



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB 2018 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES NOTICE OF RACE

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

Race Chairman: Bob Clark, commodore@gtyc.org

1. RULES - The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20 (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the PHRF class (as administered by LMPHRF), 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.

2.1 FEES

2.1.1 Full Season Entry: \$250

2.1.2 Drop-In Entry: \$25 for first race entered, \$15 for each subsequent race entered. Drop-In registration may be made at the Bar at GTYC or by contracting the RC at race@gtyc.org. Drop-In registration is not available on YachtScoring.com

2.2 REGISTRATION — When registering on YachtScoring.com, please choose between Melges 24, PHRF Spinnaker, or PHRF Jib & Main (JAM). The Race Chair & Committee will then assign divisions in consideration of handicap rating, size of yacht, and consultation with yacht owners.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance and when appropriate on Yacht Scoring.

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 DATES & TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL

SPRING May 9 - May 30 1755 hrs

SUMMER June 6 - July 11 1755 hrs

NO RACE ON JULY 4

TWILIGHT July 18 - Aug 22 1755 hrs

NAN-C-JAY RACE, August 29 17:55 hrs

FALL Sept 5 - Sept 26 1755 hrs

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Will be available at pre-season Skipper's Meeting and posted on the official notice board and online.

8. THE COURSES - Courses will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer and will consist of permanent government marks, permanent club marks, and designated temporary marks described in the Sailing Instructions. All racing will take place in the South portion of West Grand Traverse Bay.

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 One race constitutes a series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, Twilight, Fall series. After the completion of a fourth race in a series, a throw out will be calculated removing a yacht's high score

10.3 The Wednesday Night Season Championship will be determined by a low point calculation of the point totals accumulated in the four seasonal series.

11. MEASUREMENT AND RATING

11.1 All competitors will use, or be assigned, PHRF Handicaps. For those participants who, at the time of registration, provide a LMPHRF certificate which still accurately represents the vessel's current configuration, their assigned rating will be as listed on the certificate (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker). All other participants will be assigned a rating at the Race Committee's discretion.

11.2 **ONE DESIGN YACHTS** shall be sailed according to their One Design Class Rules in order to receive the PHRF rating accorded to their design by LMPHRF.

11.2.1 ONE DESIGN CLASS RACING - Sections sailing as a one design class shall sail to their 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. AWARDS & PRIZES - The top three finishers for each sectional series (Spring, Summer, Twilight, & Fall) and the overall Wednesday Night Season Championship will be awarded at the end of the season Wednesday Night Party and/or designated club occasion. Additional prizes may be awarded in the course of the season at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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.

17. 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