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2017 GYA Capdevielle Winners - PCYC

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From the Commodore



I am very honored to be serving as Commodore of the GYA. I am following in the steps of many outstanding people.. I feel very privileged to have been given the chance to serve and am looking forward to a great year for the GYA. Our winter meeting was a big success

with 21 of the member clubs represented. The awards banquet highlighted the many achievements of GYA sailors, and made it very clear that the GYA is a sailing force to be reckoned with!

The Viper is now our Capdevielle boat. I suspect we will have an exciting and probably a little challenging year. I can only imagine how they felt when they took the Scots out the first year! It will be a year of opportunity and I know there will be some changes because of the boat but we will all work together to make it work. I am extremely fortunate to have a very knowledgeable Executive Committee and great group of Committee heads and we will all work together to smooth the process as needed.

If you have not had a chance yet. Please take the time to review the draft of the "Regulations for Sanctioned Events" that was released at the winter meeting. It is posted on our web site at <http://www.gya.org/documents/2018DraftSailingRegProposals.pdf> A group of people representing the Committees involved prepared this draft to simply the Regulations, further address the needs of bringing in the Viper and to update requirements to better take advantage of services available today. The intent was to not change the game but to make it easier and more fun to play the game. There is a list of the all the major changes at the back of the document and a complete cross reference between the old Regulations and proposed revision is also included. Comments are needed and encouraged! A final version will be published in advance of the Opening Regatta so that they can be voted on at that time.

Speaking of Opening Regatta, it is May 5 and 6 at Mobile

Yacht Club. The club is already making preparations and there is no doubt that this is going to be a really good event. Mark your calendars now! My intent is to make as many GYA events this year as physically possible and I look forward to meeting old and new friends across the GYA.

Good sailing, good fun,
Chris Luppens
commodore@gya.org

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Michael Hage (GYC)

GYA Winter Meeting



2017 GYA Capdevielle Second Place - GYC



2017 GYA Capdevielle Challenger Winner -FWYC

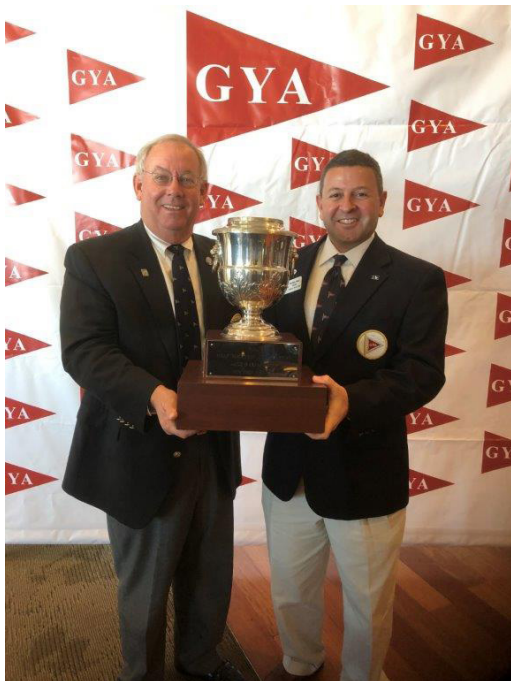


2017 GYA team that participated in US Sailing Adult Championship led by Tom Meric

GYA Winter Meeting



2018 GYA Executive Committee
Past Commodore Michael Hage, Commodore Chris Luppens, Vice Commodore Shan Kirk,
Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Schmidt, Rear Commodore Jimmy Ruthven



Jack & Flo Scheib Service Award presented to
Corky Potts



Past Commodore Hage presented with a framed burgee
for his service on the executive committee by Catherine
Cromartie

Capdevielle Report

Publication of the 2018 GYA Directory, with an up to date edition of the Regulations for Sanctioned Events, will be delayed this year until after the Annual Meeting in May. So, for now, the latest edition available, both online and in hardcopy, is in the 2017 Directory. Host clubs and competitors please make note of the following:

Of course you know, Capdevielle events will be sailed on Viper 640's this year for the first time. The Regulations published in the 2017 GYA Directory included modified regulations substituting the Viper 640 for the Flying Scot. There is a note on the first page of the Regulations stating that "Regulations preceded by ">" and that are in italics indicate an effective date of January 1, 2018". So, where you see that symbol and italicized text, THOSE are the current regulations.

Also, the regulations covering the Capdevielle Challenger Division Competition, found in Appendix H, were modified at the 2017 Annual Meeting and are in effect for 2018. The changes altered the format of the competition, affect which clubs are eligible and added a trophy to be awarded by host clubs at all events. The current text of Appendix H is available on the GYA website under the "Documents" dropdown tab along with the list of INELIGIBLE clubs. All other clubs are ELIGIBLE.

2018 Challenger Division Ineligible Clubs:

PCYC
GYC
FWYC
BucYC
NOYC
SYC
MYC

Finally, a regulation permitting the limited use of chartered Viper 640's by clubs that do not own one was approved at the 2018 Winter Meeting and is immediately effective. That regulation is also available under the Documents tab.

Details of the updated regulations can be seen at:

<http://www.gya.org/documents/2018CapdevielleMsg.pdf> (or found under the Documents tab)

GYA US Sailing Delegate Report

This year we were able to develop and have approved a new agreement between the Regional Sailing Associations in Area D.

One of the GYA's main responsibilities in 2017 was to host the Chubb Championships for Area D youth. Fairhope Yacht Club accepted hosting the event and did a truly great job of coordinating to produce an event the GYA can be very proud of.

Elizabeth McGriff (FYC) was the Event Coordinator who pulled a strong committee together which included, Scott Hartwell (boats), Mignon Bishop (housing), Hal Smith (PRO), Edith Collins (judge), Chris Luppens (judge), Dan Machowski (PRO) and many others.

A special thanks to Cathy Cromartie (Past GYA Commodore) for her help in getting things moving at US Sailing for support of the event with the NOR and Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright (Commodore FYC) for her continuous input and support for all the activities at FYC.

I see a new wave coming with youth participation thanks to those like Elizabeth McGriff and with the GYA being innovative with the Viper as the new GYA boat. This is what we need to draw more youth to sailing and give them the opportunity for a higher level of technology and competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete O'Neal

Judges Committee Report

A current listing of certified judges and judges in training is being prepared again for 2018 and will be in the new Directory. There are very few changes since last year. The most accurate listing of judges is on the US Sailing web site at: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-race-official/>

Once again in 2017 we saw an increase in incidents across the GYA that required certified, properly trained people to help handle. There is a critical need for more trained race officials, both race officers and judges, across the GYA. It is something that each club should look at and be encouraging members to seriously consider as a way to promote good sailing competition in the GYA.

A one day Club Judge Seminar, is scheduled for January 21st at Southern Yacht Club and another seminar is then scheduled for January 27 at Pensacola Yacht Club. The cost of the seminars is being offset by a grant from the GYA Foundation. This is an excellent and very inexpensive opportunity for the GYA to increase the number of trained people available to assist with not just hearings but to serve as reference points for sailing instructions etc. and as consultants to avoid hearings!

The US Sailing Club Judge program is a very cost effective way to introduce new people to judging and it is only a one day workshop. People completing the workshop can (not required as part of the course but strongly encouraged) take an online test and become certified as Club Judge. Please contact me for additional information and for setting up a workshop at your club in the future. The two upcoming workshops are being held in conjunction with Race Officer training sessions at each location. (Jan. 20th at SYC and Jan. 28 at Pensacola YC)

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. 'Chris' Luppens

One-Design Council

The One-Design Council is working to get all our record keeping and trophies updated in 2018. Part of what helps us keep everything straight is good results reporting by the clubs hosting Championships and circuit events. Be sure to send your results to the GYA secretary and if you're hosting a 420 event, but sure to list the crew along with the skipper in the final results.

The One-Design Council would like to remind the club commodores that each club is supposed to appoint a OD Council representative for their club. The Council intends to utilize these representatives better in order to help promote the circuit events and increase participation.

Winners of the 2017 circuits:

Laser Radial - Ricky Welch (LBYC)

Optimist - Emory Friend (SYC)

420 - Michael Burns (PCYC)

Finn - Michael Mark

Thank you to everyone that participated in a 2017 circuit event. Small boat and one-design sailing is one of the ways that we keep this sport strong and growing. We're looking forward to seeing more of you on the water in 2018.

Kevin Blank

One-Design Council Chairman

Circuits

Optimist Circuit

Alfonso Sutter - Mar. 3-4

Juby Wynne - May 26-27

Junior Olympics - Jun. 30-1

Back to School - Sep. 15-16

Wadewitz - Sep. 29-30

GYA Championship - Nov. 22-24

Laser / Laser Radial Circuit

Alfonso Sutter - Mar. 3-4

GYA Opening - May 5-6

Meigs - Jul. 7-8

Galloway - Aug. 18-19

Back to School - Sep. 15-16

420 Circuit

GYA Opening - May 5-6

Schools Out - Jun. 2-3

GYA Championship - Jun. 9-10

Junior Olympics - Jun. 30-1

Wadewitz - Sep. 29-30

Monk Smith - Oct. 13

Finn Circuit

Spring Regatta - May 19-20

Schools Out - Jun. 2-3

Meigs - Jul. 7-8

Back to School - Sep. 15-16

Wadewitz - Sep. 29-30

GYA Finn Champs - Oct. 6-7

Jack Dane Finn Regatta - Oct. 13-14

If you would like to see the circuit for your class on the GYA website, please have your class representative send the circuit information to:

one.design@gya.org

PHRF Rating Committee Report

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 500, which is a 2% increase from the 490 certificates reported as of December 31, 2016. This increase of 10 certificates is attributed to new certificates issued. (See attached summary) Also attached is a detailed listing by Yacht Club with boats listed in NETrating sequence. This report also shows GYA Challenge Cup class breaks for those boats that would be eligible.

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "GYA.org" (click on PHRF) or "GYA-PHRF.com".

Each Area Handicapper serves on the PHRF committee for 5 years. We rotate one change per year. 2017 is the last year for Merlin Wilson, who is the Area Handicapper for the Louisiana Lake Pontchartrain South Shore. Merlin has been an excellent Area Handicapper for Louisiana and the GYA as a whole and will be missed on the committee. After recommendations for Merlin's replacement were received from the Commodore of Southern Yacht Club and other interested sailors, Rob Rodgers was appointed by Sam Vasquez, Chairman of the GYA Offshore Committee. Rob is a very active sailor in Lake Pontchartrain in his Seascope 27 "Kids in the Car" and is welcomed as the Area Handicapper for the South Shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Our web site has a excel spreadsheet of all the certificate data for each yacht. This is the same information contained on each owner's certificate.

Timely submittal of race results to gya.phrf@gmail.com (or regular mail) insures that skippers from your Club will have their race results data reviewed by the PHRF Committee at our Annual review this coming Wednesday, January 17. Boats that have no current year(2017) race data recorded will not receive the same level of review as boats with recorded race data. I encourage all commodores to have their race committees submit regatta results in a timely manner. Large submittals at the end of the year may not be input in time for the PHRF Annual Review.

The PHRF Mailing list on excel spread sheets or Gum Labels are available to Clubs putting on regattas. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail (gya.phrf@gmail.com), or phone (228-769-6718- leave a message). In most cases requested data is supplied immediately (or the next day). We have an up to date list of e-mail addresses and can e-mail (bee) a copy of your regatta flyers, NOR, Si's, etc . to current PHRF certificate holder (approximately 93%). This is a great way to get information on your regatta to GYA PHRF sailors.

A Race Committee File (on excel spread sheet) that has all the pertinent race data information is also available when requested.

Tom Beery
GYA PHRF Rating Committee Chairman

Upcoming Championship Events

U.S. Multihull Championship

4/19/2018 - 4/22/2018

Fort Walton Yacht Club

Registration:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=15798

180 Ferry Road NE

Fort Walton, FL 32548 USA

Contact: Shari Seaton

Ph: (850) 865-904

Safety at Sea Videos

The GYA ExCom and the Safety Advisory Committee encourages all GYA Clubs, Jr. Programs and individuals to purchase a subscription to the Storm Trysail Foundation Safety At Sea videos. The SaS videos, narrated by Storm Trysail Club member Gary Jobson, vary in length from 3 minutes to 27 minutes and cover subjects from Man Overboard Recovery, safety equipment, understanding weather and more. For a one-time fee of \$40 you receive lifetime access to the full library to view over and over.

The GYA will be reimbursing clubs the one-time fee when the club purchases these safety videos. Please save your receipt and send it to Sectreasurer@gya.org for your club's reimbursement.

The first ten videos cover:

- Practical Man Overboard Recovery (24 mins.)
- Understanding Weather (23 mins.)
- Understanding Offshore Weather (24 mins.)
- Flares and Pyrotechnic Devices (6 mins.)
- Storm Sails (12 mins.)
- Shipboard Firefighting Strategies (4 mins.)
- Fighting Shipboard Fires (7 mins.)
- Personal Safety Equipment (27 mins.)
- Cold water survival & Life Rafts (3 min.)
- Deploying a Life Raft (6 mins.)

The videos can be found at: <https://stormtrysailfoundation.org/21-safety/114-safety-at-sea-videos>

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