



2026

GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Interlake Great North Regatta

August 21st & 22nd- WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY - TRAVERSE CITY MI

Organizing Authority & Host: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

Regatta Chair: Bruce Moore - Race Management Contact: Jordan Owen, jo@gtyc.org

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

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

1.2 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

- a) Race Signal AP – when displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced by 'thirty minutes'.
- b) 44.1– the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty', except a situation where RRS Appendix V1 will apply.
- c) App A2 - A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no throw-outs).
- d) App A4.2 – A boat that does not finish (DNF) a race or retires after finishing (RAF) shall be scored one more point than the last boat to finish in that race.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at the event page at <https://gtyc.org/regatta/DomUD4UfHa/#notice-board>. The same information will be posted unofficially at the GTYC clubhouse on the bulletin board opposite the heads.

5.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. *THE PRIMARY CHANNEL IS 69*

5.3 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flagpole and communicated via VHF Ch 69.

5.4 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in RRS. Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs. or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by rule 90.2(c) and displaying Flag L with one sound. Any oral changes will be posted on the ONB as soon as is possible. Competitors may request a written version of the change on the water.

4. SCHEDULE

Friday, August 22nd

1530-1700: Check-in

1700: Skippers Meeting: 1700

1800: Earliest Possible First Warning, up to three races to follow

Dinner at GTYC to follow

Saturday, August 23rd

1200 Earliest Possible First Warning Signal, up to four races to follow

1600 No Warning Signal Past This Time

Awards to follow

4.1 - Up to seven races are scheduled.

4.2 - Races will be sailed back-to-back with very little time in between. Stay close to the starting area when not racing.

5. CLASS FLAG — The class flag will be a red Interlake class flag.

6. RACING AREA — The race area will be West Grand Traverse Bay in an area defined from Government Mark Red 8, one mile to the East, and one mile to the South.

7. THE COURSE - See Attachment A for Illustration

7.1 - All courses will be four (4) leg Windward/Leeward.

7.3 The leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

7.4 - On the first and last leg of the course the leeward mark, if present, is not considered a mark of the course and may be passed on either side.

7.5 - All marks shall be left to port, except the finish mark which shall be left to starboard

7.6 - Course changes will only be made at the leeward mark. The RC will signal the course change with the Charlie flag, a whistle signal for attention, a flag which signals the color of the new windward mark (orange or yellow), and a display of the numerical compass heading to the new windward mark.

7.7 - The Windward Mark may be moved by the RC up to ten degrees without the signalling of a course change.

8. MARKS - See Attachment A for Illustration

8.1 - The windward mark will be specified by the RC prior to each race from the following:

- 1) *Green tetrahedron*
- 2) *Yellow tetrahedron*
- 3) *Orange tetrahedron*

The signal boat will post the windward mark color indicated by a flag of the same color and compass heading prior to the warning signal. The mark color will also be broadcast as a courtesy on VHF 69

8.2 - The leeward mark will be a *yellow inflatable can*.

8.3 - The start/finish mark will be a *4' orange cylinder*.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26

9.2 The earliest possible first warning will be 1800 hrs. on Friday and 1200 hrs on Saturday

9.3 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder

9.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange/white flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the starting mark for the course.

9.5 The signal boat may deploy a "stand-off" inflatable mark tethered to its transom. This mark is not a mark of the course. This buoy and the line attaching it to the boat are considered to be part of the signal boat.

9.6 The Rule 26 sequence may be preceded by a gather signal of multiple short sounds one minute prior to the 5-minute warning signal of the sequence

9.7 No starts will be signaled after 1600 hrs. on Saturday

10. RECALLS

10.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag with an orange stripe on the port side of the Signal Boat and the course side of the orange cylinder finish mark.

11.2 As a courtesy, the race committee may signal the finishing of a boat with a whistle. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcement or the timeliness of the signal. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

12. TIME WINDOWS

12.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 14.

12.2 The time limit for all boats is:

- (a) First windward mark: 20 minutes
- (b) First boat to finish: 45 minutes
- (c) All boats must finish within ten minutes of the first boat

12.3 If no boat in the class sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.

12.4 If at least one boat meets the requirements of SI 12.2 then a boat still racing at the time limit will be scored with points for 'Did Not Finish' and will be given a scoring abbreviation of TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Hearing request forms for protests, requests for redress, and reopening of a hearing are available at the Regatta Race Office of GTYC. Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the Regatta Race Office and shall be submitted within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is within 60 minutes of the Race Committee's return to the dock.

13.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

14. OPTIONAL PENALTIES - PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.

15. POST-RACE PENALTIES

15.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

15.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), but not less than two places. However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

15.3 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to a Race Officer (PRO or Race Chair) a written statement that she accepts the penalty and where and when the incident occurred.

16. SCORING

16.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply, with the change that there will be no throw-out for the series.

16.2 The registered boat, entered by the owner or named representative, is the party scored.

16.3 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A5.2 is deleted and replaced by: "A boat that did not come to the starting area, did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired, was TLE, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished."

16.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

17.1 Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.

17.2 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

17.3 Competitors are expected to always comply fully with Rule 2. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the organizing authority will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Verbal abuse of the RC and/or Protest Committee will be considered an act of Gross Misconduct. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).

17.4 Competitors shall not obstruct Race Management vessels as they conduct operations including setting marks, anchoring, and judging the start/finish line. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

17.5 Competitors shall not use VHF radio or text communication to interfere with or interject into race management operations by the RC. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

18. AWARDS

18.1 The top three finishers for the series will be recognized.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS (Signal Boat cell number is 231.883.5741)

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

19.2 **The primary contact in case of emergency is 911.**

19.3 The GTYC Emergency Action Plan is published as a document available online on the Official Notice Board

20. DECISION TO RACE

20.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

21. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD

22. CONTACTS

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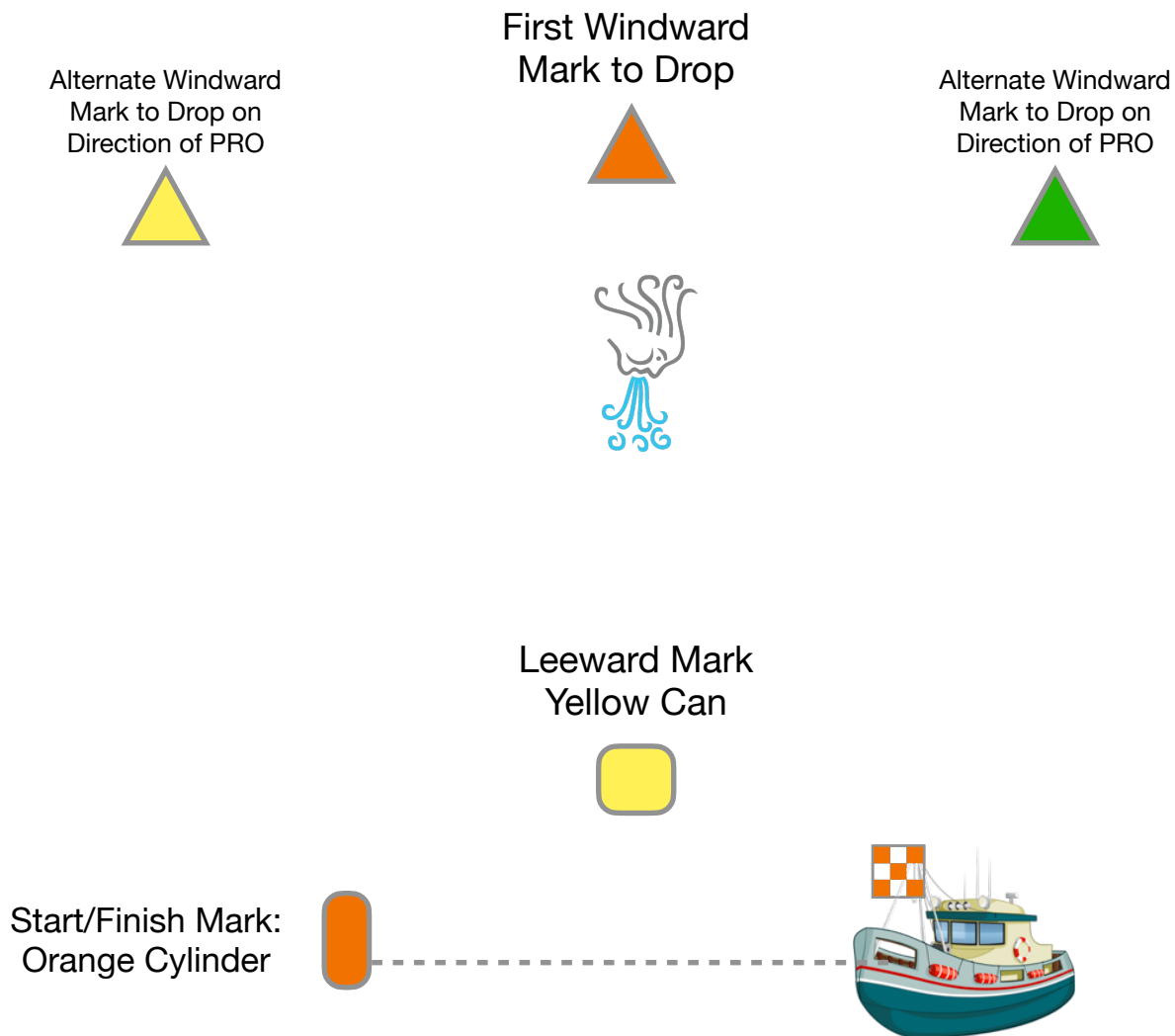
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PARKING - Availability of parking on the grounds of the GTYC clubhouse on Wednesday nights will be according to the standing GTYC parking policy. Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building, on Rennie Drive (the entrance road of the former Marathon tank farm) & at the Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Viridian Solutions building parking lot north of the club is allowed after 4:30 pm. Parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal and very dangerous. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.

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COURSE DIAGRAM: GTYC Three Mark System



General Race Communications: VHF Ch. 69

Change of Course at Gate:
Charlie + Color Flag + Heading Whiteboard + Whistle

