

6-7 July 2024

Organizing Authority: Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC)

Hosted by: Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC)

Fort Walton Beach, FL

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.3 The following rules are changed by this SI;
 - Section 5.2 – RRS Signals
 - Section 9 – RRS A5
 - Section 12.3 – RRS 63.1, A4, A5
 - Section 12.4 – RRS 62.1(a)
 - Section 15 – RRS 44.1
 - Section 16.3 – RRS 35, A4, A5, A10
 - Section 18.2 – RRS A4, A10

2 Eligibility:

All yacht clubs which are current General Members, in good standing, of the GYA are eligible to participate in the Capdevielle Viper 640 class. The Viper 640 Open class is open to all sailors.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the back porch of the Fort Walton Yacht Club. 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 30 minutes after the expiration of protest time.
- 3.2 Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk located in the Castaway Room one hour before the Competitors Meeting. Written answers shall be posted on the official noticeboard.

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 from the flagpole behind Fort Walton Yacht Club.
- 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 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.

6.2 For ALL fleets one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

SATURDAY 6 July 2024

0900-1100 Regatta Registration and Check-In Castaway Room
1200 Competitors Meeting back porch
1255 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)

SUNDAY 7 July 2024

1255 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
1500 No races start after this time
ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation main dining room

6.3 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 / Viper Open Fleet - GYA Burgee.

7.2 Thistle Fleet – Thistle Class Flag.

7.3 The initial order of starts will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on the waters surrounding Fort Walton Yacht Club.

9 CHECK IN

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

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the racecourses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and an approximate compass bearing to the first leg.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks 1 and 1a will be orange tetrahedron and orange ball respectively. Marks 2S, 2P, (gate marks) will be green tetrahedrons.

11.2 The starting marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby orange tear drop.

11.3 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons and orange offset ball.

11.4 The finishing marks will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby orange tear drop mark.

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 race committee signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of an orange tear drop mark on the starboard end.

12.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. 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 bow number on a VHF radio channel provided at the competitor's meeting. 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.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat on the port end and the course side of orange tear drop mark on the starboard end.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
15.2 Appendix V, (Alternative Penalties) 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 Did Not Finish (DNF).

17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Hearing Request forms shall be available at the regatta official notice board. Hearing requests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.
17.2 The protest time limit for each day of racing is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. 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 Commodore's 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 For Capdevielle Class refer to GYA Sailing Regulations 5.3
18.2 A score of DNF 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.
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

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.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

23 TROPHIES

Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 will be awarded in compliance with GYA Regulations. A trophy for the Open Viper 640 fleet will be awarded for first place.

24 CONTACTS

Regatta Chair: John D. Farris / Patssun@yahoo.com / 850-305-9653

Principal Race Officer: William Zehner

Chief Judge: Donna Sue Marks

GYA Chief Measurer: William Zehner

Yacht Club Contact: John D. Farris / Patssun@yahoo.com / 850-305-9653

Attachment A – Course Diagrams

