



2026 HOUND DOG REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL REGATTA

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

1. RULES

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

1.2 *RRS 44.1* is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'. This change will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1 The regatta is open to all sailing yachts. Regatta registration is online via the Hound Dog Regatta link at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club web site: <https://gtyc.org/register/regatta/sgRVhN7xeA/class>. For PHRF & Melges 24 competitors, entry forms, waivers, and fees must be completed online by 0900 hours August 9, 2025

3. BUOY RACES DIVISIONS & SECTIONS (SATURDAY)

3.1 Sections will be established based on entries and will be announced and posted at the skippers meeting. Divisions may also be established for similar and one-design classes. One design divisions will be bound by their class rules.

3.2 Entry accepted in 4 divisions:

- Hound Dog Division (HDD) – **Racing on SATURDAY ONLY.** Open to PHRF yachts sailing with spinnaker configurations. The RC will attempt to conduct multiple races windward/leeward races.
- Grand Touring Division (GTD) – **Racing on SATURDAY ONLY.** Open to PHRF yachts sailing in both Spinnaker and Jib & Main configuration. Up to three races will be sailed on Saturday, all being "bay tour" style courses. Spinnaker and Jib & Main yachts will be scored separately.
- Melges 24 Division (M24) – **Racing on SATURDAY only.** Call start, sailing windward/leewards only

3.3 *Handicap Ratings:* By virtue of entering into the Hound Dog Regatta, participants accept the Notice of Race. Entrants agree that the Hound Dog Regatta Race Committee and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club will accept PHRF certificates and have final interpretation and determination of handicaps for this event.

3.4 For yachts without a valid PHRF certificate, a rating will be acquired from the US Sailing PHRF Performance Handicap listing, and will be adjusted for our regional area.

4. ISLAND TROPHY RACES

4.1 Entry accepted in 4 divisions:

- The DICK BASSETT AROUND THE ISLAND EITHER WAY TROPHY RACE for **PHRF SPIN** class boats will be held on **SUNDAY.** The Bassett Trophy will be awarded to the best corrected PHRF time for boats who have registered and raced at least three GTYC events in 2026 in SPIN divisions. The RC may provide exceptions for guest boats

- The MARION FOWLER HALL TO THE ISLAND AND BACK TROPHY RACE for **PHRF JAM** class boats will be held on **SUNDAY**. The Bassett Trophy will be awarded to the best corrected PHRF JAM time for boats who have registered and raced at least three GTYC events in 2026 in JAM divisions. The RC may provide exceptions for guest boats
- Melges 24 Offshore Championship Division (M24) for **Melges 24** one-design boat will race "Around the Either Way" on **SUNDAY**.

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5. FEES – 2020 Hound Dog Regatta Guest Entry Fees

- Hound Dog Division \$50.00
- Melges 24 \$50.00
- Grand Touring Division \$40.00
- SUNDAY ONLY (ISLAND RACES) \$20.00

5.1 Yachts who are paid season series registrants for the 2026 GTYC Wednesday Night Series are concurrently registered for the 2026 GTYC Annual Regatta.

5.2 *Refund Policy*: Refund requests will be honored when submitted in writing to: Hound Dog Race Committee at race@gtyc.org prior to the beginning of racing

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Event	
Saturday	830	Registration Opens	
	930	Optional Skippers Meeting	at GTYC
	1045	GTD Race 1 Warning	
	1100	HDD & M24 Earliest First Warning	
		(no warning signal past 1600 hrs)	
	1300	GTD Race 2 Warning	
	1500	GTD Race 3 Warning	
		(no warning signal past 1600 hrs)	
	1700	Hound Dog Party	at GTYC
	1900	Regatta Awards	at GTYC
Sunday*	1100	First Warning for Around The Island Race*	
		(no warning signal past 1300 hrs)	
	1530	Around The Island Awards	at GTYC

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be provided at check-in prior to the skipper's meeting. They will also be available online prior to the Skipper's Meeting in the documents section of the event's clubspot.com page here:

8. VENUE

All races will be held on West Grand Traverse Bay, including north of Red 8 and around Marion Island (aka Power Island).

9. SCORING

9.1. PHRF fleets will be scored using PHRF time-on-time. Low point scoring (Appendix A) will be used for all classes. One race constitutes a regatta. For the Hound Dog Regatta, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.2. Sections will be scored at the discretion of the RC. No section will be scored with less than three entries

9.2. Melges 24 class will be sailed as a one design division. Low point scoring (Appendix A) will be used for all classes. One race constitutes a regatta. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. AWARDS:

First, second, and third place trophies for the regatta series will be awarded to each division. For First, Second, and Third place finishers in the Melges Division, **four trophy hats** will be awarded. In the Hound Dog Division and Grand Touring Division, **five trophy hats** will be awarded to the top three finishers. **Additional trophy hats may be purchased through the club by special order.**

11. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS #4 'Decision to Race'. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club, organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. 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.

13. IMAGE & VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS

More Regatta information visit <https://gtyc.org/regatta/sgRVhN7xeA>

Race Questions: contact Jordan Owen, 231.883.5741, (manager@gtyc.org)

Party or meal ticket questions: Chris Horvath, 231-499- 8574, (chris@gtyc.org)

info@gtyc.org or leave a message at: 231-946-9779.

End of Notice of Race

Around The Island Race, Sunday, August 10th – A race around Power Island will be held for PHRF yachts and Melges 24. All Hound Dog Regatta entrants are invited to participate. There is no entry fee for Hound Dog registrants. Separate NOR & Sailing Instructions will be published. This race is Race #2 of the 2026 GTYC Middle Distance Series.

Dockage: Transient slips may be available at Clinch Park Marina (922-4903), Elmwood Township Marina (946-5463), Harbor West Marina (922-3017) and Center Pointe Marina (922-1515). Visiting Boats can contact GTYC for transportation to the club, 231-946-9779 or on VHF Channel 68.