



2018 GTYC MELGES 24 INVITATIONAL REGATTA

AUGUST 18 & 19 – WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY – TRAVERSE CITY MI
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY & HOST: GRAND TRAVERSE YACHT CLUB

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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.

3. Schedule —

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Friday	1800-2100 hrs	Registration
Saturday	0830-0930 hrs	Registration Up to Six (6) Races Planned for Saturday
Sunday	1000 hrs 1300	Warning Signal No Warning Signal Past This Time Awards to Follow

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.

8.3 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. This changes RRS App A4.2

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. 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.

— **End of Notice** —

2018 GTYC Melges 24 Invitational will be scored as part of the 2018 King In The North Series.

The 2018 King In the North Series will consist of all races sailed in Melges 24 division of the 2018 GTYC Annual Regatta (Hound Dog Regatta) on August 11, the GTYC Sprint Series Races (2) on August 15, the GTYC Wednesday Night race on August 15, and the 2018 GTYC Melges 24 Invitational. Notice of Series will be forthcoming and requires no separate registration or entry fee.

2018 GTYC Melges 24 Invitational will be scored as part of the 2018 Midwest Melges 24 Club Challenge Series

The 2018 Midwest Melges 24 Club Challenge Series will be scored from three regattas: the 2018 Midwest One Design Spring Championship (Muskegon YC), the 2018 GTYC Melges 24 Invitational (Grand Traverse YC), and the 2018 Lake Geneva Fall Championship (Lake Geneva YC), with trophies awarded individuals and club teams as defined in the forthcoming Notice of Series.

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 in the Viridian Building 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, 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 —

Discounted room rates at local hotels may be available, as well as the potential for housing with members for the weekend. Contact Chris Jeffries at 231-883-4812 or chrisjeffriesmd@gmail.com for information regarding availability.

Hotels -

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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