

Sailing Instruction's (SI's)
Gold Rush Regatta
September 9th and 10th 2017

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).

2. Rules

- o The 2017 - 2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, these sailing instructions and applicable class rules except for any of those that are altered by these sailing instructions will govern the races.

3. Entry

- o Participants may enter by registering with the GSC prior to 08:00 on September 9th 2017.

4. Handicaps

- o Handicaps for boats will be based on the PHRF handicapping system.

5. Notice to Competitors

- o Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Bulletin Board located at the GSC office.

6. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- o Any change in the sailing instructions will be approved by the Regatta Chairman and posted before 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of the races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

7. Schedule

- o **Saturday September 9th, 2017**

09:30 hrs • Skipper's Meeting

11:00 hrs • First warning signal for race 1. (Additional races to follow)

Lunch on the water; (lunch is not provided, be sure to bring your own)

- o **Sunday September 10th, 2017**

10:00 hrs • First warning signal for Race 1.

Additional races may follow.

13:00 hrs • No start warning signal will be made after 13:00 on Sunday

Following Racing • Refreshments, Lunch and Trophy presentation will be on Sunday as soon as possible after racing

8. Signals made ashore

- o Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official race board outside the GSC office.
- o In case of Postponement - The first warning will be signaled not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies the RRS- Race Signals.

9. Class (Fleet) Flags

- o The Class (Fleet) flags will be numeral pennants. One numeral pennant will be used for each Class.
- o Assignment of boats to Classes (Fleets) will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at Skippers Meeting.
- o Classes (Fleets) will be determined by the race administrator using PHRF ratings, displacement, and/or one design rules. The goal is to have similar boats racing against similar boats.

10. Racing Area

- o The racing area will be the waters of Lake Grapevine.

11. Courses

- o See attachment A for courses that may be used.
- o The course board shall display:
 - Course to be sailed
 - Heading to windward mark.
 - “Offset” will be noted if an offset mark is to be used at the windward mark. The offset is a small redish orange sphere.
- o The mid-leg start/finish line is proscribed: Except when crossing to finish, any boat crossing the start/finish line after starting, shall be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - o A boat may absolve itself from the penalty for crossing the restricted line by passing the string test for sailing a proper course (RRS28.1) or by,
 - o Making a 720 turn as soon as possible after the infraction.

13. Marks

- o Marks of the Race Course will be large orange inflatable spheres.
- o A Change of course mark will be a large orange sphere with white tape around it.
- o When, in a subsequent change of course, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
 - An **offset mark at windward** may be used and will be identified on the course board; “**offset**”. The offset is a small redish orange sphere.
- o All marks will be left to port except in the case of leeward gates (see attachment A)

14. The Start

- o The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat and a small red (“hippity-hop”) sphere on the port side of the committee boat.
- o A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.
- o Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, which is defined as 100 yards from the starting line.

15. Recalls

- o Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Race Committee may hail the sail number or make of the recalled boat on VFH channel 68.
- o The following shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
 - Failure of a boat to receive recall broadcast
 - Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast recalls
 - A boat’s position in the sequence of the recall broadcast

16. Retirement

- A boat which retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee prior to leaving the course area, or if that is not possible, immediately report to or leave a message at 203-829-4867 after arriving ashore.

17. Finish

- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and a red (“hippity-hop”) sphere.

18. Time Limit

- Any race in which no boat reaches **the first mark within one hour** shall be abandoned for that fleet.
- The time limit for each race shall be three (3) hours.

19. Protests

- A yacht intending to lodge a protest must notify the race committee before leaving the racecourse.
- Protests shall be written on forms available at the GSC office, and lodged with the Protest Committee’s Representative within one half hour (30 minutes) after the Race Committee Boat docks with a horn signal.
- Protest notices will be posted within 15 minutes after the protest time limit expires.
- The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt A.S.A.P.

20. Scoring

- The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- A boat’s score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- One (1) race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

21. Trophies

- Trophies will be awarded for the following fleet size:
 - 3 boats: 1 trophy
 - 4-6 boats: 2 trophies
 - 7 boats-up: 3 trophies

22. Check-in / Safety

- Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hail the boat’s sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. The penalty for failing to do so will result in a 20% penalty to the boat’s best race of that day.

23. Radio

- Please monitor **VHF Channel 68** while racing.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25. Insurance

- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.