



# Vintage Gold Cup Regatta

Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, Michigan

October 1-4, 2025



Organizing Authority (OA) is Gull Lake Yacht Club (GLYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).

Hosted by Gull Lake Star Fleet

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES —

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). STCR 21, 31.3.3, 32 and 33 are modified or replaced as specified in Appendix A to these SI's.
- 1.2 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.3 Per STCR 34.3.1, RRS 33b will apply; leg length may be changed within the parameters of the Format being sailed.
- 1.4 STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

- 2 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** — will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS —

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside the Quarterdeck Room on the GLYC patio. The OA may post copies of Notices on the Yacht Scoring event page. Failure to post Notices on line will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2 Boats may be hailed by Race Officials by either Bow (if assigned) or Sail number.
- 3.3 Failure of any information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. Information gathered on any other VHF channel or RC communication channel shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the RC or the Protest Committee. These changes are added to RRS 62.1. The race committee will communicate on channel 72.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE —

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat while docked in its normal position.
- 4.2 When Signal flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 (one) minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 (thirty) minutes' in race signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES — Racing is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Oct 2	First warning signal	1100 – 3 races scheduled
Friday, Oct 3	First warning signal	1100 – 3 races scheduled
Saturday Oct 4	First warning signal	1100 – 2 races scheduled

No warning signal past 1400

- 6 CLASS FLAG** — The Star Class Flag will be a red star against a white background.
- 7 RACING AREA** — The racing area will be Gull Lake.
- 8 THE COURSES**
- 8.1** Courses will be in accordance with STCR 34, and specifically either Course 3 or Course 4. See Appendix B
- 8.2** In the event that one of the gate marks is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.
- 9 WIND LIMITS AND CONDITIONS** – RC will suspend racing if wind speeds consistently exceed 14 mph sustained for 2 minutes as measured at deck level on the Signal Boat.
- 10 MARKS** —
- 10.1** Marks 1, 3A, and 3B will be Yellow Mark Set Bots
- 10.2** New marks will be yellow inflatables. When a leeward gate is changed, only one of the marks will be yellow. Offset marks will be small orange inflatable
- 11 CHECK IN** - Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race of each day, boats are requested to sail astern of the Race Committee (RC) signal boat, while displaying flag L, to be recorded.
- 12 THE START** —
- 12.1** No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg. A gather signal (multiple sounds) may be used no less than 1 minute prior to warning signal.
- 12.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel or the course side of a starting Mark at the port end.
- 12.3** A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4 and A5.
- 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** — To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 14 THE FINISH** - The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark. This changes Race Signals – Blue Flag.

## **15 TIME LIMITS —**

- 15.1** The time limit will be two and one-half (2 1/2) hours for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored TLE in accordance with STCR 34.6.3. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5 and STCR 34.3.7.
- 15.2** If no boat has passed mark 1 within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and STCR 34.3.7.

**16 SPECIAL HAUL OUT FOR BOAT SHOW “Meet the Boats”** -- On Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, participant boats are expected to be hauled out and trailered into designated space on shore after racing. Boats shall be cleaned up and made presentable for the evening event of “Meet the Boats”. Skipper and Crew shall be near their boats during this 120 minute event which starts at 5:00pm.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS —**

- 17.1** Protest forms are available at registration. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2** The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the RC signal boat has docked after the last race of the day.
- 17.3** Notices will be posted on the ONB within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, or named as witnesses.
- 17.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**18 SCORING —** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each boats series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than five (5) races are completed. This changes RRS A2. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT –**

- 19.1** A change of helmsman will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2** Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Once a crew member has changed, the original crew may not return without written approval of the Race Committee.

## **20 PRIZES –**

- 20.1** Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 20.2** Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.
- 20.3** Daily prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in each race.
- 20.4** Prizes will be awarded for achievement in the restoration categories. See NOR 14.4.
- 20.5** Additional Prizes may be awarded at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

- 21 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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. See NoR 16.  
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 22 INSURANCE** — Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. minimum amount of coverage will be \$250,000.00

## **APPENDIX A**

1. STCR 21, Eligible Boats, this event establishes its own measuring and weighing rules (STCR 32 shown below
2. STCR 31.1.3, Crew Weight, is not in effect for this event.
3. STCR 32, Measuring, Weighing and Sail Controls, will be replaced with the following: There will not be a formal measuring or weighing of boats or sails. Each boat is subject to penalty if it is proven to be too light in weight by the OA. The boats will be visually inspected for general conformity to class design parameters and are subject to penalty or elimination if any measurement is deemed by the OA to be "out of bounds."
4. STCR 33, Measurement Certificate, will be replaced with the following: The event does not require a current Measurement Certificate.

APPENDIX B

COURSES

Course 3

Start

1

2

3 (or gate 3A-3B)

1

2

3 (or gate 3A-3B)

Finish (upwind)



Course 4

Start

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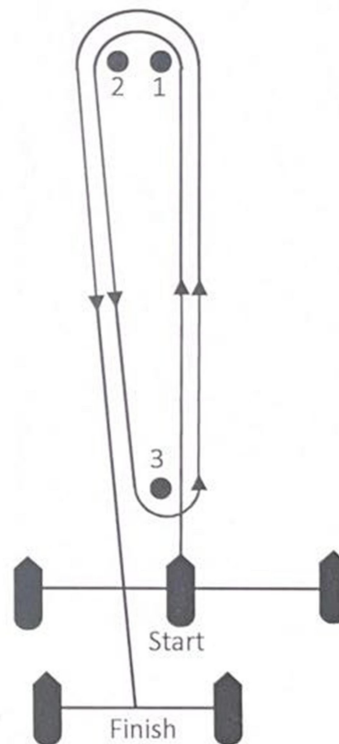
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3 (or gate 3A-3B)

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2

Finish (downwind)



End of Sailing Instructions