



MELGES 15 THURSDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES 2022

MAY 26 - SEPTEMBER 29 – TRAVERSE CITY MI

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

RACE CHAIR: BILL BABEL, FLEET CAPTAIN: TOM ROOP

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER: TOM LECHOTA, RACE MANAGEMENT: JORDAN OWEN

1. RULES - The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1 — RRS 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'.

2. ENTRIES - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) through the race registration portal at GTYC.org

3. REGISTRATION & FEES - The entry fee for the 2022 season is \$200.00, payable through registration on GTYC.org. The entry fee for "drop-in entries" paying for a single night is \$20, payable at the club

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance and when appropriate on series page of GTYC.org.

5. CHANGES IN 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 and by hail prior to the 1st warning. The RC boat will display Code Flag "L" when a change has been posted and is to be communicated.

6. 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 the Race Committee @ 616-450-6746.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

SERIES DATE & EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL FOR FIRST HEAT

Spring:	May 26 - July 7	1745 hrs*
Summer:	July 14 – September 1	1745 hrs*
Fall:	September 8 – September 29	1745 hrs*

**Start times will be defined in the Sailing Instructions*

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - will be available by May 15, 2022 and will be posted online at GTYC.org and on the notice board.

9. COURSES - Courses will be windward/leeward courses from 2 to 5 legs in length.

10. SCORING

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

10.2 Race nights with multiple heats will be scored with the nightly result being used as the score of the race for the series and season.

10.3 One race constitutes a series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, and Fall series. After the completion of a fourth race night in a series, a throw out will be calculated removing a yacht's high score

11. SAFETY

11.1 - Competitors who withdraw from a race are encouraged to notify the RC over VHF Channel 69.

11.2 - **In case of emergency, the primary emergency contact is 911.**

12. 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.

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. PRIZES - Prizes for the constituent series and individual races are at the discretion of the Melges 15 Chairman.

15. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY

15.1 - 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.

15.2 - 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.

15.3 - 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.

15.4 - 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.

16. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance.

End of Notice of Race

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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 after 5:00 p.m.. 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.