



# 2020 GTYC MELGES 24 LITTLE 8 REGATTA

SEPTEMBER 26 – WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

REGATTA CHAIRS: SCOT ZIMMERMAN & TOM ROOP

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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/](http://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) 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 - Notices To Competitors** — will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of GTYC.

**3 - Changes to Sailing Instructions** — Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs or the end of protest time, whichever is later, on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 - Signals Made Ashore —

4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flag pole and communicated via VHF Ch 69.

4.2 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced by ‘not less than thirty (30) minutes’ in RRS. Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

## 5 - Schedule Of Races —

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Saturday	0915 1100 1530	Competitors Meeting (optional) Earliest First Warning, Up to Six (6) Races No Warning Signal Past This Time Awards to Follow

5.1 - Up to six (6) races are scheduled.

5.2 - Races will be sailed back to back with very little time in between. Stay close to the starting area when not racing.

**6 - Class Flag** — will be GREEN.

**7 - Racing Area** — will be West Grand Traverse Bay in an area defined from Government Mark Red 8, one mile to the East, and one mile to the South.

**8 - The Course** — (see Attachment B)

8.1 - All courses will be four (4) leg Windward/Leewards. An offset mark may be used at Mark W and shall be rounded after rounding Mark W. A gate may be used at Mark L.

8.2 - On the first and last leg of the course, Mark L (s & p), if present, is not considered a mark of the course and may be passed on either side.

8.3 - All marks shall be left to port, except —

a - the finish mark which shall be left to starboard.

b - when there is a gate at Mark L, boats shall sail between the gate marks (Ls & Lp) from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. (see Attachment C) If only one (1) mark is present it shall be rounded to port.

8.4 - Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

**9 - Marks** —

9.1 - The windward mark will be specified by the RC prior to each race from the following:

A. *Green tetrahedron*

B. *Yellow tetrahedron*

C. *Orange tetrahedron*

The signal boat will post the windward mark color and compass heading prior to the warning signal. The mark color will also be broadcast as a courtesy on VHF 69

9.2 Gate marks Ls, & Lp will be *green inflatable balls*.

9.3 - The windward offset mark will be a *small yellow inflatable ball*.

9.4 - Leeward Changing marks, as in SI 11, a *3' blue inflatable ball* as the leeward mark. When Ls and/or Lp is changed there will be no gate.

9.5 - The start mark will be a *4' orange cylinder*.

9.6 - The finish mark will be a *2' small orange inflatable ball*.

## **10 - The Start —**

10.1 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end. The finish mark is not part of the starting line.

10.2 - AP down & General Recall down will be accompanied by the short blasts. This changes Race Signals AP & 1st Substitute.

10.3 - Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29. The race committee intends to make an attempt to hail boats who have not started properly on VHF ch 69. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of committee to hail any or all boats; failure of committee 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 - Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course** – To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and/or designate an alternative set mark.

**12 - The Finish** — The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat at the port end and the course side of the finish mark (small orange inflatable ball) at the starboard end.

**13 - Penalty System** — RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**14 - Time Limits and Target Times**— this changes RRS 35.

14.1 - The time limit for any race will be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish.

14.2 - Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored as below in 16.3.

14.3 - If no boat has passed Mark 1 within twenty (20) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.4 - The target time for all races will be thirty to forty (30 - 40) minutes. Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress.

14.5 - Races will not be started in less than 5 kts sustained and more than 25 kts sustained.

## **15. PROTESTS/REQUESTS FOR REDRESS & ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

15.1 - The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the final race or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later

15.2 - Hearings

15.2.1 - Hearings will be held in a public space on the GTYC grounds at the discretion of the appointed protest committee

15.2.2 - The protest committee will consist of three fleet members unconflicted by the events of the protest

15.2.3 - The format of protest hearing will consist of 1 minute of statement by the protestor, 1 minute of defense by the protestee, and one minute of committee's questions. The committee's decision will be delivered as soon as practically possible.

### 15.3 - OPTIONAL PENALTIES

15.3.1 - PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

15.3.2 - PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE (a) After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply when such a penalty is taken. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) are deleted and replaced by: "A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by informing the race committee in writing, identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred." (c) If taken before the protest time limit, the penalty shall be a 20-percent Scoring Penalty. If taken after the protest time limit but before the start of a hearing of a protest involving the incident, the penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). (c) If a yacht is found by the Protest Committee to have committed a foul, the penalty shall be a 50 - percent Scoring Penalty. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).

### 15.4 - EXPEDITED HEARINGS

15.4.1 - INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee

15.4.2 - CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69. (a) If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2. (b) Rule 63.5 is changed to: "At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change]." (c) Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: "However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses, and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions." (d) The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: "A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later." (e) The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted. (f) Change the third sentence of rule 66 to: "A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening."

## 16 - Scoring —

16.1 - Six races are scheduled and one race shall be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 - A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes App A2.

16.3 - A boat that does not finish a race (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 - Code of Conduct**

17.1 - Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.

17.2 - Competitors are expected to comply fully with rule 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the host club will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered gross misconduct (a gross breach of sportsmanship).

17.3 - Competitors shall not obstruct Race Management vessels as they conduct operations including setting marks, anchoring, and judging the start/finish line. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee.

17.4 - In agreement with the OA, competitors will designate a fleet captain from among the entrants to be the sole competitor to participate in dialogue with the Principal Race Officer

## **18 - Safety Regulations** — (Signal Boat cell number is 231-883-5741)

18.1 - Please check-in before the first warning signal each day by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing your sail #. There will be no penalty for not checking in.

18.2 - A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF Ch 69, by cell phone, or by hailing any RC boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal Boat as in 17.1 or via VHF Ch 69. There will be no penalty for not checking out or back in.

18.3 — *The primary communication for all medical emergencies is 911*

18.4 - Weather will be monitored via the following applications: “My Radar”, “Storm - Weather Radar”, & “My Lightning Tracker”. Decisions on the conduct of racing by the OA and PRO will be based on these applications.

**19 - Radio Communication** — A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. VHF Channel 69 will be monitored by the RC and they will only respond to competitors who identify themselves.

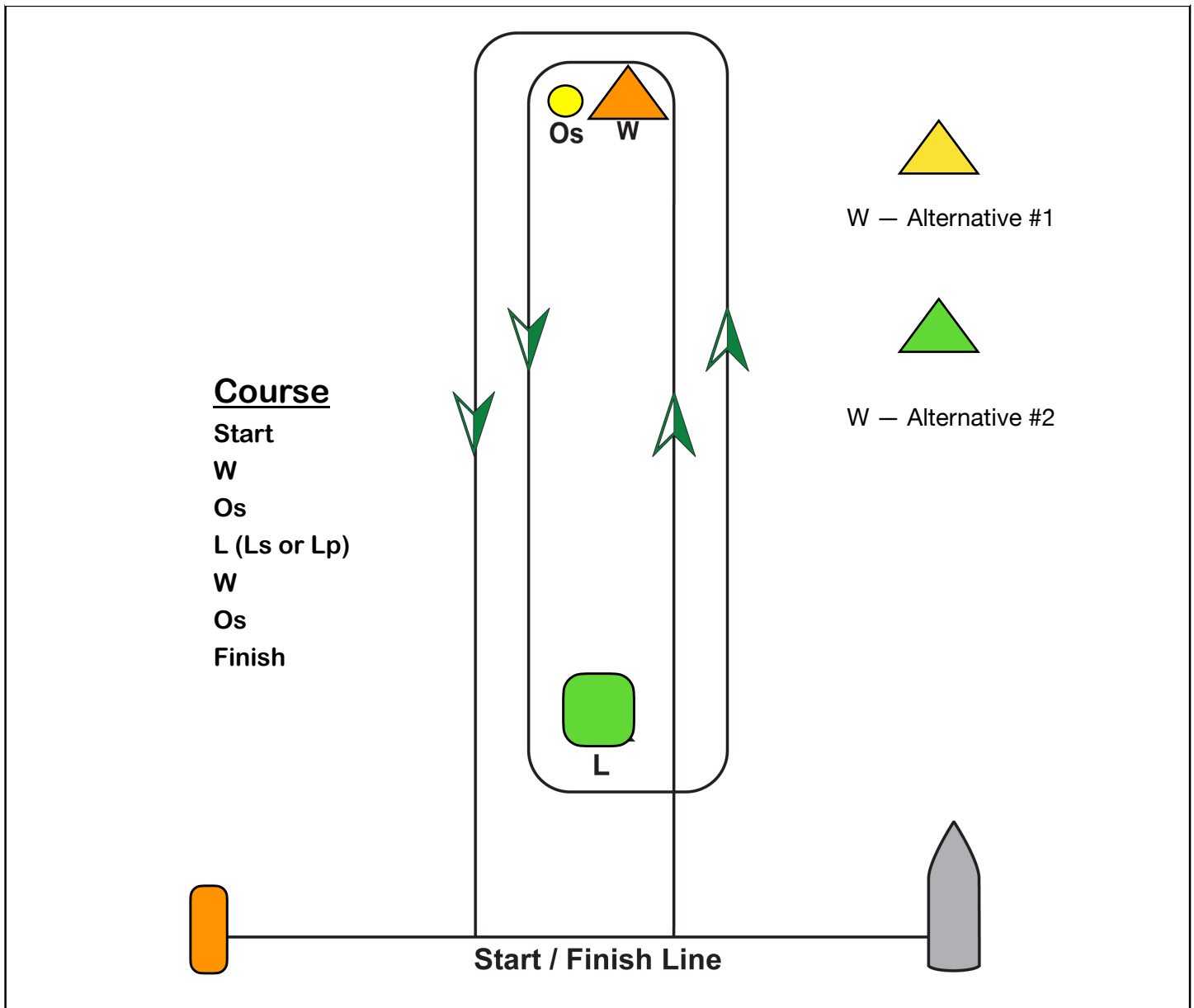
**20 - Prizes** — will be awarded to crews placing 1st thru 5th overall.

**21 - Disclaimer Of Liability** — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

**22 - 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 in

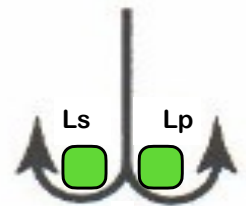
infected with COVID-19 without their knowledge and be asymptomatic. The Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the GTYC cannot guarantee that I or anyone else will not become infected with COVID-19, and participation in an GTYC 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.

## Attachment B — COURSE DIAGRAM

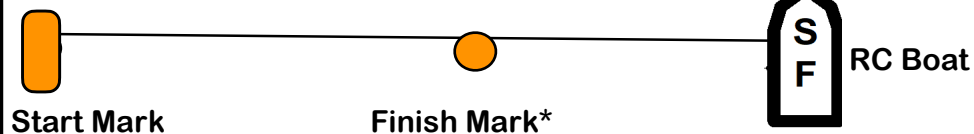


## Attachment C — GATE MARK ROUNDING

When there is a gate at Mark L, boats shall sail between the gate marks (Ls & Lp) from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.



## Attachment D — Start/Finish Line



\* at the start, the finish mark, if present, is not a mark of the course.

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Primary Race Area, 1 sq mile east of Red 8, 1 mile south

