



2020 GTYC ANNUAL REGATTA THE HOUND DOG REGATTA

ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI
AUGUST 7, 8, & 9, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1. *Rules*: The GTYC Annual Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)

1.1 *RRS 44.1* is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'. This change will appear in full in 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 8, 2020

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. *Entry accepted in 3 divisions*

Hound Dog Division (HDD) — **Racing on SATURDAY ONLY.** Open to PHRF yachts sailing in spinnaker configuration. The RC will attempt to conduct multiple races as conditions permit, including windward/leeward, triangle, & "bay tour" courses.

Grand Touring Division (GTD) — **Racing on SATURDAY ONLY.** Open to PHRF yachts sailing in both Spinnaker and Jib & Main configuration. Up to three races will be sailed on Saturday, all being "bay tour" style courses. Spinnaker and Jib & Main yachts will be scored separately.

Melges 24 Division (M24) — **The M24 division will sail on SATURDAY only**

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 2020 PHRF certificate, a rating will be acquired from the US Sailing PHRF Performance Handicap listing, and will be adjusted for our regional area.

5. 2020 Hound Dog Regatta Entry Fees

Hound Dog Division	\$50.00
Melges 24	\$50.00
Grand Touring Division	\$40.00

5.1 Yachts who are paid season series registrants for the 2020 GTYC Wednesday Night Series are concurrently registered for the 2020 GTYC Annual Regatta.

5.2 *Refund Policy:* Refund requests will be honored when submitted in writing to: Hound Dog Race Committee at race@gtyc.org prior to the beginning of racing

6. Schedule:

Day	Time	Event	Comments
Friday	1700	Welcoming Party(+) Registration Open	at GTYC
Saturday	0900	Skipper's Meeting (+)	at GTYC
	1100	HDD & M24 First Warning (no warning signal past 1900 hrs)	
	1030	GTD Race 1 Warning	
	1300	GTD Race 2 Warning	
	1500	GTD Race 3 Warning (no warning signal past 1600 hrs)	
	1700	Hound Dog Party with Johnny Mogambo(+)	
	1900	Regatta Awards(+)	
Sunday*	1100	<i>First Warning for Around The Island Race (no warning signal past 1400 hrs)</i>	
	1530	<i>Regatta Awards(+)</i>	

(+) *The schedule of Regatta social events is subject to change and possible cancellation in light of the ongoing 2020 public health emergency*

**The Around the Island Race is not part of the scored series for the Hound Dog Regatta*

7. *Sailing Instructions:* will be provided at check-in prior to the skipper's meeting. They will also be available online prior to the Skipper's Meeting in the documents section of the event's 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).

9. Scoring:

9.1. PHRF fleets will be scored using PHRF time-on-time. Low point scoring (Appendix A) will be used for all classes. One race constitutes a regatta. For the Hound Dog Regatta, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.2. Melges 24 class will be sailed as a one design division. Low point scoring (Appendix A) will be used for all classes. One race constitutes a regatta. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. *Awards:* 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. For First, Second, and Third place finishers in the Melges Division four trophy hats will be awarded. In the Hound Dog Division and Grand Touring Division five trophy hats will be awarded to the top three finishers. Additional trophy hats may be purchased through the club by special order,

11. *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 8th, 0900.

12. *Insurance* - Each participating boat (excluding DF65 class) shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

13. 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: Chris Horvath, 231-499- 8574, (chris.horvath@gmail.com)
gtyc@gtyc.org or leave a message at: 231-946-9779.

14. LMSRF Area V Offshore Boat of the Year Series

The Hound Dog Regatta is the fourth of the five events events scored for the LMSRF Area V Offshore PHRF Boat of the Year Series.. There is no entry fee for the series. LMSRF membership and LMPHRF ratings are required. Notice of Series is posted at <http://lmsrf.org/areas/area-v>

End of Notice of Race

Other Hound Dog Regatta Weekend Activities (All additional activities are subject to prevailing conditions in light of the ongoing public health emergency of 2020)

Around The Island Race, Sunday, August 9th — A race around Power Island will be held for PHRF yachts. There is no entry fee for Hound Dog registrants. Separate NOR & Sailing Instructions will be published.

Sunday Melges 24 Races, Sunday, August 9th — Additional races (that will not be scored as part of the Hound Dog Regatta) may be sailed on Sunday. Separate NOR & Sailing Instructions will be published.

Inflatable Dinghy Poker Run — *Friday Night, 6:00 pm* A “poker run” hunt for five on the water card locations to create a poker hand for the final showdown. For dinghies with outboards under 10 hp.

Blowboat Regatta — *Saturday, 5:30 pm* — Build your own race boat powered by your own breath for a hotly teamwork event — kits provided for all registered crews

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.

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.

**GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE
FOR GTYC SAILING EVENTS**

1. I have read the Sailing Instructions for the 2019 Annual Regatta 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, 2017-2020 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:.....