



**Gulf Yachting Association Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 20, 2023  
Southern Yacht Club**

**Call to Order** – 10:00 hours by Commodore Robbie Schmidt.

**Executive Committee & Other members present:** Commodore Robbie Schmidt (SYC), Vice Commodore Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (FYC), Rear Commodore Alan McMillan (PYC), Immediate Past Commodore Gary Rogers (HYC), Secretary-Treasurer, Jennifer Schmidt (SYC) and Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC).

**Roll Call** – 21 Clubs were present: BWYC, BYC, BucYC, FYC, FWYC, GLYC, GYC, JYC, LFYC, MYC, NYCP, NOYC, OSYC, PCYC, PYC, PBYC, PontYC, SRYC, SYC, StABYC, and TYC- a quorum was met.

Past Commodore John Matthews led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance followed and recognized the recently deceased commodores and/or sailing friends with a moment of silence: Neal Logue, manager of StABYC, Robert A. Boettner, Sr, Pont YC - founding member, William Shroyer, Pont YC, Lanny Craft, JYC Past Commodore, Steve Zito, MYC Past Commodore, Robbie Robinson, MYC Past Commodore, Jimbo Stitt, PYC, Dr. Charles Stavely, PYC, Charles Carlan, PYC, Mary Bond, PYC, Lewis Bear, Jr., PYC, Betsie Gambel, SYC, John B. Levert, Jr. SYC, and T. Sellers Meric, SYC.

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

**Conduct of the Meeting** – Parliamentarian Cary Trapani (BWYC) stated that 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 5 minutes, comments to 3 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, please keep all comments directly to the chair.

**GYA Past Commodores Recognized-** David Bolyard (PontYC), John Matthews (PYC/NYCP), Tom Beery (SRYC), Danny Killeen (PCYC), Larry Taggart (SYC), Shan Kirk (SYC) and Gary Rogers (JYC).

**Welcome:** Duff Friend, Southern YC Commodore, welcomed everyone to Southern YC and thanked everyone for attending the Opening Regatta and Board of Directors meeting, they are excited to host the event and look forward to some great racing. He congratulated Commodore Schmidt and thank him for his service to the GYA. If you need assistance over the weekend, please let him know and he will point your in the right direction.

**Minutes** – John Morrow (StABYC/GYC) made a motion, seconded by Shan Kirk (SYC) to waive the reading of the minutes from January 15, 2023, Winter meeting hosted at Southern YC and to accept as presented, unanimously approved.

**Financial Report- Secretary-Treasurer-** Jennifer Schmidt Reported as of April 30, 2023 GYA account balances are: Invest I (Trophy) \$30,782.74, Invest II (GYA) account \$26,596.10, checking account \$29,628.49, Total of all accounts \$87,005.33. \$2,500.00 has been contributed to the GYA Trophy self-insurance account for 2023.

**Executive Committee** – Commodore Schmidt (SYC) reported that PC Michael Hage (GYC) has been appointed to serve as the nominating committee chairman and will report his slate of offices for 2024 at the Semi-Annual meeting to be held in September at Pass Christian YC. Race Management

has posted standard NoR and SI's on the GYA website, and they QO survey will be in place by end of June.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Racing Regulations** – Richard “Boo” Heausler (BWYC/SYC) reported that several regulations are up for discussion today as submitted with the notice of meeting.

**John Matthews made a motion, seconded by Dave Bolyard to allow US Sailing certified club level or higher race officers serves as PRO for Lipton Cup, unanimously approved. (5.1 Race Committee, item b)**

**Shan Kirk made a motion, seconded by John Matthews to change wording from shall to may for on water judging at designated events under RR 5.2 item b, unanimously approved.**

**Con Lancaster (Proxy for SRYC) made a motion, seconded by John Matthews to approve adding GYA Formula Wave Class Championship to the RR under number 26, unanimously approved.**

**Capdevielle Committee** – No Report.

**Race Management** – Steve Nolte (GYC) reported the committee has published standard NoR and SI's on the GYA website since the Winter Meeting. They are currently working to streamline the QO program and should have ready by the end of June. If anyone needs assistance, please reach out.

**Youth Committee**– Scott Hartwell reported the GYA 420 Championship is being hosted on June 17-18 at BWYC, the Jr. Lipton Challenge will be July 22-23 at BWYC and the Laser Championship will be held August 19-20 at GYC. He reminded everyone that the Sears Area D qualifier will be held at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville in J/24's, June 24-25; the top two will qualify to attend the championship at Lakewood YC on Aug 11-13 to sail RS21's.

**Chief Administrative Judge** – James “Doc” Hunter announced no new judges and that all current judges are one year older. He has been able to acquire at least one judge per GYA Capdevielle event. He asked that Commodores encourage club members to become certified to build the pool of available judges within the GYA.

**Membership Committee** – PC Danny Killeen stated that Sarasota Sailing Squadron is the only club that has not renewed their membership for the 2023 year as of today. There is currently one new application on file from Shreveport Yacht Club being reviewed.

**GYA Foundation** – PC Danny Killeen announced they have collected \$11,126 in donations for 2022 versus \$36,472 from 2021. 2022 expenses \$1,611, grants paid out \$27,695, checkbook balance \$31,517, investment account balance \$176,964.

**Offshore Council** – Scott Sonnier reported the Challenge Cup is June 23-25, encouraged clubs to put together a team. The January meeting was very well attended. The council is still considering allowing two clubs to join together to make a team. The Gulfport to Pensacola race is the following weekend, June 30 – July 1, it's always a fun race.

**PHRF** – PC Tom Beery reported there are 429 current PHRF/ORR-1 certificates, this is a significant increase of 27 certificates from December 2022 and represents a comeback from the covid-19 pandemic. He reminded everyone to have your challenge cup team captain with Kett Cummins to updated their teams ORR certificates. He noted that the legacy PHRF certificates will not be renewed after 2024. Tom will retire in 2025 after the 3 year renewal of GYA ORR-1 certificates from 2025 through 2027 are completed.

**One Design** – Zac Fanberg, no report.

**Trophy Committee** – Chris Dabney reported the committee has added a new base to the Mobile Three boat trophy for Challenge cup to accommodate new winner names/ The Uncle Roy Trophy redesign is completed as well as the Capdevielle trophy. New pelican cases have been purchased for the Mobile three boat trophy, Uncle Roy and Capdevielle trophies. Thank you to David Dabney for his woodworking and completing the Mobile Three boat and Capdevielle trophy as well as Shan Kirk.

**Sail Measurement** – William Zehner reminded everyone that only the clubs that finished in the top 5 for 2022 Lipton will be measured in for 2023 or any new club owned boat.

**US Sailing Championships** – Cary Trapani read a written report submitted by chair Sam Vasquez. US Sailing Area D is looking for two missing trophies. They are the Bemis and Smythe Wooden Plaques. Please check with your Club managers and trophy committees and see if they may be at your Club. The US Sailing Adult Championship will be held in the VX One Class at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club October 4th-8th, 2023. I believe the GYA Representative will be selected by resume. So, please have your teams send in their resume to the GYA Secretary ASAP. The deadline will be towards the end of the summer. The US Sailing Chubb Youth Championships have changed for 2023. There will no longer be the Single-hand, Smythe and the Double-hand, Bemis regattas as US Sailing has repurposed those trophies for the Youth Champs Regattas. The Triple-hand, Sears still will be sailing and will be a ladder event through the US Sailing Areas. The Finals will be sailing in RS 21's at The Lakewood Yacht Club in Kemah, TX. The Area D Semi-Finals will be at Florida Yacht Club June 24th-25th and the GYA has two berths allocated as per the Area D agreement. The Championship of Championship will sail this year in Remote Controlled sailboats. Yes, you heard that correctly. October 20th-22nd, 2023 the racers will use supplied boats at the Corinthian Sailing Club in Dallas, TX. So, if you have a member of your Club that has won a National, North American, or World Championship this past year get them to apply ASAP!

**US Sailing Representative** – No report.

**By-Laws** – No Report.

**Schedule**- Randy Wainwright-Fitzpatrick, no report.

**Appeals Committee** – Charles Harp submitted a written report, no current appeals and no old business pending. Keep up the clean sailing!

**Unfinished Business and General Orders**- Commodore Schmidt read report submitted by Karl Kleinschrodt to use the excess funds from the centennial Lipton as follows: \$3,500 to the GYA Foundation \$3,500.00 with the balance of approximately \$6,000 to be used for Junior events/training to be approved by the Youth and GYA Executive Committee. **John Matthews made a motion, seconded by Michael Hage to approve \$3,500 to GYA foundation with remaining funds to benefit junior sailors, unanimously approved.**

**New Business** – None

**Closing Remarks/Announcements** – Commodore Schmidt announced the GYA Semi-Annual meeting in conjunction with the Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge will be at Pass Christian Yacht Club September 1-4, 2023.

**PC Gary Rogers (JYC) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by PC John Matthews (PYC/NYCP).**

**Adjourned** – 10:36 hours.  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Jennifer Schmidt

# Racing Regulations Report:

The following racing regulation changes will be presented for your consideration:

## Current Rule

### 5.1 Race Committees

(b) The Lipton Cup race management shall be by the Lipton Race Committee appointed by the GYA Commodore using a US Sailing certified Regional or higher race official as the PRO.

## Proposed Rule

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## Current Rule

### 5.2 Judges and Protest Committees

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

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## Proposed Rule

### 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.

## Renumbering due to new reg 26

**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 Regulation
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

<b>GYA Multihull Championship for the Commodore Luis B. Pollack Trophy</b>	<b>Multihull</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Regulation 25</b>
<b>GYA FORMULA WAVE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 26</b>
<b>GYA Masters Regatta for the Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 27</b>
<b>GYA 420 Championship</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 28</b>
<b>GYA Individual Flying Scot Championship for the Cock of the Walk Trophy</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 29</b>
<b>GYA Laser Championship</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 30</b>
<b>GYA Lightning Championship for the Commodore Eugene Taylor Trophy</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 31</b>
<b>GYA Sunfish Championship for the Charles Galloway Trophy</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 32</b>
<b>GYA J/22 Championship for the Commodore Henry G. “”Harry” Chapman Trophy</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 33</b>
<b>GYA Finn Class Championship</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 34</b>
<b>GYA Optimist Class Championship</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Regulation 35</b>
<b>GYA conducted semi-finals for US Sailing Championship</b>		<b>One-Design</b>	<b>Appendix D</b>
<b>GYA Offshore Challenge Cup</b>	<b>Challenge Cup</b>	<b>Offshore-ORR/PHRF</b>	<b>Regulation 40</b>
<b>GYA Women’s HANDICAP Championship</b>		<b>Offshore-ORR/PHRF</b>	<b>Regulation 41</b>
<b>West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit</b>	<b>WFORC</b>	<b>Offshore-ORR/PHRF</b>	<b>Regulation 42</b>
<b>Gulfport to Pensacola Race</b>		<b>Offshore-ORR/PHRF</b>	<b>Regulation 43</b>