



NOTICE OF SERIES

Objective: *The GL52 Southern Series 2025 is intended to encourage like-minded TP52 type boat owners, with a healthy mix of Amateur and Pro sailor crews, to compete in similarly configured boats under the ORC on a Time-on-Time basis in a group of buoy races that form a Southern Series.*

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 GL52 EVENTS is the Organizing Authority (**OA**) for the **GL52 Southern Series 2025 (Series)**. The GL52 EVENTS Technical Task Force (**TTF**) is an advisor to the OA.
- 1.2 The official notice board (**ONB**) will be posted on Yacht Scoring.
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16957>
- 1.3 Communication with competitors will be through the ONB and/or email.
- 1.4 On the water, the race committee (**RC**) will communicate with competitors on VHF radio as specified in the sailing instructions (**SIs**). It is the responsibility for each boat to have an operating 25-watt VHF radio with masthead antenna.
- 1.5 The OA has the authority to interpret the conditions governing the Series and also reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any boat in the Series or event of the series in accordance with RRS (rule) 76.1.
- 1.6 In the event of extraordinary last-minute circumstances, the RC may permit a change not specified in this NOS.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The Series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including:
 - a) Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to rule 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the Preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), and 76.1. shall apply. NOS Addendum A will be posted when US Sailing publishes the US Sailing Prescriptions for 2025-2028.
 - b) 2025 ORC Rule.
 - c) Current US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements (**SER**) Nearshore.
 - d) This **GL52 Southern Series 2025 Notice of Series (NOS)**.
 - e) The SIs for each event of the Series.

If there is a conflict between rules regarding the structure and scoring of the Series, this NOS has precedence. If there is a conflict in the running of races or scoring of individual events, or other racing related issues, the SIs for each event have precedence. This changes rule 63.5(c).

- 2.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule or request redress. This changes rules 60.1, 60.4(a)(2), and 61.4(b)(1). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes rule 60.5(c).
- 2.3 NOS 9, Series Scoring, changes one or more of the following rules: A1, A2.1, A2.2, A4, A5.1. Rule A5.3 will apply.
- 2.4 In accordance with rule 90.2(c), the procedure for the RC on the water to make oral changes to the sailing instructions will be stated in the SIs.
- 2.5 Race Signals and flags used by the race committee may be changed in the SIs.

- 2.6 [NP] Wind limits for Buoy Events: Minimum of 5 knots TWS to start a race and maximum 23 TWS sustained with gusts of 25 + knots as observed at local weather stations or by RC. Considerations to start or abandon a race include, but are not limited to, wind velocity, gusts, wind shifts, sea state, and current. These limits, and the decisions of the RC regarding any guidelines, are not subject to protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

3 ELIGIBILITY & RATING CERTIFICATES

To enter the **Series**, boats must meet the following requirements and parameters:

- 3.1 LOA Limit - Between 15.800 -15.860m.
- 3.2 TPS Limit - Less than or equal to 9.20m.
- 3.3 ISP Limit
- a) Age Date 2008 and before - less than 23.800m.
 - b) Age Date 2009 and beyond - less than 23.175m.
- 3.4 Draft Limit – Less than 3.765m.
- 3.5 Displacement Limit – Minimum 6600 kg & Maximum 7800 kg in Measurement Trim.
- 3.6 Water Ballast - Not permitted to be used.
- 3.7 Movable Appendage Limit – Single movable appendage.
- 3.8 Bulb Wings, DSS and Rudder Wings - Not permitted.
- 3.9 ORCi Handicap Limits - ***Under exploration by TFF in 2025.***
- 3.10 Stability Limits - ***Under exploration by TFF in 2025.***
- 3.11 Age Date Definition - ***Under exploration by TFF in 2025.***
- 3.12 ORCi Certificate:
- a) One (1) 2025 ORCi Certificate to be used for all **Series** events. Measurement data for this certificate shall be submitted to the Rating Authority (**RA**) by March 1st, 2025.
- 3.13 Each boat shall be adequately insured in accordance with NOS 13, Insurance.
- 3.14 [DP] Each crew member shall complete the online Liability and Media Waiver found on the Series website prior to as described in NOS 14, Disclaimer of Liability and Media Waiver.
<https://form.jotform.com/243155706724154>

4 SAILING CONDITION

All **Series** boats:

- 4.1 Shall race in the Sailing Trim Condition reflected on the boat's ORCi Certificate per NOS 3.12.
- 4.2 Shall race with Crew Weight not less that Minimum Crew Weight nor higher than the Maximum Crew Weight noted on ORC Certificate for the **Series**.
- 4.3 Shall while racing be helmed by:
- a) the owner or an immediate family member (parent, child, sibling, cousin, dependents, in-law), or
 - b) a World Sailing Category 1 competitor (who shall provide his/her World Sailing Sailor ID and have current - not expired – Category 1 competitor Status), or
 - c) an owner-appointed replacement helm, permitted only when the owner is not on board, who is the bona fide boat captain / team manager of the owner's boat without a history of helming in the Olympics, The Ocean Race or America's Cup.
- 4.4 Shall race each individual Event of the **Series** with same Crew, as declared on Yacht Scoring submitted by 1800 hours the day prior to the first scheduled race day of each event. A boat submitting her crew list after the deadline shall receive a two-point penalty. A boat not racing with the declared crew, except as permitted below, shall be scored as DNS for any race in which they are not in compliance.

- a) [NP] In the case of an emergency or special circumstance, a request for a crew substitution shall be made in writing to the RC and permission received prior to the boat leaving the dock. The substitute shall be similar in weight to the crew member being replaced and may participate in the sailing of the boat.
- b) Exceptions for the owner:
 - i. The owner may be transferred onto the race boat after the boat has left the dock, but prior to the warning signal for any race in which the owner will sail;
 - ii. The owner may be transferred off of the race boat after the boat has finished a race and cleared the finishing area;
 - iii. If the owner, who is declared on the crew list on Yacht Scoring, is not on board the boat while racing, they shall be replaced by designated owner substitute per NOS 4.3. A request for a designated owner substitute shall be made in writing to the RC no later than 1800 on the day prior to the first scheduled day of racing in each Event comprising the Series and approval by the RC is required. This designated owner substitute shall be similar in weight to the owner and shall fulfill only the roles on board during racing that the owner would fulfill and shall not perform additional or enhanced roles. The designated owner substitute may be transferred on or off the race boat by a support boat as needed to meet the crew requirements in NOS 4.4.
 - iv. If the owner is declared on the crew list, a boat racing without either the owner or the approved designated owner substitute, shall be scored as DNS for any race in which neither is on board the boat from the Warning Signal until finishing. Rule A5.1 is changed to include this NOS 4.4(b)(iv).
 - v. [DP] [NP] The protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than DSQ for a breach of the restrictions for the designated owner substitute listed in NOS 4.4(b)(iii).
- c) [NP] A similar weight for a substitute is considered +/- 10 kg. to the sailor/owner being replaced. Specific approval from the RC is necessary for a greater variation in weight.
- d) [DP] In the case of an emergency or special circumstance that occurs after the boat has left the dock, a crew member may be removed from the race boat by a support boat. The removed crew shall not be replaced by a substitute. A boat shall report the removal of a crew member to the RC via VHF radio as soon as possible. The protest committee may give a discretionary penalty, which may be no points, for each race in which the boat is not sailing in compliance with her declared crew list. That removed crew member may be put back onboard the boat when not racing with the specific permission of the RC.

4.5 Shall not use MHJ0, MHG, Flying Headsail, LRH, MHA0, FRJ0, FRG, FRA0, GS, IGS, or any other non-spinnaker staysail, even if rated with any of these sails.

4.6 [NP] Shall install a functioning Vakaros Atlas 2 race sense starting system for the designated buoy events. The mounting location shall be near centerline, just aft of the mast and below the Main Boom gooseneck with clear view to sky for GPS. The mounting position must be approved by the RC. Additional installation details and Login instructions will be distributed by Vakaros.

5 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are allowed subject to the following restrictions and requirements:

- 5.1 [DP] After the race boat or support boat departs the dock and until it retires for the day or finishes the last race of the day:
 - a) No transfers (including sails, gear, food/drinks) is permitted between the race boat and support boat;
 - b) No communications, data, video, vocal or visual signaling of any kind, or tactical placement from support boat or Non-Official Drone is permitted.
- 5.2 [DP] No Crew transfer is permitted between the race boat and support boat after the racing boat has departed the dock (except as permitted in NOS 4.4d).
- 5.3 [NP] In the event of an emergency, the race boat or support boat shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

- 5.4 [DP] Support boats shall not interfere with or inhibit the performance of any boat that is racing (including causing wake). Event support boats, as designated by the OA, are not subject to protest.
- 5.5 (DP) Any team choosing to use drones shall register with the RC and be designated a Non-Official Drone. Video (drone or other) or still photos from Non-Official Drones shall make this information available within a reasonable time to any team requesting this information. Non-Official Drones are limited to recording (still or video images) only in a "Drone Zone" defined as the Start area until two minutes after the start, Mark roundings (one-minute prior to first boat rounding until the last boat has exited the zone of the offset mark or the leeward gate), and Finish (one minute prior to the first boat finishing until the last boat has finished). All other areas on the course are deemed "No-Fly Zones". Official Event Support Drones are not restricted.

6 SERIES & EVENTS

The **GL52 Southern Series 2025** includes two (2) Events. The number of races for each Event will be stated in the SIs for that Event.

- 6.1 The following Events comprise the **GL52 Southern Series 2025** and shall be scored using the overall finish positions in each **Race** in accordance with NOS 9.1:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Organizing Authority</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Racing Days</u>
GL52 Pensacola #1	GL52 EVENTS	Buoy	March 20-23
GL52 Pensacola #2	GL52 EVENTS	Buoy	April 10-13

7 ENTRY & FEES

- 7.1 Eligible boats may register online at:

GL52 Southern Series 2025 <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16957>.

The non-refundable Entry Fee, payable to GL52 EVENTS, is:

- \$8,000 due by 2359 EST January 15, 2025.
- \$10,000 paid after January 15, 2025.

Payment by check or wire transfer (instructions upon request) to:

GL52 EVENTS, LLC
200 Monroe Ave. NW #500
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

please add note to all payments "Boat Name, Owner and Series/Events payment applies"

Entry fees include participation in the specific Series or Events, and contribution toward expenses, as noted, including:

- Race Committee and assets;
- National jury and on-the-water umpiring;
- Fleet Management;
- MarkSetBots, Vakaros starting system, and TracTrac (virtual live and delayed race viewing);
- Morning fleet reviews & briefings);
- GL52 EVENTS website, event photography and social media;
- GL52 Southern Series 2025 Trophies.

8. EVENT SCORING

Each Event shall be scored with ORC TOT method per below:

- 8.1 [NP] **Series** Event (Handicap selection per event OA/PRO per 52 Scoring Protocol):
- W/L 50/50 Five (5) Band (Low, low/Medium, Medium, Medium/High, High)

9 SERIES SCORING

Boats that meet the requirements in **NOS 3, Eligibility & Rating Certificate**, and have paid the Entry Fee in accordance with **NOS 7, Entry Fee**, shall be scored in the **GL52 Southern Series 2025**.

- 9.1 The **GL52 Southern Series 2025** trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest overall score in the Events listed in NOS 6.1 as described below:
- a) Rule A2.1 is changed to read "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of all of her race scores. No score will be excluded."
 - b) Rule A5.3 will apply.

10 VENUES

Events in NOS 6 will be held on Pensacola Bay. Course areas per the SIs.

11 COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward configuration using inflatable marks or MarkSetBots and will be fully described in the SIs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.2 is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 US Sailing prescription Appendix V2, Alternative Penalties, shall apply and will be fully described in the SIs.
- 12.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, may be added as an SI Amendment as a part of the protest resolution process.
- 12.4 The OA may publish SI Appendix UF describing the Umpiring system to be used while racing.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering the value of the boats racing and the type of racing. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons). The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND MEDIA WAIVER

- 14.1 **Liability and Media Waivers:** Each competitor shall sign the online Liability and Media Waiver available on the Series website and submit it prior to leaving the dock on their first day of racing in the Series.
<https://form.jotform.com/243155706724154>
- 14.2 **RISK STATEMENT:** Rule 3, Decision to Race, states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.**
- 14.3 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors and affiliated companies, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after as a result of participation in this Series. Attention is also drawn to USSER 1.02, Overall: Responsibility, as well as the "Liability Waiver" which each competitor shall complete and submit. By participating in this Series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the GL52 EVENTS website www.GL52series.com or contact GL52 EVENTS Fleet Manager Linda Lindquist at: 52fleetmanager@gmail.com.

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GL52 Pensacola #1 <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16958>

GL52 Pensacola #2 <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16959>

16 LINKS

GL52 Website <https://gl52series.com/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/gl52fleet>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/gl52racing/>

Linkedin <https://www.linkedin.com/company/gl52-racing/?viewAsMember=true>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs1ZIOXTIEubw4R1agBPIPQ>

NOTICE OF SERIES ADDENDUM A – US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

TO BE UPDATED AND POSTED when US Sailing publishes their prescriptions