



**GYA OPENING REGATTA
MAY 3-4, 2025
PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB,
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: **PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB (PYC)**
Hosted by: **PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB (PYC)**

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the **PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB** Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 1.2 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](#).
- 1.3 The *US Sailing Prescriptions* in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) and Appendix T (Arbitration) of the RRS will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after **4:30pm** on **MAY 2** in **Ballroom A and On Regatta Network**.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on East wall on Blue Porch Main Club House.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All yacht clubs, which are current General Members in Good Standing of the GYA, are eligible to participate in Capdevielle Viper 640 and the Master's Regatta in Fish Class for the Commodore John Dane Memorial trophy.
- 4.2 See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events 27.2 for Master's Regatta eligibility requirements.
- 4.3 All other classes are open to all sailors. All Classes with 3 or more boats are requested to advise the Opening Regatta chair of this intent no later than April 22, 2025.
- 4.4 Registration shall take place online at Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29612>. The registration deadline is 12 noon on 30 April.

5. FEES

- 5.1 GYA Capdevielle Viper 640 and Master's Fish Class Regatta -- No fee.
- 5.2 Open one design classes to include Open Viper 640's, Melges 15, Catalina 22 and other One Design classes. A fee of \$65 applies, paid at Registration or check-in applies.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 See GYA Rules for Sanctioned Events Rule 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements. Rule 17.7 does not apply to this event.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8.1 See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 8.2 The maximum number of races to be attempted on the first day of racing for the Capdevielle class is: **Four (4)**.
- 8.3 Refer to the schedule below for the warning signal time of each day's first race.
- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after **1430**.
- 8.5 The Open Viper 640 class will start with the Capdevielle Class.

FRIDAY May 2

1630-1800 Regatta Registration and Check-In Ballroom A.
1830 GYA Executive Committee – PYC Boardroom

SATURDAY May 3

0830-1030 Regatta Registration and Check-In Ballroom A.
0830 Ballroom A – Hot breakfast and Beverages (\$5.00)
1000 GYA Board of Directors 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

0830-0930 Hot Breakfast Ballroom A
1025 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
1430 No races start after this time
ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation Ballroom A

9. VENUE

The racing area will be the area East and south of Bayou Chico Channel Marker #2. Further instructions can be found in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.
- 10.2 See GYA Sailing Regulation 15 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.
- 10.3 One Design classes may sail more races at the discretion of the PRO on their course.
- 10.4 Three (3) boats will constitute a class in any one design fleet.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

As races will be sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for any required on-the-water crew changes.

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. All competitors shall be required to sign a waiver if competing. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Florida safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race, continue racing, or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. A PFD must be worn if required by class rules. However, all competitors must properly wear a PFD when checking in on the water prior to the start of the competition.

14. TROPHIES

Trophies for the Capdevielle Viper 640s and Master's Fish Class will be presented per GYA Regulations. Trophies for the Open Viper 640 fleet and one-design fleets will be awarded to the first-place finishers, with additional trophies potentially awarded based on the number of boats competing in each class. The Host Club may also present additional trophies at their discretion.

15. LOCAL ACCOMODATIONS

PYC has secured blocks of rooms at two downtown hotels for your convenience. Please read the details and reserve your room by the deadline for a great deal. Rooms for arrival May 2, 2025. Check-out May 4, 2025

Residence Inn Pensacola Downtown

601 E. Chase St. Pensacola, FL 32502

PHONE: 850-432-0202 Call and reserve by 4/9/2025 OR

On-line: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1739457109649&key=GRP&questreslink2=true&app=resvlink>

1 King studio suite: \$209 per night. 5 rooms blocked

1 Bedroom suite: \$229 per night. 5 rooms blocked

Hilton Garden Inn Pensacola Downtown

8 S. 9th Avenue. Pensacola, FL 32502

PHONE: 850 438-7900 Call and reserve by 4/2/2025 OR on-line:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/pnsdngi-91x-1a753876-3dce-4f51-9849-5f263073ee1e/>

1 King bed: \$219 per night. 5 rooms blocked

2 Queen beds: \$219 per night. 5 rooms blocked

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: John Matthews, johnmatthews@cox.net, 850 516 1580

Principal Race Officers:

Cathy Cromartie (251 895 0993)

Gary Rogers (601 214 2819)

William Zehner (850 828 4047)

For all Opti Classes, the PRO will be Cesar Travado (850-723-1278)

Chief Judge: John D. Farris, patssun@yahoo.com , 850-305-9635

GYA Chief Measurer: William Zehner, 850 828 4047

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