class Compliance. Each club team-boat shall comply with its class specifications and be of a design recognized by the US Sailing Multihull Committee. Each PHRF yacht club team-boat shall have a GYA Offshore Multihull Rating Certificate.

25.4 Eligibility

- (a) Entries for the Multihull Championship shall be limited to one (1) three-boat team from any GYA club.
- (b) Individual entries are not required to be members of a GYA Club.

25.5 Number of Races. Five (5) Races shall be scheduled. The number of races to be completed to constitute a series shall be set by the Organizing Authority and the host club.

25.6 Teams

- (a) Skippers shall be members of the club entering the team.
- (b) Crews are preferably from GYA clubs.

(c) Skippers and crews shall be the same throughout the series.

25.7 Individual Entrants. Anyone may participate on an individual basis. However, only GYA club members shall be eligible to compete for the Lewis B. Pollak Team Trophy and the Jim Tucker Perpetual Trophy. Non-GYA members may be eligible for other awards provided by the host club.

25.8 Scoring

- (a) Scoring shall be by the current US Sailing Portsmouth Handicap Numbers for catamarans and by current GYA Offshore Multihull PHRF ratings.
- (b) Final scoring for the Lewis B. Pollak Team Trophy will be based on the cumulative finish position of all team boats by lowest class points.

25.9 Trophies. The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies and markers.

25.10 Perpetual Trophies

- (a) The GYA club with the lowest team score shall be awarded the Lewis B. Pollak, Sr. Team Trophy.
- (b) The highest finishing boat from a GYA club in the Portsmouth fleet overall shall be awarded the Jim Tucker Perpetual Trophy.
- (c) The fastest finishing boat, based on elapsed time for all races, shall be awarded the J.R. Lundquist Trophy.
- (d) The highest finishing boat in the PHRF fleet overall shall be awarded the Smyth Sails Trophy.

Section J – Sanctioned One-Design Events

26 GYA MASTERS REGATTA FOR THE COMMODORE JOHN DANE MEMORIAL TROPHY

26.1 Host Club, Schedule and Fees

- (a) The Masters Regatta shall be sailed annually in conjunction with the GYA Opening Regatta.
- (b) No Entry fee(s) shall be charged.
- (c) A minimum of two (2) entries, who complete at least one race, is required to award the trophy.

26.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA clubs but need not be members of the same club. There may be more than one (1) entry per club.
- (b) Each skipper and crewmember shall have attained the age of 50 prior to the date of the first race.

26.3 Number of Races

Three (3) races shall be scheduled; one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

26.4 Crews

- (a) There shall be at least two people on board while racing.
- (b) Skipper rotation from one race to the next is optional. If skippers are rotated, they must be from the same club. Crews need not be from the same club.
- (c) The same individuals shall be on board each boat for every race.
- (d) The minimum crew weight shall be 390 pounds live weight.

26.5 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in a one design class boat designated by the One Design Committee.
- (b) Boats, sails and equipment may be either club owned or privately owned.

26.6 Trophies

The host club shall purchase, and award all required trophies. At minimum:

- (a) Trophies for each skipper and crewmember of the first, second and third place teams.
- (b) The host club shall have the first-place trophies engraved to indicate that the recipients won the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy.
- (c) Trophies for the winning skipper and crewmembers of each race are optional.

- (d) Pass Christian Yacht Club shall purchase and provide the traditional red jacket. This is traditionally awarded to the oldest team member of the winning team who has not previously been awarded a master's jacket.

26.7 Perpetual Trophy. The Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy is presented to the winning skipper(s) and crew and is to be displayed at the yacht club of the winning skipper(s). The names of the winning skipper(s) and crew are to be engraved on the trophy base. The winners are responsible for returning the trophy the following year to the host club of the Opening Regatta.

27 GYA 420 CHAMPIONSHIP

27.1 Host Club and Schedule. Shall be sailed annually at location and on a date approved by the BOD.

27.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA Clubs.
- (b) The maximum age of skippers and crew shall not have reached their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.

27.3 Perpetual Trophy. The winning skipper's club shall be awarded the GYA 420 Championship Trophy.

28 GYA INDIVIDUAL FLYING SCOT CHAMPIONSHIP

28.1 Host Club

- (a) The Southern Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event annually as part of its Juby Wynne Memorial Regatta on Memorial Day weekend.
- (b) Entry fees may be charged.

28.2 Eligibility. Entrants (skippers only) shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

28.3 Number of Races. Five (5) races shall be scheduled; the number of races to be completed to constitute a series shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

28.4 Crews

- (a) The same crew shall sail all series races.
- (b) The minimum crew weight shall be 390 pounds live weight.

28.5 Boats. Boats, sails and equipment may be either club owned or privately owned.

28.6 Trophies. The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

28.7 Perpetual Trophy. The winning skipper shall be awarded the Cock of the Walk Trophy, which shall permanently reside at Pensacola Yacht Club.

29 GYA LASER CHAMPIONSHIP

29.1 Host Club

- (a) Gulfport Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event.
- (b) Gulfport Yacht Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

29.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs.

30 GYA LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

30.1 Eligibility. Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA clubs.

30.2 Perpetual Trophy. The winner shall be awarded the Commodore Eugene Taylor Trophy. The trophy shall be held and retained by the winner's club until the next annual series. The winning skipper's home club shall have the privilege of hosting the following year's event.

31 GYA SUNFISH CHAMPIONSHIP

31.1 Host Club

- (a) Gulfport Yacht Club Race Committee shall schedule and conduct the event and shall decide the competing divisions or categories.
- (b) Gulfport Yacht Club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

31.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs.

31.3 Perpetual Trophy. The winner shall be awarded the Charles R. Galloway Perpetual Trophy and the approved banner. A separate approved banner will also be presented to the Junior Sunfish Champion.

32 GYA J/22 CHAMPIONSHIP

32.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA J/22 Championship shall be sailed annually on a date and at a GYA club approved by the BOD.
- (b) The host club race committee shall conduct the event.
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

32.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

32.3 Number of Races. Five (5) races shall be scheduled; the number of races to be completed to constitute a series shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

32.4 Crews The same crew shall sail all series races.

32.5 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed J/22s.
- (b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet J/22 Class Association rules.

32.6 Trophies. The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

32.7 Perpetual Trophy

- (a) The winning skipper shall be awarded the Henry G. (Harry) Chapman Trophy.
- (b) The trophy may reside at the winner's club until next contested.

33 GYA FINN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

33.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Finn Championship shall be sailed annually on a date and at a GYA club approved by the BOD.
- (b) The host club race committee shall conduct the event.
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

33.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

33.3 Number of Races. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series. The number of races shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

33.4 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Finns.
- (b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Finn Class Association rules.

33.5 Trophies. The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.

33.6 Perpetual Trophy

There is no perpetual trophy at this time.

34 GYA OPTIMIST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

34.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Optimist Championship shall be sailed annually on a date and at GYA club approved by the BOD.
- (b) The host club race committee shall conduct the event.
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

34.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

34.3 Number of Races. The number of races shall be set by the Organizing Authority. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

34.4 Boats

The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Optimist.

34.5 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.
- (b) The John C. Lovell, Jr. GYA Optimist Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the winning skipper's club.

35 GYA LASER CIRCUIT

35.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Laser Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA clubs approved by the BOD at the Winter Meeting.
- (b) The Circuit shall consist of between four (4) and seven (7) regattas.
- (c) The host club race committees shall conduct the event.
- (d) Entry fees may be charged.

35.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.

35.3 Number of Races. The number of races in each regatta shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

35.4 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Lasers.
- (b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Laser Class Association rules.

35.5 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.
- (b) Keeper trophies shall be awarded to the overall winners of the Laser Full, Laser Radial, and Laser 4.7 classes.
- (c) At the Annual Awards Banquet, a perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the GYA Laser Sailor of the Year and to the GYA Laser Radial Sailor of the Year.

35.6 Scoring

- (a) The High Point Scoring system shall be used for overall standings and each competitor shall count the best four regattas 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 sailor who beat the other most in all of the circuit regattas in which both participated.
 - (ii) The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the GYA Laser Championship, if both sailed.
 - (iii) The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the last circuit event in which both participated.

36 GYA OPTIMIST CIRCUIT

36.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Optimist Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA clubs approved by the BOD at the Winter Meeting.
- (b) The Circuit shall consist of between 4 and 7 regattas.
- (c) The host clubs race committees shall conduct the events.
- (d) Entry fees may be charged.

36.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.
- (b) Skippers must compete in at least four (4) circuit regattas.

36.3 Number of Races. The number of races in each regatta shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

36.4 Boats. The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Optimist.

36.5 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.
- (b) Keeper trophies shall be awarded to the overall winners.
- (c) A perpetual trophy for the GYA Optimist Circuit overall winner and the GYA Optimist Sailor of the Year Trophy shall be awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet.

36.6 Scoring

- (a) The High Point Scoring system shall be used for overall standings and each competitor shall count the best four (4) regattas 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 sailor who beat the other most in all of the circuit regattas in which both participated.
- (ii) The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the GYA Optimist Championship, if both sailed.
- (iii) The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the last circuit event in which both participated.

37 GYA CLUB 420 CIRCUIT

37.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Club 420 Circuit shall be sailed annually on dates and at GYA clubs approved by the BOD at the Winter Meeting.
- (b) The Circuit shall consist of between 4 and 7 regattas.
- (c) The host clubs race committees shall conduct the events.
- (d) Entry fees may be charged.

37.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.
- (b) The maximum age of skippers and crew shall not have reached their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
- (c) Skippers must compete in at least four (4) circuit regattas.

37.3 Number of Races. The number of races in each regatta shall be set by the Organizing Authority.

37.4 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed Club 420s.
- (b) Boats, sails and equipment shall meet Club 420 Class Association rules.

37.5 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies for each regatta.
- (b) Keeper trophies shall be awarded to the overall winning skipper and crew.
- (c) A trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner, the GYA Club 420 Sailor of the Year Trophy, awarded at the Annual Awards Banquet.

37.6 Scoring

- (a) The High Point Scoring system shall be used for overall standings and each competitor shall count the best four (4) regattas 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 sailor who beat the other most in all of the circuit regattas in which both participated.
 - (ii) The second tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the GYA Club 420 Championship, if both sailed.
 - (iii) The third tie breaker, if needed, shall be in favor of the sailor who beat the other in the last circuit event in which both participated.

PART 4 – OFFSHORE REGULATIONS

In addition to, or in exception to, the above Part 1 – General Regulations, these regulations shall apply.

Section K – Offshore Council

38 GENERAL

38.1 Offshore Council Sponsored Events

- (a) Compliance with USCG Regulations for Safety Equipment is required. Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if the USCG Regulations are not met.
- (b) All competing vessels shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation B for inshore racing. Participating boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified if the GYA regulations are not met.

- (c) Crews on all boats must check in with Race Committee wearing their PFD at the beginning of each race day.

38.2 Locally Organized Events. All GYA clubs are encouraged to observe the above recommendations for locally sponsored offshore boats races.

Section L – Interclub Offshore Events

39 GYA OFFSHORE CHALLENGE CUP

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

39.2 Host Club and Offshore Council

- (a) The host club shall be determined by the Offshore Council Executive Committee at the Winter Meeting.
- (b) The host club race committee shall conduct the event.

39.3 Rating System and Classes

- (a) Rating System. Races shall be sailed under the ORRez rating system using PCS scoring.
- (b) Classes. The Offshore Council Executive Committee shall establish the Class Breaks and shall review them annually.

39.4 Eligibility. Entries shall be by GYA clubs. Each competing club shall enter three (3) or four (4) boats, each in a different class.

39.5 Number of Races. Two (2) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

39.6 Teams

- (a) The skipper and helmsman and at least one half of the crew racing on each boat (including the skipper and helmsman) must be members of the club the boat represents. The skipper and helmsman must be a member of the club they represent for not less than six (6) months. The balance of the crew need not be GYA club members.
- (b) The penalty for noncompliance with this requirement shall be disqualification of the boat from each race in which the violation occurred.

39.7 Boats

- (a) In any GYA Offshore Challenge Cup, a boat shall represent only one GYA club.
- (b) Each boat, shall have a valid ORRez rating certificate.

39.8 Scoring

- (a) The Low Point System shall be used. Each club's points for each race shall be the sum of the finishing places of the best three club boats in the race. Within a class, boats shall not exclude any scores. The Sailing Instructions shall state details of scoring the regatta.
- (b) The club entry with the lowest total points overall shall be the GYA Offshore Challenge Cup winner.

39.9 Perpetual Trophies

- (a) The winning club entry shall be awarded the Spring Hill College/Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Challenge Cup and the Offshore Challenge Cup Champion Banner.
- (b) The best three-boat entry shall be awarded the Mobile Yacht Club Trophy.
- (c) The first place Class A boat shall be awarded the G. S. "Buddy" Friedrichs, Jr. Memorial Trophy.
- (d) The first place Class B boat shall be awarded the Commodore Thomas D. Beery, Jr. GYA Offshore Challenge Cup Class B Trophy.
- (e) The first place Class C boat shall be awarded the Commodore Bobby Bailey Trophy.
- (f) The first place Class D boat shall be awarded the Commodore Janet R. Miller-Schmidt Trophy.

Section M – Sanctioned Offshore Events

40 GYA WOMEN'S HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

40.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The GYA Women's HANDICAP Championship shall be sailed annually in conjunction with the Race for the Roses unless otherwise directed by the Offshore Council.
- (b) The host club race committee shall conduct the event.
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

40.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.
- (b) Entrants shall register and sail in their boat's ORR/PHRF Spinnaker class.

40.3 Number of Races. Three (3) races are scheduled; two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series.

40.4 Crews

- (a) Skippers shall be female and shall have been members of a GYA club for at least three months prior to the event. There are no age limits.
- (b) All crew shall be female (no males are permitted on the boat); at least one half of the crew racing on each boat shall be members of a GYA club.
- (c) Regulations governing male assistance shall be established by the host club and shall be published in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- (d) The skipper shall be the only individual on board while racing to handle the helm. No crewmember shall handle the tiller/hiking stick or rudder except for brief periods of time or in case of an emergency.

40.5 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed ORR/PHRF boats.
- (b) Each competing boat shall have a current, valid GYA ORR/PHRF Certificate.

40.6 Trophies

- (a) The host club shall purchase and award appropriate trophies.
- (b) Perpetual trophies: The overall winning skipper of the event shall be awarded the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club Trophy.

41 WEST FLORIDA OCEAN RACING CIRCUIT (WFORC)

The Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper of Class A based on corrected time.

41.1 Host Club and Schedule

- (a) The host club shall be the Pensacola Yacht Club and it shall conduct the event.
- (b) The event shall be held in October unless otherwise directed by the Offshore Council.
- (c) Entry fees may be charged.

41.2 Eligibility

- (a) Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs. There is no limit to the number of entries per club.
- (b) Entrants shall register and sail in their boat's ORR/PHRF Spinnaker Class.

41.3 Number of Races.

Five (5) races are scheduled. One of the five shall be designated as a Distance Race. Two (2) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

41.4 Boats

- (a) The series shall be sailed in owned, chartered or borrowed ORR/PHRF boats.
- (b) Each competing boat shall have a current, valid GYA ORR/PHRF Certificate

41.5 Trophies

- (a) All trophies for each class shall be purchased by the host club.
- (b) The winning skipper of Class A, based upon corrected time, shall be awarded the Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy, a perpetual GYA trophy. The winner shall also be provided a marker trophy.

(c) The winning skipper of Class B, based upon corrected time, shall be awarded the Commodore John R. Chappell Memorial Trophy, a perpetual GYA trophy. The winner shall also be provided a marker trophy.

(d) The Dr. J. Lindsay Riddle Cup shall be awarded to the skipper who wins the Most Competitive Class of all classes entered in the WFORC Regatta.

42 GULFPORT TO PENSACOLA RACE (GPR)

APPENDICES

Appendix A – GYA Club Capdevielle Sail Numbers

1–9	Biloxi	180–189	Ocean Springs
10–19	Pensacola	190–199	Singing River
20–29	Southern	200–209	Cypremort
30–39	Pass Christian	210–219	Lake Forest
40–49	Buccaneer	220–229	Tammany
50–59	Gulfport	230–239	Navy
60–69	St. Andrews Bay	240–249	St. Petersburg
70–79	Mobile	250–259	Lake Arthur
80–89	Fairhope	260–269	Long Beach
90–99	Bay-Waveland	270–279	Grande Maumelle
100–109	New Orleans	280–289	Houston
110–119	Fort Walton	290–299	South Shore
120–129	Jackson	300–309	Lake Charles
130–139	Pelican	310–319	Birmingham
140–149	Grand Lagoon	320–329	Apalachee Bay
150–159	Pensacola Beach	330–339	Sarasota
160–169	Point	340–349	Lakewood
170–179	Pontchartrain	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.

B2 TABLE OF CREDITED POINTS

Number of Starters and Finishing Places

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20+	Place
10	31	43	52	60	66	72	76	80	84	87	90	92	94	96	97	98	99	100	1
4	25	37	46	54	60	66	70	74	78	81	84	86	88	90	91	92	93	94	2
(0)	21	33	42	50	56	62	66	70	74	77	80	82	84	86	87	88	89	90	3
	(17)	29	38	46	52	58	62	66	70	73	76	78	80	82	83	84	85	86	4
		(26)	35	43	49	55	59	63	67	70	73	75	77	79	80	81	82	83	5
			(32)	40	46	52	56	60	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	78	79	80	6
				(38)	44	50	54	58	62	65	68	70	72	74	75	76	77	78	7
					(42)	48	52	56	60	63	66	68	70	72	73	74	75	76	8
						(46)	50	54	58	61	64	66	68	70	71	72	73	74	9
							(48)	52	56	59	62	64	66	68	69	70	71	72	10
								(50)	54	57	60	62	64	66	67	68	69	70	11
									(52)	55	58	60	62	64	65	66	67	68	12
										(53)	56	58	60	62	63	64	65	66	13
											(55)	57	59	61	62	63	64	65	14
												(56)	58	60	61	62	63	64	15
													(57)	59	60	61	62	63	16
														(58)	59	60	61	62	17
															(58)	59	60	61	18
																(58)	59	60	19
																	(58)	59	20

Plc.	Pts.	Plc.	Pts.	Plc.	Pts.	Plc.	Pts.
21	58	27	52	33	46	39	40
22	57	28	51	34	45	40	39
23	56	29	50	35	44	41	38
24	55	30	49	36	43	42	37
25	54	31	48	37	42	43	36
26	53	32	47	38	41	Etc.	Etc.

Appendix C – National Elimination Events

C1 EVENTS

These Include, but are not limited to, two US Sailing championship regattas: the US Adult Championships for the Mallory Trophy and The US Junior Championships for the Sears Cup, Bemis and Smythe Trophies.

C2 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees may be charged by the host club, subject to the approval of the GYA US Sailing Championships Committee Chair.

Appendix D – Other GYA Perpetual Trophies

D1 GYA TROPHY – US SAILING US MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The highest finishing team from a GYA club in the US Sailing US Match Racing Championship shall, at the Annual Awards Banquet, be awarded the **Schweppes (U.S.A.) Ltd. Trophy**. The trophy shall be engraved with the names of the winning

skipper and crewmembers and shall be displayed at the winning skipper's yacht club.

D2 GYA TROPHY – US SAILING ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP

The highest finishing GYA club member in the US Sailing Adult Sailing Championship for the Mallory Cup shall, at the Annual Awards Banquet, be awarded the Commodore Norton W. Brooker, Jr. Trophy. The trophy shall be engraved with the names of the winning skipper and crewmembers and shall be displayed at the winning skipper's yacht club.

Appendix E – GYA Appeals Committee and Appeals Procedure

E1 AUTHORITY

The authority for appeal and the procedures for filing an appeal are contained in the RRS 70, 71 and Appendix R. The GYA Appeals Committee is an "association appeals committee" as described in RRS Appendix R.

E2 DECISIONS

Decisions of the GYA Appeals Committee may be appealed to US Sailing in accordance with the RRS. Unless so appealed, GYA Appeals Committee decisions are binding on all parties, including race officials and the Organizing Authority involved.

E3 FILING

Appeals shall be filed with the US Sailing Race Administration Director submitappeal@ussailing.org who will subsequently forward them to the GYA.

Appendix F – GYA Policy on Advertising and Sponsorship

F1 APPROVALS AND APPROVAL RESTRICTIONS

F1.1 Prior approval of the EXCOM shall be secured for the use of any advertising or sponsorship that may include the GYA burgee logo, the acronym "GYA", or the use of the association title "Gulf Yachting Association".

F1.2 No Member Club shall, without the prior approval of the EXCOM, commit the GYA to any contract whatsoever wherein any obligation of any nature is imposed on the GYA or wherein the use of any of the properties of the GYA is specified or implied.

F1.3 The EXCOM will not approve any ads on any race equipment or race support vessels (marks excluded) in the area of the race course.

F1.4 The EXCOM will not approve any sponsorship that conflicts with the regatta participants (i.e., liquor or tobacco sponsorships for junior events).

F2 QUESTIONS

Questions arising under this policy shall be submitted to the EXCOM for review and decision.

Appendix G – Capdevielle Challenger Division Competition

G1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this competition is to increase attendance at Capdevielle events by providing recognition for the success of division eligible clubs at all individual events and in the annual series competition.

G2 ELIGIBILITY

The Capdevielle Challenger Division shall consist of all GYA clubs eligible for Capdevielle competition as described in **PART 2** of these Regulations except for the top five clubs from the two previous years and the immediate past Capdevielle Challenger Division Champion.

G3 FORMAT

The Capdevielle Challenger Division shall be contested among all eligible clubs at each individual event and for the competition year as further described in this Appendix. At each individual event, all competing clubs, regardless of Division status, shall sail the same race course, starting together in every race sailed. At individual events, the best placing Capdevielle Challenger Division club shall be recognized as the winner of the Challenger Division for that regatta and shall be presented an award for First Place, Challenger Division.

G4 QUALIFICATION

To qualify for scoring in the Capdevielle Challenger Division, eligible Challenger Division clubs shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year. Only the club's best six finishes shall count as Challenger Division Championship points earned.

G5 SCORING

The Capdevielle Challenger Division shall be scored along with all participating clubs regardless of division status. The Capdevielle Challenger Division Champion shall be the qualified and eligible club with the highest total of their best six scores over the course of the Capdevielle Point Year.

G6 AWARDS

The Capdevielle Challenger Division winner shall receive the Capdevielle Challenger Division Champion Banner and a suitable keeper plaque.

Appendix H – Perpetual Trophies

- H1 Controlling Perpetual Trophies.** The GYA Trophy Committee shall make arrangements for said awards to be brought to events as appropriate for presentation and shall communicate with host clubs to assure the purchase of such trophies as prescribed in the Regulations for Sanctioned Events.
- H2** Each sanctioned event host club race committee chair shall prepare two copies of the trophy accountability Forms for each perpetual trophy awarded for GYA Sanctioned Events. These forms shall be made available to each host club committee chair. Forms are available at: <http://www.gya.org/documents/trophy/TrophyAccountability.pdf>. Completion of the forms accurately and legibly shall be the responsibility of the host club committee chair. Once completed, and within 5 business days of completion of the event, the host chair shall ensure the completed forms are transmitted to the Chair of the Trophy Committee for maintenance of trophy accountability.
- H3** No modifications to existing trophies or banners shall be made without the approval of the trophy committee which will assure any changes are in keeping with the original design. Clubs shall make certain that all plates are engraved as outlined in the instructions for engraving which can be found inside the trophy case. Should a trophy need a repair or enlargement, notice shall be given to the trophy committee immediately.
- H4** The Committee shall also maintain an Electronic Trophy Book which contains specific information for each Perpetual Trophy given to the GYA. A member of the Trophy Committee shall be designated with primary responsibility for maintaining and updating the Electronic Trophy Book. This Trophy Book should contain the following information at a minimum.

1. Complete Deeds of Gift which contain information about the donors, the reason for the trophy, and how the trophies are to be maintained and awarded.
2. Pictures and complete description of the trophies detailing all aspects of each trophy; and
3. A written, legible list of the names of the winning clubs and/or individuals, and where applicable the names of the skippers and crews who **actually sailed** the event races. The Host Club Event Chair shall provide this information in writing to the GYA Secretary and the Chair, GYA Trophy Committee within 5 business days of the end of the event.
4. All costs associated with this requirement shall be paid by the GYA.

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REQUEST FOR FUNDS

NOTE: All requests must be submitted prior to **1 December of the current year**. Requests will be reviewed at the GYA Winter Meeting in January.

Name(s) & Yacht Clubs: _____

Address (Skipper/Team Capt. Listed first above): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Event Attended: _____

Date(s) of Event: _____

EXPENSES

Entry Fee: _____ Boat Insurance: _____

The GYA Foundation will normally fund Entry Fees and Boat Insurance for Championship events. On a case-by-case basis we may consider other expenses if itemized and if justification is given.

Other Expenses: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Please sign as you wish your name to appear on the check)