

GSBYRA Grand Prix 2026 Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES:** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** may be given on the water by the Race Committee with Race Flag L displayed so that each competitor will be told of the changes prior to their Warning Signal with their acknowledgement of the changes. RRS 90.2 (c) applies.
4. **SCHEDULE OF RACING –**

The Schedule for Racing will be conducted as outlined in the GSBYRA Grand Prix NOR which shall be posted on the Notice Board of the Clubspot regatta page.

5. **RACING AREA** will be on waters adjacent to the Host Club.

6. **COURSES**

- 6.1 Courses will be announced at Competitors Meeting. Course Diagrams will either be on a white board or printed. (See Course Diagrams)
- 6.2 Changing the Course After the Start – Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. A leg of the course may not be deleted. (Changes RRS 32.2 and 33)
- 6.3 Target Time for first Finisher is 35 Minutes

7. **ROUNDING MARKS** are inflatable marks.

8. **THE START** - Races will be started using RRS 26. The START/FINISH Line will be between an Orange Flag on the Port side of the Signal boat and an orange flag on the Starboard side of a boat at the Port end of the line or a mark at the port end of the line. **(Competitors shall check in with the Race Committee Signal boat each day before First Warning Signal)**. The Start/Finish Line may be considered an Obstruction during Race.

9. **GRAND PRIX SUB EVENT INDIVIDUAL REGATTA SCORING**

- 9.1 One Race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- 9.2 Appendix A2.1 is modified as follows: When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scored. When 6 – 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 12 – 17 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores. When 18 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.
- 9.3 Boats failing to Finish within 10 minutes of the First Boat that sails the course and Finishes a race may be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired = DNF) without a hearing (this changes A5).
- 9.4 Boats that are DNC will be scored as Total Finishers +1.

10. **GRAND PRIX SEASON SCORING**

- 10.1 One Race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- 10.2 All Races Scored in each sub event are included in the Grand Prix Season Scoring.
- 10.3 All competitors registered for any single sub event shall have their scores included in the Grand Prix Season Scoring.

- 10.4 Appendix A2.1 is modified as follows: A boats series score will be the total of all her races scores in the series excluding her worst finish for every 6 races completed in all sub events. If 54 Scheduled Races are completed a boat's 9 worst scores shall be excluded.

11. SUPPORT VESSELS

- 11.1 Every boat sailing in the Grand Prix Shall be covered by a GSBYRA Sailing Coach.
- 11.2 Clubs are expected to cover their own sailors on each respective race courses. If you are unable to provide a coach on their course, you must designate a coach from another club to cover your sailor. This will be done at the competitors meeting. We encourage other clubs to combine if they do not have a support vessel available.
- 11.3 Support vessels must be equipped with a working VHF radio, permanent or handheld, an anchor and a first aid kit and follow all local laws. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all times while the engine is running.
- 11.4 Each Coach/Support Person shall register with the OA at registration.
- 11.5 In no circumstance shall competitors be allowed to sail without a designated support person on the racecourse.

- 12. HEARING REQUEST - The Race Committee shall be informed as soon as possible after a race by any boat that intends to protest another boat for an incident in that race. This changes RRS 60.2** Hearing Request forms either for a Protest or Request for Redress will be available at the Registration Desk and must be filed with the Protest Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee docking after racing. The Time of Race Committee boat docking will be posted at the Registration Desk.

13. SPORTSMANSHIP –

- 13.1 GSBYRA is committed to the highest standards of sportsmanship for competitors and coaches, both on and off the water. As you head out to the course, remember that you represent yourself, your club, and this association. Represent yourself proudly. GSBYRA expects every athlete-sailor and coach to: **Respect your opponents, Respect the Race Officials, Respect yourself, Compete honestly and compete safely.**

- 13.2 To submit a positive experience

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