



# 103<sup>rd</sup> SIR THOMAS LIPTON INTERCLUB CHALLENGE CUP

August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024



Organizing Authority: **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)**  
Hosted Club: **Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC)**  
Pensacola, Florida

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and by the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.3 GYA Reg 2.2: Capdevielle Interclub Events. Part 2 of these regulations and the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules, when not in conflict with the RRS or these regulations, shall govern. The following sections of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules shall not apply for GYA Capdevielle events: 10.1, 10.3, 10.4 10.5.
- 1.4 Changes to Racing Rules of Sailing
  - 1.4.1 Appendix V will apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
  - 1.4.2 SI 10.3 changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
  - 1.4.3 SI 14.3 changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.
  - 1.4.4 SI 4.2 changes Race Signals
  - 1.4.5 SI 16.3 changes RRS A8.
  - 1.4.6 SI 16.4 changes RRS A4 and A10.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the Blue Porch.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SI's) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located upstairs prior to the team captain's meeting, written answers shall be posted on the official notice board.

### 3. 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 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flag pole in the clubhouse lawn.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes Race Signals AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 5.2 Schedule of Events

Friday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	1400-1700	Boat Measurement, ref GYA Reg Section H 19.2
Saturday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	0800-1000	Registration/Check-In
	1115	Team Captain's Meeting (Board Room)
	1300	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races. No more than three (3) races.
Sunday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	1030	Warning signal for the First Race of the Day
		Back to Back races.
	1630	No warning signal after this time
	TBA	Trophy Presentation (Dining Room)

- 5.3 Per GYA Regulation 17.7, the names of the skipper and crew for each race shall be submitted by the end of the protest time limit each day. [NP]

### 6. CLASS FLAG

Class flag shall be the GYA burgee.

### 7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the Pensacola Bay approximately south of the Bayou Chico Channel entrance in the Pensacola Bay.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Race committee will not post the course as there is only one course option.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Offset mark "1a" will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.3. New marks will be a yellow tetrahedron.

**10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on the two RC boats at each end or a green mark at the port end.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 10.4. When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee may announce on VHF 72 bow/sail number. Failure to hear or understand announcement on VHF 72 is not grounds for redress.

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will 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 will be replaced by an original mark.

**12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying a blue flag on the two RC boats at each end or a green mark on the starboard end.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1. Appendix V1 and V2, "Alternative Penalties," shall apply. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 13.2. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may not be protested.

**14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes. GYA Reg 19.7.a
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes. GYA Reg 19.7.b
- 14.3. 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 or addition to RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10. See SI 16.4.

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the Registration Desk. Protests, requests for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after RC Signal boat docks. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. Notices will 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.
- 15.4. Hearings will be held in the Board Room.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1. The Low Point System of RRS A4 will apply, except that no race scores will be excluded.
- 16.2. Two (2) races constitute a series.
- 16.3. Ties will be decided in accordance with GYA Regulation 19.9. This Changes RRS A8.
- 16.4. A score of TLE shall be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place. This changes or addition to RRS A4 and A10.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. All requirements of GYA Regulations Section D shall be followed.
- 17.2. Prior to the warning signal for each race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. [DP]
- 17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP]

**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside 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. [DP]
- 18.2 For safety reasons, and to alleviate congestion, **ALL** coach and spectator boats shall stay 150 yards below and outside the extensions of the finish line, to allow competing teams time and space to take down spinnakers after finishing a race.

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Race Committee VHF Channel 72. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, this includes the use of cell phones. [DP]

**20. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given according to GYA Regulations 19.10 and 19.11.

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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 officers, shall accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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### Attachment A

