

GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION (GYA)
REGULATIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS
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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	Regulations 7 through 23
GYA Fish Class Championship for the John G. Curren Trophy	Fish Class Championship	One-Design	Regulation 24
GYA Multihull Championship for the Commodore Luis B. Pollack Trophy	Multihull	Handicap	Regulation 25
GYA FORMULA WAVE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP	Formula Wave	One-Design	Regulation 26

GYA Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy	Masters	One-Design	Regulation 26 Regulation 27
GYA 420 Championship		One-Design	Regulation 28
GYA Individual Flying Scot Championship for the Cock of the Walk Trophy		One-Design	Regulation 29
GYA Laser Championship		One-Design	Regulation 30
GYA Lightning Championship for the Commodore Eugene Taylor Trophy		One-Design	Regulation 31
GYA Sunfish Championship for the Charles Galloway Trophy		One-Design	Regulation 32
GYA J/22 Championship for the Commodore Henry G. "Harry" Chapman Trophy		One-Design	Regulation 33
GYA Finn Class Championship		One-Design	Regulation 34
GYA Optimist Class Championship		One-Design	Regulation 35
GYA conducted semi-finals for US Sailing Championships		One-Design	Appendix D
GYA Offshore Challenge Cup	Challenge Cup	Offshore – ORR/PHRF	Regulation 40
GYA Women's HANDICAP Championship		Offshore – ORR/PHRF	Regulation 41
West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit	WFORC	Offshore – ORR/PHRF	Regulation 42
Gulfport to Pensacola Race		Offshore – ORR/PHRF	Regulation 43

(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) and **Junior Lipton Challenge**, 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 Club Level or higher race official as the PRO.
- (c) **The Junior Lipton race management team shall be approved by the GYA Commodore using a US Sailing certified Club Level or higher race official as the PRO.**
- (d) **Should the PRO not have a US Sailing Club Level certification, a resume of prior events shall be submitted to the GYA Commodore.**

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 may 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).

5.4 Event Guidelines

- (a) **(NP)For GYA Capdeville events races should not be started when the median wind speed is below 4 knots or exceeds 25 knots. It will remain at the discretion of the PRO to postpone a race when any of these conditions persist. Local conditions such as wind direction, current & sea state may affect the PRO's decision. This guideline for the PRO is not protestable nor shall redress be granted.**
- (b) **(NP) If after the start of a GYA Capdeville Race, the median wind speed falls below 4 kts or exceeds 25 kts for a period of 15 minutes, it will remain at the discretion of the PRO to abandon a race when any of these conditions persist. Local conditions such as wind direction, current & sea state may affect the PRO's decision. This guideline for the PRO is not protestable nor shall redress be granted.**
- (c) **The Race Committee is encouraged to use VHF radios to communicate with the fleet and individual competitors for OCS hailing and general status announcements.**
- (d) **For all GYA Capdevielle Events the host club shall specify the time after which no warning will be made on the last day of racing in the event Notice of Race.**
- (e) **For all GYA Capdevielle Events the host club shall specify the maximum number of races to be attempted on the first day of racing in the event Notice of Race. Should conditions require a change to the posted number of races to be attempted on the first day, this notice shall be made by 1800 hours prior to the start of the event. Should a change in the number of races for subsequent days be required, this notice shall be made by 1800 hours prior to the end of the day.**

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	See Reg 20.1(a)
Knost Ladies Championship	Knost	Championship Regulation 21	Pass Christian Yacht Club
Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge	Lipton Cup	Championship Regulation 19	See reg 19.1(a)
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
- (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.

11.2 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	5	1
Knost	Maximum of 5	1
Sugar Bowl	Maximum of 5	Per the OA

All Others	5	1
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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 5 (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:

- Awards for the first, second, and third place clubs overall.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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

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

17.3 Skippers

- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- Weigh-ins shall be conducted by a committee designated by the host club.
- 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.

- 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.
- Failure to submit crew lists by the end of protest time on each race day shall not be a penalizable offense.
- 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 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.**
- All sails shall be club-owned, unless the boat is chartered.
- 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.
- All sails shall meet the measurement requirements of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules.

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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 the GYA Past Commodore's trophy and the standard adopted keeper plaque provided by the host club
- (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) (Effective for the 2025 season.) The GYA club that won the previous year shall normally host in the current year. No club, however, shall host in consecutive years. If, because of this restriction, the previous year winner is not eligible to host, that club may offer hosting the current year to another GYA club. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.
- (b) (Effective for the 2025 season.) In the event that a previous year winner that is eligible to host the current year elects not to, that club may offer current year hosting to any GYA club that is eligible to do so. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.
- (c) 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.

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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.

21.6 2025 Event

- (a) The following applies to the 2025 event only:
- (b) The 2025 event will be sailed in Melges 15s
- (c) The minimum number of persons onboard shall be two. There shall be no weight minimum.
- (d) The following GYA rules shall not apply to the 2025 event: 6 (amended for M15 class rules), 8 (amended for M15 class rules), 18
- (e) Melges class rules shall apply except for C3.1, C3.2, C3.3, this amends GYA rule 2.2

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 FORMULA WAVE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

26.1 Host Club. The Championship shall be sailed annually at a location and on a date approved by the BOD. The Host Club shall:

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

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

26.3 Trophies

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

26.4 Perpetual Trophy. The winning club shall be awarded the To Be Named Trophy and the GYA Formula Wave Class Championship Banner.

27 GYA MASTERS REGATTA FOR THE COMMODORE JOHN DANE MEMORIAL TROPHY

27.1 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.

27.2 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.

27.3 Number of Races

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

27.4 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.

27.5 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.

27.6 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.

27.7 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.

28 GYA 420 CHAMPIONSHIP

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

28.2 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.

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

29 GYA INDIVIDUAL FLYING SCOT CHAMPIONSHIP

29.1 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.

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

29.3 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.

29.4 Crews

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

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

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

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

30 GYA LASER CHAMPIONSHIP

30.1 Host Club

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

30.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs.

31 GYA LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

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

31.2 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.

32 GYA SUNFISH CHAMPIONSHIP

32.1 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.

32.2 Eligibility. Entrants shall be members of GYA clubs.

32.3 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.

33 GYA J/22 CHAMPIONSHIP

33.1 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.

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

33.4 Crews The same crew shall sail all series races.

33.5 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.

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

33.7 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.

34 GYA FINN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

34.1 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.

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

34.4 Boats

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

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

34.6 Perpetual Trophy

There is no perpetual trophy at this time.

35 GYA OPTIMIST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

35.1 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.

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 shall be set by the Organizing Authority. Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

35.4 Boats

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

35.5 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.

36 GYA LASER CIRCUIT

36.1 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.

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

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

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

36.4 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.

36.5 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.

37 GYA OPTIMIST CIRCUIT

37.1 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.

37.2 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.

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

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

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 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.

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 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.

38 GYA CLUB 420 CIRCUIT

38.1 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.

38.2 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.

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

38.4 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.

38.5 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.

38.6 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

39 GENERAL

39.1 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.

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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

40 GYA OFFSHORE CHALLENGE CUP

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

40.2 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.

40.3 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.

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

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

40.6 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.

40.7 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.

40.8 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.

40.9 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

41 GYA WOMEN'S HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

41.1 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.

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

41.4 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.

41.5 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.

41.6 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.

42 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.

42.1 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.

42.2 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.

42.3 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.

42.4 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

42.5 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.

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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.