



2022 ILCA BABEL CUP

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES** The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing.

2. **ENTRIES** Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration the day of the event at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club website or in person. Fees for the Babel Cup series will be \$20. If the registrant is signing up for the Fall race day only, the fee will be \$10

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:30hrs on Saturday. These posted changes may also be communicated to the competitors on the water via loud hailer 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, If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call the Race Committee @ 883-5741.

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** — Same schedule for both Spring and Fall Race days

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Sunday	11:00 - 11:45 hrs	Registration
	11:45	Competitors Meeting
	High Noon	Boats Launch
	<i>First Warning Signal As Soon As Practical, five races max. consecutively</i>	
	1430	No Warning Signal Past This Time
	<i>Awards to Follow</i>	

7. THE COURSE

7.1 Courses shall be windward/leeward. The Race Committee will use a yellow inflatable tetrahedron for the windward. The leeward mark/course end of the starting line will be an orange cylinder. *There will be no windward offset.*

7.2 Courses will be 4 legs (primary) or 2 legs. The signal boat will display course direction, number of legs, and distance of legs.

7.3 Alternate windward marks may be used — either an orange inflatable tetrahedron or a green inflatable tetrahedron. These alternates may be used as original windward marks or change marks. If used as change marks they will be announced by mark color at the leeward mark.

7.4 Subsequent races may use the alternative windward marks as the primary windward mark. The signal boat will announce the color of the windward mark and make a visual signal for the designated color prior to each race.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started using the Appendix Q three-minute audio only sequence

3 minutes - 3 Long Horn blasts

2 minutes - 2 long horn blasts

1:30 - 1 long horn blasts + 3 short beeps

1:00 - 1 long horn blast

:30 - 3 short short beeps

:20 - 2 short beeps

:10 - 1 short

:05 - :04 - :03 - :02 - short beeps

START - 1 long horn blast

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

9. RECALLS

If an Individual Recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt to notify On Course Side (OCS) competitors by flag, and as a courtesy by hail.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the nearby start/finish mark.

11. TIME LIMIT – No races shall be started after 1430 hrs.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available on the Fleet Official Notice Board and delivered to the Race Committee Chair within Protest Time which will begin when the RC Boat docks and end one (1) hour later.

12.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as practical, but not necessarily the night of the event.

12.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of a hearing in which they are parties to or named as witnesses.

13. GROSS MISCONDUCT

13.1 Verbal abuse of the RC and/or Protest Committee will be considered an act of Gross Misconduct.

13.2 When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

14. MEASUREMENT AND RATING All competitors shall sail in accordance with the International International Laser Class Association Class Rules.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except as modified below.

15.2. One race constitutes a regatta. There will be no throwouts for this regatta

15.3 For this series a DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, DSQ, or RET shall score per RRS Appendix A, Section A9.

16. SAFETY - Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC

17. PRIZES - Recognition for all, peanuts for the winner

18. 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.

19. Disclaimer of Liability

19.1 - 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.

19.2 - 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.

19.3 - 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.

19.4 - The Skipper shall be responsible for their own conduct. 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

20 - COVID WAIVER - 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 I 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, I ACKNOWLEDGE the contagious nature of COVID-19 and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK that I 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. I 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 myself or others, including, but not limited to, GTYC employees, volunteers, and other participants. I UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL the foregoing risks related to COVID-19 and accept sole responsibility for any injury or illness that may occur. Further, I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that this

20. 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

Sherloq Solutions parking lot north of the club is allowed. 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.