



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

2017 MELGES 24 SPRINT SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing.

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 Fleet 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

June 21, 2017 Sprint Race 3 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 4 1730 hrs

July 19, 2017 Sprint race 5 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 6 1730 hrs

Aug 16, 2017 Sprint Race 7 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 8 1730 hrs

Sept 6, 2017 Sprint Race 9 1710 hrs; Sprint Race 10 1730 hrs

7. THE COURSE

7.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward/windward with start/finish line a short distance to weather of the leeward mark. The Race Committee will use yellow pins for the windward and leeward marks. (For the GTYC Wed Night Race to follow, courses will be selected from Attachment A of GTYC Wed Night Sailing Instructions and/or discretion on the Race Committee)

7.2 The RC may also select a course by displaying Code Flag L, with the course and announcing it on VHF Channel 69.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started using RRS, Rule 26.

8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the start/finish mark for the course. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the start mark (i.e., the line may be reversed). The class signal flag will be red.

9. RECALLS

If an Individual Recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt to notify On Course Side (OCS) competitors over VHF Channel 69 or by hail.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the nearby start/finish mark. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the finish mark (i.e., the line may be reversed).

11. TIME LIMIT – All Sprint Races shall be complete by 1745 hrs.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Fleet Official Notice Board and delivered to the Race Committee Chair within Protest Time which will begin when the RC Boat docks and end one (1) hour later.

12.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practical, but not necessarily the night of the event.

12.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of a hearing in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.

13. GROSS MISCONDUCT

13.1 Verbal abuse of the RC and/or Protest Committee will be considered an act of Gross Misconduct.

13.2 When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

14. MEASUREMENT AND RATING All competitors shall sail in accordance with the International Melges 24 Class Association Class Rules.

15. SCORING

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

15.2 A total of 10 Races are scheduled. One race constitutes a series. After the completion of 8 races in the series, a throw out 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 throw out scores for the series.

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

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

17. 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.

18. PRIZES - 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!

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 - 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.

19.2 - 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.

19.3 - 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.

19.4 - 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.

20. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD, to compete in the 2017 GTYC Wed Night Series.

21. 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.