

**2012 Melges 17 National Championship**  
**August 24-26 – Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC)**  
**South West Bayshore Drive, Traverse City, MI**  
**Organizing Authority: Melges 17 Class**  
**Host: Grand Traverse Yacht Club**

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**GTYC web site: [www.gtyc.org](http://www.gtyc.org)**

## **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 following rules will be changed as stated -
  - 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 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 of the Melges 17 Class.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by going to <http://www.yachtscoring.com> or completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fees, to GTYC; M17 National Championship; P O Box 131; Traverse City MI 49685. Entry forms will also be available at GTYC and boats may enter during registration.
- 2.3 The required fee for the regatta is \$185.00 which includes dinner on Friday & Saturday Night. Additional dinners will be available during registration.

### **3. Schedule -**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Friday, Aug 24	9 <sup>00</sup> - 12 <sup>00</sup> pm	Registration	
	12 pm	Regatta Briefing	
	1:30 pm	First Warning	Up to (4) races planned.
Saturday, Aug 25	10 <sup>00</sup> am	First Warning	Up to six (6) races planned.
Sunday, Aug 26	10 <sup>00</sup> am	" "	Balance of races to follow.

\*No warning past 12:<sup>30</sup> pm on Sunday.

**4. Sailing Instructions** - will be available at registration.

**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 Twelve (12) 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 with one throw out when six (6) races have been completed.

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 the GTYC.

**10. Prizes** — will be awarded to crews placing 1st thru 10<sup>th</sup>.

**11. 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**

#### **Social Events —**

**Friday** — Happy Hour & Food on the club menu. Light lunch before sailing.

**Saturday** — Light lunch either before sailing or during a quick break. 6:00pm Dinner. Be there, it will be great! Entry includes 2 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 (enter from Carter Rd, not from M-22). **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.

#### **Accommodations:**

Anchor Inn on the Bay (2 miles from club) ((231) 946-7442 † has RV Parking · [anchorinn.net](http://anchorinn.net)

Downtown Area:

Bayshore Resort (231) 935-4400 † · [bayshore-resort.com](http://bayshore-resort.com)

Holiday Inn (231) 947-3700 † · [holidayinn.com](http://holidayinn.com)

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#### **15-20 minutes from Club**

Great Wolf Lodge ((866) 974-9653 † · [greatwolf.com](http://greatwolf.com)

Fairfield Inn ((231) 922-7900 † · [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

Baymont Inn ((231) 933-4454 † · [baymontinns.com](http://baymontinns.com)

Comfort Inn (231) 778-8000 † · [comfortinn.com](http://comfortinn.com)  
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