



# Notice of Race

## Grapevine Sailing Club

### Fall Series 2021

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).
2. Rules: This Race shall be governed by:
  - a. The 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association ([www.ussailing.com/competition](http://www.ussailing.com/competition)),
  - b. Applicable class rules except for any of those that are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
3. Eligibility:
  - a. Series races are open to all GSC members in good standing who have achieved this status prior to the skippers' meeting. Series registration is available only online at the GSC website; <http://grapevinesailing.org/>
  - b. Non-GSC members may participate in one series per year.
  - c. Single Race entry: A skipper may participate in a single series race by registering before the scheduled race at the GSC office at Scott's Landing Marina. Single Race entries will not be scored in the series.
  - d. The Season Ticket will cover all 2021 series racing, including Long Distance / Fun Themed Races races.
  - e. Season Pass Check-in:
    - i. It is **highly recommended** that a Season Pass holder check their registration for each series event and adjust any declarations as necessary. Failure to do so and racing with a non-declared inventory will result in disqualification.
4. Fleets and Handicapping
  - a. Handicaps:
    - i. Handicaps for boats will be based on the PHRF handicapping system.
    - ii. Handicap fleets will be formed on the basis of PHRF rating and displacement. Provisional ratings will be given no later than the Skippers Meeting to boats which do not have a current GSC PHRF rating.
    - iii. All declaration shall be made before the end of the Skippers meeting
    - iv. Three (3) or more one-design boats may sail as a fleet.
  - b. Fleet Assignments
    - i. Boats will be assigned to a fleet by the Race Captain and will be announced at the skippers' meeting. Fleet Flags will be announced at the skippers meeting.
    - ii. Requests to participate in Fleet 7 (Beginner Fleet) will be confirmed by the Race Captain
    - iii. All Fleet 7 boats will fly a yellow flag conspicuously, on either their backstay or other location towards the stern of the boat.

- iv. Fleet 7 participants may request advice from the Race Committee and other boats as needed without penalty, as long as the request does not interfere with race management or safe operation of the boats.
- v. Race Committee will start Fleet 7 independently once all other fleets have started.
- vi. Racers in Fleet 7 will maintain 2 boat lengths distance from other racers.
- vii. Race Committee reserves the right to finish Fleet 7 boats in place where needed.
- viii. Fleet 7 racers may be required to attend a skippers meeting before or after racing in order to participate in the next race.

5. Schedule of Events

- a. Skipper's meeting 11:00am at Scott's Landing Marina on Day 1 Only.
- b. Race dates for the Fall Series (Saturdays with a first warning signal at 1800):
  - i. Fall Race day 1..... 2 October
  - ii. Fall Race day 2..... 16 October
  - iii. Fall Race day 3..... 23 October
  - iv. Fall Race day 4..... 6 November
  - v. Fall Race day 5..... 13 November
  - vi. Fall Race day 6..... 20 November
- c. An End of Series Awards Presentation/Party follows the last race on day 6 (20 November).
- d. Changes in Schedule – Notice of any change in schedule will be:
  - i. E-mailed to all registered participants;
  - ii. Changed in the GSC online calendar [GSC Calendar 2021](#)
  - iii. Posted on the notice board at Scott's Landing. In the case of any discrepancy, times listed on the GSC Notice Board shall prevail.

6. Sailing Instructions:

- a. Sailing Instructions will be provided ONLINE at [www.Grapevinesailing.org](http://www.Grapevinesailing.org) and posted on the Notice Board.

7. Disclaimer of Liability

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta, series, or race entirely at their own risk. The decision to race or not to race is the responsibility of each skipper and not the responsibility of the Race Committee. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- b. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta, series, or race.

8. Further Information

- a. GSC Race Captain: Glenn Kimball, 214-717-1051, RaceCaptainGSCTX@Gmail.com
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