

## **GVMYC Regatta Competitor Guidelines**

Competitors must complete, sign, and hand in the Entry Form before the beginning of the first race.

Competitors must remain in the control area during a race. Skippers, not competing in a race must remain out of the control area, and their boats must remain off the course.

Competitors are expected to abide by and help enforce the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013 – 2016, including Appendix E, and the Sailing Instructions, and are expected to exhibit fair sportsmanship at all times.

Competitors are obligated to the rest of the fleet to protest a boat when that boat violates a rule. The protested boat then must complete a 360 as soon as possible without interfering with other boats. Other boats may not intentionally interfere with a boat taking a penalty turn.

If the protested skipper believes he has not violated a rule, and does not take a penalty turn, that skipper must prove to the protest committee that he did not violate the rule, or be disqualified from that race. The protest committee will meet immediately after the race in question.

The I Flag Rule, Rule 30.1 is in effect. If you are over the start line early, you must sail around the end of the start line and restart.

The start line and the finish line are on the course side of the start/finish marks.

There is no incidental contact. A boom or a sail brushing another boat or a mark is considered contact.