

***Sailing Instructions (SI's)***  
**Girls Got Guts Regatta, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Grapevine Sailing Club at Scott's Landing Marina on Lake Grapevine TX.**

**The organizing authority is the Grapevine Sailing Club (GSC).**

**Rules**

The 2017-2020 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 races.

**Entry**

Participants may enter by registering with GSC prior to 0900 hrs on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Fleets and Handicapping**

Handicaps for boats will be based on the PHRF handicapping system.

Handicap fleets will be formed on the basis of displacement, PHRF rating, and One Design.

Provisional ratings will be given to boats which do not have a current GSC PHRF rating.

Three (3) or more one-design boats may sail as a fleet.

**Fleet Assignments**

Boats will be assigned to a fleet by the Race Captain and will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

**Notice to Competitors**

Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Bulletin Board located at the GSC office

**Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be approved by the Regatta Chairman and posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of the races will be posted by 2000 hours before the day it will take effect.

**Schedule of Events**

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

0900 hrs • Registration Closes

0930 hrs • Skipper's Meeting

1100 • First warning signal for race 1. (Additional races to follow)

• Second/Third Race for a fleet may be started when:

Every boat within that fleet has been finished or scored for the first race of the day and

The warning signal for the proposed race for any fleet may not be made

later than two and a half (2 1/2) hours after the first warning

signal time stated in the Notice of Race.

1630 hrs • No start signal will be made after this time. Awards Ceremony and party to follow

[TBD] in the clubhouse after the final race.

**Skippers' Meeting**

A skippers' meeting will convene 1.5 hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race of the regatta. The time for each skippers' meeting will appear in the NOR for the event and in the GSC Calendar.

All requests for PHRF Handicap Adjustment Must be delivered in writing/email to the Race Captain(s) and Race Committee prior to the Skipper's Meeting to be applied to that GSC regatta.

**Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official race board outside the GSC office.

In case of Postponement – The first warning will be signaled not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered. This modifies the RRS- Race Signals.

## **Class (Fleet) Flags**

The Class (Fleet) flags will be numeral pennants. One numeral pennant will be used for each Class (Fleet). Registration closes at 1000 on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. and assignment of boats to Classes (Fleets) will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1030. Classes (Fleets) will be determined by the race administrator using crew gender; i.e. all female (fleet 1) or co-ed (fleet 3).

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## **Decision to Race**

For all weather aps, the DFW Airport Tower will be used for weather determinations to calculate go/no-go chart. Water temperature will be the lowest number listed on [tpwd.texas.gov](https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/fishreport.phtml) for Grapevine Lake Weekly Fishing Report.

Races will not be started in less than an average of 4 knots of wind measured at the Committee Boat as determined by the PRO.

## **Racing Area**

The racing area will be the waters of Lake Grapevine.

## **Courses**

No later than the warning signal for the first start for the first fleet, the signal boat (aka race committee boat) shall display the course and the approximate compass heading to the first mark for each fleet.

All marks for regular series racing shall be left to port. Transgrape races may have port or starboard roundings.

The course shall be selected from the table specified in Attachment A. The course selected will correspond to the direction of the wind. A different course may be selected for each fleet.

The course may be shortened to comply with time limits. This modifies RRS 32.2. Race committees are encouraged to shorten ("stop a race", code flag "S") races to avoid ABANDONMENT caused by a time limit.

The start line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

A mid-leg start and finish line will be noted by placing an "M" at the end of the course description.

The mid-leg start/finish line is proscribed and is an obstruction: Except when crossing to finish, any boat crossing the start/finish line after starting, shall be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5.

A boat may absolve itself from the penalty for crossing the restricted line by passing the string test for sailing a proper course (RRS28.1) or by making a 720° turn as soon as possible after the infraction.

**The mid-leg start/finish line is proscribed:** except when crossing to finish, any boat crossing the start/finish line after starting will be scored DNF. A boat may be exonerated by unwinding. This modifies RRS 63.1 and A5.

## **Marks**

Windward (W), Leeward (L) and reaching marks will be red/orange buoys.

The start and finish marks will be red/orange buoys

The L mark may be a gate.

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## **Course Board**

The course board will display course description (taken from Attachment A) to sail for each fleet.

The course board will display the magnetic heading to the first mark.

The course board at minimum will display "offset" if an offset mark is set.

## **Check-in**

Before a boat starts their first race of the day, the skipper shall sail by the signal boat (aka race committee boat) on starboard, announce his/her sail number and say "checking-in".

The race committee is instructed to acknowledge each hail and record each check-in.

## **The Start**

Races will be started by using RRS 26.

The starting line will be between the orange flag of the race committee boat and a red/orange mark.

Keep clear of the starting line: Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, which is defined as fifty (50) yards from the starting line and its extensions.

The order of fleet starts will be determined by flags.

The race committee may make several brief sound signals (courtesy warning) approximately one (1) minute before the first warning signal for the first sequence.

Rolling starts: The race committee is instructed to use rolling starts where the start signal for a fleet starting is the warning signal for the next fleet. However, the race committee may break the sequence (for any reason deemed necessary) by not hoisting the fleet flag for the next start.

### **Changing Course**

To change the position of the next mark the race committee will move the original mark to a new position or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as possible.

The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg although the new mark may not yet be in position.

Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated, without further signaling, to maintain a true course.

### **Shorten Course**

The race committee shall shorten course at a mark in accordance with rule 32.2.

The race committee may shorten course for individual fleets by displaying code flag "S" and the fleet flag(s) and by making 2 sound signals. (This means that several but not all fleets may be shortened with the same signal by displaying "S" with the fleet flags). This modifies RRs 32.2.

The race committee is instructed to make the line between the signal boat (aka race committee boat) and the Shorten mark PERPENDICULAR to the rhumb line between the Shorten mark and the previous mark.

The race committee is further instructed to position themselves so that finishers moving along the rhumb line from the previous mark to the finish line can cross the finish line by leaving the Shorten mark to port.

### **Abandonment**

After a start, the race committee may abandon a race by displaying code flag "N" with three sound signals for any reason (not giving signals at the proper time, a big change in wind direction, etc.) which could compromise the fairness of the race. The race committee may start a new race to replace the abandoned race.

A race may be abandoned for an individual fleet and will be signaled by displaying code flag "N" in conjunction with the fleet flag for which the race is being abandoned and by making three sound signals. This modifies RRS 32.1.

### **Time Limits**

The first warning signal of the day must occur no later than 1.5 hours after the scheduled first warning or all races for that day will be abandoned (no more racing this day) The Race Committee is instructed to give the "N" over "A" signal.

A race (for a fleet) shall be abandoned when no boat in that fleet completes the leg to the first mark within 1 hour and no weather leg less than 0.75 miles. The race committee is instructed to display the "N" over "H" plus the appropriate fleet flag(s). When more than one (but not all) race(s) is(are) being abandoned, the race committee will display code flag "N" and the flag for each fleet for which the race is being abandoned. This modifies RRS 32.1.

A race (for a fleet) will be abandoned when the first boat in that fleet fails to finish within 3 hours after the start signal for that fleet or, 5 hours for a Transgrape race. When more than one (but not all) race(s) is(are) being abandoned, the race committee will display code flag "N" and a fleet flag for each fleet for whom the race is being abandoned. This modifies RRS 32.1.

Any boat in a race, not Transgrape, failing to finish within 45 min after the first boat in her fleet has finished will be scored DNF.

Any boat in a Transgrape race failing to finish within 1.5 hours after the first boat in her fleet has finished will be scored DNF.

A Second Race of the Day - Time Limit: see Sec. 7ii

## **The Finish**

The finish line will be between the orange flag of the Signal Boat (aka race committee boat) and a red buoy.

## **Damaging Another Boat**

Any injury or damage inflicted by an offending boat (one without right of way) will cause the offending boat to be disqualified for that race and retired from racing for the remainder of that day. The damage must be recognizable and not superficial; e.g. a light paint rub would be considered superficial. This modifies RRS 44.1 (b)

## **Protests**

A yacht intending to lodge a protest must notify race committee before leaving the race course.

Protests shall be written and submitted to the race committee on forms available in the GSC club office within one (1) hour after a representative of the race committee has opened the club office to receive protests. The race committee will post the filing deadline on the racing notice bulletin board as soon as possible after docking.

## **Scoring**

The low point scoring system (RRS A4) will be used.

Ties for a series will be broken using RRS A8.1.

DNC - Did not compete. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the number of boats that came to the starting area and checked in for its respective fleet in that race. This changes the last sentence in RRS A9.

DNS - Did not start/DNF - Did not finish. A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one (1) more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

## **Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Co-Ed with Women at Helm (WAH): 2 trophies; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

All Women (WOW): 2 trophies: 2 trophies; 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta, series, or race entirely at their own risk. The decision to race or not race is the responsibility of each skipper and not the responsibility of the race committee. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta, series, or race.

## **Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **Further Information**

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