



MEIGS REGATTA

July 10th and 11th 2021



Organizing Authority: Gulf Yachting Association (GYA)

Hosted by: Fort Walton Yacht Club (FWYC)

Fort Walton Beach, Florida

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 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 Only Capdevielle and open fleet vipers may change crews and helmsmen between races.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All yacht clubs which are current General Members, in good standing, of the GYA are eligible to participate in the Capdevielle Viper 640 class. All other classes are open to all sailors.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the North West corner of the FWYC clubhouse. 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 FWYC Fleet Captain or the regatta desk located in the FWYC Fleet Captain office. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 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 FWYC west lawn flagpole.
- 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 all Race Area 1 fleets, five (5) races are scheduled.
- 6.2 For all Race Area 2, fleets, six (6) races are scheduled.
- 6.3 For ALL fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 6.4 Race Day(s) Schedule:

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Check-In:	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Skippers Meeting:	11:00 AM Back Patio
First Warning:	12:25 PM

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First Warning:	9:55 AM
Thistle Class:	12:30 PM (No warning signals after this time)
All Other classes:	2:00 PM (No warning signals after this time)
Awards:	ASAP following last race, Back Patio

- 6.5 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 Racing Area 1 - Capdevielle Viper 640, Open Viper 640 - GYA burgee
VX ONE - VX ONE class flag
Thistle – Thistle class flag
- 7.2 Racing Area 2- Optimist Red, White, and Blue Fleet – Optimist class flag
Optimist Green Fleet – Optimist class flag

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing Area 1 (Capdevielle and OD fleets), the racing area will be Choctawhatchee Bay.
- 8.2 Racing Area 2 (Optimist), the racing area will be in Garners Bayou (West and Northwest area behind FWYC clubhouse).

9 CHECK IN

- 9.1 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 shows the race courses for Racing Area 1 and Racing Area 2, the order in which they are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10.2 For Race Area 1, 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 For Race Area 2, no compass bearing will be displayed

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Racing Area 1:
- 11.1.1 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron. Mark 1a (offset) will be an orange ball. Mark 2g (gate) will be green tetrahedrons.
 - 11.1.2 The starting marks will be an anchored RC boat displaying an orange flag, and an orange ball.
 - 11.1.3 The finishing marks will be an anchored RC boat displaying a blue flag, and an orange ball
 - 11.1.4 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 11.2 Racing Area 2:
- 11.2.1 Red White and Blue fleets, Mark 1 will be Orange Ball
 - 11.2.2 Green Fleet Mark 1G will be Orange ball with a Green Top
 - 11.2.3 No Offset Marks.
 - 11.2.4 All Fleets, Mark 2 (Leeward) will be orange ball.
 - 11.2.5 The starting and finishing marks will be an anchored RC boat displaying an orange flag, and an orange ball.

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 the appropriate flag on the RC signal boat and the starting mark.
- 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 before her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her sail 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

- 13.1 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 the appropriate flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 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 Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 RRS 61.1 (A) IS CHANGED by ADDING THE FOLLOWING: "A Boat intending to file a protest shall additionally inform the race committee finishing line boat upon finishing or, if unable to finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, and shall include the sail number (s) or otherwise identify the boat(s) involved in the incident." Failure to do so will make the protest invalid.
17.2 Protests forms shall be available at FWYC Notice Board. Protests, request for redress and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.
17.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat has returned. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
17.4 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.
17.5 Hearings will be held in the FWYC Commodore's room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
17.6 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 Low Point scoring system of RRS A4 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 A11.

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

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Fort Walton Yacht Club will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 20.2 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. 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.

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.

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 The Race committee will monitor and broadcast on CH 72.

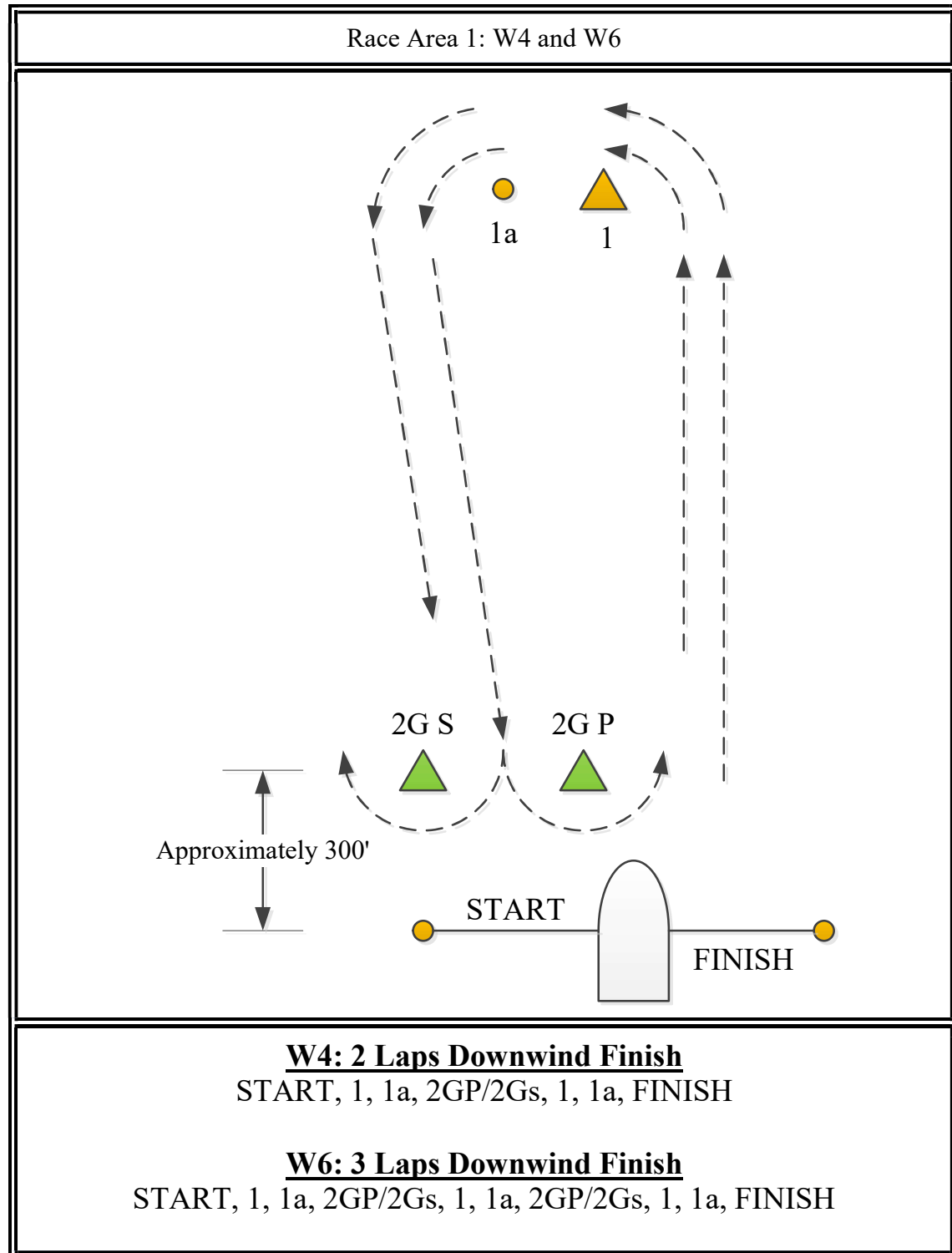
23 TROPHIES

- 23.1 Trophies for Capdevielle Viper 640 will be awarded in compliance with GYA Regulations.
- 23.2 The trophies for one design fleets will be awarded for first place and may be awarded for additional places depending on the number of boats competing in the class.

24 CONTACTS

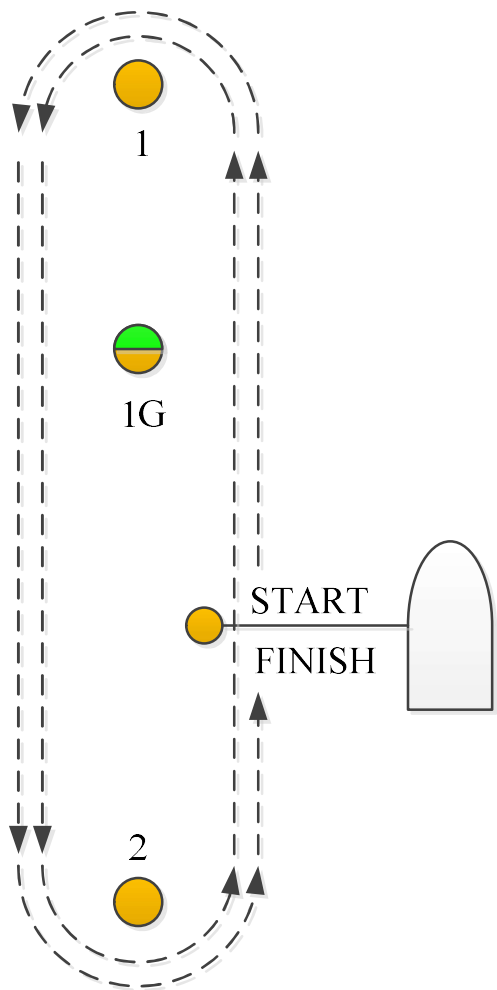
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Attachment A Course Diagrams



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Race Area 2
Red, White, and Blue Fleet, W1 and W2



W1: 1 Lap, Upwind Finish

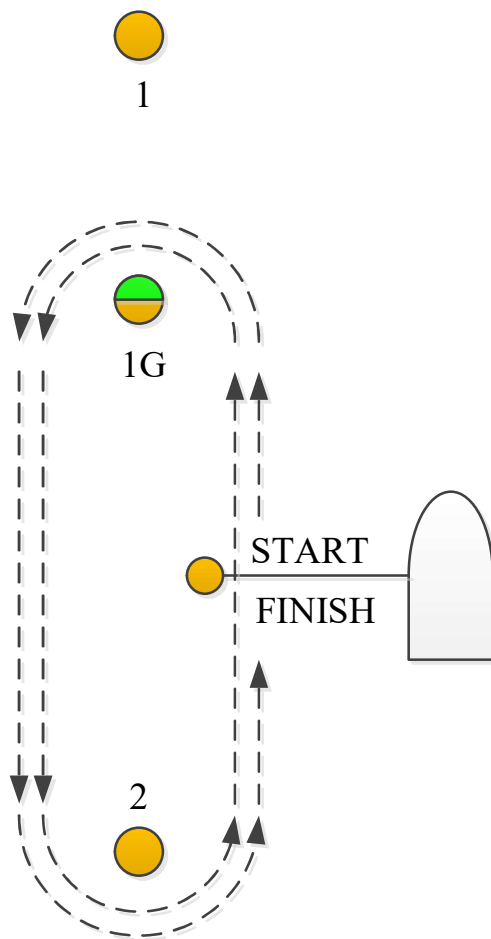
START, 1, 2, FINISH

W2: 2 Laps, Upwind Finish

START, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH

Mark 1G is not a mark of the course
Start / Finish line is Closed

Race Area 2
Green Fleet, W1 and W2



W1: 1 Lap, Upwind Finish

START, 1, 2, FINISH

W2: 2 Laps, Upwind Finish

START, 1, 2, 1, 2, FINISH

Mark 1 is not a mark of the course
Start / Finish line is Closed