



GYA CANDLER REGATTA

June 6-7, 2026



Organizing Authority: St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (StABYC)
Hosted By: St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (StABYC), Panama City, Florida

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the GYA Regulations.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.3. The Vakaros RaceSense system may be used by the Race Committee (RC), making relevant information available to Capdevielle Viper 640 / Viper Open Fleet boats. This changes RRS 41(c). See Appendix A for rules and details.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located upstairs club house window. 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.
- 2.2. Any questions regarding these Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be submitted in writing to the regatta desk at upstairs dining area one hour before the Competitors Meeting. Written answers shall be posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted on the official notice board 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 on the official notice board by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flag pole in Club lawn.
- 4.2. When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.' This changes RRS race signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. See GYA Regulations 5.4 and 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements
- 5.2. The maximum number of races to be sailed on the first day of racing is: Three (3) (Refer to GYA Sailing Regulation 5.4(e)).

5.3. Club 420 and Wave fleets racing on Course B may have up to ten (10) races attempted on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

5.4. For ALL fleets except Capdevielle, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.

Saturday, June 6, 2026	
9:00-10:30	Registration and Check-In, Downstairs outdoor dining area
11:30	Competitors' Briefing, Downstairs outdoor dining area
12:55	Warning Signal for the First Race of the Day (Back-to-back races to follow)
Sunday, June 7, 2026, NOTE: Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640 fleets only.	
10:55	Warning Signal for the First Race of the Day (Back-to-back races to follow)
14:30	No Warning Signal after this time
ASAP	Trophy Presentation, Downstairs outdoor dining area

6. CLASS FLAGS

Capdevielle Viper 640 / Viper Open Fleet – Viper Class Flag

C420 – C420 Class Flag

Wave Classes – White Flag

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Course A shall be located on St. Andrew Bay for Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640.

7.2. Course B shall be located directly behind St. Andrew Bay Yacht Club for Club 420 and Wave fleets.

8. CHECK IN

[DP] Before the warning signal for the first race of each day, a boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the RC. Failure to do so may result in a 20% penalty in the first race of the day. This modifies RRS A5.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in Attachments A, B, and C show the racing areas and courses.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1. **Course A:** Mark 1 will be a Green Tetrahedron. Mark 1A (offset) will be an Orange Hippity Hop. Mark 2G (gate) will consist of two Orange Tetrahedra.

10.2. **Course B:** Marks 1 and 2 will be Orange Tetrahedra. Mark 1A will be an orange ball.

10.3. The starting marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

10.4. The finishing marks will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

10.5. New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be Yellow Tetrahedra.

11. THE START

11.1. For the Capdevielle Viper 640 and Viper Open fleets, starting procedures may be controlled by the Vakaros RaceSense system. When RaceSense is active, the Vakaros device's countdown is the official time signal for each boat, and visual signals are provided for informational purposes only. This changes RRS 26.

11.2. The use of the Vakaros RaceSense system for any other class is at the discretion of the Race Committee and dependent on whether the class is fully equipped.

11.3. Classes not using RaceSense will start in accordance with RRS 26.

11.4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

11.5. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC may broadcast her bow 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 changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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 the original mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark is 30 minutes.

14.2. The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.

14.3. 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 A10.

15. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms shall be available at the regatta official notice board. Protests, requests for redress, and requests for reopening shall be delivered there within the posted protest time limit.

- 15.2. The protest time limit for each day of racing is 60 minutes from the time the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. Hearings will be held in the upstairs dining room and will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.
- 15.5. 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 RRS 61.2(b)(2) requirements.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. For Capdevielle Class, refer to GYA Regulation 5.3.
- 16.2. Each class shall be scored using the low point system of RRS Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.
- 16.3. 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 A10.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Capdevielle competitors shall comply with GYA Regulation 6.
- 17.2. All boats shall comply with USCG and State safety equipment regulations. It is each skipper's responsibility to determine whether to 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.
- 17.3. In the interest of safety or to avoid unreasonable delays, the RC, at its discretion and with the concurrence of the judges, may order a capsized boat to be rescued and scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5b(1), A4, A5.1 and A5.2.

18. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority, nor the host club, nor the race officials shall accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, before, during, or after the regatta.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF radio. The channel will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

19.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes using cell phones.

20. TROPHIES

Trophies for the Capdevielle Viper 640s will be presented in accordance with GYA Regulation 16. Trophies for the Open Viper 640 fleet and one-design fleets will be awarded to the first-place finishers, with additional trophies potentially awarded based on the number of boats competing in each class. The Host Club may also present additional trophies at their discretion.

21. CONTACTS

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Addendum A

USE OF THE VAKAROS ATLAS 2 / RACESENSE SYSTEM

1. Device Requirement

Each boat shall carry a functioning Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge device configured for RaceSense at check-in. Devices may be provided by the GYA Foundation or supplied by competitors.

2. Mounting Location

The device shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast, centered on the boat's centerline, and shall be verified at measurement and maintained during racing.

3. Competitor Responsibility

Competitors shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the device in working condition. Any damage or loss is the competitor's responsibility and must be reported promptly to the Race Committee afloat or ashore.

4. System Use by Race Committee

The Race Committee may use the Vakaros RaceSense system for starting procedures and OCS identification. Relevant data will be made available to competitors.

5. Usage Instructions

The Race Committee will post instructions for operating the Vakaros Atlas 2/Atlas Edge device on the Official Notice Board and make them available online.

6. RaceSense Status Signal

When RaceSense is active, the Signal Boat displays code flag R. If the system is disabled or malfunctions, the Signal Boat removes flag R and applies standard procedures under RRS 26, 29, and 30.

7. Starting Procedure Modification

When RaceSense is active, the Vakaros device's countdown serves as the official start time, and visual signals provide only information. *This changes RRS 26.*

8. Recalls and Penalties

RaceSense electronically detects boats that infringe RRS 29 or RRS 30, thereby eliminating the need for visual identification. When RaceSense is active, the RC may rely on RaceSense for OCS identification and may omit recall visual/sound signals. *This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.*

9. Redress and System Failures

Failures or malfunctions of the RaceSense system, the Vakaros device, or related communications shall not be grounds for redress unless due to improper action or omission by the Race Committee. *This changes RRS 41(c), 61.1(a), 61.1(c), and 61.4(b).*

10. Firmware Updates

Between race days, competitors may need to install firmware or configuration updates. The Race Committee will notify all competitors via email or SMS through the regatta's designated communication channels.

11. Start Line Definition (Virtual Line)

The Race Committee mounts a Vakaros device on the signal boat's orange line staff and at the port-end starting mark or flag. When RaceSense is active, a boat is OCS when any part of her hull crosses the virtual line between the two Vakaros units, regardless of the physical marks. *This modifies RRS 29.1 and the definition of starting line.*

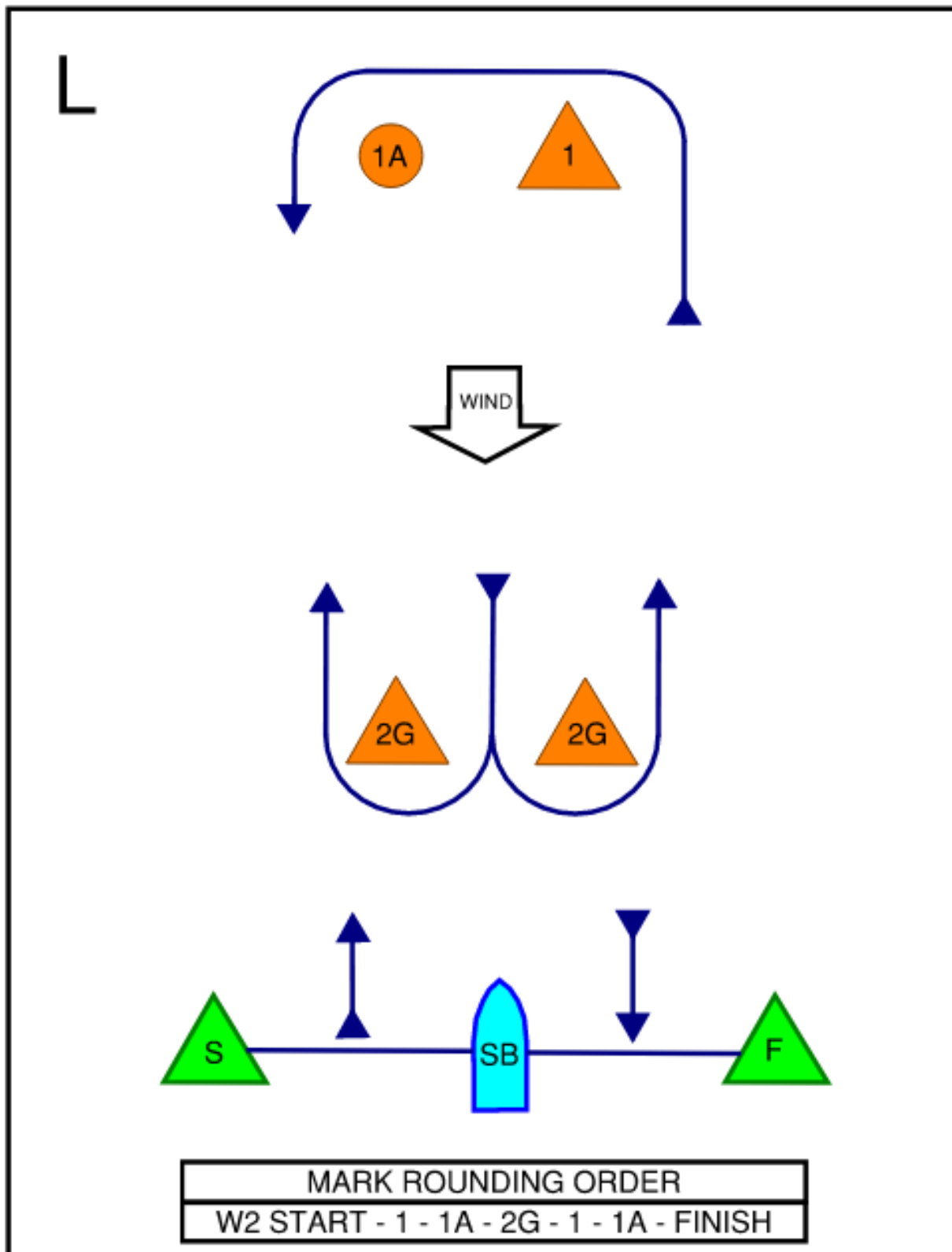
Attachment A

Racing Areas



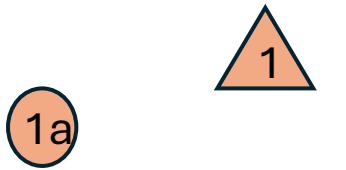
Attachment B

Course A Diagram



Attachment C

Course B Diagram



Course W - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
W1	Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
W2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - Finish

