



# **NOTICE OF RACE** **GYA OFFSHORE** **CHALLENGE CUP**



*Gulfport Yacht Club*  
*June 14-17, 2018*

## **1. RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta is organized by the Gulf Yachting Association and will be sailed under the management of the Gulfport Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 1.2 This regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for sanctioned events (available at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)).

## **2. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 2.1 All yacht clubs which are current General Members of the Gulf Yachting Association are eligible to participate.
- 2.2 Each yacht club may enter not less than three (3) and not more than four (4) boats in different classes. A yacht club is limited to one boat per class.

**RATING BANDS**  
**Class A – 15 – 72**  
**Class B – 75 - 111**  
**Class C – 114 - 150**  
**Class D – 153 – 213**

- 2.3 The skipper, the helmsman, and at least one-half of the crew (including the skipper and helmsman) racing on each boat shall have been members of the yacht club represented by the boat for the six months preceding the event. Each team captain shall submit a written statement on the form provided that it's team is meeting this eligibility requirement along with a list of all potential crew for the event. This statement and crew list shall be submitted with the team registration package by the deadline in Article 3. ENTRIES. If a team is found not to be in compliance with the fifty percent requirement, the team shall be scored DSQ for the race(s) in which non-compliance took place without a hearing. This changes Racing Rule 63.1
- 2.4 A boat shall represent only one yacht club in this event.
- 2.5 Each boat or another boat of the same design, shall have sailed 50 recorded miles in the GYA PHRF race data program to be eligible for this event. All mileage documentation shall be submitted to the GYA PHRF Committee no later than **forty-five** days prior to the first Offshore Challenge Cup race.
- 2.6 Crew limits (number or weight) as reflected on the boat's valid GYA PHRF certificate will be in effect.

## **3. ENTRIES:**

Entries **MUST** be received by 1830 hours June 13, 2018 by Gulfport Yacht Club. All entries must be accompanied by a valid GYA-PHRF certificate and a complete crew list. All information required on the official entry form must be completed. Each participating GYA club shall pay \$175.00 per boat entered to participate in the GYA Challenge Cup, to be submitted with the entry form.

**4. SAFETY:**

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard safety equipment regulations. A boat shall report for safety inspection when asked to do so by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. ISAF Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore events shall apply.

**5. BRIEFING FOR COMPETITORS:**

A briefing for competitors will be held in the Ballroom of Gulfport Yacht Club on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 1900 at which time the Sailing Instructions will be available. All questions regarding the Sailing Instructions must be submitted in writing to the Judges by placing such questions in the PROTEST BOX under the Official Notice Board on the lower deck no later than 0900 hours, Friday, June 15, 2018. Responses, if any, will be posted on the official regatta notice board no later than 0945, June 15, 2018.

**6. CHANGES TO RACING RULES:**

The Sailing Instructions may change some of the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Any changes will not require prior knowledge by the competitors.

**7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Seven (7) races are scheduled for the Regatta. A minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a series. On Sunday, June 17, no warning signal shall be made later than 1530 hours.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14**

1600-1900 Check-in and Registration  
1900 Sailor's briefing – Ballroom

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

1155 Warning Signal Race #1 – additional races to follow  
1800 Party & Daily Trophies

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

1155 Warning Signal Long distance race  
1800 Party & Daily Trophies

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

1055 Warning Signal 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day – additional races to follow  
Trophy Ceremony following races

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

See number five (5) above.

**9. SCORING:**

**9.1** Each class shall be scored using the low point system of Appendix A with no races excluded. A yacht club's points for a race will be the sum of the scores of the best three boats of that club in that particular race. The yacht club with the lowest total points overall for all races wins.

**9.2** Ties for overall class standings will be broken using the method described in ISAF Appendix A 8. Should a tie on corrected time occur in the last race, the same procedure will be applied to the next to last race, and so on until the tie is broken.

**9.3** Ties for overall club standings will be broken in favor of the club which has the most firsts, seconds, etc., until all places have been exhausted, using the club's best three boats in each race. Should a tie still exist it shall be resolved in favor of the club which scored better in the last race in the fastest rated class in which the tied clubs had boats entered and scored differently, regardless of whether the boats' scores counted for the club. Should ties exist in all classes where both clubs had boats entered in the last race, the same procedures will be applied to the next to last race, and so on until the tie is broken.

**9.4** This changes Appendix A.

**10. TROPHIES:**

The winning club will be awarded the "The Spring Hill College Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Challenge Cup" trophy, will have its name engraved upon the trophy and will be given the trophy for a period of one (1) year. Also a marker trophy will be permanently awarded to the winning Club. In addition, trophies for the second and third four-boat entry clubs overall will be awarded. The Yacht Club with the lowest point total among the three boat teams will be awarded "The Mobile Yacht Club Trophy", will have its name engraved upon it, and will be given the trophy for one year. A marker trophy will also be permanently awarded to the same club. The "G. S. 'Buddy' Friedrichs" Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places first in class "A", The Commodore Thomas D. Beery, Jr. Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places first in class "B:", The Commodore Bobby Bailey Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places first in class "C", and The Commodore Janet Miller-Schmidt Trophy will be awarded to the boat that places first in class "D". Each winning boat will have its name engraved upon the perpetual trophies and they will be given the trophy for a period of one (1) year. Trophies for first, second, and third place overall in each class will also be awarded. The GYA Offshore Challenge Cup Banner will be awarded to the winning Club.

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

For questions regarding the 2018 GYA Offshore Challenge Cup please contact:

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