



GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

2020 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES — The series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (USSA), the rules of the PHRF class (as administered by LMPHRF), except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

1.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing.

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 Drop-In Race Fees — A boat may enter at will if not previously in the series by signing up at [yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com). The first race fee is \$30, with each subsequent race being \$15. Entries may also be made at the bar at GTYC.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS — Will be posted on the official Fleet 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 @ 231.883.5741

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

<i>SERIES</i>	<i>DATES</i>	Earliest Time of WARNING SIGNAL
Warm-Up	June 17 – July 1	1800 hrs
July	June 8 - July 26	1800 hrs
August	August 5 - August 26	1800 hrs
September	Sept 9 - Sept 30	1800 hrs

7. COURSES

7.1 Courses will consist of legs marked by the following permanent and temporary buoys referred to by the following terms, including call names and acronym symbol (see Appendix A for details of the temporary marks):

- Yacht Club club mark (Y)
- Bryant Park club mark (B)
- Sandpit club mark (S)
- Red 8 government mark (R)
- Orange Tetrahedron (Tango, "T"), *inflatable*
- Yellow Tetrahedron (Kilo, "K"), *inflatable*
- Orange Cylinder, (Oscar, "O"), *inflatable*
- Yellow Cylinder, (Zulu, "Z"), *inflatable*
- Pink Ball, (Charlie, "C"), *inflatable*
- Orange Cylinder used as Start Line Pin, (X-ray, "X"), *inflatable*, may also be used as a mark of the course

7.2 The course selection will be displayed from the RC Boat no later than one (1) minute before the 1st warning signal. Course selection may also be communicated by VHF radio on Ch. 69 and/or by text as a courtesy.

7.3 Sections may be assigned different courses.

8. SECTIONS

Section 2, "*PHRF A*" – This section is intended for Spinnaker yachts scored by PHRF with ratings under 100.

Section 3, "*PHRF B*" – This section is intended for Spinnaker yachts scored by PHRF with ratings between 101 and 150. It is also for Jib & Main yachts up to PHRF 150. Spinnaker and Jib & Main yachts will be scored separately

Section 4, "*PHRF C*" – This section is intended for yachts scored by PHRF with ratings above 151. Spinnaker and Jib & Main yachts will be scored separately

8.1 In the event of excessive boats in a single section, that Section will be split by PHRF ratings or length at the discretion of the race committee.

8.2 Yachts may change from Spinnaker or Jib & Main by notifying the Race Committee up to the warning signal for the first race of a seasonal series. Once JAM yacht races in Spinnaker, they are considered a Spinnaker boat for that entire series if they would like for those races to be scored in the series.

9. START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 in the order below, utilizing the following class flags:

WHITE *Melges 24 (Melges start will precede PHRF starts with a 1755 first warning signal)*

RED PHRF A

BLUE PHRF B Spin, PHRF B JAM

GREEN PHRF C Spin, PHRF C JAM

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the starting mark for the course. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the start mark (i.e., the line may be reversed).

9.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

9.4 The signal boat may deploy a "stand-off" inflatable mark tethered to its transom. This mark is not a mark of the course.

9.5 The time limit for yachts that do not start with their section is 3:00 minutes after the start signal for their section. Boats in the starting area that fail to start with their section after 3:00 minutes will be scored *Did Not Start (DNS)*

9.6 For the Warm-Up Series, PHRF A & PHRF B Yachts will start together

10. RECALLS

10.1 If an Individual Recall has been signaled, the RC will attempt *as a courtesy* to notify *On Course Side (OCS)* competitors over VHF Channel 69 or by hail.

10.2. If a General Recall is signaled, the starting sequence for any subsequent classes will not be affected and the start for the recalled class will be after the last regularly scheduled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

11. FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag or shape on the RC Boat and the course side of the nearby mark of the course. The position of the RC Boat will depend on water depth around the finish mark (i.e., the line may be reversed).

11.2 The RC will remain on station at the finish until the time limit unless conditions dictate otherwise. If the RC is not on station, competitors shall take their own time when their bow crosses a line through the finish mark that is perpendicular to the last leg of the race and they are within 50 yds of the mark.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit to finish will be 1:45 hours for each section. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her section, but still racing, will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and will receive one (1) more point than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35.

11.1 The time limit for the first boat of each section to the first mark of the course for all sections is 30 minutes. If the first boat for each section fails to reach the mark by that time, the race will be abandoned for that section.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests shall be written on a US Sailing protest form and submitted by e-mail to protests@gtyc.org or by text to 231.883.5741 by 23:00 on the same day. Use an official US Sailing protest form, photograph the completed form, and e-mail the image to the address above.

12.2 Protests will be heard at 18:30 the following Monday, either at the GTYC clubhouse and/or a media hosting resource. (Particulars will be provided. If there are multiple protests, they will be held in order of submission)

12.3 Prior to the hearing of a protest, the protested yacht may accept a 20% scoring penalty with the acceptance of fault.

13. GROSS MISCONDUCT

13.1 Verbal abuse of the RC and/or Protest Committee will be considered an act of Gross Misconduct.

13.2 When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

14. MEASUREMENT AND RATING

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A9, "Race Scores in a Series Longer than a Regatta", will apply.

15.2 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.

15.3 The GTYC Wednesday Night Season Championship Series will be scored from the total of the low point totals scored in the individual series minus the subtraction of highest individual race score not previously calculated as a throwout.

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

16.1 — Race Committee boats, including the signal boat and designated mark boats, while maneuvering prior to the start may display the DELTA flag as a signal to competitors to keep clear by 200 feet.

17. 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.

18. AWARDS — 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!

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 - 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.

19.2 - 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.

19.3 - 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.

19.4 - 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.

20. INSURANCE - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD, to compete in the 2017 GTYC Wed Night Series.

21. PARKING - Availability of parking on the grounds of the GTYC clubhouse on Wednesday nights will be according to the standing GTYC parking policy. Help maximize available space and park all cars and boats within the marked spaces. Parking is also available across M-22 behind the Westport building & at the Bluewater Hall. Parking in the Sherloq Solutions building parking lot north of the club is not allowed. Parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is illegal and very dangerous. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area; show extreme caution when exiting the club.