CLUBSWAN 28 PRE-GOLD CUP
NOVEMBER 7-8, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The ClubSwan 28 Gold Cup will take place in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on November 7-8, 2026 and is organized by Lauderdale Yacht Club in collaboration with ClubSwan Racing and the ClubSwan 28 Class.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1.1. the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS),

1.1.2. the ClubSwan 28 Class Rules unless they are amended within this Notice of Race, in accordance with RRS 87.

1.1.3. The 2026 Nation League scoring system applies

1.1.4. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix for Inshore Racing, subject to possible amendments by class rules.

1.1.5. RRS 47 is in force (see NOR 20)

1.1.6. In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. (this changes RRS rule 63.7).

1.1.7. The races may be umpired.

1.1.8. The notation '[NP]'in a rule of this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

1.2. The organizing committee reserves the right to install on every participating boat a tracking or positioning device. The correct installation and use during the regatta, following the instructions handed out during the registration confirmation and the skipper's briefing, is the responsibility of the crew.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTION

2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the regatta website, prior to the event. No paper SIs will be available, this modifies Appendix "L" of RRS Preamble.

2.2. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The Official Notice Board will be available online at https://www.nautorswan.com/clubswan-racing/events/2026/clubswan-28-usa-event-gold-cup/

3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

3.3. [DP] While racing, except when requesting outside assistance, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the ClubSwan 28 class with valid Measurement Certificate and Measurement Forms.

4.2. The World Sailing Eligibility Code (WS Regulation 19) shall apply.

4.3. Skippers shall be a current member of the ClubSwan 28 Class.

4.4. Crew lists shall be submitted through YachtScoring no later than Wednesday, November 4th, 2026.

5. ENTRY FEE

5.1. The entry fees will be as stated for 2026 fee. Registered boats will receive a communication by the International Class Manager: clubswan28class@nautorswan.com

5.2. Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the OA. To withdraw your entry, please email clubswan28class@nautorswan.com

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20.

6.2. Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for business or products competing with this of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

6.3. Boats may be required to display advertising and bow numbers chosen and supplied by the OA.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. The scheduled time of warning signal for the first race is 11:00.

7.2. A maximum of 5 races is scheduled.

7.3. The race committee intends to run as many races as viable each day.

7.4. One race shall be finished by the class for the event to be valid.

7.5. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

7.6. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

7.7. No race shall start after 14.30 hours on Saturday, November 14th.

7.8. The OA and/or RC reserve the right to modify the program because of weather conditions or for any other reason.

7.9. The preliminary schedule is noted below. Further details on Social Functions will be posted on the event website.

Saturday, November 7th	08.45	Skipper Briefing
	11.00	Race Day 1
Sunday, November 8th	08.45	Skipper Briefing
	11.00	Race Day 2

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. Boats competing in the event will be subject to inspection before the event begins; random measurement checks will be set during the event.

9. VENUE

9.1. The venue will be Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale

9.2. The racing area will either be approximately 1 nautical mile north or south of the Port Everglades inlet, approximately ½ mile offshore

10. COURSES

10.1. The course will be shown in detail in the SI and will be a windward/leeward type of course.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. Rule 44.1 of the RRS is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

12.1. The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System described in Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply.

13. BERTHING/HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1. Boats whose entry has been confirmed for the regatta, will have a berthing place reserved.

13.2. [DP] All boats must be in the water by Saturday, November 7th at 08.00 hrs. Boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the OA.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Support boats shall register with the OA, filling the form available on the online Official Notice Board and will have to comply with their Class Rules. Any infringement to the RRS or to the Class Rules could be reported to the Jury, which could open a hearing based on 60.4 RRS.

15. COMPETITOR DRONES

15.1. Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones unless prior written approval by the organizer has been obtained.

15.2. The approval granted at sole discretion of the organizer may impose limitations on where and when to fly, with reference to any applicable Class Rule limitations. If granted, all federal and local laws must be followed.

15.3. At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the OA, race committee or jury when requested.

16. PRIZES

16.1. The following prizes will be awarded to overall finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

16.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA. Details will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) and any person or entity involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for loss, damage, injury or nuisances to people or things, both on the water or ashore, occurring as a result of taking part in the event announced in this Notice of Race, whether or not they are consequence of any proper or improper action of the OA and any person or entity involved in the organization.

17.2. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of dealing with strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in the weather, breakdowns / damage to equipment, manoeuvring mistakes, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance due to yacht instability and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

17.3. Competitors and their support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 (decision to race).

17.4. It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of registration.

17.5. Crew Waiver and Media Release for ClubSwan Racing & ClubSwan 28 Class: Each Owner and all Crew complete, sign and submit the online Crew Waiver & Media Release available on the Nautor Swan website prior to leaving the dock on the first day of racing: https://www.nautorswan.com/clubswan-racing/event-registration-form/

18. INSURANCE

18.1. Each participating boat adequately insured with current valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate considering the value of the boats racing and the type of racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

18.2. The responsibility to hold adequate insurance cover for Third Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons) is to the owners or the skippers alone.

18.3. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

18.4. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA, Nautor Swan and its partners for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

20.1. Recalling the Basic Principle that mentions: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing", we recommend the utmost attention to environmental protection in all moments that accompany the practice of the sport of sailing before, during and after the event. In particular, attention is drawn to RRS 47 - Waste Disposal - which verbatim states: "Competitors and their support people shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification".

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

21.1. The organisation reserves itself the right to change this Notice of Race. Any change made to this Notice of Race prior to the 7 November 2026, will be published on the event's website [according to RRS 89.2(b)].

22. CONTACT INFORMATION

22.1. For further information, email International Class Manager clubswan28class@nautorswan.com

23. SAFETY AND REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL

Anchoring on Coral Reefs, Hardbottom or Seagrass is prohibited under Florida law; Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to: Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals. Vessels flying a dive flag in the vicinity of the race area require a minimum 100 yard separation from all other vessels (and competitors).