

GSBYRA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Ladder Events

Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association encourages GSBYRA Full Member Clubs to hold eliminations and select competitors to represent their club at regional championships GSBYRA holds for youngsters and adults. Contact individual club regatta or race committee chairpersons about club schedules for eliminations. GSBYRA encourages Full Member Clubs to volunteer as a host venue for a regional GSBYRA Championship through a club Delegate request to GSBYRA during fall scheduling meetings.

Competitors and host clubs should check the official updated GSBYRA Championship schedule on the home page at gsbyra.org, where Championship Entry Forms and Notices of Race are linked to be downloaded. Questions about all GSBYRA Championships should be directed to the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator.

Winners of GSBYRA Championships are committed to advance and represent GSBYRA at Area B Championships, and are committed to advance to US SAILING National Championships if they win Area B. GSBYRA provides financial assistance for GSBYRA Championship winners to advance. [Read complete details in the GSBYRA Policy of Financial Assistance for Winners of GSBYRA Events to Advance.](#)

Area B Championship locations rotate among the Regional Sailing Associations of Central New York YRA, Eastern Connecticut SA, Eastern Long Island SA, GSBYRA, Hudson River YRA, YRA of Long Island Sound, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Area B as a geographical division of US SAILING advances winners to compete at the US SAILING National Championships that rotate locations among the eleven geographic Areas.

Eligibility & Conditions to Enter Championships

Eligibility decisions of the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator are final and not subject to appeal, per RRS 70.4a. Skipper and helmsman shall be the same person. A competitor may only sail in the elimination for the area in which he or she resides or regularly competes. Each competitor sailing club shall be located within the geographical borders of the area conducting the eliminations. Competitors, including alternates at the GSBYRA championships must:

- be members of US SAILING and members of the GSBYRA Full Member Club they represent.

- meet age and gender requirements for championships at all levels.

- bring and compete in GSBYRA designated boats listed in the schedule. All triple-handed GSBYRA teams must bring a club owned Flying Scot or charter a GSBYRA owned Flying Scot, and must use GSBYRA owned suits of sails. GSBYRA owns 2 Flying Scots for charter, charges a \$100 fee for charter, and requires a separate \$250 damage deposit check payable to GSBYRA.

- Orr and Picken midget competitors may be female or male and cannot have reached their 15th birthday during the calendar year. Each club is allowed 2 entries for the GSBYRA Orr and 2 entries for the GSBYRA Picken Championships.

- Shinnecock, Patin, and Gulden junior competitors must have reached their 13th but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year. Each club is allowed unlimited entries for the GSBYRA Shinnecock single-handed championship. Each club is allowed one team entry for the GSBYRA Patin double-handed championship. Each club is allowed one team entry for the Gulden triple-handed championship.

- Westin single-handed competitors may be female or male and at least age 16. Each club is allowed unlimited entries.

Each club is allowed one team entry for the Fenner, Furman Match Race, and Morgan Championships. Additionally the defending Fenner, Furman, and Morgan Champions may compete.

- Fenner competitors must be at least age 18 and the helmsman must be male, while other members may be female or male.

- Furman interclub match race competitors have no age or gender restrictions and the skipper/helmsman must be a member of the club represented. Crew may be from any GSBYRA club. The GSBYRA winner must submit a resume to be eligible to advance.

- Morgan competitors must be female and age 18 or over in the calendar year of the event, except for one crew member, who is not the skipper and may be age 15 or older in the calendar year of the event.

Championship Host and Venue

GSBYRA is the organizing authority for GSBYRA Championships. A GSBYRA Championship Coordinator and GSBYRA Officers oversee and must approve all championship Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions. GSBYRA provides all entry forms and Notices of Race on its website. The Notices of Race list specific eligibility requirements and state that all championship competitors:

- must furnish and wear their own US Coast Guard or Canadian Department of Transportation approved PFD/life jacket while on the water, other than for brief periods of time while adding or removing clothing.

- are permitted to take aboard a compass, flags, sponge, plastic bailer, personal effects, normally equipped ditty bag, and buckets for setting spinnakers at all levels. Other rigging or equipment is not permitted.

Sailing Instructions approved by the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator and GSBYRA Officers are provided at registration for the event by the host club and must include the following:

- The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply and each boat's score will be the total of her scores in all races. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

- Start time, start system and signals used.
- Courses to be sailed and how they are identified.

- There is no right to appeal, per RRS 70.4a.

Clubs that are members of GSBYRA volunteer as host venue for GSBYRA Championships and must conduct championship races in accordance with GSBYRA approved Sailing Instructions and the rules specified for eligibility and conditions. Host clubs provide:

- Race and Protest Committees
- Lunch with no charge
- Mark set and Safety boats
- Marks
- Signals
- Horns
- Reproduced copies of Sailing Instructions approved by the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator and GSBYRA Officers.

Host club Race Committee Chairpersons for each GSBYRA Championship must contact the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator at least two months in advance of the event to comply with responsibilities of the event. Race Committee Chairpersons must thoroughly check all entry forms at registration for legibility and completeness of the following information from every skipper and crew listed as an entrant:

- Full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Age according to date of birth
- US SAILING number
- Name of club competitor represents
- Signature of Flag Officer from club represented by competitor
- Entry fee:
 - \$30 per single-handed entrant
 - \$60 per double-handed team
 - \$60 per triple-handed team.

Race Committee Chairpersons must completely fill out one copy of the second page of the entry form upon completion of the championship. That summary page along with all entry forms, checks, and race-by-race complete results must be delivered to the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator. Thereafter, GSBYRA reimburses host clubs \$5 per competitor lunch.

Winners of GSBYRA Championships will receive all necessary paperwork to advance to Area B from the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator.

Results of GSBYRA Championships will be posted at gsbyra.org after the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator delivers a verified copy of the results to the GSBYRA Chairman of Website Information.

Questions about championships should be directed to the GSBYRA Championship Coordinator listed on the Executive Committee page of the GSBYRA yearbook.

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GSBYRA Policy of Financial Assistance for Winners of GSBYRA Events to Advance to Middle Atlantic Midget, Area B, and US SAILING National Events

Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association promotes participation in the following Middle Atlantic Midget Championships:

GSBYRA	Middle Atlantic
Orr Trophy	Mergenthaler
Picken Trophy	Great South Bay

and the following US SAILING National Championships:

GSBYRA	US SAILING
Shinnecock Bowl	Smythe Trophy
Patin Plate	Bemis Trophy
Gulden Trophy	Sears Trophy
Westin Trophy	O'Day Trophy
Fenner Bowl	Mallory Cup
Morgan Trophy	Adam's Trophy
George Furman	Prince of Wales

The finances to provide support for GSBYRA Championship winners to advance to Middle Atlantic Midget Championships, Area B Championships or to US SAILING National Championships are derived from the entry fees paid by each Member Club for its entrants into GSBYRA events. These collected fees are segregated into a separate account to cover future expenditures.

GSBYRA is obligated to provide trophies on a rotating basis with the other invited organizations for the Midget Challenge. GSBYRA provides the trophies for 2008.

GSBYRA commits to pay the following expenses and fees for the GSBYRA entrant who qualifies by sailing in the GSBYRA elimination event to participate in the next level

event, either the Middle Atlantic Midget or the Area B Championship:

- Entree fees to that level event,
- Damage deposit to that level event,
- Boat charter fee if applicable,
- Borrowed boat insurance, and
- Incidental fees charged at that level.

Some Area B and Middle Atlantic Midget events are open to permit the Associations to send two or more entrants to the event. They are subject to change annually, and GSBYRA continues to support only its number one qualifying entrant who sails in the qualifying GSBYRA event. Additional Area B Championship entrants and additional midgets from GSBYRA that qualify and are subsequently invited to participate in the Midget Challenge at the US Coast Guard Academy, when invited to participate, do so at the entrants own expense, and receive no financial support from GSBYRA. If GSBYRA decides it has sufficient reserves to support a second team, that team shall only be one that qualifies by entry through their club and that pays the required entry fees and participates in the qualifying GSBYRA event.

GSBYRA commits to pay the following expenses and fees for the GSBYRA entrant who qualifies by sailing in the GSBYRA elimination event to participate in the US SAILING National Championship event:

- Airfare (coach) to the National event,
- Entree fees to the National event,
- Damage deposit to National event,
- Boat charter fee if applicable,
- Borrowed boat insurance, and
- Incidental fees charged by the event.

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US SAILING Membership

The United States Sailing Association at www.ussailing.org/membership/ offers several membership levels.

- \$25 per year Youth
- \$60 per year Adult
- \$110 for 2 years Adult
- \$145 for 3 years Adult
- \$90 per year Family
- \$156 for 2 years Family
- \$215 for 3 years Family

Membership in US SAILING supports programs and services the national governing body of sailing provides to promote the sport. US SAILING trains and certifies sailing instructors, judges, race officers and umpires; derives and implements the racing rules of sailing; and offers affordable insurance programs.

US SAILING members receive either *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or *Safety Recommenda-*

tions for Cruising Sailboats, discounts at the Bitter End Yacht Club and West Marine, on publications, accessories, safety gear, RIBCRAFT RIBs, and on entry fees at regattas covered by US SAILING Regatta Liability Insurance. US SAILING offers One-Design Insurance, Accident Medical Insurance and Death Benefit Package, and the Finance Package to individual members; and offers five insurance programs to member organizations: The Burgee Program, Regatta Liability Insurance, Borrowed Boat Insurance, Sailing School Insurance, and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance are available to Regional Associations, Yacht Clubs, Sailing Clubs, and Sailing Organizations (Community Sailing, Fleets, Class Associations, High School and/or Collegiate programs, etc.). The Golden Anchor Program with reduced rates for participants is available to groups.



Race Officials

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