

Gold Rush 2026

Notice of Race

Grapevine Sailing Club

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).
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.
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 Gold Rush](#) website or at the Skipper's Meeting described below.
4. Entry Fees:
 - a. To register online, go to the [2026 Gold Rush](#) website - Entry Fee is \$85.00
 - b. Entering after 11:59PM CDT, September 9th, 2026, will be charged a \$15.00 Late Fee.
 - c. The Entry Fee Includes
 - i. Participation in the regatta and associated awards program
 - ii. Complimentary continental breakfast for racers on both Saturday and Sunday
 - iii. Complimentary meal for skipper & crew on Sunday before the awards presentation
 - iv. Complimentary Skipper dinner ticket for Saturday night
 - v. Complimentary Skipper regatta shirt, size chosen with registration
 - vi. Complimentary beer and beverages following racing
 - vii. Use of a ramp for launching and haul out including mast hoists for mast stepping
 - viii. Trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the regatta
 - d. Note: 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. All skippers must complete the GSC PHRF Declaration Form, allowing confirmation by the club.
 - ii. All declarations shall be made before the end of the Skippers meeting using the official form: [PHRF Declaration Form \(click to complete\)](#).
 - b. Fleet Assignments
 - i. There are six fleets for 2026 Gold Rush
 1. Fleet 1 - Light Displacement ($\leq$ 4,000 lbs, spinnaker or non-spinnaker optional declared at Skippers Mtg, not J24s, typically GSC Series Racing Fleet 1 racers)
 2. Fleet 2 - J24 (racing One Design)
 3. Fleet 3 - Medium Displacement (4,000 - 9,999 lbs, spinnaker or non-spinnaker optional declared at Skippers Mtg, typically GSC Series Racing Fleet 3 racers)
 4. Fleet 4 - C22 (racing One Design)
 5. Fleet 5 - Heavy Displacement ($\geq$ 10,000 lbs, spinnaker or non-spinnaker optional declared at Skippers Mtg, typically GSC Series Racing Fleet 5 racers)
 6. Fleet 6 - Windjammer (any displacement, main & genoa/jib only: non-spinnaker with no adjustment)
 - 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.

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6. Schedule of Events

- a. Friday, September 11th, 2026
 - i. 1630–2000 - Late Registration at the Clubhouse, launch assistance, and boat slip assignments
- b. Saturday, September 12th, 2026
 - i. 0830 - Continental Breakfast
 - ii. 0930 - Skipper's Meeting & Registration Closes
 - iii. 1100 - First warning signal for race 1 with additional races to follow at the Race Committee's discretion. Lunch on the water (not provided, be sure to bring your own).
 - iv. 1730 - Refreshments, Silent, and Live Auction
 - v. 1800 - Dinner, and your favorite refreshments
 - vi. 2000 - Silent Auction Closes
- c. Sunday, September 13th, 2026
 - i. 0800 - Continental Breakfast
 - ii. 1000 - First warning signal, additional races may follow at the Race Committee's discretion
 - iii. 1300 - No start warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.
- d. No more than Six (6) races are scheduled over the two days.
- e. Four (4) races are scheduled for Saturday and two races (2) are scheduled for Sunday, with a maximum of Five (5) races on Saturday and maximum of Three (3) races on Sunday, at the PRO's discretion to comply with the schedule.
- f. Following Racing: Refreshments, lunch, and trophy presentation will be on Sunday as soon as possible after racing.
- g. 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 Gold Rush](#) 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 - vicecommadoregsctx@gmail.com
- b. All profits from this Regatta will benefit the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat America course.

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10. Sponsors

- a. Thank you to our sponsors for enriching our racing and club overall:

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