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# GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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September 2014

## Calendar

Aug 29 -Sept 1

Lipton Regatta - PCYC

Aug 30

GYA Semi Annual Board  
Meeting - PCYC

Sept 6 - 7

Back to School Regatta  
PontYC

Sept 26-28

GYA Multihull StABYC

Sept 27-28

Wadewitz - FYC

Oct 10-12

WFORC - PYC

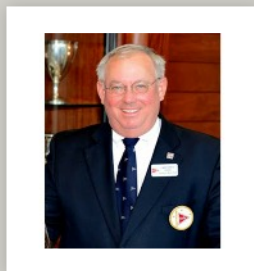
Oct 25-26

GYA Fish Class BucYC

Dec 27-28

Sugar Bowl - SYC

## Commodore Notes . . .



Well, if you can believe it, Summer must be over as Liptons is this weekend already. Southern is coming into the event with a lead in the Capdevielle standings as a result of a win in the Junior Liptons, Weatherly and tie for first, losing in the tie breaker with PCYC in the Knost. The pressure is on, as the Liptons is the most heavily weighted of the events usually, so that effort continues. It was exciting to see such a great turnout for the Jr Liptons along with the interest from the back of the fleet with the youngest of sailors. There appears to be great interest there and so each of our member clubs should continue to encourage their younger sailors to stay involved with our interclub competition which is unique to the GYA.

Plans are continuing with the Winter meeting to be held in Biloxi during the traditional second weekend in January and all are keeping their fingers crossed that the Gulf stays free of any serious weather conditions as new harbors are being completed and filled with new boats and interest in sailing. Little progress being made in New Orleans at this point, but hopefully that will change shortly.

I'm not quite ready to announce the schedule for the new boat committee, but a meeting of the committee will be held at

the Liptons to approve the schedule and plan of attack. There will be a few boats at the Liptons to show their wares, but it is anticipated to have a formal demonstration in late Oct or early November where all manufacturers will be asked to participate and make their presentations in anticipation of making a decision to present a new platform for the interclub competition. Please remember that no one is suggesting that the member clubs get rid of their Flying Scot programs or boats as they have and will continue to serve the GYA Clubs for years to come.

The Fall sailing season is also right upon us with a packed schedule during some of the best sailing conditions. Please send any suggestions or comments on to myself or to any of the committee chairs that have so kindly dedicated their time and effort to further the goals of the GYA. The webmaster, Robbie Schmidt, along with the boss, Jennifer, continue to make strides in moving the website and other computer assisted information systems forward in trying to make life in the GYA easier with such things as computerized scoring and registration for your regattas along with easier communication channels between the Association and it's members. Thanks to them and to all of the volunteers for their efforts.

*See you soon,*

*Corky*

# GYA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# GYA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE



There is a tremendous need at the UWF GYA Archives for Lipton Programs. There are only a handful of the programs available, and almost all of them are from the 70's to the present. The first 20 years are missing, as are most of the 40's, 50's and 60's. If anyone knows of a personal collection and/or a Yacht club collection that have any Lipton Programs, that can be loaned, donated, or scanned/copied and added to the Archives, please let us know, [historian@gya.org](mailto:historian@gya.org).

Kenny Kleinschrodt

# GYA Scheduling

Hi everyone! Well, it's that time of the year again . . . time to start thinking about putting the 2015 GYA schedule together. I would like to ask for everyone's help this year in hopes of avoiding some of the issues we've encountered this past year. When planning your clubs regatta schedule for the coming year, please use this past years sailing schedule to help your club format what you will do for the upcoming year. The creation of the GYA schedule requires our committee to collect that information, from all participating GYA clubs, and fit them into the same 365 days on one schedule.

I would also like to ask that each GYA Club Commodore or Secretary be sure to update the contact information for the GYA directory. It becomes very hard to track down committee chairs to discuss scheduling conflicts when the contact person listed in the directory for your club is

either incorrect or the email addresses are no longer active. Please check the directory to be sure the proper contact information is as it should be, if not, please email me at [schedule@gya.org](mailto:schedule@gya.org) with the correct information. On a side note, when submitting your regatta information to our committee, we do not need every regatta your club is running, only a list of the events that have participation from clubs outside of yours.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Randy Fitz-Wainwright



## Capdevielle Standings

as of Knost:

1 SYC	0.9231 (9)
2 NOYC	0.7981 (8)
3 PontYC	0.7834 (9)
4 StABYC	0.7606 (8)
5 FWYC	0.7512 (8)
BucYC	0.8929 (7)
BWYC	0.8558 (7)
MYC	0.8306 (7)
FYC	0.7128 (7)
JYC	0.6515 (7)
PCYC	0.8970 (6)
GYC	0.8209 (6)
BYC	0.6844 (4)
LBYC	0.7068 (3)
NYC	0.6375 (2)
LAYC	0.6944 (1)
TYC	0.6667 (1)
PYC	0.6304 (1)

**\*NOTE:** It takes eight Regattas to be counted for the Capdevielle Championship. Scores for Clubs attending less than eight regattas are for information only.



### On the water, need to know who is who?

You can now access GYA Club Sail numbers on your mobile device by going to <http://www.gya.org/nums>

### Not on the GYA Bi-weekly email list and would like to be included?

visit [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org) and sign up

### Have an up coming Regatta and would like to have the Notice of Race posted on the GYA website?

Submit your NOR to [notices@gya.org](mailto:notices@gya.org) . This email will be automatically forwarded to the GYA Secretary and the Webmaster.

### We will gladly post Regatta results, daily and final. Where do you submit?

[results@gya.org](mailto:results@gya.org) The results will automatically be forwarded to the GYA Secretary, Webmaster and Capdevielle Scorer



# GYA YOUTH COMMITTEE

The backpacks are full and the buses are running as the youth are returning to school. The summer of 2014 is now just a fond memory of cookouts, sail camps, GYA Jr. Lipton and GYA 420 Championships. SYC Juniors did a fantastic job of defending the Jr. Lipton Cup with GYC, MYC and FWYC close behind. GYC will be the host club for 2015 Jr. Lipton Regatta. The GYA 420 Championship was a fun and exciting series, especially with the last races deciding the champion. Congratulations to skipper Ricky Welch and crew Grant Johnson of LBYC who worked hard for their championship!

With the close of summer brings, what I think is the best time of the year to sail in the GYA, fall. Our waters are warm and the breezes are cool this time of year, which is a great weather combination, since we have plenty of sailing yet to be done. The Opti circuit still has two events to be sailed the year, the Wadewitz and the Opti Midwinters, which this year is a Team Trial Qualifier. Laser Radial sailors have the Back to School Regatta at Pont.YC and 420 sailors have the Wadewitz Regatta.

We are very excited and looking forward to the twist Pont.YC has added to the Back to School Regatta, a

Dingy Challenge Cup! Not only is it fleet racing but, if your club brings an Opti, a Laser Radial, a 420 and a Flying Scot, they will be scored as a team. I know of six clubs that have their teams lined up for this weekend, a sure sign that the youth are really excited about it! Don't forget to name your team!

I am enclosing my email address and would like to ask each club to send me the name of all juniors of their club that competed in any class on a national level or a US Sailing event. I would like to have the name, the class, venue location and their finish. My email address is youth@gya.org.

Fall also brings the start of High School Sailing. This is a wonderful opportunity to attract the youth in your area to the sport of sailing. ISSA is the governing body for the sport and an excellent resource. If you would like to talk to someone already in the game, feel free to reach out to other area coaches for answers. We are all more than happy to help bring more youth to the sport of sailing. The GYA club's that are currently sponsoring teams are: BWYC, FYC, FWYC, GYC, LBYC, OSYC, PYC, Pont.YC, and SYC.

Holly Murray

Youth Committee Chair

## Who Should Attend?

NSPS is an event that provides cutting edge resources and methods to boating education leaders and programs. If you're involved with one of the following organization types, you should plan to attend:

- Community Sailing Programs
- Commercial School
- Yacht Club
- High School Race Team
- College Race Team
- Adaptive/Disabled Program
- YMCA/YWCA staff
- Scouting Program
- Junior Program
- Camps/Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Military staff
- STEM Educational Program
- General Boating Industry

## Conference Dates

January 21 - January 24, 2015

## Conference Venue

Double Tree Hilton, 300 Canal Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

## Registration Information

[http://nsps.ussailing.org/?page\\_id=64](http://nsps.ussailing.org/?page_id=64)

## Contact

Please contact [nsps@ussailing.org](mailto:nsps@ussailing.org) for more information or questions about the event.

# GYA REGULATION QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Two questions have recently been raised about to the following GYA regulation.

## GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events

**15.3 Championship Eligibility.** To qualify for Capdevielle Championship consideration, eligible GYA Clubs (17) shall compete in at least 50% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the Capdevielle Events during the Capdevielle Point Year. Clubs are encouraged to compete in more than fifty percent of the Capdevielle Events, but only the scores of the club's best eight finishes shall count as championship points earned (B)



### **Question 1)**

In 2014, there are fourteen Capdevielle events scheduled, so per Reg.15.3, seven (50% of 14) are required to qualify. Reg.15.3 further specifies that the "best eight finishes shall count". If a club completes only seven events, how is an "eighth" event to be scored? Note that there is not a single "DNC" score under the Cox-Sprague system, but rather, different scores depending upon the number of entrants in each event.

### **Question 2)**

Reg.15.3 specifies that "the club's best eight finishes shall count". Under the Cox-Sprague system, a 2nd place in a 4-boat regatta scores 37 of a possible 43 points, for a "percent of perfection" (PoP) series score of 0.8605, while a 3rd place in an 8-boat regatta scores 62 of a possible 72 points or a PoP of 0.8611. Thus, the 3rd-of-8 yields a better series score than the 2nd-of-4. So, in situations such as this, which is the "best finish" for scoring purposes, the higher finishing place or the higher series score?

After some discussion among the Racing Rules and Capdevielle Committees, these questions have apparently been answered by Commodore Danny Killeen Sr.:

“**Qualifying** for the Capdevielle means that a club is not put on probation when it competes in 50% of the sailed events.

This keeps the GYA BOARD from having to change the qualifying number of regattas after the fact when regattas are unable to be sailed. Previously there was a fixed number which had to be changed post facto when regattas were lost. Alternatively, clubs would be placed on probation when “Hurricane/No Wind” regattas occurred especially late in the schedule year and a club failed to meet the number.

Qualifying is important for retaining “Host Regatta” privileges. It also provides that a club will have a member of the Capdevielle Committee which is where the rules and other items that affect them are discussed.

The number of **scored regattas** is designed to keep clubs competing in regattas until the last several regattas. This has proved effective in recent years where participation in the final event still left several clubs as possible winners.

All of this was discussed and explained at the Capdevielle Meeting at GYC Jan 2014.”

The Capdevielle Committee will review the Regs to see if further clarification is needed.

Larry Taggart,

Chair, GYA Racing Rules Committee



# CONGRATULATIONS GYA SAILORS!

## U S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS (Finals)

### U S Junior Women's Double-handed Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy

Madelyn Murray Long Beach YC &  
Amelie Lagarde Southern YC

### U S Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships for the Nancy Leiter Clagett Trophy

Emily Wright, St Petersburg YC 8/33  
Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC, 14 / 33

### Chubb U S Sailing Junior Championships Byte CII (singlehanded)

Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC 4/20  
Emily Wright, St. Petersburg YC 6/20

### Interlake (3-person)

FIRST PLACE Liam McCarthy St. Petersburg YC,  
Josh Dochoda St. Petersburg YC, Greiner  
Hobbs Davis Island YC

### 2014 Youth Sailing Championships

**Laser** Ty Baird, St. Petersburg YC

**Laser Radial** Nic Baird, St. Petersburg YC  
Liam McCarthy, St. Petersburg YC  
Patrick Shanahan, St. Petersburg YC

**I 420** Ryan Vittimberga / Robert Gordon, Houston YC

### U S Singlehanded Championship

#### Laser Radial - Gold Fleet

11th Patrick Shanahan, St. Petersburg YC  
16th Nic Baird, St. Petersburg YC  
43rd Ty Baird, St. Petersburg YC  
52nd Charlotte Rose, Houston YC

#### Laser Radial - Silver Fleet

4th Josh Dochoda, St. Petersburg YC  
17th Daniel Kendrick, Houston YC  
22nd Hannah Steadman, St. Petersburg YC

#### Laser 4.7 Fleet

6th Kyle Dochoda, St. Petersburg YC

### 2014 U S SAILING Development Team Sperry Top-sider

**Finn Class** - John F. Dane, Pass Christian YC

**Nacra 17** - Taylor Reiss

**Laser Radial** - Haddon Hughes, Houston YC

### 2014 U S Sailing ISAF Youth World Championship Team

**Laser Radial** - Haddon Hughes, Houston YC

## CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS & Other Events

**Sunfish Class Junior North American Championship**  
Boyd Housey, 3rd place, First American

### J 22 Mid Winter Championship

1st Benz Faget NOYC, SYC  
3rd Zak Fanberg BWYC, SYC

### St Petersburg NOOD Regatta

#### Hobie 33

Steve Attard, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

#### A-Class Catamaran

Bob Hughes, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### VX One Mid Winter Championship

Rob Doolittle, David Bolyard, Larry Frost,  
Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### A-Class Coconut Grove Mid Winter Championship

Bob Hodges, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### A-Class "Intergalactic" Winter Regatta

Bob Hodges, Pontchartrain YC, FIRST

### 2014 Quantum Key West Race Week

#### High Performance Class

Decision, Stephen Murray, Southern YC 2nd

#### Melges 32

Stormvogel, Chris Wientjes, NOYC 7th

#### J 70

Joust, Tim Molony, Southern YC, 9th

### 2014 Etchells World Championship

1st Crew Marcus Eagan, Southern YC

Please share the accomplishments of sailors in your Class and Club. Send to Karen Reisch, Championships Committee [Karen.Reisch@uscg.mil](mailto:Karen.Reisch@uscg.mil)





# Upcoming Flying Scot Events of Interest

The following are some of the "open" Flying Scot events that may be of interest to you. All Flying Scot sailors are also reminded & encouraged to renew their membership in the FSSA if you have not already done so.

September 6-7, 2014	October 25-26, 2014
Back To School Regatta	Hospitality Regatta, JYC
PontYC Mandeville, LA	Jackson, MS
September 27-28, 2014	November 22, 2014
Wadewitz Regatta	FSSA Cajun Country Championship, LCYC
FYC Fairhope, AL	Lake Charles, LA
October 4-5, 2014	December 27-28
Great Scot Regatta, BSC	Sugar Bowl Regatta SYC
Birmingham, AL	New Orleans, LA
October 11, 2014	March 15-19, 2015
Monk Smith Regatta, BWYC	FSSA Midwinter Championship, SSS
Bay St. Louis, MS	Sarasota, FL
October 18, 2014	June 20 - 26, 2014
Gumbo Regatta, LAYC	FSSA North American Championship, BWYC
Lake Arthur, LA	Bay St. Louis, MS
October 18-19, 2014	
Great Pumpkin Regatta, BSC	
Birmingham, AL	

Further information can be found on the individual host club, GYA and the FSSA websites.

Larry Taggart  
FSSA Gulf District Governor



## RACE MANAGEMENT

I would like to thank all of those individuals who have volunteered their time to be a Qualified Observer so far. This program is still growing and we are working on making it better all the time. If you have an interest in becoming a Qualified Observer, please let me know.

Please remember that if you would like to have your regatta considered for the Excellence in Race Management Award, you need to request (at least two weeks ahead) a Qualified Observer to be there. Please contact me and I will make sure someone is there.

As the Racing Rules Committee has already stated, the FSSA has allowed VHF radios to be carried aboard Flying Scots during regattas so competitors can hear any OCS'. Please note that if you intend to allow this in any of your regattas, certain wording must appear in the NOR and the SI's. This wording can be found in the FSSA Handbook, **Specification Article S-7. This change will be in place for the Lipton's this year.**

**Another area of change the Race Mgmt Committee is looking at, along with the Racing Rules Committee and Judges Committee, is the new US Sailing RRS Appendix T, *Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution*. This deals with alternative penalties when certain rules have been broken. More information on this procedure can be found at:**  
<http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race%20Admin/Racing%20Rules/Documents/2013-2016+US+Sailing+Prescriptions+rev.+02.14.pdf>

If the Race Management Committee decides to allow this to be used in the Liptons, the Standard SI's will first have to be amended to allow for this change. Look for more information on this in the near future.

I hope to see everyone at the Liptons this year and remember if you need any help with your regatta, from writing the NOR & SI's to actually running the event, please don't hesitate to call on my committee. That's what we are here for. Also, please refer to the Race Management section of the GYA website for a further knowledge base of race management items.

Sincerely,  
Michael G. Hage  
Chairman, GYA Race Mgmt Committee

# Offshore Council



The GYA and 2014 host club, the Pensacola Yacht Club held a very successful Challenge Cup regatta June 27, 28 & 29. The Offshore Council will discuss possible improvements for the 2015 Challenge Cup, scheduled to be hosted by the Gulfport Yacht at our upcoming meeting at the Lipton Regatta, August 30, 2014, Pass Christian Yacht Club.. Your feedback is important. Some suggestions include:

Continuing the practice of at least one upwind finish each day.

Incorporating a leeward gate to improve racing by minimizing congestion at that make rounding, especially between the Class B and Class C boats, that converge together at the first leeward mark rounding. Additionally, having a leeward gate may would help reduce the problem of sprit boats converging at the leeward make at extreme angles as compared with the deeper sailing displacement boats.

Having the faster Class A boats and perhaps the Class B boats, sail the longer upwind leg for their entire course. This would give them more sailing and reduce their "down time" after each race, while

waiting for the Class D boats to finish their race course.

We also solicit your input regarding the Class A and Class B breaks. We have attempted (2012 Challenge Cup regatta) to have Class A be a Sport Boat Class, with Class B at non-Sport Boat Class.

Although we received good feedback regarding this concept, it created very large PHRF classes. This resulted in returning to the present practice of the current PHRF breaks, which results in Sport Boats and non-Sport Boats competing together, but in tighter PHRF bands.

The Offshore Council is requesting your feedback on these and any other improvements for future Challenge Cup regattas.

Alan C. McMillan

GYA Offshore Council Chair



## ONE DESIGN

Thanks to all that have participated in the GYA One Design Circuits this year. Participation has risen slightly from last year, and the updated results can be found on [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org).

Also, I'd like to applaud Bay Waveland Yacht Club for hosting an outstanding Sunfish North American Championships.

The One Design Council is working on a few different ways to help yacht clubs promote their events, and hope to have a full report on that at the Semi-Annual Board Meeting at Liptons.

Thank you,  
Ashley Sukalski