



2021 GTYC ANNUAL REGATTA

THE HOUND DOG REGATTA

ORGANIZED AND HOSTED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB
WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI

AUGUST 13, 14, & 15, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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. *Eligibility and Entry:* The regatta is open to all sailing 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. For PHRF & Melges 24 competitors, entry forms, waivers, and fees must be completed online by 0900 hours August 14, 2021

3. *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.

3.1. *Entry accepted in 4 divisions*

Interlake One Design (INT) — **Racing on FRIDAY ONLY.** Windward/leewards only

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) — **Racing on SATURDAY only.** Windward/leewards only

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

4.3 One Design Divisions — Melges 24 and Interlake divisions will conform to their class rules.

5. 2020 Hound Dog Regatta Entry Fees

Hound Dog Division	\$50.00
Melges 24	\$50.00
Grand Touring Division	\$40.00
Interlakes	\$20.00

5.1 Yachts who are paid season series registrants for the 2021 GTYC Wednesday Night Series or the 2021 Interlake Thursday Night Series are concurrently registered for the 2021 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

The schedule of all regatta events is subject to change and possible cancellation ion short notice in light of the ongoing public health emergency

Day	Time	Event	Comments
Friday	1630	Welcoming Party Registration Open	at GTYC
	1800	INT Earliest First Warning	
Saturday	0830	Registration Opens	at GTYC
	0930	Optional Skipper's Meeting	
	1045	GTD Race 1 Warning	
	1100	HDD & M24 Earliest First Warning (no warning signal past 1600 hrs)	
	1300	GTD Race 2 Warning	
	1500	GTD Race 3 Warning (no warning signal past 1600 hrs)	
	1700	Hound Dog Party	
1900	Regatta Awards	at GTYC	
Sunday*	1100	First Warning for Around The Island Race* (no warning signal past 1300 hrs)	at GTYC
	1530	Around The Island Awards	

**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.

9.3. The Interlake 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 Interlake Division, three trophy hats will be awarded. 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 shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

13. *Image & Video Rights*: Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

14. *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.

15. *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.

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. All Hound Dog Regatta entrants are invited to participate. There is no entry fee for Hound Dog registrants. Separate NOR & Sailing Instructions will be published. This race is Race #3 of the 2021 GTYC Middle Distance Series and Race #3 of the 2021 GTYC Melges 24 Double-handed Around The Island Series. This will be a single start race for all classes.

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.