



2022 GTYC MELGES 24 GRAND TRAVERSE INVITATIONAL

AUGUST 20 & 21 – WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

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/.

1.3 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). The SIs may also change other racing rules.

a) Race Signal AP – when displayed ashore, ‘one minute’ is replaced by ‘sixty minutes’.

b) 44.1– the ‘Two-Turns Penalty’ is replaced by the ‘One-Turn Penalty’.

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. Eligibility, Entry & Fees –

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats that conform to the Rules of the International Melges 24 Class.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter at www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fees. Entry forms will also be available at GTYC and boats may enter during registration.

2.3 The required fee for the regatta is \$250.00 which includes 4 dinners on Saturday Night. Additional dinners will be available during registration.

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3. Schedule —

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday	1800-2100 hrs	Registration
Saturday	0900-1030 hrs 1030 12:00	Registration Optional Skippers Meeting Up to Six (6) Races Planned for Saturday

Sunday 1030 hrs Warning Signal
 1330 No Warning Signal Past This Time
 Awards to Follow @ GTYC

4. Sailing Instructions — will be available at registration and online at Yachtsscoring.com

5. Venue – will be West Grand Traverse Bay South of Power Island.

6. The Courses – will be 4 Leg Windward/Leewards.

7. Penalty System – RRS 44.1 is changed so that the ‘Two-Turns Penalty’ is replaced by the ‘One-Turn Penalty’.

8. Scoring –

8.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled and one (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 A boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores (no throwouts). This changes RRS App A2.

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9. Boat Launching – Boats will be dry sailed from ramps at either GTYC or Elmwood Township Marina.

10. Radio Communication – Communication for the racing will utilize VHF radios with the working channel to be determined. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. Prizes – will be awarded to crews placing 1st through 5th in the regatta. Additional prizes may be awarded.

12. 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.

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. Insurance – Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.

15. Contacts — For regatta questions, the primary contact is melges@gtyc.org and 231.946.9779

16 - 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 (GYTC) cannot guarantee that participants or anyone else will not become infected with COVID-19, and participation in a GTYC event may increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. By participating in a GTYC event, competitors ACKNOWLEDGE the contagious nature of COVID-19 and VOLUNTARILY ASSUME THE RISK that they

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. Participants 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 themselves or others, including, but not limited to, GTYC employees, volunteers, and other competitors. Participants 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, participants 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.

— **End of Notice** —

Social Events

Friday — Happy Hour & Food by the local Melges 24 Fleet #25 will be at GTYC.

Saturday — 1800 hrs – Dinner. Be there, it will be great! Entry includes 4 dinners; extras will be available for a reasonable cost at registration.

Sunday — Awards Party after racing at GTYC w/ lunch available.

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 at the Sherloq Solutins building to the north of the GTYC property is available after 5:00 on Friday. Also, parking along the right-of-way on M-22 is very dangerous, illegal, and strongly discouraged. Drive carefully on the grounds especially after dark. M-22 is a high traffic area — show extreme caution when exiting the club.

Accommodations —

Anchor Inn on the Bay (2 miles North of club) (231) 946-7442 – anchorinn.net

Downtown/West Bay Area:

Bayshore Resort (231) 935-4400 – www.bayshore-resort.com/

West Bay Beach – Holiday Inn Resort (231) 947-3700 – westbaybeachresorttraversecity.com Park Place Hotel (231) 946-5000 – park-place-hotel.com/

South Near GT Mall & Shopping:

Great Wolf Lodge (866) 974-9653 – www.greatwolf.com/traverse-city

Courtyard by Marriott (231) 929-1800 – marriott.com/hotels/travel/tvccy-courtyard-traverse-city Fairfield Inn (231) 922-7900 – www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tvcfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-traverse-city/

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Visit Up North – www.visitupnorth.com/

Vacation Rental by owner – www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/usa/michigan/northwest/traverse-city

More information at – www.traversecity.com