



2016 HOUND DOG REGATTA

THE GTYC ANNUAL REGATTA

ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
AUGUST 13 & 14 – WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. *Rules:* The GTYC Annual Hound Dog Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), PHRF, and one design class rules, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

2. *Advertising:* will be governed by ISAF Regulation #20.

3. *Eligibility and Entry:* The regatta is open to all yachts. Regatta registration is online via the Hound Dog Regatta link at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club web site: www.GTYC.org/hounddog or at www.yachtscoring.com. Entry forms, waivers and fees must be completed online by 0900 hours August 13, 2016.

4. *Divisions & Sections:* Will be established based on entries and will be announced and posted at the skippers meeting. Divisions may also be established for similar and one-design classes. One design divisions will be bound by their class rules.

4.1. *Entrants may choose between two divisions, who will sail on separate courses:*

Freshwater Cup Division (FCD) — Open to PHRF yachts sailing in spinnaker configuration. The RC will attempt to conduct several races as conditions permit, including windward/leeward, triangle, & “bay tour” courses. FCD competitors will be scored for the Quantum Freshwater Cup.

Grand Touring Division (GTD) — Open to PHRF yachts sailing in both Spinnaker and Jib & Main configuration. Two races will be sailed on Saturday, one on Sunday, all being “bay tour” style courses. Spinnaker and Jib & Main yachts will be scored separately.

Interlakes & Friends (INT) — Open to symmetrical spinnaker-equipped centerboard yachts without ballasted keels. The INT division will sail on SATURDAY ONLY and will be the last start of the sequence on the FCD course. The INT division may utilize marks specific to their division which will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. If the yachts are of mixed classes, they will be scored with the Portsmouth Handicap System.

4.2 *Ratings:* By virtue of entering into the Hound Dog Regatta, participants accept the Notice of Race. Entrants agree that the Hound Dog Regatta Race Committee and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club will accept PHRF certificates and have final interpretation and determination of handicaps for this event. For yachts without a valid 2016 PHRF certificate, a rating will be acquired from the US Sailing PHRF Performance Handicap listing, and will be adjusted for our

regional area. Yachts in the INT division will be assigned a Portsmouth rating by the Race Committee

5. 2016 Hound Dog Regatta Entry Fees

Freshwater Cup Division — \$60.00 (includes one Saturday party/dinner ticket)

Grand Touring Division — \$40.00

Interlakes — \$20.00

6. Schedule:

Day	Time	Event	Comments
Friday	1700	Welcoming Party Registration Open	at GTYC
Saturday	0900	Skipper's Meeting	at GTYC
	1030	FCD First Warning, INT to follow	
	1030	GTD Race 1 Warning	
	1330	GTD Race 2 Warning	
	1700	Mount Gay Regatta Party, INT AWARDS	
Sunday	10:30	FCD First Warning GTD Race 3 Warning (no warning signal past 1400 hrs.)	
	15:30	Awards at GTYC	

7. *Sailing Instructions*: will be provided, along with Course Sheets and Scratch Sheets, at check-in prior to the skipper's meeting. The will also be available online prior to the Skipper's Meeting in the documents section of the event yachtscoring.com page.

8. *Venue*: All races will be held on West Grand Traverse Bay, including north of Red 8 and around Marion Island (aka Power Island).

10. *Scoring*: PHRF fleets will be scored using PHRF time-on-time. For the Hound Dog Regatta, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. A throwout can be used by the RC as detailed in the sailing instructions.

11. *Dockage*: Transient slips may be available at Clinch Park Marina (922-4903), Elmwood Township Marina (946-5463), Harbor West Marina (922-3017) and Center Pointe Marina (922-1515). Visiting Boats can contact GTYC for transportation to the club, 231-946-9779 or on VHF Channel 68.

12. *Parking*: Competitors, Participants, & Visitors are encouraged to park in the lot of Bluewater Hall, at 13424 S. West Bay Shore Drive. Competitors who park vehicles on the Michigan Department of Transportation right of way on M-22 adjoining the GTYC property at the club or Bluewater Hall may be subject to a scoring penalty or encounters with local law enforcement authorities.

13. Awards

Hound Dog Regatta: First, second, and third place trophies for the regatta series will be awarded to each division. An overall regatta trophy may be awarded to a yacht of merit.

14. *Refund Policy:* Refund requests will be honored when submitted in writing to: Hound Dog Race Committee, P.O. Box 131, Traverse City, 49685, and received prior to August 13th, 2016.

15. *Disclaimer of Liability:* Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS #4 'Decision to Race'. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club, organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Entrants must sign and present the attached waiver of liability prior to 0900, August 13th.

16. Regatta Contacts:

More Regatta information visit www.GTYC.org/hounddog

Race Questions: contact Jordan Owen 231-883-5741, (jo@gtyc.org)

Party or meal ticket questions: Ian Sterling, 231-499- 8574, (sterling.gtyc@gmail.com)
gtyc@gtyc.org or leave a message at: 231-946-9779.

17. 2016 Quantum® Freshwater Cup.

The Hound Dog Regatta is the third of the four Regatta events constituting the 2016 Quantum® Freshwater Cup and the LMSRF Area V Championship. Participants wishing to compete in this series must file an entry form for that event. LMPHRF ratings are required. Access the Notice of Race and download the Entry Form at Quantum Sails' website; www.quantumsails.com. Hound Dog Regatta results will be provided for scoring as defined in the Notice Of Races for the 2016 Quantum® Cup Series.

End of Notice of Race

**GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE
FOR THE GTYC LASER ONE DESIGN EVENTS**

1. I have read the Sailing Instructions for Laser-class One Design events at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club and the Notice of Race instructions for each race I will enter the yacht named in this Registration Form, and the Release Agreement herein and agree that in signing this form I am bound thereby.
2. I understand that this racing event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 and U.S. Sailing recommendations for offshore sailing. All races will use Category 4 regulations unless otherwise indicated in the Notice of Race. I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event and to provision my boat in accordance with the safety regulations as specified for the event.
3. I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. I have read RRS 4, Decision to Race and hereby acknowledge and agree that I am participating in this racing event entirely at my own risk.
4. I acknowledge and agree that the Grand Traverse Yacht Club, its Board of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committee, committee boat participants, Protest Committee, race sponsors, members and agents involved in the organization, supervision and conduct of this racing event will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any person participating in this racing event, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this racing event or sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing event.
5. In consideration for the opportunity to participate in this racing event, I hereby waive for myself and my heirs, legal representative, successors and assigns, any and all claims which I, and any of them, may have against the Grand Traverse Yacht Club, its Board of Directors, Flag Officers, employees, Race Committee, committee boat participants, any Protest Committee, any race sponsors race or other race organizers with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in the racing event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
6. This waiver is not intended to preclude claims by any individual competitor against any other competitor arising out of any alleged negligent conduct of said competitor.
7. I agree to the conditions of the racing event and state that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with these conditions and that my yacht will comply with the applicable rules while racing. I specifically agree that it is my responsibility to see that this yacht is seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear and that she is competently manned.
8. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
9. I agree that I will maintain valid third party liability insurance coverage for my yacht during this racing event with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per event or equivalent.
10. I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate before signing.

Name:..... Date:.....

Signature:.....