



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB 2017 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club, www.gtyc.org

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** - The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), and the rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions.

2. **ENTRIES** - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) through Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing.

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

These posted changes may also be communicated to the competitors on the water over VHF Channel 69 prior to the 1st warning. The RC boat will display Code Flag "L" when a change has been posted and is to be communicated.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Will be displayed from the GTYC flagstaff and will be communicated to competitors over VHF Channel 69. If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call the Race Committee @ 883 5741.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

SERIES DATE & TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL

May 24, 2017, Sprint Race 1, 1710 hrs ; Sprint Race 2 1730 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

June 21, 2017, Sprint Race 3 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 4 1730 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

July 19, 2017, Sprint Race 5 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 6 1730 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

Aug 16, 2017, Sprint Race 7 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 8 1730 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

Sept 6, 2017, Sprint Race 9 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 10 1730 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - will be available at registration and posted online.

8. THE COURSES - Course shall be windward/leeward/ finish, with start/finish line placed a short distance to weather of the leeward mark. All racing shall take place in the South portion of West Grand Traverse Bay, Course Sheets will be available at registration and posted online.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except as modified below.

10.2 A total of 10 Races are scheduled. One race constitutes a series. After the completion of 8 races in the series, a throwout will be calculated removing a yacht's 2 highest scores within the series. After the completion of 10 races, an additional 2 races may be thrown out, not to exceed a total of 4 throwout scores for the series.

10.3 For this series a DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, DSQ, or RET shall score per RRS Appendix A, Section A9.

11. All boats shall be sailed according to the International Melges 24 Class Association One Design Class Rules.

12. **SAFETY** - Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC over VHF Channel 69.

13. **RADIO COMMUNICATION** - A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. VHF Channel 69 will be monitored by the RC and they will only respond to competitors who identify themselves.

14. **PRIZES** - Melges 24 Sprint Series awards will be presented at the GTYC Wednesday Night Awards Night!

Details to be announced as the season goes on.... All boats and crews invited!

15. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

15.1 - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, host club employees or volunteers, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, 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.

15.2 - The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

15.3 - The Organizing Authority, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this series.

15.4 - The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the series.

16. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

16. PARKING - Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building & at the Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Viridian parking lot north of the club is not allowed; the owner will remove unauthorized vehicles. Also, parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal and very dangerous and is not allowed. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.

End of Notice of Race