

G.Y.A. GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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Commodore Hage presides over the 2017 GYA Opening Board Meeting

<http://www.gya.org>

A Note from the Commodore



It's hard to believe that half of this year has already passed. A lot has happened since the last GYA Newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank Gulfport Yacht Club for hosting the 2017 GYA Opening Regatta and all the festivities that went along with it. The flag raising ceremony and cocktail party were certainly ones to

be rivaled but more importantly, the sailing and race management were over the top. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible and to you the sailors for showing up.

The Capdevielle Series is off to a good start this year. The Spring Regatta was held at Buccaneer in May where PCYC took top honors. The Candler Regatta was next in June and was won by GYC in both the Capdevielle and Sportboat Series. Congratulations to the sailors at Gulfport. The Gulfport to Pensacola race was next and Southern Yacht Club along with co-host Pensacola and Gulfport Yacht Clubs did a great job.

The GYA Offshore Challenge Cup was held at Pensacola Yacht Club this year at the end of June and for the 10th year in a row, congratulations go out to Southern Yacht Club as the overall winner of the Springhill Trophy for the best four boat team. The best three boat team captured the Mobile Yacht Club Trophy and those honors went to Pensacola Yacht Club. Congratulations to both of these clubs and all the other clubs who competed.

There are still several more Capdevielle Regattas left on the schedule, so I encourage you to get your sailors out on the water and continue to compete for this prestigious trophy.

The interest in the Viper class continues to grow and I would like to thank Past Commodore Cathy Cromartie, who is our liaison to the class, for keeping us up to speed with all there is to learn about these new boats.

Please remember any modifications to the hull must be approved through the Viper Technical Committee in order for your boat to stay compliant.

As you can see from the GYA calendar, there are several regattas left to be sailed this year. If you are hosting an event and have questions about your Notice of Race and / or Sailing Instructions, please don't hesitate to have the GYA Race Management Committee look over these documents for you before you send them out. As the Racing Rules of Sailing change, these documents need to be updated and remain current so no problems arise down the road.

Please mark your calendars for the Liptons which will be held on Labor Day weekend at PCYC. This will be the last year this historic event will be sailed in the Flying Scot. This boat certainly has served the GYA well and we look forward to the Viper becoming the official GYA boat in 2018.

Please note that I, along with the rest of the GYA Excom, are here to serve you, so if there is anything we can help you with, please let us know. Please continue to check www.gya.org for the most up to date information along with our GYA Facebook page.

Sail Fast, Sail Hard
Michael G. Hage
GYA Commodore

GYA Opening Regatta

Winners:

Capdevielle:

1st Place - PCYC (6 points)

2nd Place - BWYC (13 points)

3rd Place - BucYC (18 points)

Viper 640:

1st Place - Danger Noodle (BucYC)

VX One:

1st Place - D.J. Bolyard (PontYC)

Optimist:

1st Place - Chandler Taloney (FYC)

420:

1st Place - Camille McGriff (FYC)

Laser Radial:

1st Place - Pete McGriff (FYC)

Laser Full:

1st Place - Savannah Core (PontYC)

Full results can be found at:

http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14246#_newsroom



Commodore Hage saluting the GYA Club Commodores



GYA Club Commodores at the Opening Flag Raising



D.J. Bolyard sailing with the
John Harrison Tribute Spinnaker



Flying Scot sailing out to the course

Offshore Council

Proposal for GYA Offshore Circuit

The GYA Offshore Council is proposing a GYA PHRF Championship Circuit. The circuit itself will be determined by the Offshore Council and will consist of 3-5 regattas throughout the year. Competitors must compete in the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet of each event in order to qualify for scoring.

More details along with the events chosen for 2018 will be released in the upcoming months. Stay tuned!



George Hero overseeing the start of the 2017 Race to the Coast

Viper Clinic at GYC July 27-28, 2017

Gulfport Yacht Club would like to invite and encourage the other clubs to send their boats, members, juniors, & females to our Viper Clinic and Practice on Thursday & Friday, July 27-28, 2017. The two days before the Weatherly Regatta. There is no fee and all help is accepted.

Topics to be discussed:

- Rigging the mast and all the lines.
- Proper launching techniques to keep your spreaders straight.
 - How to get to base setting and adjust accordingly.
 - How to set and retrieve the spinnaker.
- Different types of gybes and when to use them.
- Heavy wind recovery. What to do when you broach.
 - Basic downwind tactics and boat handling.
- With much more!!!

Contact GYC Sailing Director, Samson Vasquez at SamsonVasquez@gmail.com to RSVP.

One-Design Council

Announcing the “unofficial” GYA Finn Circuit!

The 2017 Unofficial Finn Circuit Event:

Juby Wynne, SYC May 28-29, 2017

Meigs, FWYC July 8-9, 2017

GYA Finn Championship, BYC Oct 7-8, 2017

Jack Dane Memorial, PCYC Oct 14-15, 2017

The One-Design Council will be providing support for this experimental circuit in 2017. If there is good participation and interest, we will work to make the circuit official for 2018 which will include the appropriate trophies and recognition at our annual banquet.

Thank you to Melges!

Thank You to Melges Performance Sailboats for bringing down two of their new Melges 14 sailboats for the GYA sailors to play around with. On the Saturday of the 2017 Opening Regatta, Melges rigged up their demo boats and had sailors young and old out playing with the new design. There are fleet/multi-boat discounts available.

If you would like to know more, visit:

<https://www.melges.com/boat.php?p=pages/boats/m14>

Be sure to fill out the One Design Survey!

Survey Link - <https://goo.gl/AHRFQK>

Kevin Blank - Chairman



Circuits

Optimist Circuit

Alfonso Sutter - April 29th-30th

GYA Opening - May 6th-7th

Juby Wynne - May 27th-28th

Junior Olympics - July 1st-2nd

Galloway - August 19th-20th

Wadewitz - Sept. 30th-1st

Opti Mid-Winters - Nov. 24th-25th

Laser / Laser Radial Circuit

Dogwood - March 25th-26th

Alfonso Sutter - April 29th-30th

GYA Opening - May 6th-7th

Junior Olympics - July 1st-2nd

Area D - June 9th-11th

Galloway - August 19th-20th

420 Circuit

Alfonso Sutter - April 29th-30th

Juby Wynne - May 27th-28th

420 Championships - June 24th-25th

Junior Olympics - July 1st-2nd

Area D - June 9th-11th

Wadewitz - Sept. 30th-1st

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

GYA JR. LIPTON APPEAL REPORT

GYA Appeal 2016: Two involved the Junior Lipton's and is by far the most interesting and most awaited decisions as it determined the outcome of the Uncle Roy Trophy, i.e. the winner of the last race, the Junior Lipton Series, and the Capdevielle Regatta results. This appeal took over seven months and seven hearings, including three at the appeal level.

There were several issues involved which were compounded by several mistakes made by a number of different people. This is being stated with no intent to point any fingers at any individuals who have donated their time to the process, and much was learned by all, including the GYA Appeals Committee.

During the fifth race of the Junior Lipton's the weather was rapidly deteriorating and the Race Committee decided to abandon further racing for that day. After completion of race in progress they displayed code flag N over A which indicates that all races are abandoned, no more racing for the day. Therefore if the flag were properly displayed any race underway is abandoned and there is no more racing for the day. Properly displayed includes proper sound signals. This last point is important because the lack of sound signal was not brought out until the appeal was in the hands of U.S. Sailing. An important point is sound signals are not required as part of the starting sequence, but otherwise they are required. This is not often taught in any of the seminars for RC or PC, or judges.

The RC should have displayed AP over A or AP over H, both of which apply to races not started. At the finish a separate boat was doing finishes and the RC signal boat displayed the flag some distance from the finish and tried to signal in a way to notify boats after finishing that further racing was abandoned. Three requests for redress were made after the boats had reached the dock. One of the requests for redress was granted since this individual boat had a worse finish due to an error of the Race Committee in abandoning the race which affected her finishing position. The other two requests for redress were denied as the error of the RC did not affect their finishes. One of the requests for redress was properly appealed to U.S. Sailing which, per the rules – was referred to GYA Appeals Committee. The person requesting the forms went to the host club to obtain documentation and not to the judges as should have been the case. The GYA Appeals Committee received two different sets of documentation, which required additional time to review to make certain that no rules had been broken in the process. The GYA Appeals Committee indeed determined that N over A

had been flown and that this was done while some boats were still racing. The GYA Appeals Committee did not ask whether sound signals were involved and decided that Race 5 had been abandoned but since that was the case it possibly could affect the final scores of all other boats. The Appeals Committee asked that a hearing be conducted to consider the redress for all competitors since the abandonment of the race could affect anyone of or all of the competitors.

The PC decided that the parties who were requesting the redress should not be granted redress as their finishing positions were not affected by the abandonment.

The GYA Appeals Committee held that the race should be reinstated because the fairest results for all competitors under Rule 64.2 was to allow the race to stand as is except for the one granting of redress to the party who was prejudiced by the error of the Race Committee.

This was then appealed to U.S. Sailing, who requested that the hearing be reopened to determine several questions, one of which was whether the three sound signals had been given when the N over A flags were displayed. This was referred back to a PC and it was determined that there was no sound signals when N over A was raised. U.S. Appeals decided that Race 5 was not properly abandoned and that Race 5 should be scored accordingly.

The most interesting question that the GYA Appeals Committee thought was important was not answered by U.S. Sailing, that is, can a race once abandoned be reinstated.

Anyone wanting copies of any of the above decisions can contact me via phone or email and this information is in the GYA 2017 Directory.

Also be advised there is a new form for filing U.S. Sailing Appeals which can be found on the U.S. Sailing website.

Lastly I thank my committee of Chris Luppens, Jim Tichenor and Don Griglack.

Dwight LeBlanc, Jr.
Chair, GYA Appeal Committee

Upcoming Championship Events

International Women's Keelboat Championship

Club de Vela La Peña A.C.
Valle de Bravo, Estado de Mexico, Mexico
August 14-19, 2017

for the Bengt Julin Trophy

<http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/iwkc/>



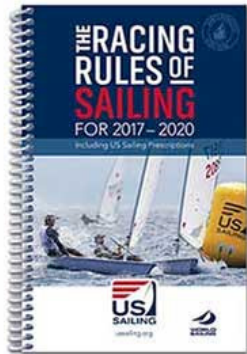
Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, TX

July 6 – 11, 2017

for the Nancy Leiter Clagett Memorial Trophy



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



New Racing Rules for 2017

Be sure to get your copy at:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/rulebook/>

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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