

# Melges 24 2009 Gold Cup

August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> – West Grand Traverse Bay – Traverse City, Michigan

Organizing Authority: Grand Traverse Yacht Club ([www.gtyc.org](http://www.gtyc.org))

Hosted By: Melges 24 Fleet # \_\_\_\_

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules -

- 1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS)
- 1.2 – The following rules will be changed. 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) RRS 35 - The time limit for any race will be ninety (90) minutes. Boats not finishing within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored time limit failure (TLF) and will receive one more point than the last boat to finish.
  - c) 44.1 – 'a Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by 'a One-Turn Penalty'.
  - d) App A - A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no throwouts).

### 2. Eligibility & Entry -

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority, including registration fee of \$175.00 (which will include 4 dinners on Saturday Night. Additional dinners are available), prior to sailing. Entry forms will be available at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Registration will be Friday August 21 at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club from 6-9pm. Registration will also be available from 8:30 to 9:30am on Saturday August 22.
- 2.2 Weigh in will be open during registration.
- 2.3 All participating owners, charterers, helmsman and crew must retain a current membership with the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association or their respective National Class Authority prior to racing.

### 3. Classification -

- 3.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's web site: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).
- 3.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications (including ISAF User ID Numbers) must be submitted by August 7, 2009. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted on the online registration web site and shall be completed and faxed to +1(912)756-6728 or emailed to [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com).
- 3.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries is defined in 2.1 above.
- 3.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to this date and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 3.5 Late entries may not compete for this trophy.
- 3.6 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 3.7 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.

**4. Schedule -**

DAY	TIME	EVENT	NOTES
Friday, Aug 21	6 <sup>00</sup> - 9 <sup>00</sup> pm	Registration	
Saturday, Aug 22	8 <sup>30</sup> - 9 <sup>30</sup> am	"	
	9 <sup>30</sup> am	Regatta Briefing	
	11 <sup>00</sup> am	First Warning	Up to six (6) races planned.
Sunday, Aug 23	10 <sup>00</sup> am	" "	No warning past 1 <sup>00</sup> pm.

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

**6. Venue -** will be West Grand Traverse Bay South of Power Island.

**7. The Courses -** will be 4 Leg Windward/Leewards with the Start/Finish line to leeward of the leeward mark(s).

**8. Penalty System -** RRS 44.1 is changed so that 'a Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced by 'a One-Turn Penalty'.

**9. Scoring -**

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

9.2 - A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (no throw-outs). This changes RRS App A.

**10. Boat Launching —** Boats will be dry sailed from ramps at either the Grand Traverse Yacht Club or Elmwood Township Marina located approx. 1/2 mile North of GTYC.

**11. Prizes —** will be awarded to crews placing 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Corinthian in the regatta.

**12. Disclaimer of Liability —** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

**13. Further Information –** please contact –

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U.S. Melges 24 Class Website –      [www.usmelges24.com](http://www.usmelges24.com)

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**Social Events —**

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

**Saturday —** 6:00 pm Dinner at GTYC. Be there, it will be great! Entry includes 4 dinners, extras will be available for reasonable cost, please let us know at registration.

**Sunday —** Awards Party after racing at Grand Traverse Yacht Club w/ Lunch available.