



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

2022 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

FOR MELGES 24 YACHTS

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club, www.gtyc.org
Race Chairman: Bill Babel, race@gtyc.org

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'. This change will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES - Open to all boats that conform to the Rules of the International Melges 24 Class

2.1 REGISTRATION — Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) through the club's website at GTYC.org and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing.

2.2 FEES — Entry for the 2021 GTYC Melges 24 Season includes the Wednesday Night Series, Sprint Series entry, GTYC Annual Hound Dog Regatta entry, and the Around-The-Island Doublehanded Series entry: \$340.00

2.2.1 Drop-In Entry: \$30 for first race entered, \$20 for each subsequent race entered. Drop-In registration may be completed at GTYC.org or at the Bar at GTYC or by contracting the RC at race@gtyc.org.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance and on the electronic notice board on GTYC.org

4. 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 or text the Race Committee @ 231-883-5741.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES — Each Date is a Wednesday

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>EARLIEST TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</i>
Warm-Up Race*	May 18	1755 hrs
SPRING	May 25 - July 6 (6 races)	1755 hrs
SUMMER	July 13 - Aug 24 (8 races)	1755 hrs
NAN-C-JAY RACE*	August 31	1755 hrs
FALL	Sept 7 - Sept 28 (4 races)	1755 hrs

*non-scoring race

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Will be available by May 11th on the Yachtscoring documents page, at GTYC.org/race, at the GTYC clubhouse, and posted on the official notice board.

6.1 Changes to the 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 to the SIs has been posted and is to be communicated.

7. COURSES - Courses will be windward/leewards at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer and will consist of permanent government marks, permanent club marks, and/or designated temporary marks described in the Sailing Instructions. All racing will take place in the south portion of West Grand Traverse Bay.

8. SCORING

8.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A and RRS Appendix A9 , "*Race Scores In A Series Longer Than A Regatta*", will apply.

8.2 One race constitutes a series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, & Fall seasonal series. After the completion of a fourth race in a seasonal series, a throwout will be calculated removing a yacht's highest score. A second throwout will be scored after eight races.

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

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

10. 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. As a courtesy, communications may be repeated by text to the registered mobile phone numbers provided by competitors.

11. 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.

12. AWARDS & PRIZES - The top three finishers for each sectional series (Spring, Summer, & 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.

13. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

13.1 - 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 3, 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.

13.2 - 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.

13.3 - 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.

13.4 - 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

14. COVID NOTICE: The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. It is believed that an individual can be infected with COVID-19 without their knowledge and be asymptomatic. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the GTYC cannot guarantee that participants or anyone else will not become infected with COVID-19, and participation in an GTYC event could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. By participating in an GTYC event, participants ACKNOWLEDGE the contagious nature of COVID-19 and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK that they may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in an GTYC event, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. Participants understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at an GTYC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others, including, but not limited to, GTYC employees, volunteers, and other participants.

15. 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.

End of Notice of Race

PARKING - Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Please follow club advisories in regards to available parking on club property in accordance with classes of parking stickers. Additional parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building & at Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Sherloq Solutions parking lot north of the club is allowed after 5:00pm on Wednesdays. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club may also designate other parking areas. 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.