



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

2026 Around The Island #3: Counter-Clockwise

Pursuit Race - Saturday, September 19th

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

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, with Amendment #1

The notation '[DP]' in this notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).

Amendments to 6.4 & 6.6

1 - RULES - The series will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. 1.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty.'

2 – ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

2.1 - All sailors are welcome

2.2 - Event Page for Registration, Documents, Notice Board, & Results: <https://gtyc.org/regatta/yTMJWnHwjn>

(notices will be physically posted on the GTYC notice board opposite the clubhouse heads as a courtesy)

2.3 - If there are fewer than 4 entries prior to 1900 hours, Thursday, September 17th, 2026, the RC may cancel the race event. 2.6 - There is no additional fee for boats that are paid entrants for the 2026 GTYC Race

Program

2.4 - Boats not entered in the 2026 GTYC Race Program may register for an entry fee of \$15

3 - SCORING

3.1 - Boats will be scored as entered by a Time-on-Distance calculation based on their PHRF certificate random leg rating. If the boat does not have a valid PHRF certificate issued after 10/1/24, that boat will be penalized 6 seconds per mile

3.2 - The PHRF handicap for each yacht is taken from the base start time of 1200 hrs ("Zero Hour"). Start times are published in Attachment A, which follows.

3.3 - The order of finish constitutes the results.

3.4 – Monohull sections to be scored: PHRF Spin, PHRF JAM, and Melges 24, (if three or more Melges 24 participate, they will be scored as a one-design section; if not, they will be scored with PHRF Spin)

3.5 - Multihulls will be scored separately, with race results determined by order of finish, with the PHRF time-on-distance handicap taken at the start, and with assigned start times for each competitor

4 – SCHEDULE

Day & Date	Time	Event Location
Saturday, 9/19	1045	GTYC Committee on Station
	1200	"Zero Hour"
	1630	End of Race Window

5 - START -- This is a "Pursuit" race, utilizing a "Bermuda Start" sequence. Random leg PHRF time on distance ratings will be used to determine starting times (see Attachment "A") to apply the yacht's handicap at the beginning of the race. GPS Time will serve as the official race time. See "Attachment A" for start times, calculated based on the "Zero Hour" at Noon, which would be the starting time for a boat with a PHRF rating of Zero — if not listed, the Race Committee will inform you of your designated start time in their acknowledgment of your communication of the intent to race.

5.1. — The start will be a gate between two inflatable ball marks approximately .5 nm east of the GTYC clubhouse

5.2 — There will be no signaled sequence for the start

6 – COURSE (15.3 nm)

1. START - Traveling south to north, start between the two inflatable balls that form a gate approximately .5 nm east of the GTYC clubhouse

2. Red "8" to Port

3. Green C "7" to Starboard

4. Marion Island proper to Port

5. Red N "2" (Bassett Island) to Port

6. Red N "6" to Port

7. Red "8" to Starboard

8. FINISH - Traveling north to south, finish between the two inflatable balls that form a gate approximately .5 nm east of the GTYC clubhouse

7 - POSTPONEMENT & ABANDONMENT

7.1 — Procedure for Postponement of Starting Sequence — The Race Committee may declare a postponement in the starting sequence in one-hour increments if conditions do not allow for participating yachts to make sufficient progress on the course. The Race Committee will make an announcement by VHF Radio at 1045 race if there is a postponement. In case of postponement, start times will be delayed in one-hour increments. (Example: If at 10 am, the Race Committee declares a postponement, the start times will move one hour forward (if Yacht X has a start time of 1108, their start time would move forward to 1208 hrs) If the start sequence is not engaged at the 1000 hrs announcement, the Race Committee will make subsequent announcements every 30 minutes as to the status of the sequence.

7.2 — The race will be abandoned if no boat has rounded "N2" (Bassett Island) after 120 minutes from the Zero Hour.

8 - FINISH

8.1 The finish will be a gate between two inflatable ball marks approximately .5 nm east of the GTYC clubhouse

8.2 - Finish times, yacht ahead & yacht behind must be noted and available at the request of the Race Committee

8.3 - Individual finishes may be recognized by the RC with a sound signal as a courtesy

9 – SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

9.1 Will be communicated to competitors over VHF Channel 69. If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call the Race Chair @ 231.883.5741

10 – REGATTA CONTACT

Jordan Owen, Race Director, 231.883.5741

End of Sailing Instructions