



# THE HOUND DOG REGATTA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2020

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

### MELGES 24 & PHRF A SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 — Rules —

1.1 - The 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 these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 - The following rules are changed -

- a) Race Signal AP is changed in SI 4.2.
- b) RRS App A is changed in SI 10.2 and in SI 16.

**2 — Notices to Competitors** — will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the GTYC hallway.

**3 — Changes To Sailing Instructions** — will be posted sixty (60) minutes prior to the first warning signal on the day.

#### 4 — Signals Made Ashore —

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flagstaff and broadcast on VHF channel 69.

4.2 - When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than thirty (30) minutes' in Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

#### 5 — Schedule of Races —

*Saturday, August 8*

0900 hrs, Competitor Meeting, GTYC (optional)

1100 hrs, Earliest possible 1st Warning Signal, additional races follow back to back

1500 hrs, No races started after 3:00 pm

1800 hrs, Awards

#### 6 — Class Flags

Melges Class: White

PHRF A: Red

**7 — Racing Area** — will be West Grand Traverse Bay

## **8 — The Courses —**

For all courses marks shall be left to port.

Weather offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

- 3** — Three(3) Leg W/L (windward, leeward, windward)
- 4** — Four(4) Leg W/L (windward, leeward, windward, leeward)
- 5** — Five(5) Leg W/L (windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward)
- 4T** — Four(4) Leg Triangle (triangle, windward).
- 5T** — Five(5) Leg Triangle (triangle, windward, leeward).

8.1 — The courses will be displayed on the transom of the signal boat. Courses will be broadcast on VHF 69 as a courtesy.

8.2 — Melges and PHRF A may be designated different courses. If PHRF A is assigned a course of 4T or 5T, it will be displayed on a separate white board on the transom of the signal boat.

## **9 — Marks —**

9.1 — Primary marks will be:

*Large orange inflatable tetrahedron* for the windward mark, small yellow ball as windward offset

*Orange inflatable cylinder* for the starting pin

*Small Orange inflatable ball* will be used as the finish pin

*Green inflatable balls* will be used for the leeward gate

9.2 - New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be *yellow inflatable cylinders*.

## **10 — The Start —**

10.1 — The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat displaying a blue RC flag at the starboard end and the leeward mark at the port end.

10.2 — A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start (DNS)*. This changes RRS A4.1

10.3 — Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area while others are in sequence.

**11 — Recalls** — Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC intends to make an attempt to hail OCS competitors on VHF channel 69. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of the RC to hail any or all boats; failure of the RC to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats within the hail.

11.1 - General Recalls — The section which has been signaled for a general recall will have its next sequence after the last section starting

**12 — Change of the Next Leg of the Course** — To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### **13 — The Finish**

13.1 - For courses 3, 5, 4T, - the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue shape on the signal boat at the Starboard end and the course side of the nearby Weather Mark at the Port end.

13.2 - For courses 4 & 5T - the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue shape on the starboard side of RC Boat and the small orange inflatable mark.

13.3 - In the absence of an RC boat at the finish, boats shall take their own times when their bow crosses a line perpendicular to the last leg and within 50 yds of the finish mark

### **14 — Time Limits** — are as follows —

14.1 - For all courses the time limit for the first boat to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.

14.2 - For PHRF divisions, any boat failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired(TLE).

14.3 - For the Melges 24 division, any boat failing to finish within eight (8) minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired(TLE).

14.3— if the first boat fails to reach the first weather mark 30 minutes after the start, the race will be abandoned

### **15 — Protests And Requests For Redress** —

15.1 — Protests shall be filed within the protest time limit at GTYC where forms will be available.

15.2 — The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the RC (Blue Flag) Signal Boat docks. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will be announced on VHF Channel 69.

15.3 — Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Location of hearings TBD.

### **16 — Scoring** —

16.1 — All races for the PHRF classes will be scored using PHRF Time On Time Handicaps. Entrants that do not have a valid LMPHRF certificate will be assigned a rating.

16.2 — A maximum of five races are planned and one race must be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 — A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no throwout). This changes RRS App A.

16.4 — Any boat that does not finish (DNF) or retires after finishing (RET) will be scored one more point than the last boat to finish in that race. This changes RRS App A4.2.

**17 — Prizes** — will be awarded to first, second, & third place overall for each fleet.

**18 — Disclaimer Of Liability** — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The 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.

**19 - COVID WAIVER** - The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. It is believed that an individual can be infected with COVID-19 without their knowledge and be asymptomatic. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the GTYC cannot guarantee that I or anyone else will not become infected with COVID-19, and participation in an GTYC event could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. By participating in an GTYC event, I ACKNOWLEDGE the contagious nature of COVID-19 and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in an GTYC event, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at an GTYC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself or others, including, but not limited to, GTYC employees, volunteers, and other participants. I UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL the foregoing risks related to COVID-19 and accept sole responsibility for any injury or illness that may occur. Further, I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, or omissions, of the GTYC, its employees, agents, and volunteers, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any GTYC event.