



GULF YACHTING ASSOCIATION

# OFFSHORE CHALLENGE CUP

## NOTICE OF RACE

*(A GYA Sanctioned Interclub Event)*

*Hosted by GULFPORT YACHT CLUB*

*~~JUNE 17-20, 2021~~*

***JULY 29<sup>th</sup>-AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021***

### 1 RULES.

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current revision of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the *GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events* (available at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org)).

1.2 The RRS changed by this NOR are listed below

<u>RRS</u>	<u>NOR Section</u>
60.1(a)	1.3
63.1	3.3
Race Signals	6, 8, 13, 20.3
32.1	14.6
63.1, A4 and A5	16.3
29.1 and 62.1(a)	17
32	19
35 and A4	22
61.1(a)	23.3
A2.1	24.1
A8	24.4
A4	24.5
63.1	26.1

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2 SAFETY.

All boats must meet United States Coast Guard (USCG) safety equipment regulations and the World Sailing Safety Regulations - Appendix B will apply.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY.

3.1 Only Yacht Clubs which are current General Members of the Gulf Yachting Association are eligible to participate.

3.2 Each Yacht Club may enter not less than three (3) nor more than four (4) boats in different classes. A Yacht Club is limited to one boat per class.

3.3 NOTE: The word skipper and helmsperson are interchangeable for this event. The skipper and at least one half of the crew racing on each boat (including the skipper) must be a member of the club the boat represents. The skipper must be a member of the club they represent for not less than six (6) months. The balance of the crew need not be GYA club members. Each team captain shall submit a written statement on the form provided that his 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 4. CLUB 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.

3.4 A boat shall represent only one Yacht Club in this event.

3.5 Crew limits are based on the GYA PHRF By-laws, Article VII, paragraph K, as follows:

Maximum number of Crew: up to  
22.5' (5); 22.51' to 25.5' (6); 25.51' to 28.5' (7); 28.51' to 31.5' (8);  
31.51' to 34.5' (9); 34.51' to 37.5' (10); 37.51' to 40.5' (11);  
40.51' to 46.5' (13); 46.51' to 52.5' (15); 52.51' and up (17).  
Maximum weight limits would be crew number limit times 180 lbs.

3.6 All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard safety equipment regulations and World Sailing Offshore Regulations Appendix B. A boat shall report for a safety inspection when asked to do so by the Race Committee or Protest Committee.

#### **4 CLUB ENTRIES.**

All entry forms must be accompanied by a valid ORRez 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 by ~~June 16<sup>th</sup>~~ **July 29<sup>th</sup>**, 2021. **Entry forms can be found at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org) and [www.gulfportyachtclub.org](http://www.gulfportyachtclub.org)**

#### **5 BRIEFING FOR COMPETITORS.**

A briefing for the competitors will be held in the Ballroom at Gulfport Yacht Club on Thursday ~~June 17~~ **July 29<sup>th</sup>**, 2021 at 1900. All questions regarding the sailing instructions must be submitted in writing to the judges by placing such questions in the protest box located under the notice board, no later than 0900 hours, Friday ~~June 18~~ **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Responses, if any, will be posted on the official regatta notice board no later than 0945 hours, Friday ~~June 18~~ **July 30<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **6 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck. At the end of each day of racing the race committee will post its docking time as well as any boats that it plans to score in other than a finishing position. Notices of hearings will be posted here within 30 minutes of the expiration of protest time (flag "L" will NOT be displayed with this notice.) This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### **7 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

The Sailing Instructions may change some of the Rules in accordance with RRS 86.1(b). Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled warning signal for the first class to start on the day the change will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### **8 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast at Gulfport Yacht Club.

8.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means, the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRRS Race Signals.

#### **9 RATING SYSTEM.**

9.1 Corrected times for all classes will be calculated using ORR-EZ (Time on Time). Boats shall only declare one valid ORR-EZ certificate.

[NP] 9.2 The Race Committee will select the “wind & course” factors for scoring ORRez. This shall not be protested by a competitor nor subject to redress.

10 CLASSES.

The boats will be divided into the following classes:

	PHRF	=	ORR-Ez IR#
Class A	15 - 72		0.871 - 0.980
Class B	75 - 111		0.821 - 0.870
Class C	114 - 150		0.781 - 0.820
Class D	153 - 213		0.670 - 0.780

11 SCHEDULE OF RACES.

The Race Committee has scheduled seven (7) races. A minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a series. On Sunday, June 20, no warning signal shall be made later than 1530 hours

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**FRIDAY, ~~JUNE 18~~ July 30<sup>th</sup> - ~~Long Distance Race~~**
- 1155

*WARNING SIGNAL RACE #1 -  
Party with Live Music & Daily Trophies after racing.  
Free Beer during Protest Time*
- SATURDAY, ~~JUNE 19~~ July 31<sup>st</sup> - ~~Windward-Leewards~~**
- 1155

*WARNING SIGNAL—Race #2  
WARNING SIGNAL NEXT RACE(S) – as soon as possible  
Party with Live Music & Daily Trophies after racing.  
Free Beer during Protest Time*
- SUNDAY, ~~JUNE 20~~ August 1<sup>st</sup> - ~~Windward-Leewards~~**
- 1055

*WARNING SIGNAL FIRST RACE OF THE DAY.  
WARNING SIGNAL NEXT RACE(S) – as soon as possible  
Trophy Ceremony following races  
Free Beer during Protest Time*

12 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START.

Class flags (streamers) will be issued at the briefing for competitors. Each boat shall conspicuously display its class flag (streamer) on its backstay while racing.

CLASS FLAGS	
A	<i>White</i>
B	<i>Light Blue</i>
C	<i>Green</i>
D	<i>Purple</i>

13 RACING AREA.

The racing areas are shown in Sailing Instruction Exhibit A and are designated 1 and 2. The Race Committee will display numerical pennant #1 or # 2 from the Race Committee Signal Boat along with Flag "L" on departure to the racing area each day. The number displayed will indicate the racing area where the Race Committee plans to set the initial course of the day. In the event racing area # 1(West) is signaled, the Gulfport Ship Channel should not be crossed north of Channel Marker # 61, in order to avoid possible shoal water. The approximate location of starting area # 2(East) will be 30° 20" N and 89° 00" W, conditions permitting. This changes RRS Race Signals.

14 THE COURSES.

14.1 The Course layout is shown on Sailing Instruction Exhibit B. Course “W2” will be a four (4) leg Windward-Leeward courses with offset marks. All windward marks shall be left to port.

Classes A and B will sail:  
Start – 1-offset – Gate – 2-offset – Finish.

Classes C and D will sail:  
Start – 2-offset – Gate – 2-offset – Finish.

14.2 Course “W2½” will be a five (5) leg Windward-Leeward courses with offset marks. All windward marks shall be left to port.

Classes A and B will sail: Start – 1-offset – Gate – 2-offset – Gate – (Finish (2)).

Classes C and D will sail: Start – 2-offset – Gate – 2-offset – Gate – (Finish (2)).

14.3 The initial windward mark (1) for classes A & B will be located approximately 125 to 175 percent of the distance to the initial windward mark (2) for classes C & D.

14.4 The course identifier and approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the windward mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the warning signal.

14.5 The approximate distance in nautical miles from the starting line to the initial windward mark for each class will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before or with the preparatory signal.

14.6 The course shall not be shortened to less than two legs. This changes Rule 32.1.

14.7 Courses for the long distance race are reflected on Sailing Instruction Exhibit C. Courses will be displayed by number on or before the warning signal for each class.

## **15 MARKS.**

15.1 Mark 1 and the Gate Marks will be **orange** tetrahedrons. Mark 2 will be a **green** tetrahedron. Off set marks will be an **orange** ball.

15.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 18, CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, will be **yellow** tetrahedrons. (Note: Mark 1 cannot be changed.)

15.3 The finish mark in course "W2" will be an **orange** ball.

## **16 START.**

16.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the port end.

16.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

16.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start”. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **17 RECALLS.**

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29.1, with the addition that the race committee will endeavor to hail the boat’s sail number on VHF channel 72. The delay of such a hail or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## **18 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.**

A change of the next leg of the course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun

the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.

## **19 ABANDONING AFTER THE START.**

Rule 32 is changed to additionally provide that the race committee, with the approval of the judges, may, in accordance with GYA regulation 5.2(b), abandon a race in progress when conditions have made the race an unsatisfactory test of skill.

## **20 THE FINISH.**

20.1 When finishing to leeward the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the nearby orange ball.

20.2 When finishing to windward the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and Course Mark (2).

20.3 Flag "L" when displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat at the finish indicates additional races to follow. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **21 PENALTIES.**

21.1 Arbitration: Appendix T will apply and be in effect for this regatta.

21.2 Appendix V1 will be effect for this regatta.

## **22 TIME LIMIT.**

22.1 The time limit for the long distance races on Friday will be six (6) hours. The time limit will be 2.5 (2 1/2) hours for races sailed on Saturday and Sunday. This changes RRS 35.

22.2 Boats failing to finish within one (1) hour after the first boat in their division finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

## **23 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.**

23.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be in writing. Protest Forms will be available in the Protest Box located below the Official Notice Board on the lower deck. Completed Forms must be delivered to the protest room on the second floor for time stamp and registration not later than one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks for the day and makes one sound signal. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.

23.2 The time and place for hearings and the sail numbers of the boats involved will be posted on the official notice board within thirty (30) minutes following the expiration of the time to file protests. Additionally, the Race Committee will post the sail numbers of boats it intends to score OCS within thirty (30) minutes of the Committee Boat's docking time. Such posting shall constitute notice as required by rule 63.2. No signal will be made when this notice is posted. The protest committee will hear protests and requests for redress in approximately the order of receipt with hearings beginning as soon as possible.

23.3 Rule 61.1(a) is changed to add the following requirements for a valid protest: "A boat shall inform the finish line race committee boat of her intent to file a protest and the sail number (or other identification) of the protested boat(s) either at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, or if the protesting boat does not finish, at the first reasonable opportunity, and she must receive confirmation from the race committee." This changes RRS 61.1(a)

## **24 SCORING.**

24.1 Corrected times for all classes shall be calculated using ORR-EZ TOT. Each boat shall declare only one valid ORR-EZ certificate which shall be used for scoring all races. Scoring for all classes will be according to the low point system of Appendix A with no races excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

24.2 A yacht club's points for a race will be the sum of the scores of the best three boats of that club in the race. The yacht club with the lowest total points overall for all races wins.

24.3 Ties for overall class standings will be broken using the method described in 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.

24.4 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. This changes Appendix A8.

24.5 The long distance race scores will be adjusted by a multiple of 1.5. This changes RRS A4

## **25 TROPHIES.**

### **25.1 The Spring Hill College Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Challenge Cup**

The winning Yacht Club with the best four (4) boat entry will be awarded "The Spring Hill College Gulf Yachting Association Offshore Challenge Cup" Winning Club, will see to having the trophy engraved as it has been, and will be given the trophy for one year. A keeper trophy will also be awarded to the winning club. In addition, trophies for the second and third Clubs overall will be awarded.

### **25.2 The Mobile Yacht Club Trophy**

The Yacht Club with the lowest point total among clubs with three boat teams will be awarded "The Mobile Yacht Club Trophy," will see to having the trophy engraved as it has been, and will be given the trophy for one year. A keeper trophy will also be awarded to the same club.

### **25.3 The "G. S. 'Buddy' Friedrichs" Trophy**

The boat that places first in the "A" fleet will be awarded the "G. S. 'Buddy' Friedrichs" trophy, will see to having the trophy engraved as it has been, and will be given the trophy for one year for display at the winner's club.

### **25.4 The Commodore Thomas D. Beery Jr. Trophy**

The boat that places first in the "B" fleet will be awarded the Commodore Thomas D. Beery, Jr. Trophy, will see to having the Trophy engraved as it has been, and will be given the trophy for one year for display at the winner's Club.

### **25.5 The Commodore Bobby Bailey Trophy**

The boat that places first in the "C" fleet will be awarded the Commodore Bobby Bailey Trophy, will see to having the trophy engraved as it has been and will be given the trophy for one year for display at the winner's Club.

### **25.6 The Commodore Janet R. Miller-Schmidt Trophy**

The boat that places first in the "D" fleet will be awarded the Commodore Janet R. Miller-Schmidt Trophy, will see to having the trophy engraved as it has been, and will be given the trophy for one year for display at the winner's Club.

## **26. SPECIAL REGULATIONS.**

26.1 CHECK IN: Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day, each boat shall check in and hail her sail number with the entire crew wearing their PFDs until she is acknowledged by the race committee signal boat. Boats failing to do so will receive a 20% scoring penalty in the first race of the day. This changes RRS 63.1.



26.2 Any boat withdrawing from any race should notify the Race Committee or the Gulfport Yacht Club as soon as possible.

26.3 A boat shall neither make radio/data transmissions nor receive radio/data communications not available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **27. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY.**

27.1 It is each competitor's exclusive and individual responsibility to decide whether or not to race or continue racing, to wear a life jacket when conditions warrant, and to otherwise provide for his or her own personal safety.

27.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, (See RRS 3). The organizing authority nor the Gulfport Yacht Club 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.

27.3 Competitors are reminded that all state and federal safety regulations should be observed.

## **28. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Link to Regatta Website:

[https://www.regattaman.com/def\\_event\\_page.php?&race\\_id=591](https://www.regattaman.com/def_event_page.php?&race_id=591)

Link to Hearing Request Form:

[https://www.gulfportyachtclub.org/files/US\\_Sailing\\_Hearing\\_Request\\_Form\\_20210301\\_Fillable.pdf](https://www.gulfportyachtclub.org/files/US_Sailing_Hearing_Request_Form_20210301_Fillable.pdf)

Link to World Sailing Regulations:

[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSOffshoreSpecialRegulations20202021updated11December2020-\[26824\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSOffshoreSpecialRegulations20202021updated11December2020-[26824].pdf)

Link to GYA Directory:

<https://www.gya.org/documents/GYA2021Directory.pdf>

For questions regarding the 2021 GYA Offshore Challenge Cup please contact: Principle Race Officer, Michael Hage, 228-697-8880 or email at [mhage@allsignsgulfport.com](mailto:mhage@allsignsgulfport.com)

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