

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE REGULATIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS

Presented for adoption at the January 14, 2018 meeting of the GYA Board of Directors

SCORING SYSTEM & ELIGIBILITY CLARIFICATION

Reason for proposed modification:

To clarify the meaning of “best eight finishes” for scoring the series and the difference between best eight finishes for scoring and the 50 percent threshold for Championship Eligibility.

Current regulation:

15.2 Series Winner Selection

- (a) Scoring. The Cox-Sprague Scoring System (B), as adopted by the GYA, shall be used to score the annual series for the Capdevielle Memorial Trophy. The winner shall be determined by the points accumulated in Capdevielle regattas over the course of the Capdevielle Point Year.

Proposed regulation:

15.2 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 eight best **Capdevielle Series Regattas** in the calendar year. For the purpose of this regulation, “eight best” is defined as the eight regattas that, when combined, produce the highest score for the club being scored.

Current regulation:

15.3 Championship Eligibility. To qualify for Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible clubs (17) shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year. Clubs are encouraged to compete in more than fifty percent of the Capdevielle Events, but only the scores of the club’s best eight finishes shall count as championship points earned (B).

Proposed regulation:

15.3 Championship Eligibility. To qualify for Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible clubs (17) shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year.

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EXCEPTION TO ALLOW CHARTERED BOATS

Reason for proposed modification:

To permit clubs that desire to compete, but are unable to make the financial commitment to purchase a Viper 640, to “test the waters” by competing using a chartered, class legal Viper 640 and sails. Requirements related to Team Members being members of a GYA club will still apply. It is anticipated that clubs making use of the chartered boat exception that desire to continue will, within a year or two, purchase a Viper 640 to permit more practice time outside of Capdevielle events to improve team performance and to avoid future charter fees.

Current regulations:

18.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events

- (a) Equipment. Each competing GYA Club (3) shall provide and sail its own club-owned Capdevielle Interclub Boat and other equipment. Privately owned Capdevielle Interclub Boats and sails **are not** allowed.
- (b) Exception to Equipment. In the event that a club does not have a club owned Capdevielle Interclub Boat in racing condition because of fire, storm, accident, etc., the club may apply to the GYA Executive Committee (Lipton), or to the Host Club Race Committee (all other events) to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA Club.

Proposed regulations:

18.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events

- (a) **Equipment.** Clubs that own at least one Capdevielle Interclub Boat shall compete in one of its own Capdevielle Interclub Boats unless the club qualifies for an exception as provided by Regulation 18.1(b)(i).

(b) Exceptions to Equipment

- (i) **Loss or Damage Exception.** In the event that a club does not have a club-owned Capdevielle Interclub Boat in racing condition because of total loss or excessive damage the club may apply to the EXCOM (Lipton Cup), or to the host club race committee (all other events) to charter a Capdevielle 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 (Lipton Cup), or to the host club racecommittee (all other events) to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boatand/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner.

Current regulation:

29.1 Sails

- (c) Sail Ownership. All sails shall be club owned.

Proposed regulation:

29.1 Sails

- (b) Sail Ownership. All sails shall be club-owned, unless the boat is chartered.

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PROVIDE ALTERNATE FOR COMBINED CAPDEVIELLE DIVISION AND OPEN DIVISION FORMAT IN NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Reason for proposed modification:

In 2016 and 2017 the GYA held an introductory series in the Viper 640 called the GYA Sportboat Championship and Interclub Series to encourage clubs to acquire a Viper 640 and become accustomed to racing it and as a test for the need to modify race management practices for the new boat that is radically different from the Flying Scot. To maximize the experience, the series was opened to individual Viper 640 racers in addition to GYA club entrants. In fact, the 2016 and 2017 Viper 640 Gulf Coast Championships were combined with events in this series. Essentially, the format was akin to combining Capdevielle fleets and Open Scot fleets. These events were all well attended and each included a balanced mix of club and private entrants.

In order to carry the energy and excitement generated by the Sportboat Interclub Series forward into the future of Capdevielle racing on Viper 640's, it is proposed that we continue that format in a limited way by permitting host clubs of non-championship events to combine the Capdevielle division and the Open division at their discretion.

Current regulation:

17 SERIES ELIGIBILITY

Only GYA General Member Clubs are eligible to compete in Interclub Capdevielle Events.

Proposed regulation:

17 SERIES ELIGIBILITY

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

Current regulation:

18.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events

(f) (No regulation)

Proposed regulation:

18.1 Competing in Capdevielle Events

(f) **Open Division.** For all Capdevielle Events except the GYA Opening, Junior Lipton, Knost, Lipton and Sugar Bowl, 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 Capdevielle 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.

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WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR VIPER 640 CLASS SAIL REGISTRATION FOR CAPDEVIELLE EVENTS

Reason for proposed modification:

It is anticipated that some GYA club members may desire to use their club's boat to compete in Viper 640 class events outside of the GYA sanctioned Capdevielle events using fresh, new sails. The Viper 640 class rules limit the purchase of sails to once per year which is enforced through the purchase of class "buttons" for sails that establish the year of sail acquisition and associates a sail with a specific hull. In order for clubs to establish inventories of sails restricted to Capdevielle use among multiple club-owned hulls and to keep them separate from inventories for class event use without restricting either to anything more strict than the annual purchase rule provided by both GYA regulations and Viper 640 Class Rules, the requirement for Viper 640 class buttons on sails used in Capdevielle competition must be waived. Clubs or individuals taking a club boat to a non-Capdevielle Viper 640 class event must acquire class buttons for the sails they use at the event. By not requiring class buttons for sails used strictly at Capdevielle events, Capdevielle sail purchases will not count against the Viper 640 class rule of one set per year. The regulation of one set of GYA Capdevielle sails per year will remain and be enforced by requiring measurement and stamping by an authorized GYA Sail Measurer as has been done in the past.

Current regulation:

29.1 Sails

- (d) Sail Measurement. All sails shall have been measured by an authorized GYA sail measurer within one year of the date of use, and shall have an official GYA and Viper 640 Registration Sticker.

Proposed regulation:

29.1 Sails

- (c) Sail Measurement. All sails shall have been measured by an authorized GYA sail measurer within one year of the date of use, and shall have an official GYA registration sticker. The Viper 640 registration sticker is not required for a sanctioned event.