

2014 GTYC Wednesday Night Racing

Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GYTC)

South West Bayshore Drive, Traverse City, MI

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules -The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), and the rules of the PHRF class (as administered by LMPHRF), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions

2. Entries – Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GYTC) and paying all applicable race fees prior to racing or at <http://www.yachtscore.com>

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS — Will be posted on the official **Race Notice Board** located at the GTYC Clubhouse inside the main entrance.

4. 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.

5. 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 the Race Committee @ 218-3700.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<u>SERIES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</u>
SPRING	May 7 - May 28	1800 hrs
SUMMER	June 4 - July 9	1800 hrs
TWILIGHT	July 16 - Aug 20	1800 hrs
FALL	Sept 3 - Sept 24	1800 hrs

7. Sailing Instructions - will be available at registration.

8. The Courses - Course sheets for the races, all of which will take place in the South portion of West Grand Traverse Bay will be available at registration.

9. Penalty System – RRS 44.1 is changed so that the 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by the 'One-Turn Penalty'.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except as modified below.

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

11. MEASUREMENT AND RATING

11.1 All competitors will use, or be assigned, PHRF Handicaps. For those participants who, at the time of registration, provide a LMPHRF certificate no older than two years and 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.

11.2 One Design yachts shall be sailed according to their one design class rules in order to receive the PHRF rating accorded to their design by LMPHRF.

12. SAFETY — Competitors who withdraw from a race shall notify the RC over VHF Channel 69.

13. 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.

14. PRIZES — Will be awarded at the Club after each race at the direction of the RC and will be based on prizes available, but remember . . . **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!** Series awards will be presented at the GTYC Wednesday Night Awards Night! Details to be announced as the season goes on.... All boats and crews invited!

15. Disclaimer of Liability — 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, 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.

End of Notice Of Race

Parking —

Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Additional parking is available across M-22 behind the Westport building. **Parking in the OneUP parking lot north of the club is not allowed**; the owner will remove unauthorized vehicles. Also, parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is very dangerous and is strongly discouraged. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.