

GFU 2013 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1800 Friday, Aug. 9 - 1400 Saturday, Aug. 10

The GFU is a roughly 24 hour relay race sailed in Snipes on Mission Bay, with teams generally consisting of 6-20 sailors.

Eligibility- every sailor must have paid the GFU entry fee and be wearing the official GFU wristband at all times during the regatta.

Rules- the general idea of the Racing Rules of Sailing and the International Snipe Class shall apply, with a plethora of additions, deletions, and modifications. Failure to follow the rules below will result in boat stoppage, time penalty, and/or sailor or team disqualification:

- No one under 21 years of age may consume alcohol.
- All boats must carry USCG approved lifejackets for all onboard, and all sailors must wear PFDs at all times on the water.
- All boats must provide and carry an adequate anchor and rode.
- All boats must provide and display effective lighting from dusk to dawn.
- No artificial propulsion such as paddling, walking, running, kedging, rocking, pumping, or sculling. Just sail.
- No activities which would compromise the quality of the racing, including tampering with another team's boat or the scoring system.
- There must be at least two humans aboard each boat while racing.
- No sailor may sail more than two consecutive laps, without being ashore for at least one lap completed by their team, before sailing again.
- All competitors shall respect the property of MBYC and its members at all times.

Start- Details at Competitor's Meeting, 1800 Friday. Boats shall be inspected, launched and tied to Junior dock with sails down pre-start.

Course- Start and finish at the Junior dock. Vacation Island shall be left to starboard (default), unless port rounding or "sailor's choice" has been indicated by flags from the tower or other notification by RC. Some laps may require or allow additional actions, as indicated by RC.

Scoring- the team which completes the most laps within the time limit is superior and shall be named Champions. The race may be paused by the race committee at any time, with time deltas recorded upon stoppage. The RC may award time bonuses for various sub-competitions, and these bonuses shall be applied during restarts.

The GFU is a Fleet 495 tradition over 30 years old. Be safe and don't mess it up. Serious Sailing, Serious Fun!