



# Gulf Yachting Association

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## NOTICE OF WINTER MEETING

January 12-14, 2024  
Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum  
115 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Biloxi, MS 39530

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

### **PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING FORMAT HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICALLY FROM PRIOR YEARS**

The Winter Meeting of the Gulf Yachting Association will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum, 115 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Biloxi, MS 39530. Since some contact information at your club may have changed since our last meeting, please distribute this information to the appropriate contacts at your club.

#### **Friday, January 12, 2024**

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting & Dinner  
Hosted at the home of Commodore Robbie Schmidt

#### **Saturday, January 13, 2024**

9:30 am Museum Doors Open – Reception Area at Entrance  
10:00 am Race Management Committee Meeting – Theater, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
10:30 am One Design & Youth Committee Meeting – Large Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
11:30 am Racing Regulations Committee Meeting – Hurricane Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1:00 pm Capdevielle Committee Meeting - Large Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
2:00 pm Offshore Council Meeting – Theater, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
2:00 pm Trophy Committee Meeting – Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
3:00 pm Scheduling Committee Meeting – Hurricane Gallery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
5:30 pm GYA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Large Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
6:30 PM GYA ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION – Nydia Gallery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
\$25 per person  
RSVP to GYA Secretary (228) 669-7518 or [secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org)  
Payments made to GYA, mail to 1245 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530

\*GYA Managers Association next meeting will be during the Annual GYA meeting at Fairhope Yacht Club in May

#### **Sunday, January 14, 2024**

11:00 am Walk On Schooner Sail  
\$30 per person, reserve through the museum directly, (228) 435-6320  
Departs from the Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530

**GYA COMMODORES - GENERAL MEMBER CLUBS** - Your club's attendance is very important. If you cannot attend the Board meeting, please send a WRITTEN NOTICE naming your club's representative to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer via email [secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org), or hand deliver at the meeting.

All GYA Club Board Members and their club members are invited to attend the Annual GYA Awards reception. The reception will be Saturday evening at the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum beginning at 6:30 pm. Please note that this is a reception this year (not a dinner), and the cost will be \$25 per person. Please make your reception reservations to the GYA Secretary by January 5, 2024, via email [secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org), by calling (228) 669-7518 or mailing your payment payable to the GYA to 1245 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Your GYA Flag Officers look forward to seeing you at the Winter meeting at the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum. Please wear your appropriate blazer, club badge and dress slacks for the meeting and reception.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Schmidt*

GYA Secretary/Treasurer  
(228) 669-7518

**PROPOSED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024:**

Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright, Commodore (Fairhope YC)  
Alan McMillan, Vice Commodore (Pensacola YC)  
Richard Heausler, Rear Commodore (Bay Waveland YC)  
Shannon Weatherly, Secretary/Treasurer (Pass Christian YC)

**PROPOSED GYA BY-LAW CHANGES:**

**Article III – Membership**

Current

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(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.

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## ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

### SECTION 5: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

#### Current

##### A. Commodore.

(3) exercise ratification authority over the selection of the Chair of the **PHRF** Rating Committee.

#### Proposed

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(3) exercise ratification authority over the selection of the Chair of the **Handicap** Rating Committee.

### **PROPOSED GYA RACING REGULATION CHANGES:**

#### **Current Rule**

**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:

| <b>Regatta Name</b>             | <b>Abbreviated Name</b> | <b>Designation</b>                | <b>Host Club</b>                    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mardi Gras                      |                         | Non-Championship                  | New Orleans Yacht Club              |
| GYA Opening                     | Opening                 | Non-Championship<br>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<br>Regulation 20     | Determined by previous year results |
| Knost Ladies Championship       | Knost                   | Championship<br>Regulation 21     | Pass Christian Yacht Club           |
| Sir Thomas Lipton Cup Challenge | Lipton Cup              | Championship<br>Regulation 19     | Determined by previous year results |
| Wadewitz                        |                         | Non-Championship                  | Fairhope Yacht Club                 |
| Sugar Bowl Race of Champions    | Sugar Bowl              | Non-Championship<br>Regulation 22 | Southern Yacht Club                 |

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| Weatherly                          |                         | Non-Championship                  | Gulfport Yacht Club        |
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| Knost Ladies<br>Championship       | Knost                   | Championship<br>Regulation 21     | Pass Christian Yacht Club  |
| Sir Thomas Lipton Cup<br>Challenge | Lipton Cup              | Championship<br>Regulation 19     | See reg 19.1(a)            |
| Wadewitz                           |                         | Non-Championship                  | Fairhope Yacht Club        |
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**Current Rule**

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

| <b>Event</b>  | <b>Number of Races Scheduled</b> | <b>Number of Races to Constitute a Series</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 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   |

**Proposed Rule**

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| Sugar Bowl    | Maximum of 5              | Per the OA                             |
| All Others    | 5                         | 1                                      |

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**Current Rule**

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.

**Proposed Rule**

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**Current Rule**

**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.

**Proposed Rule**

- (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.

## Area Lodging

Margaritaville Resort Biloxi  
195 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 271-6377  
0.3 miles to museum

Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel & Casino  
151 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 435-5400  
0.3 miles to museum

Palace Casino Resort  
158 Howard Avenue  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 432-8888  
0.3 miles to museum

The White House Hotel  
1230 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi, MS  
(228) 233-1230  
3.3 miles to museum

The Roost Boutique Hotel  
604 Porter Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS  
(228) 285-7989  
2.5 miles to museum

The Hemingway  
929 Washington Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS  
(228) 875-4496  
2.9 miles to museum



*let's*  
**CELEBRATE!**

**Gulf Yachting Association**  
*Annual Awards Reception*

JANUARY 13TH AT 6:30 PM  
AT THE MARITIME & SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MUSEUM  
115 1ST STREET • BILOXI, MS

RSVP BY JANUARY 2, 2024  
222-669-7518 OR [SECRETARY@GYA.ORG](mailto:SECRETARY@GYA.ORG)

*\$25.00 per person*  
*Cash or Check to GYA*

*Signature Bar*

*This is a Reception*