

Notice of Race – Melges 17 Grand Rapids Sprints

June 22-23, 2013
Grand Rapids Yacht Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Invitation:

For 2013, the Melges 17 fleet will be enjoying the Class' annual M17 Sprints at Grand Rapids Yacht Club on June 22-23, held on Reeds Lake in downtown East Grand Rapids. You will meet and compete with some of the best scow sailors in the Nation ! Come enjoy West Michigan scow sailor's hospitality, including free beer all weekend. We offer a casual but organized regatta venue in the heart of charming downtown East Grand Rapids, MI.

Rules, Entries and Eligibility:

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as determined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply and will be stated in full in the sailing instructions. Equipment is required to conform to the rules of the IM17CA.

Schedule of Activities

Day	Time (Approximate)	Details
Friday June 21	1500	Boat set up, practice sailing.
	1700 - 2000	Registration
Saturday June 22	0800 - 1000	Registration
	1000	Skippers Meeting
	1030	1st Race begins. Race Committee's discretion on timing of lunch and subsequent races.
Sunday June 23	0930	Sunday races begin. Race Committee's discretion on timing of races. No race to start after 12:30.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be distributed to qualified entrants at registration.

Scoring System

USSA Appendix A using the Low-Point scoring system with no throw-outs. This changes RRS A2.

Registration

Benefits of registering online:

- Breakfast, Lunch, and Beer for Skipper and Crew.
- '10 second' registration process on site if you have your check made out and have no changes. All Payments are at the regatta.
- Boat registration is only \$100. Regatta registration includes breakfast and lunch both Saturday and Sunday for Skipper and Crew, beer on tap all weekend, great sailing, lots of fun, and memorable trophies.

Register online at the Facebook Melges 17 website & M17 Website under Events

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/99550277382/>
- <http://www.melges17.com/?p=events>

Facilities

Here are a few specifics about Grand Rapids Yacht Club (GRYC):

- Final Registration will be at the GRYC clubhouse.
- Payment: Check or cash. No credit cards accepted.
- The event will be dry-sailed -- at the end of the day you will pull your boat out and leave it on your trailer in the large parking lot at the club. GRYC members will help organize launching and retrieving boats.
- Boat Launching: there are two concrete ramps with electric winches. Two wheel trailer movers make launching easier.
- Trailer storage: trailers will remain on site in the parking lot

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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.

Lodging Suggestions

Name	Local Number	1-800 Number
Exel Inn	616-957-3000	800-356-8013
Sleep Inn	616-975-9000	800-753-3746
Quality Inn	616-956-8080	800-221-2222
Radisson Hotel East	616-949-9222	800-333-3333
Marriot Courtyard	616-954-0500	800-606-2848
Days Inn-Airport	616-949-8400/ 329-7466	
http://www.visitgrandrapids.org	616-459-8287	800-678-9859

Directions to Club

From Highway I-96:

- Take the M-37/E BELT LINE AVE exit- exit number 38- toward M-44.
- Turn South onto MI-37 S/E BELTLINE AVE NE. travel 1.0 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto CASCADE RD SE/US-16. travel 0.8 miles
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto ROBINSON RD SE. travel <0.1 miles
- Turn LEFT onto REEDS LAKE BLVD SE. travel 0.7 miles
- Turn LEFT onto LAKESIDE DR SE. travel 0.4 miles

• Specific address:

Grand Rapids Yacht Club

740 Lakeside

Drive Grand Rapids, MI 49506

corner of Wealthy and Lakeside Dr. on the west end of Reeds Lake.

