Fall Series 2026
Notice of Race
Grapevine Sailing Club

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).
2. Rules: This Race 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. Series races are open to all GSC members in good standing who have achieved this status prior to the skipper's 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 for the series before the scheduled race online or at the GSC office at Scott's Landing Marina.
    d. The Season Ticket covers all 2026 series racing including Fall Series.
4. 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. PHRF handicap shall remain constant as documented at beginning of series.
        iii. 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. Handicap fleets will be formed on the basis of PHRF rating and displacement. Boats will be assigned to a fleet by the Race Captain and will be announced at the skipper's meeting. Fleet Flags will be numbered pennants corresponding to fleet number (e.g., Fleet 1 will be Pennant One - white triangle with red dot).
        ii. Three (3) or more one-design boats may sail as a PRHF fleet. Two (2) or more boats may sail as a one design fleet.
        iii. Requests to participate in Fleet 7 (Beginner Fleet) will be confirmed by the Race Captain.
            1. 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. Race committee reserves the right to finish Fleet 7 boats in place where needed.
        vii. 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. The Fall Series schedules 10 races in total - 5 race days, 2 races per day.
    b. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series
    c. Skipper's meeting 11 am at Scott's Landing Marina on Day 1 Only.
    d. Race dates for the Series (Saturdays with a first warning signal at 1:00pm):
        i. Fall 1 - 1:00 PM, Saturday, Sept 26, 2026
        ii. Fall 2 - 1:00 PM, Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

iii. Fall 3 - 1:00 PM, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026
iv. Fall 4 - 1:00 PM, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026
v. Fall 5 - 1:00 PM, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026

e. An End of Series Awards Presentation/Party follows the **last** race of the Series.
f. 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 (Click Here)
   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 posted on the official notice board, located at the GSC office window and ONLINE within the series racing documents on the GSC 2026 Fall Series Website under 'Documents.'
7. 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.
8. Further Information
   a. Race Captain: Tom Parham - (817) 454-6265 - racecaptaingsctx@gmail.com
   b. Asst Race Captain: Mike Hutson - (972) 946-2933 - AssistantRaceCaptainGSCTX@Gmail.com
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