



# Gulf Yachting Association

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## NOTICE OF WINTER MEETING

January 13-15, 2023  
Southern Yacht Club  
105 North Roadway Drive  
New Orleans, LA 70124

TO: Commodores of General and Affiliate Members  
GYA Executive Committee  
GYA Past Commodores  
GYA Standing Committee and Council Chairmen  
GYA Coordinator of each GYA General Member Club  
GYA Associate Members

The Winter Meeting of the Gulf Yachting Association will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Southern Yacht Club, 105 North Roadway Drive, New Orleans, LA (504) 288-4200. Since some mailing and email addresses may have changed since the last meeting, please distribute this information to the appropriate contacts at your club.

### **Friday, January 13, 2023**

1800 Executive Committee Meeting & Dinner

### **Saturday, January 14, 2023** (full schedule attached)

0900 Committee Meetings start according to schedule

1800 Cocktail hour and GYA Foundation Silent Auction

1900 GYA Annual Awards Dinner Banquet

### **Sunday, January 15, 2023**

0930 Incoming Commodore's Meeting

1030 Board of Directors Meeting

**GYA COMMODORES - GENERAL MEMBER CLUBS** - Your club's attendance is very important. If you cannot attend the Board meeting, please send a WRITTEN NOTICE naming your club's representative to the GYA Secretary-Treasurer via email [secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org), or hand deliver at the meeting.

All GYA Clubs and their members are invited to attend the GYA Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Saturday evening at Southern Yacht Club. The banquet cost will be \$39 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Please make your dinner reservations to Southern Yacht Club by January 6, 2023, via email [Coni@Southernyachtclub.org](mailto:Coni@Southernyachtclub.org) or by calling (504) 288-4200.

The GYA has been offered special room rates at two area hotels:

Marriott Lakeway, 3838 N. Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002, \$149 per night, please call (800-542-8680) to reserve before December 13, 2022 with the "[Gulf Yachting Association](#)" code or online <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1664913500587&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, 2713 N Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002, rates start at \$119 per night, please call 504-648-3821 to reserve before December 30, 2022 with the "2301GY" code or online at <https://www.radissonhotelsamericas.com/en-us/hotels/country-inn-metairie-la?cid=a:se+b:gmb+c:amer+i:local+e:cis+d:us+h:USAMETA>

Your GYA Flag Officers look forward to seeing you at the Winter meeting at Southern Yacht Club. Please wear your appropriate blazer, club badge and dress slacks for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schmidt  
GYA Secretary/Treasurer  
(228) 669-7518

## PROPOSED 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robert J. "Robbie" Schmidt, Jr., Commodore (Southern YC)  
Randy Fitzpatrick-Wainwright, Vice Commodore (Fairhope YC)  
Alan McMillan, Rear Commodore (Pensacola YC)  
Jennifer B. Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer (Southern YC)

## PROPOSED REQUEST TO APPROVE HOSTING 2023 GYA OPENING REGATTA TO MAY 19-21

With permission of Buccaneer Yacht Club to swap Spring Regatta, due to large festival events hosted in the New Orleans area, during the normal scheduled time. This is a onetime request. We would also ask by-laws committee to review an alternate date, second to last weekend in April, to give more scheduling flexibility without disturbing host clubs standard regatta schedules.

## PROPOSED GYA RULES CHANGES – 2023 GYA WINTER MEETING

### Current Rule

#### 6 SAFETY

- (a) In all GYA sanctioned Viper 640 events and in all junior/youth events, USCG–approved Type I, II or III PFDs 100% dependent on foam for flotation shall be properly worn by all skippers and crewmembers while on board a competing boat while racing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- (b) All International Viper 640 Class mandated safety requirements shall be carried on board at all times.
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14.1 The number of races scheduled and required to constitute a series at each event shall conform to the following:

| Event         | Number of Races Scheduled | Number of Races to Constitute a Series |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| Lipton Cup    | 5* 2022 only              | 2                                      |
| Junior Lipton | 6                         | 1                                      |
| Knost         | Maximum of 5              | 1                                      |
| Sugar Bowl    | Maximum of 5              | Per the OA                             |
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### Current Rule

#### 19.1 Host Club

- (a) The GYA club that won the previous year shall normally host in the current year. No club, however, shall host in consecutive years. If, because of this restriction, the previous year winner is not eligible to host, that club may offer hosting the current year to another GYA club. Said offers shall be made to clubs in the order of previous year next-highest finisher(s) beyond a three (3) mile radius of the ineligible club. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.
- (b) In the event that a previous year winner that is eligible to host the current year elects not to, that club may offer current year hosting to any GYA club that is eligible to do so. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.

### Proposed Rule

- (a) **The Host club shall be awarded to the highest placing club, in the prior event, from each state of Florida (2024), Alabama (2025), Mississippi (2026), and Louisiana (2027) on a rotational basis travelling from East to West.** ~~If, because of this restriction, the proposed host club is not eligible to host, that club may offer hosting the current year to another GYA club, however, no club shall host in consecutive years. Said offers shall be made to clubs in the order of previous year next-highest finisher(s) beyond a three (3) mile radius of the ineligible club. Any such awarding of an alternate host shall only be with EXCOM approval prior to the next Annual Meeting.~~
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### Current Rule

#### 19.2 Measurement

All boats shall be measured before the first race is sailed. Host clubs shall make the necessary arrangements to have the Chief Measurer, adequate assistants and all templates, scales and measurement tools available at the regatta site to conduct the necessary measurements without impacting the race schedule.

## **Proposed Rule**

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The top 5 clubs from the prior event, or any new boat, or a boat in its first year of Capdevielle sailing, shall have their boat measured before the first race is sailed. Host clubs shall make the necessary arrangements to have the Chief Measurer, adequate assistants and all templates, scales and measurement tools available at the regatta site to conduct the necessary measurements without impacting the race schedule.

## **Current Rule**

### **19.5 Number of Races Sailed by Team Members**

- (a) The team captain may skipper or crew and shall comply with the following skipper and crew regulations.
- (b) A skipper shall sail in only one (1) race (shall not crew in other races).
- (c) A team member may crew in one or two (2) races (shall not skipper either one).
- (d) Except for the top 8 finishing clubs in the immediate prior event, a team member may sail in a maximum of two (2) races but may only skipper one (1) race.
- (e) Experimental exception for year 2022: Rule 19.5 a, b, c, d, shall apply to the first four races and shall not apply to the 5<sup>th</sup> race, if sailed.

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## 2023 Winter Meeting Schedule

### Friday, January 13, 2023

- 8:00 am – 5:30 pm US Sailing Judge Certification Class – card room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Register online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm GYA Executive Committee Meeting – SYC Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

- 8:30 am – 10:00 am **Breakfast Served** – main dining room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
\$18 per person (plus tax & gratuity)
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Capdevielle Committee Meeting** – East Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Trophy Committee Meeting** – Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
**Race Management & Seminar** – East Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 11:30 am – 2:00 pm Lunch Served – Main Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Red Beans & Rice Special, \$18 per person (plus tax & gratuity)  
Regular lunch menu available
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm **One Design Committee & Youth Committee Meeting** – SYC Grill, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm GYA Past Commodores Lunch – Main Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **GYA Foundation Meeting** – SYC Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
**Offshore Council Meeting** – SYC Grill, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Schedule Committee Meeting** – East Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 4:00 pm **GYA Foundation Silent Auction** – Elevator Lobby, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail Hour – SYC Bar area, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (cash bar)
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **GYA Annual Awards Banquet** – Main Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
\$39 per person (plus tax & gratuity) RSVP by Jan. 6, 2023 to Coni (504) 288-4220

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

- 8:30 am – 10:00 am **Breakfast** – East Dining Room
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **GYA Club Commodore's Meeting & Workshop**
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm **GYA Board of Directors Meeting** – East Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar in rear of meeting room
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm **GYA Club Managers Meeting** – SYC Grill, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm SYC Sunday Brunch – Main Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
\$30 per person (plus tax & gratuity) RSVP to Coni (504) 288-4220
- 12:45 pm **2023 GYA Committee Chair's, Council Presidents & Executive Committee Meeting**, East Dining Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor



Commodore Gary Rogers  
and the Executive Board  
Invite you and your guest to the  
Gulf Yachting Association  
Annual Awards Banquet &  
GYA Foundation Auction  
Saturday, January 14, 2023

6:00pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner

Southern Yacht Club  
105 North Roadway Drive  
New Orleans, Louisiana

RSVP by January 6, 2023  
Blue Blazer / Cocktail Attire

(504) 288-4200  
Cash Bar

Dinner \$39 pp, plus tax & gratuity

Share with you clubs membership, all welcome to celebrate our Sailors!!



## Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc.

The Gulf Yachting Association Foundation, Inc. announces a Silent Auction to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at the GYA Winter Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet, at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans, LA. All proceeds will benefit the Foundation, a 501(C)(3) corporation; these funds stay within the GYA through disbursements, grants, and the handling of donations, as permitted by the IRS. The Foundation assists sailors in their competition at various levels, especially the U.S. Sailing Championships, other regattas, and yacht club sailing related events, and supports members in their efforts to obtain race official certification. Since its founding in 1993, the GYA Foundation has distributed over \$195,000.00 within the GYA.

The Silent Auction is held each year at the GYA Annual Winter Meeting, and is a significant source of funding for the Foundation. However, it has not been held during the last two years because of the COVID pandemic. Please help to make this year's Silent Auction the best ever! No donation is too small!!

We would like each GYA club to donate at least one item to be included in the Silent Auction. A contribution from any GYA supporter is very welcome. These might come from the individual, or from a member of your club (artisans, business owners, etc.) or a gift certificate, or an item from a public vendor. No used or personal items, please.

Should you have any questions, or need your donation picked up, please contact Karen Reisch, GYA Foundation Secretary, at (504) 452-5748 or [kreisch1856@gmail.com](mailto:kreisch1856@gmail.com), or any of the GYA Foundation officers, with your auction item information, or drop off your item at the Receptionist Office at Southern Yacht Club before Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 3:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your support!