

2022 Valentine's Sailing Derby

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1. The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).
2. Rules- The 2021 to 2024 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, these sailing instructions and applicable class rules except for any of those that are altered by these sailing instructions will govern the derby.
3. This will be a non-spinnaker event.
4. Entry - Participants may enter by registering with the GSC prior to 1200 on February 19th, 2022.
 - Schedule for Saturday, February 19th, 2022:
 - 1200 - Registration Closed
 - 1300 - Required Skippers Meeting
 - 1430 - First Scheduled Warning Signal
 - 1635 - End of Derby on the Water (subject to adjustments)
 - 1800 - Card Tally in the Clubhouse
5. Notice to Competitors- Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Bulletin Board located at the GSC office at Scott's Landing Marina.
6. Changes in Sailing Instructions - Any change in the sailing instructions will be approved by the Regatta Chairman and posted before 1330 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of the derby will be posted before 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
7. Signals made ashore - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official board outside the GSC office. Code Flap AP, Answering Pennant, with two horn blasts (one horn blast when lowered) means THE DERBY IS POSTPONED. The first warning will be signaled not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies the Race Signals.
8. Check-in - All boats must check-in with the Committee boat while on starboard tack.
9. Starting - All boats start as one fleet. The start line shall be from the committee boat displaying an orange flag to the Start Pin (a red-orange spree set to port).
10. Recalls - Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the Committee may attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number or name of each recalled boat on VHF channel 68. The following shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62. ·Failure of a boat to receive recall broadcast ·Failure of the Committee to broadcast recalls ·A boat's position in the sequence of the recall broadcast
11. Marks - Red/Orange hippity-hop spheres will be used as marks

12. Derby Course - The course to be sailed will use the 2021 Valentine Sailing Derby Attachment 1. A magnetic heading to WW mark will be displayed on the course board prior to the start. During play, participants will sail a triangle course, each time they pass through the start line and committee. After a successful pass-through of the start/finish line, there will be a virtual card handoff and the sail number of the rounding vessel will be recorded on a sealed envelope containing random cards. The rounding boat will also be given the opportunity of guessing any one of four card suits (heart, diamond, club, spade) with a correct guess resulting in an additional card. All marks will be rounded to port. Each boat's cards will be revealed at the clubhouse following the derby.
13. Time Limit - This is a timed event, two (2) hours from the first successful start signal (fleet flag down) to finish or until card supply is exhausted. If any boat does not make it to the windward mark in one (1) hour the derby is canceled.
14. Retirement - A boat that retires from the Derby is requested to notify the Committee by VHF 68 or by cell phone.
15. Scoring - The idea is to get as many cards as possible. When the time limit has expired, return to the clubhouse to have your cards tallied. This will be done at 1800 hours. Cards cannot be given to another boat. The scoring method will be enclosed in an envelope (2022 Valentine Sailing Derby Attachment 2) and revealed in the clubhouse after all cards have been submitted and posted.
16. Trophies - 1st, 2nd, 3rd highest score.
17. Protests - A yacht intending to lodge a protest must notify the Committee before leaving the course. Protests shall be written on forms available at the GSC office, and lodged with the Protest Committee's Representative within one-half hour (30 minutes) after the Derby Committee Signal Boat docks after the conclusion of the 2-hour time limit. The protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
18. Disclaimer of Liability- Competitors participate in the Derby entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
19. Insurance - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

