Winter Regatta 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 Winter Regatta website or at the Skipper's Meeting described below.
4. Entry Fees:
    a. To register online, go to the 2026 Winter Regatta website - Entry Fee for this regatta is one unwrapped toy valued $25 or more per skipper and crewmember of each participating boat.
    b. The Entry toy for all competitors Includes
        i. Participation in the regatta and associated awards program
        ii. Complimentary breakfast for racers on Saturday
        iii. Complimentary beer and beverages following racing
        iv. Use of a ramp for launching and haul out including mast hoists for mast stepping
        v. Trailer storage/boat dockage for the duration of the regatta
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 three fleets for 2026 Winter Regatta
            1. Fleet 1 - Spinnaker Racers
            2. Fleet 2 - J24 One-Design Racers
            3. Fleet 3 - Non-Spinnaker Racers
        ii. Boats will be assigned per applicable fleet with final determination authorized by the 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.
6. Schedule of Events
    a. Saturday, December 5th, 2026
        i. 0800 - Check-In Opens and Complimentary Breakfast
        ii. 0900 - Skipper's Meeting and Registration/Check In Closes
        iii. 1030 - First warning signal for race 1. (Additional races to follow). Lunch on the water (lunch is not provided, be sure to bring your own)
        iv. 1430 – No race will be started after this time
        v. 1530 - Refreshments, Chile cookoff and Awards following last race (time approximate)
    b. No more than Five (5) races are scheduled.

   c. 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 Winter Regatta 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
   b. All profits and donations made from this Regatta will go to the military families stationed at Fort Sill in Oklahoma.
10. Sponsors
   a. Thank you to our sponsors for enriching our racing and club overall:

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