Vintage Gold Cup Regatta

Gull Lake Yacht Club, Richland, Michigan
September 30 – October 3, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA) is Gull Lake Yacht Club 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) 2025-2028. 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

1.5 Changes to the 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 ClubSpot 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 The Competitor VHF Channel is 72. The RC will use the Competitor VHF Channel to communicate about racing, weather issues, safety concerns, and other actions where clarification may be helpful to the competitors.

3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats or is medically necessary.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat while docked.

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	October 1	First warning 1100 – 3 races scheduled
Friday	October 2	First warning 1100 – 3 races scheduled
Saturday	October 3	First warning 1100 – 2 races scheduled

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 Courses

8.1 Courses will be in accordance with STCR 34, 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

The RC will suspend racing if wind speeds consistently exceed 14mph sustained for 2 minutes as measured at deck level on the Signal Boat.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3A and 3B will be Orange autonomous marks.

10.2 Replacement marks will be Yellow inflatable marks

10.3 Routine movement of the autonomous marks will not be considered an Improper action of the race committee, so shall not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments of marks returning to station after being pushed away by a boat.

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 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 of the first leg. A gather signal (multiple sounds) will be made not less than on minute prior to the 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 and the course side of a 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

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or move the autonomous mark (or move the finishing line) and signal boats with code flag C and multiple sounds and display the new compass bearing.

13.2 When using autonomous marks: The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous location and up to approximately 100 meters to windward or leeward without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33

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 Mark 1 Time Limit: 45 min. Time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1.

15.2 Race Time Limit: 120 min. Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish.

15.3 Finishing Window: 25 min. Time limit for boats to finish after the first boat to sail the course and finish.

15.4 Boats failing to finish within the finishing window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A5.2 and A10.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

16.1 Protest and request for redress forms will be available at the registration desk. Protest and request for redress forms shall be submitted to the registration desk within the protest time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the RC Signal Boat has docked after the last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

17 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her races scored 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.

18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

18.1 A change of helmsman will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 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.

19 Prizes

19.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

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

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

19.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the sole discretion of the OA.

20 Risk Statement and Disclaimer of Liability

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 13. 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.**

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.

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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
1
2
3 (or gate 3A-3B)
1
2
Finish (downwind)

