



# GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

## 2021 MELGES 24 SPRINT SERIES

### NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club  
Race Chairman: Bill Babel, [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org)  
Principal Race Officer: Jordan Owen, [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org)

**1. RULES** - The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, except those changed by the sailing instructions.

**2. ENTRIES** - Melges 24s registered for the 2021 GTYC Wednesday Night Series are eligible to compete. There is no additional fee for the Sprint Series

**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 1500 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 has been posted and is to be communicated.

**5. 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 @ 883 5741.

#### **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

<i>SERIES DATE</i>	<i>Earliest time of First Warning Signal</i>
June 16	1710 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs
July 21	1710 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs
Aug 18	1710 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs
Sept 15	1710 hrs; GTYC Wed Night Race to follow 1800 hrs

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - will be posted online and available at the GTYC clubhouse

**8. THE COURSES** – Course shall be windward/leeward/ finish, with start/finish line placed a short distance to weather of the leeward mark. All racing shall take place in the South portion of West Grand Traverse Bay,

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM** - RRS 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'.

## **10. SCORING**

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

10.2 One race constitutes a series.

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

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

**13. 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.

**14. 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.

## **15. PRIZES –**

15.1 Melges 24 Sprint Series awards will be presented at the GTYC Wednesday Night Awards Night

15.2 Monthly winner determined by low point total for the night will be awarded “The Belt” the same evening of racing

## **16. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY**

16.1 - 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.

16.2 - 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.

16.3 - 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.

16.4 - 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.

**17. 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.

**18. 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.

**19. CONTACT** - Principal Race Officer: Jordan Owen, phone or text 231.883.5741, [jo@gtyc.org](mailto:jo@gtyc.org)

***End of Notice of Race***

**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 Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Viridian parking lot north of the club is allowed after 5:00 pm. 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.