

# G.Y.A. GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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September 2018



2018 Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Winners - SYC

<http://www.gya.org>

# From the Commodore

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Within the GYA we are very fortunate to be able to sail essentially year-round, so while things may be slowing down a little bit, there is still a lot going on. We had what I think most would consider a very successful and competitive Lipton Regatta with 13 boats registering and 11 competing. 2 points separated the first three places! Southern won this event with 10 total points. I have seen this close level of competition at several events this year. The Knost had 8 Vipers competing and Southern Yacht Club's excellent team dominated the podium with a string of all first places while the rest of the fleet was very competitive and close. Our youth are our future and they seem to really be taking to the Viper. 10 boats competed in the Junior Lipton's with close scores on Lake Pontchartrain in unbelievably great conditions with a fairly steady west wind (honest). The scores were very close and Pass Christian's team won by 1 point! Congratulations to all the winners in all the events, but especially congratulations to all who have been actively participating this first year of the Viper 640.

Things have gone at least as well as ever expected this first year. A few minor things may be tweaked in the Regulations, and most of the GYA member clubs could use some help in mastering Regatta Network. The Capdevielle and Racing Regulations Committees are working on things like the format of the Lipton Regatta, crew makeup for the various events and other things that can be done to improve participation. Everyone is encouraged to let these committees and the flag officers know of any suggestions you may have. As far as Regatta Network goes, an all-day workshop is being organized for the winter meeting on January 12 at the Fairhope YC. The plan is to have the workshop as informal as possible so that any issues each club has can be addressed. Ken Taylor who founded Regatta Network will be available all day. I encourage every club to have at least one person who will be their "Regatta Network expert user" attend the session. More details about the session will be forthcoming.

Our 100th Anniversary Committee is hard at work and a 100th Anniversary book will be published. 500 copies are initially being printed and are being sold for \$50 each. Anyone interested in buying a book or helping with content in the book should contact Kathy Cromartie who is leading that sub-committee.

I am off to Wadewitz Regatta next. Looking ahead please mark your calendars for the Winter Meeting that will be in Fairhope January 12 and 13, 2019. This is the most productive meeting of the GYA and the Awards Banquet is always a special event. Enjoy fair and safe sailing always,

Chris Luppens  
GYA Commodore

## Your 2018 GYA Executive Committee

### **Commodore:**

Chris Luppens (MYC)

### **Vice Commodore:**

Shan Kirk (SYC)

### **Rear Commodore:**

Jimmy Ruthven (StABYC)

### **Secretary/Treasurer:**

Jennifer Schmidt (SYC/MYC)

### **Past Commodore:**

Michael Hage (GYC)



# Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge



1st Place - Southern Yacht Club

## 2018 Results:

Place	Club
1	SYC
2	BWYC
3	PCYC
4	GYC
5	FYC
6	PontYC
7	BuccYC
8	FWYC
9	MYC
10	NOYC
11	JYC

LBYC and StABYC  
did not compete



2nd Place - Bay Waveland Yacht Club



3rd Place - Pass Christian Yacht Club

# GYA 100th Lipton Centennial

**GYA 100th Lipton Centennial  
up to \$5,000 Raffle**

**January 12, 2019**

Only 200 tickets will be sold. Drawing to be held at the 2019 Annual GYA Awards Banquet hosted at Fairhope Yacht Club. Need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the GYA 100th Lipton Centennial events.

\$100 per ticket

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
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Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_

# GYA 100th Lipton Centennial Raffle

WIN UP TO \$5,000 !! In 2020 the GYA and the competition for the Lipton Cup will celebrate 100 years. As part of the centennial celebration in 2020, which will be kicked off with opening regatta hosted at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and then followed up with 3 fun filled days of eloquent events at Southern Yacht Club on Labor Day.

The Centennial Committee is hosting a raffle and you could win up to \$5,000. The total prize money will depend on the total number of tickets sold. Only 200 tickets will be sold across the GYA and will be sold on a 1st come, 1st bought basis. 25% of the monies raised will be awarded to the winner; if all 200 tickets are sold the winning amount is \$5,000! Tickets are \$100 each. You can purchase alone, go in half or quarter with others. The winning ticket will be drawn at the 2019 GYA Awards Banquet hosted at Fairhope Yacht Club on January 12th – Best of all ... you NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

For more information and ticket purchase, contact:  
Cathy Cromartie - [cathy.cromartie@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.cromartie@gmail.com) or  
Jennifer Schmidt - [secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org)

## PRE-ORDER YOUR GYA-LIPTON CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

As part of the GYA and Lipton Regatta 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries in 2020, the GYA is putting together a 9x12", 128-page, hard cover with dust jacket commemorative coffee table book. The GYA, its clubs and the Sir Thomas Lipton Regatta are rich with history and this commemorative book will combine that history into one source.

The commemorative books will be available for pick-up at the GYA Opening Regatta at St. Andrews Bay and at the anniversary celebration and Lipton Regatta at Southern YC Labor Day Weekend, 2020.

Reserve your copy today by completing this form and mailing it, along with payment, to:

Cathy Cromartie  
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Questions: contact Cathy @ 251-895-0993  
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## GYA-Lipton Centennial Commemorative Book

### In Honor of In Memory of

Is there someone you'd like to see Honored or Memorialized in the GYA-Lipton Centennial Commemorative Book? Perhaps someone who participated in 25 consecutive years of Lipton, someone who has been a winning skipper in multiple Lipton regattas, someone who has been part of the winning crew in multiple Lipton regattas? The 100<sup>th</sup> Committee will dedicate 2 pages (more if needed) in the book to Honor or Memorialize individuals. Cost per line is \$100 without a photo; \$150 with photo.

To Honor or Memorialize someone, complete this form and mail it, along with payment, to:

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ex: *In Memory of John Q. Smith, winning skipper, ABC Yacht Club, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960*

*In Honor of John Q. Smith, ABC Yacht Club, 30 years of Lipton participation, 1961-1990*

Wording and photos may be e-mailed to  
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1 Line: \$100.00

With Photo: \$150.00

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# GYA Semi-Annual Meeting Highlights

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**Racing Regulations** - Richard Heausler reported the committee has received positive feedback on all the rules changes presented at the annual meeting held at Mobile YC. Requests have been received to review the age requirements for youth events and the Knost. Capdevielle is working to propose these changes to be presented at the winter meeting, January 11-13 at Fairhope YC.

**Capdevielle Committee** - Gary Rogers reported the committee met prior and are working on the age requirements with more details to come at the winter meeting. Capdevielle participation is actually down but, this was to be expected with the introduction of a new boat.

**Judges** - Chris Luppens reported a judge seminar was hosted in August, had 3 attendees with 1 passing the test, working to be certified. PYC hosted a seminar in late January, with 14 attending with 9 passing the test and two have been certified. A 2-day Judge Seminar is being planned for after Mardi Gras in 2019.

**U. S. Sailing Championships Committee** - Karen Reisch reported that we are up in participation at events. She has over 100 invitations for the awards banquet to be hosted at Fairhope YC in January. The next upcoming event is the Adult Championship, Benz Faget has qualified and will be attending. The qualifier for next year event will be the J22 Midwinters at Ft. Walton YC.

**GYA Directory** - Cheri Dillard reported this is her last year, after 15 years. Jennifer Schmidt will be acquiring all the information next year, she will continue to print. She thanked everyone for their assistance of the years.

**Membership** - Daniel B. Killeen, Jr. announced Lake Arthur YC has resigned from the GYA. He has been in talks with one Texas club and will report at the winter meeting.

**New Business** - Commodore Luppens announced the nominating committee, Chair Ken Kleinschrodt (AL), David Bolyard (LA) and Danny Killeen (MS), has submitted the following for 2019 nominations, to be voted on at the winter meeting:

Commodore - Shan Kirk (SYC)  
Vice Commodore - Jimmy Ruthven(SABYC)  
Rear Commodore - Gary Rogers (JYC)  
Secretary/Treasurer - Jennifer Schmidt (MYC/SYC)



# Capdevielle Report

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## Junior Lipton Challenge

Congratulations PCYC for winning the 2018 Jr Lipton Challenge (three years in a row). This is the first year sailing the event in the Viper 640 - "Kids playing with snakes!!"



## Knost Regatta

Congratulations to Southern YC (1st Place), Ft Walton YC (2nd Place) and Bay Waveland YC (3rd Place) at the 81st Knost Regatta hosted at Pass Christian YC. Great job to everyone for making this a successful regatta - Way to go Ladies!



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**2019 Winter Meeting**  
**Fairhope Yacht Club**  
**January 12th-13th**

The room block will expire December 7, 2018.

Guests have two ways to reserve:

1. Contact the hotel directly at 251-928-0956 and ask for the Gulf Yachting Association 2019 special Wedding group rate.
2. Online at [www.fairhope.hamptoninn.com](http://www.fairhope.hamptoninn.com) and utilize the group code (GYA).

# One-Design Council

## GYA 420 Championship

Congratulations to the Overall winner:

Emily Alfortish - Skipper

Mallory Edwards - Crew



## Nacra 15 North American Championship Report (courtesy of sail1design.com)

The Nacra 15 North American Championship was held at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, Louisiana September 22nd and 23rd.

First place finishers Nico Martin and AnaClare Sole carded six 1st place finishes in the twelve races. Their 18 points beat out the second place team of Ben Rosenberg and Sidney Charbonnett with 24 points. Third place went to Jack Sutter and Charlotte Versavel.

Race results can be found here:

[http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17177#\\_newsroom+results](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17177#_newsroom+results)



## 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](mailto:one.design@gya.org)



# Upcoming Events

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## GYA Fish Boat Championship

16th Annual GYA Fish Class Championship for the John G. Curren Trophy will be held October 20-21, 2018 at Buccaneer Yacht Club. The GYA Fish Class Championship is sailed in borrowed boats and competing teams draw to determine the boats they will sail in each race, just as Fish were sailed in the original Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge Series.

The entry deadline for eligibility is fast approaching, October 3rd.

Notice of Race and Entry Application may be found on GYA Website.



Please join SYC, NOYC, PontYC, TYC and CSA for the 2018 Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit  
October 26th - 28th

This unique regatta includes racing and parties across Lake Pontchartrain. This year, racing will start in Mandeville at Pontchartrain Yacht on Friday the 26th. Saturday will be a race across the lake to New Orleans Yacht Club. We will finish up this three day event on Sunday with racing at Southern Yacht Club.

We include fleets for Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Racer/Cruiser with perpetual trophies for all three.

Learn more at <http://saillprc.org>

# Safety at Sea Videos

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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](mailto: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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