



**GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
GUARDIANS OF THE GREAT LAKES
MELGES 24 REGATTA**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 & 27, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

HOST: UCSG AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY

GTYC.ORG/RACING

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.2 – The USSailing Prescription to Rule 63.4 will not apply. The USSailing Prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org/.

1.3 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:

a) Race Signal AP – when displayed ashore, ‘one minute’ is replaced by ‘thirty minutes’.

b) 44.1– the ‘Two-Turns Penalty’ is replaced by the ‘One-Turn Penalty’, except a situation where RRS Appendix V1 will apply.

c) App A2 - A boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores (no throwouts).

d) The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: “A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, was TLE, did not come to the starting area or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished.”

e) RRS Appendix T will apply, except the penalty in RRS T1(b) is changed to 20% if taken before an arbitration meeting

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website approximately one week before the first scheduled race.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at the event page at Yachtscoring.com

The same information will be posted unofficially at GTYC on the bulletin board opposite the bathrooms.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

3.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats that conform to the Rules of the International Melges 24 Class

4.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at the event at Yachtscoring.com

4.3 The person in charge of entering a boat shall be a regular, active participant on the boat for the regatta and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.

4.4 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fee for the regatta is \$275.

5.2 Entry fee includes four dinners for Saturday evening @ GTYC. Additional dinner tickets will be available at the venue

6 SCHEDULE

Friday, 8/25:

1700-1900 hrs: Check-In

Saturday, 8/26

0945-1045: Check-In

1045: Optional Competitors Meeting

Noon: Earliest Possible First Warning Signal, with a maximum of six races to be sailed consecutively for the day

1630: No Warning Signal Past This Time Awards to Follow

Sunday, 8/27

1100: Earliest possible First Warning Signal, with no more than nine total races sailed for the series

7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be the west arm of Grand Traverse Bay south of Government Mark C6.

7.2 The regatta venue will be GTYC.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The four leg windward/leeward courses to be sailed will be inflatable drop marks described in the sailing instructions.

8.2 Courses will not be shortened.

9 SCORING

10.1 RRS Appendix A2, Low Point System will apply with no throwout

10.2 One race scored will constitute the minimum required for the regatta

10 AWARDS

10.1 Awards will be given for the top 5 boats

10.2 First Overall will be awarded the Air Station Traverse City Guardians of the Great Lakes Trophy

10.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

11 DECISION TO RACE

11.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

13 INFORMATION

14.1 For more information contact:

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