



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



Gulfport Yacht Club
June 13-16, 2019

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).
- 1.3 Corrected times for Classes A & B will be calculated using ORR-EZ (Time on Time). A valid 2019 ORR-EZ certificate is required in addition to a valid 2019 GYA PHRF rating certificate.
- 1.4 Corrected times for Classes C & D will be calculated using the PHRF handicapping system. A valid GYA PHRF rating certificate is required.

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 **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 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 1900 hours June 13, 2019 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. **An early registration discount of \$10.00 per boat will be available for all entries received by June 6, 2019. Scratch sheets will remain confidential until the Skippers Meeting.**

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 13, 2019 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 next to the *Anchor Bar* no later than 0900 hours, Friday, June 14, 2019. Responses, if any, will be posted on the official regatta notice board no later than 0945, June 14, 2019.

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 16, no warning signal shall be made later than 1530 hours.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

1155 Warning Signal Race #1 – Long distance race
1800 Party & Daily Trophies

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

1155 Warning Signal 1st race of the day – additional races to follow
1800 Party & Daily Trophies

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

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

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

See number five (5) above.

9. SCORING:

- 9.1** Corrected times for Classes A & B shall be calculated using ORR-EZ. A valid 2019 ORR-EZ rating certificate will be required. Corrected times for Classes C & D will be calculated using the PHRF handicapping system. Scoring for all classes will be according to 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 the 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 Challenge Cup Banner will be awarded to the winning Club.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the Host Club, shall accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION:

There will be a mandatory guest card procedure in place for this regatta. No cross-charging will be allowed. We strongly encourage pre-registration for these guest cards by using the attached form and send to GYC before the regatta starts so your guest card will be ready for pick-up.

For questions regarding the 2019 GYA Offshore Challenge Cup please contact:

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