

2012 Melges 17 National Championship

August 24 - 26 — Grand Traverse Yacht Club

South West Bayshore Drive, Traverse City, MI

Organizing Authority: Melges 17 Class Association (M17CA)

Host: Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC)

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GTYC web site: www.gtyc.org

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 - **Rules** — the regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2 - **Notices To Competitors** — will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of GTYC.
- 3 - **Changes to Sailing Instructions** — Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 4 - **Signals Made Ashore** —
 - 4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flag pole and communicated via VHF Ch 78.
 - 4.2 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than forty (40) minutes' in RRS Race Signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.
- 5 - **Schedule Of Races** —

DAY	EVENT	TIME	NOTES
Friday, 24th	Competitors Meeting	Noon	
	First Warning	1330 hrs	Up to 4 races are planned.
Saturday, 25th	First Warning	1000 hrs	Up to 6 races are planned.
Sunday, 26th	First Warning	1000 hrs	no warning past 1230 hrs.

 - 5.1 - Races will be sailed back to back with very little time in between.
- 6 - **Racing Area** — will be West Grand Traverse Bay. (see Attachment A)
- 7 - **The Course** — (see Attachments B & C)
 - 7.1 - Courses will be four (4) or five (5) leg Windward/Leeward..
 - 7.2 - All marks shall be left to port, except —
 - a - the finish mark on the four (4) leg course which shall be left to starboard .
 - b - boats shall sail between marks LG and RG from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark.
 - 7.4 - Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
 - 7.5 - One (1) minute prior to the warning signal, the RC will post the number of legs and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg accompanied by a series of short horn blasts.
- 8 - **Marks** —
 - 8.1 - Primary marks W, LG, and RG will be 4' orange cylinders.
 - 8.2 - Offset mark Os will be a small yellow ball.
 - 8.3 - Changing marks, as in SI 10, will be 3' yellow cylinders. When marks LG and RG are changed only one mark will be yellow.
 - 8.4 - The starting mark will be a 4' orange cylinder with a yellow band.
 - 8.5 - The finishing mark will be a 3' yellow ball.

9 - The Start —

- 9.1 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 9.2 - Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29. The race committee intends to make an attempt to hail boats who have not started properly on VHF ch 78. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of committee to hail any or all boats; failure of committee to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats within the hail.

10 - Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course — To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11 - The Finish — The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finishing mark. See Attachments B and C for locations.

12 - Penalty System — RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 - Time Limits — this changes RRS 35.

- 13.1 - The time limit for any race will be eighty (80) minutes for the first boat to *finish*.
- 13.2 - Boats not finishing within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored as below in 15.3.
- 13.3 - If no boat has passed Mark W within twenty (20) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14 - Protests and Requests For Redress —

- 14.1 - Protests forms will be available in the Race Office adjacent to the GTYC lobby and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 - The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks. This time will be broadcast on VHF Channel 78, posted on yachtscoring.com and on the official notice board.
- 14.3 - Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room.
- 14.4 - On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered —
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or
 - b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15 - Scoring —

- 15.1 - Twelve races are scheduled and one race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 - A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with one throw out when six (6) races have been completed.. This changes App A2.
- 15.3 - A boat that does not finish a race (DNF) 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

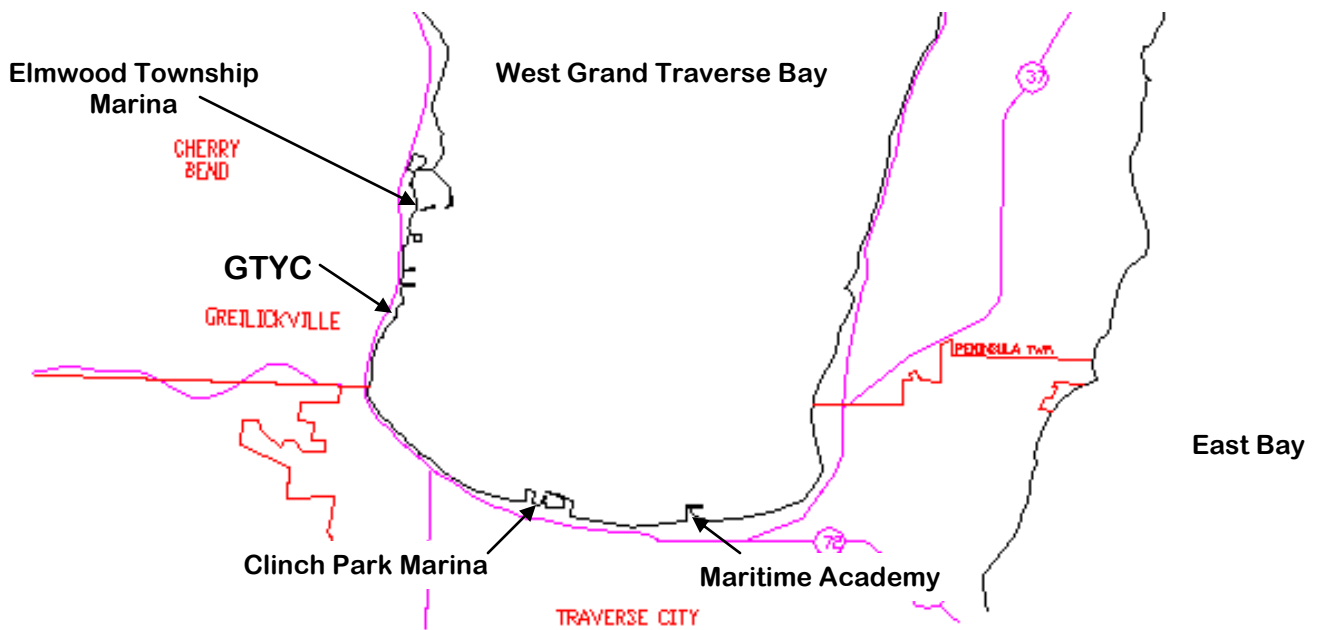
16 - Safety Regulations — (RC cell # is 231-218-3700)

- 16.1 - Please check-in before the first warning signal each day by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing your sail #. There will be no penalty for not checking in.
- 16.2 - A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC on VHF Ch 78, by cell phone, or by hailing any RC boat. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the RC Signal Boat as in 16.1 or via VHF Ch 78. There will be no penalty for not checking out or back in.

17 - Prizes — will be awarded to crews placing 1st thru 10th overall.

18 - Disclaimer Of Liability — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

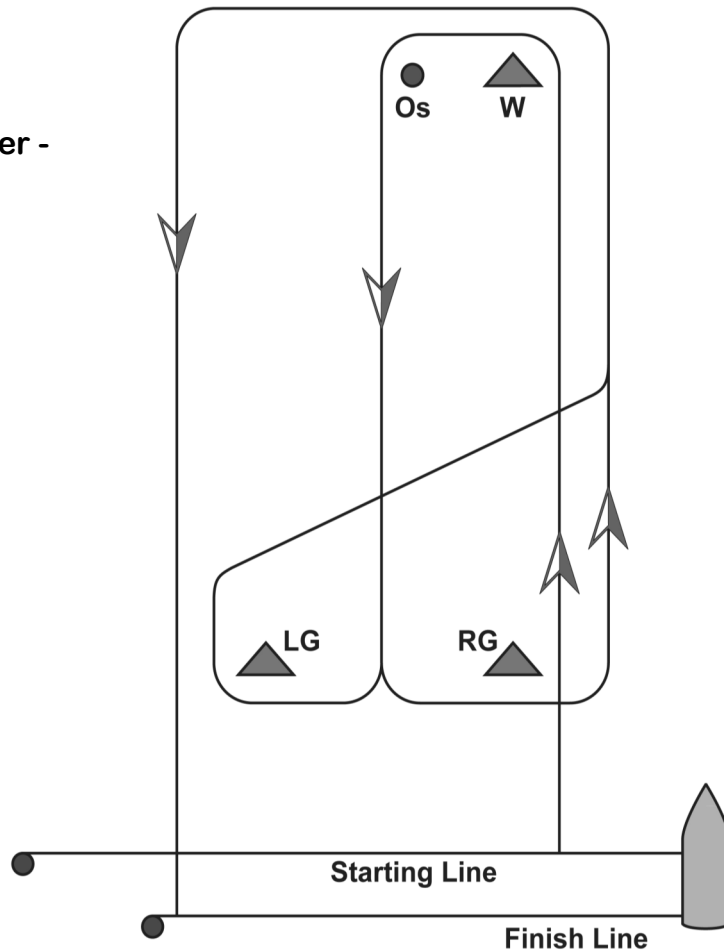
Attachment A — 2012 Melges 17 National Championship Regatta — Racing Area
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WEST GRAND TRAVERSE BAY



Attachment B — Melges 17 National Championship Regatta
Four Leg Windward/Leeward Course Diagram

- Rounding Order -

- Start
- W
- Os
- LG or RG
- W
- Os
- Finish



Attachment C — Melges 17 National Championship Regatta
Five Leg Windward/Leeward Course Diagram

