



**2015 GYA
OPENING REGATTA
GYA MASTERS
VIPER 640 GULF COAST
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MAY 1-3 2015

Organizing Authority: Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)

Host Club: Fort Walton Yacht Club

George Goodall, GYA Commodore 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing; GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events apply. US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T, Sections A, B and C apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The organizing authority will not require competitors to display advertising. Competitors who wish to display advertising shall comply with RRS 80.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to one-design boats of the following classes: Capdevielle, GYA Masters Regatta- Commodore John Dane Memorial, Viper 640, VX-One, Optimist, Open Flying Scot, Open Portsmouth and Open Portsmouth Multihull less than 21' in length. Fleets with five or more registrations constitute a class.

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying applicable fees at: <http://www.nextsailor.com/regatta/GYAOpening> or by mailing a registration and applicable fees to:

FWYC
2015 OPENING REGATTA
180 FERRY ROAD NE
FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32548

4. FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Capdevielle	Free
Optimist	\$20
All other classes	\$50
US Sailing member discount	\$ 5

4.2 Fees include Sailors breakfast Saturday & Sunday, one (1) Saturday dinner & dance ticket per boat. Additional Dinner/Dance tickets are \$10 each.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: Open until 1000, Saturday, May 2nd on the back Patio.

5.2 Skippers Meeting: 1030 on the back Patio.

5.3 Dates of racing:

Saturday: First Warning Signal at 1255, additional races to follow.

Sunday: First Warning Signal at 1155, additional races to follow.

5.4 Number of races:

Capdevielle Five races are scheduled (ref: GYA 24 pg 109)

All other fleets Eight races will be attempted

5.5 Activities schedule published under separate cover.

Reciprocal club members may provide current club card for charging privileges.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the registration desk on the back patio.

7. VENUE

Racing will be on Choctawhatchee Bay, an area approximately 1 mile east of FWYC.

8. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Triangle courses using temporary marks and as defined by the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T Section A, rule T1 Applies: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

10. SCORING

10.1 The scoring system is Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4.

10.2 One completed race constitutes a series.

10.3 No races will be excluded. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A4.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Capdevielle:

Winning Club shall receive the Commodore J. Gilbert Scheib Trophy and Individual Race and Series trophies as described in 27.1 of GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events.

11.2 GYA Masters:

Oldest crewmember of the winning team: Red Jacket

Winning Club shall receive Commodore John Dane Memorial Trophy

11.3 Series Trophies

One Design, Open Portsmouth Fleets & Opti:

Series Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners.

Opti Fleet Green competitors will receive participation awards.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta or regatta related events.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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