Girls Got Guts 2026
Notice of Race
Grapevine Sailing Club

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC) and the J24 District 14.
2. Rules: This regatta shall be governed by:
    a. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association THE RACING RULES OF SAILING 2025-2028.
    b. Applicable class rules except for any of those that are altered by the Sailing Instructions.
    c. (J24 D14 Texas Women's Championship Only) Competitors must also comply with the 2026 Notice of Overall J24 D14 Racing as well as the J24 D14 Notice of Race Addendum
3. Eligibility:
    a. Regatta races are open to all GSC members in good standing who have achieved this status prior to the skipper's meeting as well as Non-GSC members. Registration is available online at the 2026 Girls Got Guts website or at the Skipper's Meeting described below.
4. Entry Fees:
    a. To register online, go to the 2026 Girls Got Guts website - Entry Fee is $60.00. For J24 D14 Texas Women's Championship competitors, this changes 2026 Notice of Overall J24 D14 Racing Section 5 District 14 Registration and Fees.
    b. Entering after 11:59PM CST, October 14th, 2026, will be charged a $15.00 Late Fee.
    c. The Entry Fee for all competitors Includes
        i. Participation in the regatta and associated awards program
        ii. Complimentary continental breakfast for racers on Saturday
        iii. Complimentary Skipper dinner ticket before awards presentations ($20 value)
        iv. Complimentary beer and beverages following racing
        v. Use of a ramp for launching and haul out including mast hoists for mast stepping
        vi. Trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the regatta
    d. Note: Registration Fee **does not** cover regatta shirts, available separately. Additional meal tickets for Saturday's dinner will be available for purchase
5. Fleets and Handicapping
    a. Handicaps:
        i. Handicaps for boats will be based on the PHRF handicapping system.
        ii. All skippers, not specifically competing in the J24 D14 Tx Women's Championship or in another one-design fleet as established by the PRO, must complete the GSC PHRF Declaration Form, allowing confirmation by the club before the end of the Skippers meeting using the official form: PHRF Declaration Form (click to complete).
        iii. For J24 D14 Texas Womens Championship, all competitors will race J24 One-Design Racing (ODR) and be assigned a specific fleet below.
    b. Fleet Assignments
        i. There are three fleets for 2026 Girls Got Guts Regatta
            1. Fleet 1 - All Women Fleet
            2. Fleet 2 - Women At The Helm Fleet (co-ed crews allowed, female at the helm for entire regatta including race starts)
            3. Fleet 3 - J24 ODR Fleet (J24 D14 Tx Women's Championship, Women At The Helm)
        ii. Boats will be assigned per applicable fleet with final determination authorized by the Vice Commodore and announced at the skipper's meeting. Fleet Flags will use numbered pennants based on fleet number (e.g., Fleet 1 will be Pennant One).
        iii. Two (2) or more boats may sail as a fleet.

iv. At the discretion of the Principal Race Officer, a one-design fleet may also be established if there are sufficient entries of a single class, not already identified. Boats assigned to this fleet will race under their class rules.

6. Schedule of Events
    a. Friday, October 16th, 2026
        i. 1630–2000 - Late Registration at the Clubhouse, launch assistance, and boat slip assignments
    b. Saturday, October 17th, 2026
        i. 0800 - Continental Breakfast
        ii. 0900 - Skipper's Meeting & Registration Closes
        iii. 1030 - First warning signal for race 1 with additional races to follow at the Race Committee's discretion. Lunch on the water (not provided, bring your own).
        iv. 1530 - No race start signal after this time. Awards ceremony and refreshments at the clubhouse at the end of race day
        v. 1800 - Dinner, Trophies presentation, and your favorite refreshments
    c. No more than Six (6) races are scheduled.
    d. Changes in Schedule – Notice of any change in schedule will be:
        i. E-mailed or texted to all registered participants
        ii. Posted on the notice board at Scott's Landing. In the case of any discrepancy, times listed on the GSC Notice Board shall prevail.
7. Sailing Instructions:
    a. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board, located at the GSC office window and ONLINE within the series racing documents on the 2026 Girls Got Guts website under 'Documents.'
8. Disclaimer of Liability
    a. Competitors participate in the regatta, series, or race entirely at their own risk. The decision to race is the responsibility of each skipper. 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 series or race.
9. Further Information
    a. Vice Commodore: Scott Scherer - (410) 212-8177 - vicecommodoregsctx@gmail.com
10. Sponsors
    a. Thank you to our sponsors for enriching our racing and club overall:

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