



87th Commodore Bernard L. Knost GYA Ladies Championship Regatta

June 15th – 16th, 2024



Pass Christian Yacht Club
120 South Market St., Pass Christian, MS

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 Eligibility:

- 2.1 For Viper 640, All yacht clubs which are current General Members, in good standing, of the GYA are eligible to participate in the Capdevielle Viper 640 class. Also see GYA Regulation 21.
- 2.2 The PHRF class, is open to all sailors. Entries are limited to seaworthy yachts not less than 20' LOA with a draft not less than 22" and with a minimum freeboard of 10". All yachts must be equipped with a VHF radio. At least half of the crew, including the skipper, must be female. Yachts that register must have a current GYA PHRF certificate.
- 2.3 Optimist Class sailors must be female.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located upstairs inside the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC). At the end of each day of racing, the Race Committee (RC) shall post its docking time as well as any RC actions. Notices of protest hearings and requests for redress shall be posted here within 20 minutes of the expiration of protest time.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located upstairs inside the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC) no later than 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race of the day. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the South side of PCYC.
- 5.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS race signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 For the Capdevielle Viper 640 fleet, five (5) races are scheduled.
- 6.2 For the PHRF competition for the Drury Dragon Trophy, two (2) races are scheduled.
- 6.3 For the Optimist class, 7 races are scheduled.
- 6.4 For ALL fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 6.5 **Saturday, August 15th, 2024:**
 - 0900-1100 Breakfast & Registration
 - 1130 Skippers' meeting for Viper 640 & Optimist classes.
 - 1300 Warning signal for the first race of the day for Viper 640. Additional races to follow.
 - 1800-2100 Luau/Pig Roast upstairs in club.

Sunday, August 16th, 2024:

0900-1100 Breakfast

1000 Skippers Meeting for PHRF class.

1100 Warning signal for PHRF class.

1145 Warning signal for the first race of the day for Viper 640. Additional races to follow.

1430 No race will be started after 1430 hours

Trophy presentation will follow the conclusion of all races.

- 6.6 The warning signal for the second and subsequent races of each day shall be made as soon as practical after the finish of the first race and after any necessary crew changes.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Capdevielle Viper 640 - GYA burgee

7.2 PHRF – GYA Flag

7.3 Optimist – Class Flag

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Capdevielle Viper 640, the racing area will be South and East of the harbor.

8.2 PHRF, the racing area will be in the Mississippi Sound South and East of PCYC.

8.3 Optimist course will be South and East of PCYC. Off the beach by the pool.

9 CHECK IN

Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race. (DP) This modifies RRS A5.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the race courses for the Capdevielle Viper 640, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 On Capdevielle Viper 640 Course, no later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10.3 On PHRF Course, the course will be announced on VHF CH 68 prior to the Warning Signal and displayed onboard the RC boat.

10.4 The courses for PHRF will be in a separate handout available at the competitor's meeting.

10.5 The courses for the Optimist will be described at the competitor's meeting

11 MARKS

11.1 Mark 1 will be orange tetrahedron. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball. Mark 2/Start Mark will be a green tetrahedron.

11.2 New marks on Courses W & L will be yellow tetrahedrons.

11.3 The finish mark will be a small orange tetrahedron.

11.4 Marks for the PHRF will be designated in a separate handout.

11.5 Marks for the Optimist will be described at the competitor's meeting

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the Start Mark (green tetrahedron).

12.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This modifies RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail number on a VHF radio channel 68. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark. A new windward mark will not have an offset.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the nearby small orange tetrahedron off the starboard side.
- 14.2 The finish line for the PHRF will be between the flagpole on the south lawn and the red day beacon to the south and west of the PCYC pier.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V, 'Alternative Penalties,' both V1 and V2 shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.
- 16.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 For the PHRF Fleet the time limit will be 5 hours.

17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests forms shall be available at the regatta desk upstairs at PCYC. Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, in each fleet, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress shall be posted as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in the PCYC Board Room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This is in addition to the requirements of RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no scores shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 18.2 A score of TLE will be two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes RRS A4 and A10.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Capdevielle competitors shall comply with GYA Section D, Regulation 6, including the use of USCG PFD's.
- 19.2 All boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race or continue racing. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.3 In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat rescued and scored DNF.

20. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the host club, nor the race officials, shall accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside the areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

21.2 There will be no male assistance to the Viper 640 class while the boat is racing. The Race Committee may grant exceptions by request. Requests can be made in person or by hailing on VHF CH 68.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones.

22.2 VHF Radios Aboard Viper 640s. Viper 640 Sailing Association Class Rule 9 is changed to allow the use of VHF radios to monitor the Race Committee (RC) on the same channel used by the RC and to receive notifications from the RC at any time during the race day. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will use Channel 68 to provide information to competitors. Oral instructions may be given by the Race Committee on the water via VHF radio.

23 TROPHIES

23.1 Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 will be awarded in compliance with GYA Regulation 16.

23.2 Trophies for PHRF fleet will be awarded depending on the number of boats competing in the class. The Drury-Dragon Trophy will be awarded to the winning Spinnaker boat in the PHRF Class.

23.3 Trophies for Optimist fleet will be based upon the number of entries.

24 CONTACTS

PCYC Sailing Director: Samson Vasquez, samsonvasquez@gmail.com 228-596-7686

Judges: Dwight Leblanc
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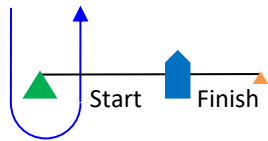
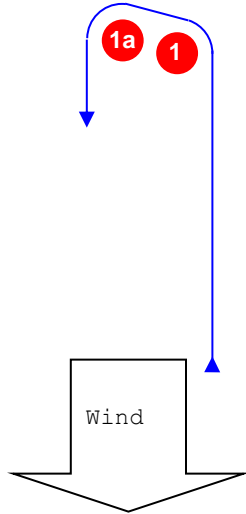
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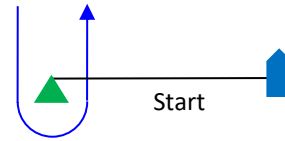
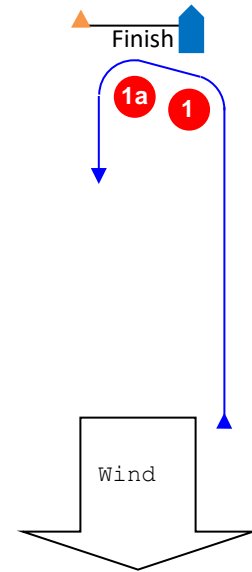
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Attachment A – Course Diagrams



Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1.5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish
W2.5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish
W3.5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish