Star Vintage Gold Cup Regatta

September 30 - October 3, 2026
Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, MI

Notice of Race

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rule of Sailing (RRS) and the Rules of the ISCYRA.
1.2 The organizing authority is the Gull Lake Yacht Club, the Gull Lake Star Fleet, and the International Star Class.
1.3 US Sailing prescriptions 2025-2028 will apply.
1.4 STCR 21, 23.5.1, 31.3.3, 32 and 33 will be modified or replaced. See Addendum A.
1.5 RRS Appendix V will apply.
1.6 See Addendum B for compass instructions.

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 26 may compete.
2.2 Entries shall be submitted to the Vintage Gold Cup site on Clubspot.
2.3 Entries submitted after September 15, 2026 must be approved by the Organizing Authority.
2.4 Only competitors and crew eligible to compete under the World Sailing Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are eligible in this regatta.
2.5 Competitors are not eligible until all fees are paid and the measurement and safety inspections are completed.
2.6 Skippers and crew must be current members of ISCYRA.
2.7 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent. If competitors are borrowing a boat, the boat is required to be insured by the borrowed boat insurance policy available through ISCYRA which can be found at https://starclass.org/starclass/borrowed-boat-insurance.
The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance.

3 Advertising

3.1 Advertising will conform to World Sailing Regulation and the Class Rules.
3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising for the event chosen by the OA.

4 Measurement and Identification

4.1 Measurement and safety inspections will be performed at Gull Lake Yacht Club by regatta officials. Measurement and safety inspection must be completed by 1100, October 1, 2026.

4.2 Each boat shall display the sail number as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the regatta officials.

5 Communication

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Clubspot. As a courtesy, notices may be posted on the notice board located outside the Quarterdeck Room on the GLYC patio.

5.2 Boats may carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving Race Committee communications, including notification of OCS boats. For OCS boats, the Race Committee's failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.

5.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

6 Fees

6.1 The entry fee of $325.00 USD includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitation to social events for skipper and crew. Entry fees are due at the time of entry, but not later than the close of registration and measurement, and payable via credit card on the Clubspot registration site.

6.2 A late entry fee of $50.00 USD will be assessed entries received after September 15, 2026.

6.3 Entry fees will be refundable per the following:

a) Full refund of entry only if canceled on or before September 15, 2026,
b) 50% refund if canceled between September 16 and September 22, 2026.
c) No refund if canceled after September 22, 2026.
d) Full entry fee will be refunded if the entry is rejected.

7 Schedule

7.1 Registration and Safety Inspection:

Wednesday	September 30	1000-1730	Gull Lake Yacht Club
Thursday	October 1	0900-1100	Gull Lake Yacht Club

7.2 Schedule of Races:

Thursday	October 1	1100	First Warning	3 races scheduled
Friday	October 2	1100	First Warning	3 races scheduled
Saturday	October 3	1100	First Warning	2 races scheduled

7.3 Social Schedule:

Wednesday	September 30	1800	Opening Ceremony and Taco Bar GLYC Pavilion and dry sail area Dinner included*, reservations required, cash bar
Thursday	October 1	1800	Cocktails and Dinner Gilmore Car Museum Dinner and Bacardi Bar are included*, reservations required, cash bar available for beer & wine
Friday	October 2	1800	Dinner and Auction Gull Lake Marine Center Dinner, Bacardi Bar, Beer & Wine are included*, reservations required
Saturday	October 3	1800	Awards Dinner GLYC dry sail area under the tent Dinner and Bacardi Bar are included*, reservations required, cash bar available for beer & wine

* Included for skipper and crew, additional reservations for guests available for purchase at registration

7.4 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

8 Venue

Racing will be conducted on the waters of Gull Lake, Michigan.

9 Scoring

9.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.

9.2 When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.3 When Six (6) or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 Vintage Boat

Performance Vintage Boat: This category includes any wood Star boat that has been restored to race with modern equipment, which may include hiking straps and aluminum mast and boom.

11 Launching and Berthing

11.1 Boats shall be at Gull Lake Yacht Club by 0900 Thursday October 1, 2026 until the conclusion of racing.

11.2 Depending on fleet size, the OA may impose haul-out restrictions.

12 Prizes

12.1 The series winning skipper and crew will be awarded the series perpetual trophy titled “Robert M. Boudeman Family Trophy” and the star class honor award of the gold wreath.

12.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.

12.3 Daily prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in each race.

12.4 Prizes will be awarded for achievement in restoration for the Performance Vintage Boat Category only.

12.5 Additional prizes may be awarded at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

13.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

13.2 Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boats to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

14 Rights to use Name and Likeness

14.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant to the OA and any event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, at their discretion any photography, audio, and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

14.2 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes rule RRS 62.1)

15 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available Tuesday, September 29, 2026 on the Clubspot website and at check-in for the regatta.

16 Key Contacts

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Addendum A

STCR changes (NOR 1.4)

1. STCR 21, Eligible Boats, will be replaced with the following: This event establishes its own eligibility by unanimous agreement of the regatta co-chairs.

2. STCR 23.5.1, Gold, World Championship: The Vintage Gold Cup has been granted special use of the term “Gold” despite not being a World Championship.

3. STCR 31.1.3, Crew Weight is not in effect for this event.

4. STCR 32, Measuring, Weighing, and Sail Controls, will be replaced with the following: There will not be a formal measuring, weighing of boats or sails. Each boat is subject to penalty if it is proven to be too light in weight. 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 “out of bounds”.

5. STCR 33, Measurement Certificates, will be replaced with the following: The event will not require a current Measurement Certificate.

Addendum B

Yachtsman are responsible for their own compasses unless previously arranged through Jon VanderMolen. The Race Committee will not be using the Vakaros Racesense program, however, sailors may use Vakaros for their compass, enabling them to ping both ends of the line.