



# GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

## 2019 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

### NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club, [www.gtyc.org](http://www.gtyc.org)

Race Chairman: Bob Clark, [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org)

**1. RULES** - The series will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20*

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. ENTRIES** - Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC) through Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing.

#### 2.1 FEES

2.1.1 Full Season Entry: \$250

2.1.2 Drop-In Entry: \$25 for first race entered, \$15 for each subsequent race entered. Drop-In registration may be made at the Bar at GTYC or by contracting the RC at [race@gtyc.org](mailto:race@gtyc.org).

2.2 REGISTRATION — When registering on [YachtScoring.com](http://YachtScoring.com), please choose between Melges 24, PHRF Spinnaker, or PHRF Jib & Main (JAM). The Race Chair & Committee will then assign divisions in consideration of handicap rating, size of yacht, and consultation with yacht owners.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance and on the electronic notice board on Yacht Scoring.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Will be displayed from the GTYC flagstaff and will be communicated to competitors over VHF Channel 69. If you have any question regarding the status of a race, call or text the Race Committee @ 883-5741.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATES</i>	<i>EARLIEST TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</i>
SPRING	May 8 - May 29	1755 hrs
SUMMER	June 5 - July 10	1755 hrs
TWILIGHT	July 17 - Aug 21	1755 hrs
NAN-C-JAY RACE	August 28	17:55 hrs
FALL	Sept 4 - Sept 25	1755 hrs

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Will be available at pre-season Skipper's Meeting and posted on the official notice board and online.

6.1 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

These posted changes may also be communicated to the competitors on the water over VHF Channel 69 prior to the 1st warning. The RC boat will display Code Flag "L" when a change has been posted and is to be communicated.

**7. COURSES** - Courses will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer and will consist of permanent government marks, permanent club marks, and designated temporary marks described in the Sailing Instructions. All racing will take place in the south portion of West Grand Traverse Bay.

## **8. SCORING**

8.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A and RRS Appendix A9 , "Race Scores In A Series Longer Than a Regatta", will apply.

8.2 One race constitutes a series, applicable to the Spring, Summer, Twilight, Fall seasonal series. After the completion of a fourth race in a series, a throw out will be calculated removing a yacht's high score

8.3 The Wednesday Night Season Championship will be determined by a low point calculation of the point totals accumulated in the four seasonal series.

## **9. MEASUREMENT AND RATING**

9.1 All competitors will use, or be assigned, PHRF Handicaps. For those participants who, at the time of registration, provide a LMPHRF certificate which still accurately represents the vessel's current configuration, their assigned rating will be as listed on the certificate (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker). All other participants will be assigned a rating at the Race Committee's discretion.

9.2 ONE DESIGN YACHTS shall be sailed according to their One Design Class Rules in order to receive the rating accorded to their design by LMPHRF.

9.3 ONE DESIGN CLASS RACING - Sections sailing as a one design class shall sail to their class rules.

**10. SAFETY** - Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC over VHF Channel 69.

**11. 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.

**12. AWARDS & PRIZES** - The top three finishers for each sectional series (Spring, Summer, Twilight, & Fall) and the overall Wednesday Night Season Championship will be awarded at the end of the season Wednesday Night Party and/or designated club occasion. Additional prizes may be awarded in the course of the season at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **13. DISCLAIMER of LIABILITY**

13.1 - Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, host club employees or volunteers, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13.2 - The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

13.3 - The Organizing Authority, Grand Traverse Yacht Club, their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this series.

13.4 - The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the series.

**14. 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.

***End of Notice of Race***

**PARKING** - Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Please follow club advisories in regards to available parking on club property in accordance with classes of parking stickers. Additional parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building & at Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Viridian parking lot north of the club is not allowed. The Grand Traverse Yacht may also designate other parking areas. Also, parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal and very dangerous and is not allowed. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.