

2016 Melges 24 Invitational Regatta – August 20-21

Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC); S West Bayshore Drive, Traverse City, MI

Host & Organizing Authority: GTYC – gtyc.org/

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules –

1.1 – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

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. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SIs may also change other racing rules.

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

b) 44.1– the ‘Two-Turns Penalty’ is replaced by the ‘One-Turn Penalty’.

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

d) App A4.2 – A boat that does not finish (DNF) a race or retires after finishing (RAF) shall be scored one more point than the last boat to finish in that race.

2. Eligibility, Entry & Fees –

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 Class.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter at www.yachtscoring.com Entry forms will also be available at GTYC and boats may enter during registration.

2.3 The required fee for the regatta is \$225.00 which includes 4 dinners on Saturday Night. Additional dinners will be available during registration.

3. Schedule –

Day	Time	Event
Friday	1800 – 2100 hrs	Registration
Saturday	0830 – 0930 hrs	Registration
	0930 hrs	Competitor Briefing
	1100 hrs	First Warning Signal
		Up to Six (6) Races Planned for Saturday.
Sunday	1000 hrs	Warning Signal
	1300 hrs	No Warning Past This Time.
		Awards to Follow

4. **Sailing Instructions** – will be available at registration and will be posted on the regatta website at www.yachtscoring.com.

5. **Venue** – will be West Grand Traverse Bay South of Power Island.

6. **The Courses** – will be 4 Leg Windward/Leewards.

7. **Penalty System** – RRS 44.1 is changed so that the ‘Two-Turns Penalty’ is replaced by the ‘One-Turn Penalty’.

8. **Scoring** –

- 8.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled and one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no throwouts). This changes RRS App A2.
- 8.3 A boat that does not finish (DNF) a race or retires after finishing (RAF) shall be scored one more point than the last boat to finish in that race. This changes RRS App A4.2

9. Boat Launching – Boats will be dry sailed from ramps at either GTYC or Elmwood Township Marina.

10. Radio Communication – Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. Prizes – will be awarded to crews placing 1st thru 5th in the regatta.

12. Disclaimer of Liability – 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, 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.

13. Insurance – Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.

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Social Events

Friday — Happy Hour & Food by the local Melges 24 Fleet #25 will be at GTYC.

Saturday — 1800 hrs – Dinner. Be there, it will be great! Entry includes 4 dinners; extras will be available for a reasonable cost at registration.

Sunday — Awards Party after racing at GTYC w/ Lunch available.

Parking — Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Additional parking is available across M-22 behind the Westport building. Parking in the Viridian parking lot north of the club is not allowed; the owner will remove unauthorized vehicles. Also, parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is very dangerous and is strongly discouraged. **Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.**

Accommodations:

Anchor Inn on the Bay (2 miles North of club) (231) 946-7442 – anchorinn.net

Downtown/West Bay Area –

Bayshore Resort (231) 935-4400 – www.bayshore-resort.com/

West Bay Beach – Holiday Inn Resort (231) 947-3700 – westbaybeachresorttraversecity.com

Park Place Hotel (231) 946-5000 – park-place-hotel.com/

South Near GT Mall & Shopping –

Great Wolf Lodge (866) 974-9653 – www.greatwolf.com/traverse-city

Courtyard by Marriott (231) 929-1800 – marriott.com/hotels/travel/tvccy-courtyard-traverse-city

Fairfield Inn (231) 922-7900 – www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tvcfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-traverse-city/

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