

# Gulf Yachting Association



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**April 2016**

## A Note from the Commodore



It's spring time along the Gulf Coast and you know what that means ... great sailing weather and there's a regatta or clinic somewhere every weekend. Coming up are the Dave Perry clinics at Southern Yacht Club, a Viper Clinic at Fairhope Yacht Club

and an array of regattas. The opportunities are there for everyone, young and not so young, to get out on the water.

The GYA Opening Regatta is May 20-22 in Fairhope. The NOR and on-line registration should be available within the next week or so. In addition to the Opening being the first Viper 640 event in the Sport Boat Championship, it has also been designated as the Viper 640 Gulf Coast Championship. Rumor has it there may be as many as 25+ Vipers on the start line. For those who have ordered new boats, Rondar is still on track for delivery in time for the Opening regatta. Logistical details are still being sorted out and Dan Tucker will be in touch with everyone who has ordered a new Viper.

Congratulations to GYA competitors who participated in Barcardi Miami Sailing Week, and especially to Marcus Eagan who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the VX One class. Also competing in the VX One were Donnie Brennan and Richard Heausler. Competing in the Viper 640 were John Dane III, Craig and Deborah Wilusz, Don Faircloth and Michelle Lee.

I look forward to seeing everyone the Opening Regatta.

Sail fast, sail fair.

Cathy Cromartie

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## Scheduling Committee

Randy Fitz-Wainwright

The sailing season is under way and I hope everyone is using the new calendar system. Please remember to use the link your club was sent when we were setting the schedule to post your links to NORs and SI's. Please also be sure to post your regatta results, for the archive. If you need the link resent, please send me an email and I will be happy to send it to you again.

# New Viper Deliveries & Training at GYA Opening

*By Dan Tucker, Rondar Raceboats*



**Viper 640**  
One Design Sportboat

Eight brand new Viper 640s will be unpacked and commissioned at the GYA Opening Regatta at Fairhope YC in May. Rondar Raceboats owner and CEO Paul Young will be on-site with me, as well as our GYA area reps from Gulf Performance Sailing, Deb & Craig Wilusz & Kip Kileen. Seven of these boats are currently sold, leaving one available as of writing this. If your club is close to ordering a new Viper, we may still have one for you for Opening!

These two containers of boats will be unloaded at a warehouse in Mobile, put upright on their keels & trailers and driven to FYC. Our plan is to have them all at the club by Thursday. If you or your club have purchased a new or used Viper, we'd like to invite you to

join us at FYC on Thursday and/or Friday for a clinic in boat set-up and preparation. As with any boat, there are a number of small details which can make a difference in ease of use and reducing maintenance. We'd love to share those sorts of things with you in person, particularly as we'll have Paul on hand. He very literally knows the boats inside and out, being on the factory floor every day, as well as being a fully qualified naval architect and life-long racing sailor himself.

We'll be on the water and working with Zeke Horowitz from North Sails helping you learn the sailing aspects as well. We're anticipating a good turnout of Vipers racing for the weekend (15-20), we look forward to seeing you there and helping you learn your new boats!



*New Vipers as they were unloaded from a container in Miami recently*

# US Junior Women's Sailing Championship

Attention JUNIOR WOMEN SAILORS . . . Applications for the two Junior Women's Championships are being received by US Sailing NOW!



## US Junior Women's Sailing Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy

Double-handed Championship, in 420's hosted at the Bay Waveland Yacht Club, July 5 - July 10, 2016. Applications accepted March 3<sup>rd</sup> thru May 6<sup>th</sup>. Open entry, max 40 boats to be accepted. Currently US Sailing has received 25 applications, first completed application, first accepted.

See US Sailing website for more details:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomensdoublehanded>

Currently registered from GYA  
Mallory Edwards/Ali Ware, Gulfport YC  
Camille McGriff/Sara Boyd, Fairhope YC

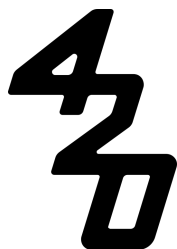


## U S Junior Women's Sailing Championship for the Leiter Cup

Single-handed Championship in Laser Radials Sail Sand Point, Seattle, WA, July 26 - Aug 1, 2016. Applications accepted March 1 - June 19, 2016. Open entry; max 60 boats to be accepted. Currently U S Sailing has received 17 applications, first completed application, first accepted.

See U S Sailing website for more details:

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/youth/jrwomenssinglehanded>



## CHUBB US Junior Championship SailFest Junior Olympic Regatta

Sarasota Sailing Squadron will host on April 9th - April 10, 2016. The regatta is open to the following classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, C420, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, Laser 4.7 and F16's. All class will sail two days. The regatta will be a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta". All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Current on-line registration can be found at Regatta Network:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/12019>



# Capdevielle Committee

Gary J. Rogers

The Viper 640 era of Capdevielle is off to a great start! There are about 15 Vipers in the GYA fleet including clubs that have acquired used boats or ordered new ones. Three clubs have two either already in their fleet or on order so there are 12 clubs that have already invested in the exciting future of Capdevielle sailing! Seven clubs have ordered new boats and the good news for them is that Rondar has scheduled delivery of those plus another to arrive in Mobile early in the week of the Opening Regatta, May 20 & 21. The boats will be unpacked and ready for new owners to take delivery at Fairhope YC on Thursday before the regatta.

The first GYA regatta featuring Vipers as the future Capdevielle boat will be at the Opening in Fairhope. This unique event has multiple levels of competition. First, it is the first of this year's four regattas for the GYA Interclub Sportboat Championship. Each club

may enter one boat designated to sail for the club. Skipper rotations are optional. Secondly, the regatta is also open to individual entries from within and outside the GYA. Finally, it has been designated by the Viper 640 Class Association as the 2016 Gulf Coast Championship. So there is a lot to compete for. Best score by a designated club entry will be the winner of the interclub competition. Best score by any entry will be the winner of the regatta and Gulf Coast Champion. Look for more information in the NOR which will be out soon.

We have been working closely with the Class Technical Committee to develop a plan to introduce GYA sail numbers into the Class. Traditionally, the Class has assigned sail numbers based on hull numbers. Obviously, with the GYA numbering system there will be duplicate numbers. We have proposed a distinct format for applying GYA sail numbers to the mainsails that

would distinguish a Class numbered sail from a GYA numbered sail with the same number. Our proposal must be accepted by the Class, which cannot occur until their next meeting in November at the Viper 640 International and North American Championships in Bermuda. So, for now, we will be using the Class assigned sail numbers.

As exciting as all this is, we are still competing the Capdevielle on Flying Scots. NOYC got the year started at Mardi Gras Race Week with a 7 boat fleet. Congratulations to winner Southern YC! Next up is the Spring Regatta at Bucca- neer and then it's the Opening. So, keep the Scots coming!





# Off - Shore Council

Samson Vasquez

With the weather warming up and boats leaving the slips we are now in full swing of the sailing season. The first of the GYA Offshore events is right around the corner.

GORC will be hosted by Pass Christian YC and Gulfport YC April 1 - April 3, 2016. It is the first stop of the Unofficial PHRF Circuit. See who is racing and sign up today. <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11994>



## Alfonso Regatta & Sutter Cup

Due to the weather, all of the racing for the Alfonso Sutter Regatta was held on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Gulfport YC. There were 40 boats competing in five classes.

Ricky Welsh from Long Beach YC won every race in the Laser Radial class and Dawson Doucet, as well, had a picket fence in the laser full rigs. Teal Salloum III and James Edwards from Gulfport YC and Bay Waveland YC placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Club 420's. Thomas Kerrigan from Southern YC held back the rest of the optimist class to win the 2016 Sutter Cup. See full results online at:

[http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_regatta\\_results.php?regatta\\_id=11854&show\\_subclass=1](http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=11854&show_subclass=1)



Ricky Welsh &  
Commodore James Kaigler



Dawson Doucet &  
Commodore James Kaigler



Teal Salloum, III, James Edwards  
& Commodore James Kaigler



Thomas Kerrigan &  
Commodore James Kaigler



Optimist Green Fleet Skippers

# The Grand finale of the 2016 Maxine Sansom Memorial Trophy Series

This series in memory of long-time sailing supporter, Maxine Sansom, is sailed annually on Pensacola Bay. The series consists of three regattas, each one hosted by one of the Pensacola Bay area yacht clubs. In 2016, Maxine Regatta #1 was hosted by the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola. Maxine Regatta #2 was hosted by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and the final regatta in the 2016 Maxine Series, Maxine Regatta #3 was hosted by Pensacola Yacht Club. Fifteen PHRF spinnaker boats competed in the series. The late winter weather was ideal for the first two regattas of this series in late February and early March 2016. However, the finale hosted by PYC had to be postponed as flash flood warnings and severe thunderstorm watches were in effect all up and down the Gulf Coast for the originally scheduled regatta date of Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately the postponement was for one day only and the weather conditions for Sunday turned out beautiful with blue skies and a steady 10-12

knots of southwest breeze on Pensacola Bay. Principle Race Officer John Matthews took full advantage of the excellent weather to run two races for this regatta. Each race was a W2 course and each went off perfectly.

Maxine Regatta #3 finished with a three-way tie in Spinnaker Class A and a two-way tie in Spinnaker Class B. Wow, now that is close competition! Class A saw the Tripp 33 "Tryptonite" place 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for a combined score of 4. The Beneteau 367 "Atlantic Union" finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> for a total score of 4 while the Evelyn 32 "Finesse" placed a consistent 2<sup>nd</sup> in both races to give it a total of 4 points also. Each of these top three boats finished the regatta with 4 points. The tie breaker was won by Atlantic Union who took home the First Place trophy in Class A for Maxine #3. The Pearson 10M "Reach Around" made the competition in Class B very tight going tack for tack and gybe for gybe with the Kelly 24 "Phoenix". Phoenix took

home the First Place trophy in Class B based on its better finishing position in the last race.

Our congratulations go out to Atlantic Union and Phoenix for their wins in Maxine Regatta #3 and also to Dave Dunbar's Tryptonite for winning the overall Spinnaker Fleet Championship in the 2016 Maxine Sansom Memorial Trophy Series! Well-run regattas and well-sailed boats made for a close but friendly racing throughout this entire series in memory of a well-loved lady who was surely looking down upon the competition with the same keen interest and enthusiasm as when she was on the water working on the race committee in her earthly years. See you next year Maxine...we love you and will always remember what you gave for the love of our sport.

-PYC Fleet Captain  
John D. Oerting



48th Annual Race for the Case  
May 29th, 2016  
Gulfport Yacht Club



Win your weight in BEER!

The first boat to finish in the 2016 Race for the Case will receive the skipper's weight in beer (skipper must be 21 or older to claim prize). The Race for the Case is a 12 mile sailboat race that starts out of the Gulfport Yacht Club and finishes at the Biloxi Schooner Pier. The race is held on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 29th, 2016. To register online and for NOR visit: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11856>



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## PHRF

Sam Vasquez, Chairman  
Off Shore Council

Thomas D. Beery, Jr, Chairman  
PHRF Rating Committee

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Criag Wilusz (FWYC), Julian Bingham(MYC), Sam Vasquez (GYC), Lee Eikel (PontYC), Merlin Wilson (SYC)

Minutes for the Quarterly review, Feb 17, 2016  
(\*As amended March 15, 2016)

### Discussions:

#### Length Over All (LOA) and X-PHRF Certificates:

Our by-laws currently require a boat to be self-bailing with a minimum LOA of 20.0' for a PHRF Certificate. Boats that are non-self bailing and/or have a LOA under 20.0' are eligible for a X-PHRF certificate which supposedly limits their entry to regattas that specifically state in the NOR that X-PHRF certificates are acceptable. This has rarely ever happened, if at all. Yet the PHRF committee has spent many, hours dealing with the X-PHRF certificate issues.

To simplify the PHRF process in line with our goals for the future of PHRF in the GYA, (so the PHRF Committee does not waste time dealing with essentially non-issues) we discussed doing away with the 20.0' minimum requirement for a PHRF Certificate and just stay with the mono-hull and self-bailing requirement to determine which boats get a PHRF certificate or a X-PHRF certificate and let Race Organizers and Race Committees determine which boats they will allow to race (Some Race Committees already do this).

Currently, the only boats in our system (with X-PHRF Certificates) are the E-Scow (LOA 28.0'), Harbor 20 (LOA 20.0'), Melges MC SCOW ODR (LOA 16.0'), Pearson Ensign (LOA 22.5'), Seascope 18 ODR (LOA 18.0') and the VX One ODR (LOA 19.0').

**DECISION:** The following by-laws change was proposed to be voted on at the next meeting (scheduled for May 4, 2016): **By-laws Article V, paragraph A: after "To obtain a PHRF certificate a boat must be a mono-hull with a self-bailing cockpit" DELETE: "and must meet a minimum LOA of 20.0 feet". This change was voted on and passed with a 4 to 1 vote.**

#### RATING ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON BOUY COURSES:

Sam Vasquez, Chairman of the GYA Offshore Council, discussed comments/recommendations concerning this proposed 2 rating system made at the Offshore Council meeting held January 9 at Fairhope Yacht Club. The consensus of that meeting was to recommend to the PHRF Committee to discontinue further studies on a 2 rating system. The main concerns were the differing conditions of wind, current, sea stages, etc. encountered on longer distance type courses that would greatly effect any rating assigned, to a much greater extent than is already encountered under our 1 rating system.

The PHRF committee voted unanimously to discontinue further studies.

**BY-LAW CHANGES:** The following by-law changes were proposed at the Dec. 8, 2015 Annual review and were voted on at this meeting:

#### DISPLACEMENT:

Currently, we use US Sailing Displacement values to calculate SA/DSPL (up-wind and down-wind) and DSPL/LWL. The SA/DSPL value is used to compare/evaluate different boat classes and also used to determine if boats qualify for the roller furling headsail and mainsail credits. In addition, we use the DSPL/LWL, along with the SA/DSPL value to classify certain boats as "Sport Boat". Where US Sailing does not have a yacht class listed or does not have a Displacement value for a listed boat class, we use the Manufacturers published displacement values for the "light weight" displacement or we use other research data that may be available.

The committee decided to recognize our determination of the "displacement" value with the following by- laws changes:

#### APPENDIX – D, ROLLER FURLING CREDIT, paragraph 3:

##### DELETE paragraph 3: ADD NEW paragraph 3:

3.a. For the Roller Furling credit(s) the boat must have a sail area/displacement of 20.0 or less. This value (SA/DSPL) is based on the following formula:  $SA/DSPL = SA / (DSPL/64)^{2/3}$ .

3.b. Sail area and light weight displacement values will be based on the dimensions for the boat class in the following order of precedent: (1) US Sailing (<http://offshore.ussailing.org/phrf>) Critical dimensions", (2) Manufacturer's published data for "light weight" displacement, "J", "I", "P" and "E" (and "PY" and "EY" if appropriate), and (3) research by the PHRF Committee. Discrepancies in dimension values between (1) and (2) above will be resolved by the PHRF Committee in (3) above. Sail area will be based on using 100% of the foretriangle  $((J \times I)/2)$  and 100% mainsail and mizzen sail area  $((P \times E)/2) + (PY \times EY)/2$

**The committee voted to accept this change unanimously.**

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**SPRIT/STRUCTURE ADDED TO STANDARD PHRF BOATS:**

Currently, our by-laws allow a non-sprit production boat to add a 2.5' sprit pole and an asymmetrical spinnaker no greater than 123% of the standard J pole symmetrical spinnaker square feet, for -3 seconds. We also allowed a non-sprit production boat to tack an asymmetrical spinnaker no greater than 100% of the standard J pole symmetrical spinnaker square feet at J + 10%, without penalty.

In some larger boats with big J dimensions the difference between 2.5 feet and the J+10% is not a great value. In smaller boats with a short "J" the J + 10% does not generate enough distance to effectively fly an asymmetrical spinnaker. Further, the committee recognized that for an asymmetrical spinnaker to be comparable to a symmetrical spinnaker without penalty the asymmetrical spinnaker should be larger by a set %.

The committee proposed the following by-laws changes to be voted on at the February 17 meeting:

**APPENDIX C, 1e, DELETE: APPENDIX C, 1e, ADD NEW 1e:**

Production boats not rated to class rules may fly Asymmetrical spinnakers (including cruising spinnakers and gennakers) tacked to an adjustable lanyard which runs through a block attached to the tack point of a non-articulating structure, such as a bracket, pole, etc., extended parallel to the water at the same level above the water as the jib tack point, with the following limitations:

1) For no change in rating, a asymmetrical spinnaker not greater than 114% of a standard J pole symmetrical spinnaker may be tacked to a sprit/structure not greater than J + 1.5'.

1a) Boats that installed a sprit/structure prior to February 17, 2016 equal to J + 10% that is greater than the J + 1.5' allowed in 1) above, will not be penalized for the difference.

2) For -3 seconds adjustment a asymmetrical spinnaker not greater than 123% of a standard J pole symmetrical spinnaker may be tacked to a sprit/structure not greater than J + 2.5'.

3) The length of the tack point and the largest spinnaker dimensions (SLU, SLE, SF, SMG) in decimal feet must be stated on the PHRF certificate.

4) The SMG dimension must be equal to or larger than 75% of the SF dimension.

5) The sail area for both symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnakers is calculated by using the America's Cup formula:

AREA = [(SLU + SLE) \* .25SF] + [(SMG - .5SF) \* (SLE + SLU) \* .33] Where: SLU = luff, SLE = leech, SF = foot, SMG = mid girth for Asymmetrical and SMG = maximum girth for Symmetrical

Symmetrical: SLU = SLE SMG > .75SF

6) For calculating the sq. ft. for the symmetrical spinnaker, the luff limit for the J Pole standard symmetrical spinnakers shall be  $0.95 * (ISP^2 + J^2)^{0.5}$ . The spinnaker maximum width (SMG) shall be  $1.8 * J$ .

7) The asymmetrical spinnaker(s) are the only spinnakers allowed to be flown.

**THIS BY-LAWS CHANGE WAS VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPEALS:****BASE NET COMMENT**

Beneteau OC 45 SD MOD102 126 Requests return BASE rating to 120 and NET rating to 144 from change made at Sept 9 meeting based on performance in GYC to PYC race and the SYC Coast Race.

**NOTE:** Stanton Murray updated specifications for this class which changed the SA/DSPL from 20.33 (which excluded the roller furling main credit of +12) to 18.84 (which now includes the +12 credit. the above numbers adjusted to include the +12 in the Net rating, which remains unchanged from the Sept. 9 meeting.

The board, after review of same class boat with different rigs and keels in other PHRF rating areas, and past performance in the GYA voted unanimously to accept the dimensions as provided, set the base rating at 102 and allow for adjustments including the roller furling mainsail. The NET rating for "Pursuit" remains unchanged at 126.



## ANNUAL REVIEW OF ALL YACHT CLASSES: BASE RATING

	<u>WAS</u>	<u>IS</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
J-122 ODR	33	30	-3
X - 37	72	78	+6
C&C 40 TM DK	93	99	+6
PETERSON/WIGGERS 37	93	96	+3
MELGES 24	96	93	-3
CARRERA 290	99	102	+3
C&C 40-2	99	105	+6
C&C 40-2 CB	108	114	+6
NEW YORK 36	111	114	+3
*NEWPORT 41 S DK	111	114	+3
*NEWPORT 41	120	123	+3
HUNTER 37.5 LEGEND	120	123	+3
*NEWPORT 41-2 SD	123	126	+3
SOVEREL 27	141	144	+3
SANTA CRUZ 27	150	156	+6
SEASCAPE 18	153	159	+6
HUNTER 34 SD	156	159	+3
BENETEAU OC 35/2015 CB	156	159	+3
CREEKMORE 26 CUST.	159	156	-3
BENETEAU OC 35/2015	162	165	+3
HUNTER 36 MOD RIG	162	165	+3
HUNTER 30	201	204	+3
HUNTER 30 TM SD	201	204	+3

\*NEWPORT 41 CLASSES (as amended 03/15/2016)

These changes will go into effect March 18, 2016.  
THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR  
MAY 4, 2016. All requests must be received no later than April 20,  
2016 to be included on the agenda for this meeting.



### Notice of Race

<http://58thdauphinislandrace.com/norsis>

### Online Registration

<http://58thdauphinislandrace.com>

**Have an up coming Regatta & would like  
to have the NOR posted on the GYA  
website?**

Submit your NOR to [notices@gya.org](mailto:notices@gya.org)

**We will gladly post Regatta results, daily  
and final.**

Submit results to [results@gya.org](mailto:results@gya.org)

The results will automatically be forwarded to  
the GYA Secretary, Webmaster and Capdevielle  
Scorer.

## Regata al Sol XXIX

**Regata al Sol XXIX  
Starts May 11-12**

Join the fun as we  
set sail in the 29<sup>th</sup>  
Regata al Sol from  
Pensacola FL to Isla  
Mujeres MX. Co-



sponsored by Southern Yacht Club, Pen-  
sacola Yacht Club and Club de Yates Isla  
Mujeres this 555nm race is a test of man,  
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## 2016 Capdevielle Standings

1	SYC	1.0000
2	MYC	0.9091
3	NOYC	0.8485
4	PCYC	0.7879
5	GYC	0.7424
6	StABYC	0.6970
7	PontYC	0.6667