



# GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB 2021 INTERLAKE THURSDAY SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Fleet Captain - Jeff Bodie, 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. 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 with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) through Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing.

**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 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 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. Courtesy messages may be sent via e-mail or text. If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call the Race Committee @ 883-5741

## **6. SCHEDULE**

*SERIES DATE & EARLIEST TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL*

Spring: May 27 - July 8, 1800 hrs

Summer: July 15 – August 19, 1800 hrs

Fall: August 26 – September 23, 1800 hrs

## **7. THE COURSE**

7.1 All courses will take place in the South portion of West Grand Traverse Bay.

7.2 The course selection will be displayed from the RC Boat no later than one (1) minute before the 1st warning signal.

7.3 Courses will consist of legs marked by temporary buoys including:

- Green Ball, *inflatable*
- Orange Ball, *inflatable*
- Green Ball, *inflatable*
- Yellow Ball, *inflatable*
- Yellow Cylinder, inflatable

7.4 Courses available to the Race Officer

- a. 4 leg windward/leeward, downwind finish
- b. 2 leg windward/leeward, downwind finish
- c. 5 leg windward/leeward, upwind finish
- d. 3 leg windward/leeward, upwind finish
- e. 5 leg Olympic Triangle, (triangle with reaching wing mark then windward leeward)

7.5. All marks are to be taken to PORT.

7.5 Courses may be altered by standard protocol according to the RRS with flag signals, audio signal by horn, and courtesy message by radio

## **8. THE START**

8.1 Races will be started using three minute sequence - horns only, no flags

**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 earliest possible time for the first warning signal is 1800 hrs

8.3 — No warning signals after 1915 hrs if there have been no postponements.

8.4 — No warning signals after 1930 hrs if there have been postponements or a delay in the Heat #1 first warning

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

8.5 The pin end of the starting line will be an inflatable ball described by color.

## **9. RECALLS**

If an Individual Recall has been signaled, *as a courtesy* the RC will attempt to notify On Course Side (OCS) competitors over VHF Channel 69 or by hail.

## **10. THE FINISH**

11.1 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 designated mark of the course.

11.2 TIME LIMIT — Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat will be scored “Time Limit Expired” (TLE) and will receive one (1) more point than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35.

## **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**

14.2 One Design yachts shall be sailed according to their one design 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 series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, Fall series.

15.3 A “race” is defined as the low-point standings consisting of the given number of “heats” contested in an evening

15.4 The Interlake Season Championship Series will be scored from the total of the low point totals scored in the individual series.

15.5 Did Not Finish (DNF) will be scored as the number of boats finishing plus one.

15.6 Did Not Start (DNS) will be scored as the number of boats starting plus one.

15.7 Did Not Compete (DNC) will be score as the number of boats entered for season plus one.

15.8 The boat is scored, not the skipper

15.9 Tie-breaking Formula:

1. Which boat sailed the most race nights/races in series

2. Which boat had the best score from throw outs (Low Point Scoring System)

**17 - SAFETY REGULATIONS** — Signal Boat cell number is 616-450-6746

17.1 - A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF Ch 69, by cell phone, or by hailing any RC boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal Boat as in 17.1 or via VHF Ch 69. There will be no penalty for not checking out or back in.

**17.2 — *The primary communication for all medical emergencies is 911***

17.3 No races will be started in sustained winds over 18kts

17.4 The PRO & Fleet Captain will consider combined factors of wind speed, gust speed, water temperature, & wave conditions

17.5 No races will be started with gust speeds over 23kts

17.6 No races will be started if there is lightning reported within 10 miles

17.7 No races will be started if there is severe weather defined by fronts of pressure change, severe precipitation, or lightning within 20 miles and is moving towards the race area

17.8 - Weather will be monitored via the following applications: "My Radar", "Storm - Weather Radar", & "My Lightning Tracker". Decisions regarding racing by the OA and PRO will be based on these applications.

### **17.9 *DECISION TO RACE/NOT RACE***

17.9.1 The decision to race/not race will be made by the Fleet Captain (or designee) and the PRO for the evening.

17.9.2 It is the complete and unlimited responsibility of each individual Skipper in regards to their participation if the decision is made to race.

17.9.2 The decision will be made as late as practical in regards to safely and efficiently launching boats

17.9.3 If boats are not launching by 1820 hrs, racing will be cancelled

17.9.4 At the PRO's discretion, the latest possible first warning may be extended to 1930 hrs

## **18 - CODE OF CONDUCT**

18.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

18.2 Competitors are expected to comply fully with rule 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the host club will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).

18.3 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.

18.4 Competitors shall not obstruct Race Management vessels as they conduct operations including setting marks, anchoring, and judging the start/finish line. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

**19. 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.

## **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 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.

**20. INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD, to compete in the 2021 GTYC Interlake Thursday Series.

**21. PARKING** - Parking in the clubhouse lot is subject to the current GTYC parking policy. Crews sailing from the clubhouse should only have one car parked in the lot per boat. 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 along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal, dangerous, and not allowed. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.