



NOTICE OF MEETING  
Saturday, May 3, 2025  
Pensacola Yacht Club  
1897 West Cypress Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32502  
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## Gulf Yachting Association

ORGANIZED 1901 – REORGANIZED 1920

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 Gulf Yachting Association Annual Board of Directors Meeting, in conjunction with the Opening Regatta will be held May 2nd – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Pensacola Yacht Club, 1897 West Cypress street, Pensacola, FL 32502. GYA Standing Committee Chairs and Council Chairs should submit their written reports prior to the meeting to the GYA Secretary. As some mailing and/or email contact information at each club may have changed since our last meeting, please distribute this information to the appropriate contacts at your club if applicable.

### FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

1630 – 1800 Regatta Registration and Check-In (Ball Room A)  
1830 Executive Committee Meeting (PYC Boardroom)

### SATURDAY, May 3, 2025

0830 -1030 Regatta Registration and Check In (Ballroom A)  
0830 Hot Breakfast and Beverages (Ball Room A)  
0900 Capdevielle Committee Meeting (TBD)  
0900 Race Management Committee Meeting (TBD)  
1000 GYA Board of Directors Meeting (Ballroom B)  
1100 Flag Raising Ceremony PYC Flagpole  
1100 Lunch Available (Grill Room)  
1130 Competitors' Meeting (Ballroom A)  
1300 Warning Signal - All Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)

### SUNDAY May 4, 2025

0830-0930 Hot Breakfast (Ball Room A)  
1025 Warning Signal - All Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)  
1430 No Races to Start after this Time  
ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation (Ballroom A)

**GYA COMMODORES (GENERAL MEMBER CLUB COMMODORES)** – As a member of the GYA Board of Directors, your club’s attendance is very important. We request that you please respond to the GYA Secretary no later than Monday, April 20, 2025 as to if your club will have representation at the meeting, either by you personally or by a proxy (secretary@gya.org). This information will help to ensure a quorum is met so business may be conducted.

Pensacola Yacht Club will provide all GYA Clubs the program and schedule of events for the Opening Regatta competition for the following trophies:

- Commodore J. Gilbert Scheib Trophy
- Commodore John Dane Trophy (Masters Trophy)

If you have recently lost a member of your sailing community and would like to have them included in the silent prayer during the Board of Directors meeting, please forward names with club affiliation to the secretary ([secretary@gya.org](mailto:secretary@gya.org)).

Please remember to wear your blue blazer and white pants for the flag raising ceremony following the board of directors meeting. The Executive Committee looks forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely,

Shannon Weatherly  
GYA Secretary/Treasurer

**2025 Proposed GYA Rule Changes – GYA Opening Regatta Meeting**

**Current Rule**

**14 Number of Races**

**14.1** The number of races scheduled and required to constitute a series at each event shall conform to the following:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Number of Races Scheduled</b>	<b>Number of Races to Constitute a Series</b>
Lipton Cup	5	2
Junior Lipton	5	1
Knost	Maximum of 5	1
Sugar Bowl	Maximum of 5	Per the OA
All Others	5	1

**Proposed Rule**

**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	2
Junior Lipton	5	1
Knost	Maximum of 8	1
Sugar Bowl	Maximum of 5	Per the OA
All Others	5	1

**Discussion:**

At the request of PCYC for the Knost, to shorten the length of the races and have more quantity of races due to using the Melges 15. This will apply for the 2025 trial of the Melges 15 only.

**Current Rule**

**17.3 Skippers**

- (b) Except as provided in Regulations [19.5\(b\)](#) (Lipton Cup) and [22](#) (Sugar Bowl), a skipper shall be the helmsperson in no more than two (2) races.
- (b) No crewmember shall handle the tiller/hiking stick except for brief periods of time or in case of an emergency.

**Proposed**

**Rule**

**17.3 Skippers**

- (c) Except as provided in Regulations [19.5\(b\)](#) (Lipton Cup) and [22](#) (Sugar Bowl), a skipper shall be the helmsperson in no more than two (2) races.
- (c) No crewmember shall handle the tiller/hiking stick except for brief periods of time or in case of an emergency.
- (c) For 2025 Knost only, a skipper shall be the helmsperson in no more than three (3) races.

**Discussion:**

At the request of PCYC for the Knost, to shorten the length of the races and have more quantity of races due to using the Melges 15. This will apply for the 2025 trial of the Melges 15 only. This will not require more than the minimum number of people as in prior years.

**Current**

**Rule**

**21.6 2025 Event**

- (e) The following applies to the 2025 event only:
- (e) The 2025 event will be sailed in Melges 15s
- (e) The minimum number of persons onboard shall be two. There shall be no weight minimum.

- (e) The following GYA rules shall not apply to the 2025 event: 6 (amended for M15 class rules), 8 (amended for M15 class rules), 18
- (e) Melges class rules shall apply except for C3.1, C3.2, C3.3, this amends GYA rule 2.2

**Proposed Rule**

**21.6 2025 Event**

- (e) The following applies to the 2025 event only:
- (e) The 2025 event will be sailed in Melges 15s
- (e) The minimum number of persons onboard shall be two. **There shall be a 200 lbs weight minimum of the persons onboard while racing. This amends regulation 17.5. Competitors shall comply with regulation 17.6**
- (e) The following GYA rules shall not apply to the 2025 event: 6 (amended for M15 class rules), 8 (amended for M15 class rules), 18
- (e) Melges class rules shall apply except for C3.1, C3.2, C3.3, this amends GYA rule 2.2

**Discussion:**

At the request of PCYC for the Knost due to safety concerns, a weight minimum should be established.