



GYA CANDLER REGATTA



June 6-7, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: **St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (StABYC)**

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

Document Date: **Amended June 3, 2026**

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is sailed under the management of the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (StABYC) Race Committee.
- 1.2. *The event is governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, the **Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regulations for Sanctioned Events (www.GYA.org)**, hereafter styled **GYA Regulations**.*
- 1.3. The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.4. Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) of the RRS will apply.
- 1.5. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may not be protested. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.6. Protests alleging a breach of a Rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, shall not be accepted from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).
- 1.7. The Vakaros RaceSense system may be used by the Race Committee, making relevant information available to competitors. See the Sailing Instructions and Addendum A for details.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at the registration table and online on Regatta Network (<https://nextsailor.com/regatta/1284>) by June 6, 2026, 09:00.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All yacht clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA, in good standing, are eligible to participate. Per GYA Regulation 10, each club may enter only one (1) Capdevielle Viper 640.
- 3.2. All other classes are open to all sailors.
- 3.3. Open Viper 640s: Invited to sail the same course, scored separately.
- 3.4. *Wave Class: Hobie Wave and Formula Wave boats will race as a single fleet.*

3.5. The Organizing Authority may assign classes to separate racing areas and may combine classes on the same course.

4. ENTRY

4.1. All registration shall take place online at **NextSailor**. <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/1284> by **1030 on June 6, 2026**

4.2. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.

5. FEES

5.1. GYA Capdevielle Viper 640's -- No fee.

5.2. Wave Class: \$35, Open Viper 640 and Club 420: \$35 if registered **by May 20**.

5.3. **After May 20**: Wave Class: \$50, Open Viper 640 and Club 420: \$50.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. See GYA **Regulation** 17 for Capdevielle team captain, skipper, and crew requirements. Rule 17.7 does not apply to this event.

6.2. Only Capdevielle competitors may change crews and helmsman between races.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1. See GYA Sailing Regulation 14.1 for Capdevielle Race Requirements.

7.2. **Five (5) races are scheduled for the Capdevielle Viper 640 and Open Viper 640 fleets.**

7.3. **Club 420 and Wave fleets will race on Saturday, June 6, 2026, only. Up to ten (10) races may be attempted.**

7.4. Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 6, 2026	
9:00-10:30	Registration and Check-In, Downstairs outdoor dining area
1130	Competitors Briefing, Downstairs outdoor dining area
1255	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

8. VENUE

The racing area will be St. Andrew Bay.

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Each class shall be scored using the low point system of RRS Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.
- 10.2. Classes assigned to different racing areas may sail a different number of races.
- 10.3. Three (3) boats will constitute a class in any one design fleet.
- 10.4. The Open Viper 640 class will start with the Capdevielle Class.

11. PENALTIES

See NOR 1.4 above.

12. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1. As races will be sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for any required on-the-water crew changes.
- 12.2. [DP] 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; except when an emergency permits.
- 12.3. All other spectator boats are welcome, but must stay clear of racing and follow RC instructions.

13. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Florida safety equipment regulations. It is the responsibility of each skipper to determine if they should start a race, continue racing, or if wearing a life jacket is appropriate. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require the wearing of life jackets while on the water.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing of 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.

15. AWARDS

- 15.1. Trophies for the Capdevielle Viper 640s will be presented per GYA Regulations.
- 15.2. 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.

16. LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

16.1. Hotel Indigo Panama City Marina, an IHG Hotel

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<https://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/us/en/panama-city/ecpha/hoteldetail>

16.1.1. Request the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club Candler Regatta Group Block for your Group;

OR Group Code: REG

16.2. Club Host housing at no cost is available for Capdevielle Viper 640s on a first come first serve basis. Contact the Regatta Chair for availability.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair: Amber Barbee, 865-621-6620, amberbarbee@aol.com

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