



Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 28, 2020
Fairhope Yacht Club

Call to Order – 1200 hours by Commodore Jimmy Ruthven

Executive Committee & Other members present: Commodore Jimmy Ruthven, Vice Commodore Gary Rogers, Rear Commodore Robbie Schmidt, Immediate-Past Commodore Shan Kirk, Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani.

Roll Call – 21 Clubs were present: ABYC, BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, JYC, LFYC, MYC, NYCP, NOYC, PBYC, PCYC, PYC, PtYC, PontYC, SABYC, SRYC, SYC, and TYC, quorum was met.

Vice Commodore Gary Rogers led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commodore Cathy Cromartie led us in a prayer.

Introduction of all the Ex-Com members & other members as listed above.

Commodore Ruthven recognized the recently deceased commodores and/or sailing friends with a moment of silence. Dr. Billy H. Draugdrill, PYC Past Commodore.

Conduct of the Meeting – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani- We honor Robert’s Rules of order. Anyone may make a motion, take part in discussion once recognized. Seated club commodores or their representatives are the only voting members of the GYA Board. Reports are limited to five minutes, comments to three minutes. No one may speak until recognized by the chair. He reminded those that once you speak on a subject, you will be allowed to speak once more after everyone has spoken on the subject.

GYA Past Commodores Recognized- Henry G. “Harry” Chapman (BWYC/SYC), Thomas D. Beery, Jr. (SRYC), Basil Kennedy (BWYC), Ken K. Kleinschrodt (BucYC), James O’Neal (BucYC), David Bolyard (PontYC/NOYC/TYC/GYC/PCYC), Ewell C. “Corky” Potts (SYC), Catherine “Cathy” Cromartie (FYC), and immediate past Commodore Shan Kirk (SYC).

Welcome: Commodore Jimmy Ruthven introduced Fairhope YC Commodore Chris Dabney. Commodore Dabney welcomed everyone to Fairhope YC, he thanked the GYA for hosting the event at Fairhope YC this year. He recognized his bridge of officers that worked to organizing the meeting.

Minutes – Cathy Cromartie (FYC) made a motion, seconded by Art Anderson (LFYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from January 19, 2020 Winter Meeting and accept as published, unanimously approved.

Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer- Jennifer Schmidt Reported as of May 31, 2020. GYA account balances are: Invest I (Trophy) \$21,994.83, Invest II (GYA) account \$23,632.83, checking account \$26,774.89, cash invest account \$.26 0 for a Total of all accounts \$72,402.81. Payment of \$5,175 has been sent to GYA Foundation, two clubs have not paid to date: Fairhope YC & Pelican YC.

Executive Committee – Commodore Ruthven reported that the GYA liability insurance for free beverages being offered at GYA Organized events is not covered, only on the water activities. All liability for events hosted at club facilities are the sole responsibility of the host club. The Board will be seeking legal counsel if a host club for GYA organized events need to add the GYA as a named insured or if individual riders need to be acquired for Jr. Lipton, Lipton & Challenge Cup. All GYA Sanctioned events are organized by the host clubs. A GYA “sub” account, with funds from closed account, for the Offshore Council was established with Scott Sonnier, Offshore Council Chair and Jennifer Schmidt, GYA Secretary/Treasurer as signers.

Approved requests from Houston Yacht Club to charter Viper Hull number 152 and from Tammany Yacht Club to charter Viper Hull number 96 for the 2020 sailing year. The Annual meeting was moved to June 6-7 at StABYC, then rescheduled for June 28th at FYC due to government restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Opening Regatta was cancelled, and the Candler Regatta postponed. The nominating committee was approved as follows: PC John Morrow – Florida, PC Michael Hage – Mississippi and PC Dave Bolyard – Louisiana. A recommendation to the By-laws committee was made to update the types of meetings that may be held for a Board of Directing meeting when there is a National or State Emergency, natural disaster or pandemic, with emphasis that in person meetings take precedence.

A special executive meeting was held May 21st. Invited guests were chairs of Capdevielle, Race Management, Scheduling, By-Laws, Judges and Youth Committee chairs, Offshore Council Chair and GYA Coordinator for each club hosting a GYA Sanctioned/Capdevielle regatta. This meeting was to collect information on upcoming events schedules to help guide the executive committee in regard to regatta scheduling and hosting of events for the 2020 year. Accepted the request of Appeals Chair Dwight LeBlanc to appoint Jim “Doc” Hunter as an associate member of the Appeals committee due to the resignation of Shannon Bush. Approved judges as assigned by Chief Judge James “Doc” Hunter as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws – PC Cathy Cromartie reported/proposed the following by-law amendments, as published with the notice of meeting:

Cathy Cromartie (FYC) made a motion, seconded by Frank Allen (PCYC) to add the following to Section 11: TROPHY COMMITTEE Para B. as follows.

The Committee shall also maintain an Electronic Trophy Book which contains specific information for each Perpetual Trophy given to the GYA. This information should provide the following 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.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Cromartie (FYC) made a motion, seconded by Corky Potts (SYC) to updated Section 15: Youth Committee to the following in order to expand representation within the GYA Clubs:

A. The Committee shall be composed of a Chair and one (1) representative from each GYA General and Affiliate member club.

B. The term of office for the chair shall be one year or until a successor is appointed. The term of office for the remaining members shall be two years or until their successors are appointed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Cromartie (FYC) made a motion, seconded by Jeff Ellis (BYC) to add the following to the by-laws so that Board of Directors may be held virtual:

Under Article VI - Meetings of the Board of Directors, add Section 4 as follows:

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

Motion carried, Mobile YC and Singing River YC opposed.

Chief Administrative Judge – James “Doc” Hunter submitted a written report **with judge assignments for Championship events as follows:** (Chief Judge listed first) Challenge Cup: Edith Collins, John Farris & Conal Lancaster; Jr. Lipton: Karen Reisch, James Hunter, Dwight LeBlanc; Knost: Jack Yoes, Dwight LeBlanc, James Hunter, John Farris Lipton: Chris Luppens, James Hunter, Karen Reisch, Dwight LeBlanc, John Farris; Fish Championship: John Farris, Conal Lancaster.

Capdevielle Committee – Paul Kleinschrodt reported that only one regatta has been sailed so far (Mardi Gras), and the results are updated on the website. Opening Regatta has been cancelled, Spring & Weatherly Regatta have been postponed with reschedule dates TBD. Basil Kennedy (BWYC) made a motion, seconded by Jeff Ellis (BYC) to approve an exception to Regulation 7.2 Winner Selection as follows for only the 2020 year: that 2/3 of the regattas sailed (rounded down to the nearest whole number) be scored for the series, 10 Yes, 9 No, 2 Abstain – motion not carried. **James “Doc” Hunter made a motion, seconded by Chris Dabney that the 2020 Capdevielle Series only (scoring) be suspended for 2020, 16 Yes, 5 No, Motion carries.** Commodore Ruthven reported a letter had been received from Southern YC stating that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the club would not be able to host 2020 Lipton on Labor Day weekend, and did not believe they could host on the alternative date in November. PC Corky Pott made a motion, seconded by Richard Provensal to postpone Southern YC hosting the Centennial Lipton Regatta & Gala until Labor Day weekend 2021, 15 Yes, 6 No, motion not carried. **PC David Bolyard, made a motion, seconded by Diana Daigle that the next official Lipton to be hosted at Southern YC – PC Bolyard moved to amended his motion, seconded by Corky Potts (SYC) to add “next official sanctioned Lipton & Gala to be held at Southern YC 16 Yes, 5 No, motion carries.**

Membership Committee – No Report

Trophy Committee – John Matthews submitted a written report that the committee is preparing to ensure that the Sir Thomas Lipton Centennial Medallion is placed on each Lipton Challenge Award presented.

Appeals Committee – Dwight LeBlanc, Jr submitted a written report: This appeal concerns Race 3 of the 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta on November 16, 2019 conducted by New Orleans Yacht Club. This decision decided the winner of this Regatta as well as the Capdevielle Regatta as between Southern Yacht Club and Buccaneer Yacht Club. The GYA denied the appeal of GYA 29 and GYA 29 appealed to U.S. Sailing, and in a decision of May 6, 2020, they found in short that, “Boat 29’s appeal is sustained and therefore they are the winners of the Sugar Bowl Regatta.” The reasons under Rule 66, reopening a hearing permits the Protest Committee to reopen a hearing if that Protest Committee decides it may have made a significant error or significant new evidence has become available within a reasonable time. The Chair of the Protest Committee for the Redress Hearing held Saturday, November 16, 2019, in respect to U.S. Appeal direct question on March 23, 2020 wrote on April 8, 2020, “It was not my decision to reopen the hearing.”

Therefore, under the Rules, the hearing on December 21, 2019, which was reportedly a reopening of the Sunday, November 16, 2019 hearing, is void. Accordingly, the appeal is upheld, and the Race Committee is instructed to score the event excluding the events of the third race held on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

PHRF – Tom Beery, No Report.

Centennial – Corky Potts submitted a written report that the Lipton Centennial Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and is prepared to host the Centennial Celebration at SYC during Labor Day weekend, 2020. All trophies have been acquired, the Fish Class and Flying Scot Class are scheduled to sail on Sat evening and Sunday afternoon in events that will not conflict with the actual Lipton Regatta sailed in Viper 640's. The Gala event is scheduled for Sunday evening with a band, and complimentary food and beverages being provided. The committee is awaiting a decision from the Governing Committee of SYC and GYA as to the event being postponed until Nov 2020 or Labor Day 2021. A commemorative painting is being done which hopefully will be completed shortly and which will be auctioned off at the Gala. Over \$25,000 has already been raised to support the event and fundraising efforts are continuing.

Schedule- Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick voiced concern on how we are providing information. It would be helpful if the clubs who are postponing or canceling regattas to send a document (Notice of Cancellation) that may be posted on the scheduling page in the NOR section. She also noted that rescheduling all events to later in the year is just not possible, the scheduling committee will work with you try and accommodate as many events as possible.

Race Management - Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick encouraged everyone to go to US Sailing and read their COVID-19 section, it has very helpful information with providing guidance in providing a plan to safely host a regatta. For example: limited an event to one day, holding meetings in parking lot/hoist area, forgoing trophies, or setting up food in a way that keeps people from having to go into the club.

Youth Committee– Sam Vasquez submitted a written report stating it's not the best year for youth sailing, any sailing at that. There is an opening in the weather soon and we shall sail again, stay positive. The Youth Committee recommends that all clubs follow their state and local Covid -19 guidelines when hosting any event. Safety of the children should be the deciding factor in all decisions. The 2020 GYA Jr. Commodore, Emily Alfortish will be hosting an online meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00pm and we encourage all to login and join the conversation of youth sailing in 2020. I will be sending an email with link and login credentials. Emily and the Jr. Vice Commodore, Reed Carpenter are looking for more members to fill out the GYA Jr. Board and project leaders. If you know of a youth sailor at your club that may want to be the Rear Commodore or Treasurer/Secretary. Please, send them my way and we will put them on the team. Gulfport Yacht Club is still planning on hosting the 2020 Jr. Lipton Regatta over the weekend of July 25th-26th. There will be social distancing guidelines in place to ensure a safe environment for all of the competitors, members, and staff. It may come down to teams launching at designated times, announcing the Skippers meeting over the VHF, and no after racing activities. Come sail and leave.

US Sailing Championships – Sam Vasquez submitted a written report: As most of y'all know the majority of the US Sailing Championships have been postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19 Virus. Check the website to see the new dates. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships>

Looking at 2021:

- It is the GYA's turn to host the Semi-Finals for the Youth Jr Championships, Sears, Bemis, Smythe. If your club would like to put in a bid to host, please let me know ASAP. Host Clubs will be responsible for getting a fleet of at least 8 boats for Sears.

- There are still US Sailing Championships Finals that need host clubs for 2021. You can find out the available regattas on the US Sailing Championship Page.

- Please check with the office staff at your club to make sure the dues for US Sailing and the GYA are paid. Also, please remind your club members to join US Sailing and take advantage of all of the resources they have to offer.

- US Sailing has been working hard to keep the sailors active while in quarantine. Check out all their social media pages. I highly recommend signing up for the email campaign.

- It's now is required for certain members of your staff and volunteers to be SafeSport certified to run races and coach sailing. SafeSport training is a free online course that provides education covering: sexual Misconduct Awareness, Emotional and Physical Misconduct & Mandatory Reporting (Understanding Your Responsibilities). <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/safesport-us-sailing>

One Design – No Report

Sail Measurement – No Report

US Sailing Representative – No Report

Offshore Council – Scott Sonnier submitted a written report that Gulfport & Pensacola YC have declined to host the 2020 Challenge Cup, due to COVID-19 safety issues. The Challenge Cup is postponed, Council is looking to possibly reschedule in October to be sailed on Lake Pontchartrain in conjunction with the LPRC.

Racing Regulations – No Report

GYA Foundation – No Report

Safety Committee – No Report

Unfinished Business and General Orders- None

New Business – Kenny Kleinschrodt (BucYC) made a motion, seconded by Basil Kennedy (BWYC) to amend, for 2019 only, Regulations for Sanctioned Events 7.4, to delete the 2019 Sugar Bowl Race of Champions scores for the 2019 Auguste Capdevielle Memorial Trophy Competition – 11 Yes (BWYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, LFYC, MYC, NYCP, NOYC, PCYC, PontYC, TYC), 1 No (SYC), 9 Abstentions (ABYC, BYC, GYC, JYC, PYC, PBYC, PtYC, SRYC, StABYC)– Motion not carried. Basil Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Diana Daigle (NOYC) to table the motion to delete the 2019 Sugar Bowl Championship from the 2019 Capdevielle scoring, 7 Yes, 8 No, 6 Abstain, motion does not carry.

Closing Remarks/Announcements – Paul Kleinschrodt announced and PC Shan Kirk presented trophies to the winners for the 2019 Capdevielle Series (this had been on hold pending protest/appeal process): follows: **Third Place: Bay Waveland Yacht Club, Second Place: Buccaneer Yacht Club; First Place: Southern Yacht Club.** Cathy Cromartie announced there are a few remaining Centennial books, cost is \$60 per book. PC Harry Chapman

Gary Rogers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by PC Corky Potts.

Adjourned – 1334 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Schmidt

Approved: _____

2020 GYA Annual Meeting
Bylaw Committee Report

The attached Bylaw changes have been submitted, reviewed and edited for consistency by the Bylaws Committee on behalf of the Trophy and Youth Committees, and should be presented for consideration and a vote by the Board of Directors at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

April 14, 2020



Past Commodore Catherine Cromartie

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Add following paragraph:

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2. Pictures and complete description of the trophies detailing all aspects of each trophy; and
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4. All costs associated with this requirement shall be paid by the GYA.

Section 15: Youth Committee

Current:

- A. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of nine members consisting of a chair and two individuals residing in each of the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. For the purposes of this committee, the state of Arkansas shall be considered the same state as Mississippi and the state of Texas shall be considered the same state as Louisiana.
- B. Terms. The term of office for the chair shall be one year or until a successor is appointed. The term of office for the remaining members shall be two years or until their successors are appointed and shall be staggered to provide for the expiration of four terms, no two from the same state, each year.

Proposed:

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

Purpose:

Expanded representation of GYA clubs.

2020 GYA Judges Schedule

	GYA Opening Regatta <i>St. Andrews Bay</i> <i>CANCELLED</i>	Challenge Cup <i>Gulfport YC</i> <i>July 24 - 26</i>	Junior Lipton <i>Gulfport</i> <i>Aug. 1 - 2</i>	Knost <i>Pass Christian YC</i> <i>Aug. 15 - 16</i>	Liptons <i>Southern Yacht Club</i> <i>Sept. 5 - 7</i>	Fish Championships <i>Buccaneer Yacht Club</i> <i>Oct. 31 - Nov. 1</i>
Chief Judge	John Farris	Edith Collins	Karen Reisch	Jack Yoes	Chris Luppens	John Farris
Judges	James Hunter	John Farris	James Hunter	Dwight LeBlanc	James Hunter	Conal Lancaster
		Conal Lancaster	Dwight LeBlanc		Karen Reisch	
					Dwight LeBlanc	
Alternates				James Hunter	John Farris	
				John Farris		
JITs						

Capdevielle Committee Report
June 28, 2020
(Annual Meeting)

Only one regatta has been sailed so far, Mardi Gras Regatta, and the results on the website are updated. Opening Regatta has been cancelled. Spring Regatta and Weatherly Regatta have been postponed with the reschedule date TBD.

The Committee would like to recommend the BOD take action today on one item. Since we know one regatta has already been cancelled and possibly more, there will be fewer than 12 series events in 2020, the Capdevielle Committee recommends the BOD approves an exception to Regulation 7.2 *Winner Selection*. We recommend for series year 2020 only, that 2/3 of the regattas sailed (rounded down to the nearest whole number) be scored for the series. This keeps the intent of the current regulation of counting 2/3 of the scores, or "eight best Capdevielle Series Regattas" out of 12 scheduled events, but does not restrict the number to eight. So for example, if only 11 regattas are sailed, then 7 will be scored. Or if only 6 regattas are sailed then 4 will be scored.

The committee agrees the BOD needs to provide a solution to this early in the series rather than waiting until the end of the series to determine how to apply the current regulation to fewer regattas. Waiting until the winter meeting could lead to discussing options that could change the winner.

The exception may read something similar to "For the 2020 series, 2/3 of the regattas (rounded down to the nearest whole number) will be counted towards the annual series."

Thanks,
Paul Kleinschrodt
Capdevielle Committee Chairman

2020 GYA Proposed Rule Changes

Reg 4.2

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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 also be posted on line using the club's scheduling link to www.gya.org no later than 2 months prior to the regatta.

Reg 4.3

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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

Reg 4.4

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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)**.

Reg 7.4

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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

Regatta Name	Abbr Name	Designation	Host Club
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GYA Opening	Opening	Non-Championship Regulation 23	GYA Commodore's Club
Spring		Non-Championship	Buccaneer Yacht Club
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Reg 10.1.(b) (ii)

Current Text

General Exception. A club that does not own a Capdevielle Interclub Boat may apply to the EXCOM to charter a Capdevielle Interclub Boat and/or sails from another GYA club or a private owner. Approval shall apply only in the Capdevielle Point Year in which application was made and only be valid for the club/boat combination stated in the application. A club desiring to charter a different boat within the

same point year must re-apply. (This General Exception shall only be in effect for the calendar years 2018 and 2019.)

Proposed Text

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Reg 18 (a)

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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

Reg 18 (c)

Current Text

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

Proposed Text

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Proposed Text

Reg 19 (c)

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

Reg 19.5

Current Text

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

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

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

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Appendix A

Proposed Text

Appendix A – GYA Club Capdevielle Sail Numbers

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

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

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 Capdeville 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.

GYA Trophy Committee Report

Annual Meeting
June 27, 2020
Fairhope Yacht Club

The Trophy Committee did not have a meeting scheduled for the Annual Meeting. The committee had nothing to consider at this time.

However, the committee is preparing to ensure that the Sir Thomas Lipton Centennial Medallion which was created for the Centennial will be placed on each Lipton Challenge Award given for the Lipton Cup Challenge event.



This is a picture of the Lipton Centennial Medallion that will be Affixed to the Lipton Awards.

Hopefully the Lipton Centennial Challenge will be held as scheduled at Southern Yacht Club.

Submitted:

John H Matthews
Chair
GYA Trophy Committee

This appeal concerns Race 3 of the 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl Regatta on November. 16, 2019 conducted by New Orleans Yacht Club. This decision decided the winner of this Regatta as well as the Capdevielle Regatta as between Southern Yacht Club and Buccaneer Yacht Club.

The GYA denied the appeal of GYA 29 and GYA 29 appealed to U.S. Sailing, and in a decision of May 6, 2020, they found in short that, “Boat 29’s appeal is sustained and therefore they are the winners of the Sugar Bowl Regatta.”

The reasons under Rule 66, reopening a hearing permits the Protest Committee to reopen a hearing if that Protest Committee decides it may have made a significant error or significant new evidence has become available within a reasonable time. The Chair of the Protest Committee for the Redress Hearing held Saturday, November 16, 2019, in respect to U.S. Appeal direct question on March 23, 2020 wrote on April 8, 2020, “It was not my decision to reopen the hearing.”

Therefore, under the Rules, the hearing on December 21, 2019, which was reportedly a reopening of the Sunday, November 16, 2019 hearing, is void.

Accordingly, the appeal is upheld and the Race Committee is instructed to score the event excluding the events of the third race held on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Attached hereto is a copy of the decision issued by U.S. Sailing Appeals Committee.

In due respect for the decision of GYA Appeals Committee, which of course was reversed, we did not know that it was not the decision of the Protest Committee Chair to reopen the hearing.”

Respectfully submitted,

J. Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.
GYA Appeals Committee Chairman

Lipton Centennial Committee Report
June 25, 2020

The Lipton Centennial Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and is prepared to host the Centennial Celebration at SYC during Labor Day weekend, 2020. All trophies have been acquired, the Fish Class and Flying Scot Class are scheduled to sail on Sat evening and Sunday afternoon in events that will not conflict with the actual Lipton Regatta sailed in Viper 640's. The Gala event is scheduled for Sunday evening with a band, and complimentary food and beverages being provided. Additional activities and other complimentary food and beverages are also planned throughout the weekend.

We are awaiting a decision from the Governing Committee of SYC as to the event being postponed until Nov 2020 or Labor Day 2021 after consultation with the GYA Board at the meeting to be held in Fairhope ,Al. at FYC on Sunday June 28,2020. At this point nearly all of the Centennial Celebration "Coffee Table Books" have been sold and the author, Comm Cathy Cromartie, is to be congratulated for such a fine publication. Cherrie Felder, Chairman of the SYC Centennial Celebration Committee at SYC and her team of over 30 members likewise are to be congratulated for putting together a fine event which we all hope to have as scheduled. A commemorative painting is being done which hopefully will be completed shortly and which will be auctioned off at the Gala. Over \$25,000 has already been raised to support the event and fundraising efforts are continuing.

Please spread the word about the wonderful celebration and opportunities to show support for the GYA Capdevielle Traditions and those of sailing for the Lipton Challenge Cup on Labor Day weekend for now, 100 years.

Ewell C Potts III
Chairman

To: Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)
Board of Directors

From: Samson Vasquez
GYA Youth Committee Chair

Subject: 2019 Opening Meeting Report

Not the best year for youth sailing, any sailing at that. There is an opening in the weather soon and we shall sail again, stay positive.

The Youth Committee recommends that all clubs follow their state and local Covid 19 guidelines when hosting any event. Safety of the children should be the deciding factor in all decisions.

The 2020 GYA Jr. Commodore, Emily Alfortish will be hosting an online meeting on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00pm and we encourage all to login and join the conversation of youth sailing in 2020. I will be sending an email with link and login credentials.

Emily and the Jr. Vice Commodore, Reed Carpenter are looking for more members to fill out the GYA Jr. Board and project leaders. If you know of a youth sailor at your club that may want to be the Rear Commodore or Treasurer/Secretary. Please, send them my way and we will put them on the team.

Gulfport Yacht Club is still planning on hosting the 2020 Jr. Lipton Regatta over the weekend of July 25th-26th. There will be social distancing guidelines in place to ensure a safe environment for all of the competitors, members, and staff. It may come down to teams launching at designated times, announcing the Skippers meeting over the VHF, and no after racing activities. Come sail and leave.

Thank you and see you on the water,
Samson Vasquez

To: Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)
Board of Directors

From: Samson Vasquez
US Sailing Championships

Subject: 2019 Opening Meeting Report

As most of y'all know the majority of the US Sailing Championships have been postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19 Virus. Check the website out to see the new dates.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/>

Looking at 2021:

- It is the GYA's turn to host the Semi-Finals for the Youth Jr Championships, Sears, Bemis, Smythe. If your club would like to put in a bid to host, please let me know ASAP. Host Clubs will be responsible for getting a fleet of at least 8 boats for Sears.

- There are still US Sailing Championships Finals that need host clubs for 2021. You can find out the available regattas on the US Sailing Championship Page.

- Please check with the office staff at your club to make sure the dues for US Sailing and the GYA are paid. Also, please remind your club members to join US Sailing and take advantage of all of the resources they have to offer.

- US Sailing has been working hard to keep the sailors active while in quarantine. Check out all their social media pages. I highly recommend signing up for the email campaign.

- It's now required for certain members of your staff and volunteers to be SafeSport certified to run races and coach sailing. SafeSport training is a free online course that provides education covering: sexual Misconduct Awareness, Emotional and Physical Misconduct & Mandatory Reporting (Understanding Your Responsibilities).

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/safesport-us-sailing/>

Stay safe, have fun, and stay in your bubble.

Samson Vasquez