



**GYA Meigs Regatta
July 11-12, 2026
Fort Walton Beach, FL**



NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: **Fort Walton Yacht Club**
Hosted by: **Fort Walton Yacht Club**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is sailed under the management of the Fort Walton Yacht Club Race Committee.
- 1.2 This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the [GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events](http://www.gya.org) (www.gya.org)
- 1.3 The *US Sailing Prescriptions* in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.4 Appendix V1. (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) and Appendix T (ARBITRATION) of the RRS will apply.
- 1.5 Protests alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 shall not be accepted if they are from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).
- 1.6 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), making relevant information available to the Capdevielle Viper 640, Open Viper 640, and Melges 15 fleets. This changes RRS 41(c). See Sailing Instruction ADDENDUM A for rules and details.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than 0830 on July 11, 2026, and at registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the window on the back porch.
- 3.2 The RC will announce VHF assignments at the Competitors Meeting and post them on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.3 [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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All yacht clubs, which are current General Members of the GYA, are eligible to participate in Capdevielle Viper 640s.
- 4.2 All other classes are open to all sailors.
- 4.3 Registration will be done online at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/Meigs2026>. The deadline is 10:00 on July 11, 2026.

5. FEES

- 5.1 GYA Capdevielle Viper 640's: No fee.
- 5.2 The following Open One-Design classes are invited to participate: Viper 640 (\$50), Melges 15 (\$50), Weta (\$50), Thistle (\$55), C420 (\$30), Open Skiff (\$30), and Opti (\$30).

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

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

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8.1 Capdevielle racing shall be conducted per GYA Regulations 14 and 15.
- 8.2 No fleet shall sail more than four (4) races per day or eight (8) races during the regatta.
- 8.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30.
- 8.4 For ALL fleets, one (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 8.5 See below for the scheduled warning signal time for each day's first race.
- 8.6 The warning signal for each day's second and subsequent races shall be made as soon as practical after finishing the first race and after any necessary crew changes.

SATURDAY, July 11

- 8:30-10:00 Regatta Registration and Check-In Castaway Room
- 10:30 Competitors Meeting on the back porch
- 12:30 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)

SUNDAY, July 12

- 11:30 Warning Signal all Classes (back-to-back races to follow)
- 14:30 No races start after this time
- ASAP After Racing - Trophy Presentation on the Porch

9. VENUE

- The racing area will be the waters surrounding Fort Walton Yacht Club.

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 Capdevielle scoring shall comply with GYA Regulation 15.
- 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.
- 10.5 The Open Viper 640 fleet shall be scored as a separate fleet from the Capdevielle fleet.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 11.1 As races will be sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for any required on-the-water crew changes.
- 11.2 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, retired, or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

13. SAFETY

All boats shall comply with United States Coast Guard and Florida safety equipment regulations. Each skipper is responsible for determining whether to start a race, continue racing, or wear a life jacket. This does not supersede any class rules or regulations that may require wearing life jackets while on the water.

14. 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 its discretion.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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