



**2018 VX-One Winter Series
VX-One Design Class Midwinter Championship**

January 13-15, 2018, and February 3-4, 2018

VX-One Class Association and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Sarasota, Florida

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US prescriptions to RRS 60 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescription Appendix T, Sections A and B will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 is replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the rule in the sailing instructions shall apply."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) Pavilion.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the SSS flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 For each of the three individual regattas, one race will constitute a regatta.
- 5.2 Three races (in any one regatta or in total) constitutes the winter series.
- 5.3 There is no limit on the number of races that may be run on any day or overall.
- 5.4 The schedule for racing for the first two regattas is as follows:

VX-One Class Midwinter Championship (Series No. 1) – January 13-15, 2018

Saturday January 13, 2018

0800-1000 Check-in and Registration

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1100 Warning for first race of the day

Sunday January 14, 2018

1000 Warning for first race of the day

Monday January 15, 2018

1000 Warning for first race of the day

1300 No races started after this time

VX-One Winter Series No. 2 – February 3-4, 2018

Saturday February 3, 2018

0800-1000 Check-in and Registration

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1100 Warning for first race of the day

Sunday February 4, 2018

1000 Warning for first race of the day

1300 No races started after this time

- 6. CLASS FLAGS. The class flag will be white with the VX-One class insignia.
- 7. RACING AREA. Racing will take place on the open waters of Sarasota Bay.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram attached as "Exhibit A" depicts the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 If no windward offset mark is set, boats shall sail directly from the windward mark to the leeward mark(s) or finish.

8.3 If a single leeward mark is set instead of a gate, the mark shall be left to port.

8.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee ("RC") signal boat shall display the course designation, the approximate compass bearing to the first mark, and the approximate length of the first leg of the course.

9. MARKS

9.1 The windward mark and the gate marks or the leeward mark will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 The offset mark, if set, will be an orange sphere.

9.3 The start and finish marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.4 Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10. THE START. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and either the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a port-end RC boat.

11. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE. To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

12. THE FINISH.

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark.

12.2 Code Flag "A" displayed at the finish without a sound signal means "No more racing today."

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

13.2 Penalties for infractions within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

13.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Section B (Post Race Penalties) will apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within thirty (30) minutes of the start, or if no boat finishes within two (2) hours of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), defined as the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one (1), without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 Any failure to meet the time limits in 14.1 and 14.2 will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the RC at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protest forms are available at the SSS Office in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the designated representative of the Protest Committee at the Protest Office, located in the SSS Clubhouse Office within the protest time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks following the last race of the day.

15.4 The RC will post the protest time limit and a list of RC actions (if any), including boats given starting penalties, on the official notice board after docking. The deadline for filing a request for redress based on this posting is thirty (30) minutes after the posting time noted on the RC Actions form, or at the posted protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.5 Breaches of SI 17 or 18.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.6 Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee based upon the schedule established by the Protest Committee Chairperson at his/her sole discretion. Hearing schedules shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.7 Redress requests based on posted race scores or protest results shall be submitted to the protest committee no later than thirty (30) minutes after the results were posted. This changes RRS 62.

15.8 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.9 Protests that will have no bearing on the awarding of prizes may, at the Protest Committee's discretion, be postponed until after the awards.

15.10 The penalty for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. SCORING.

16.1 With respect to each of the three individual regattas, the low point system described in Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score only if six (6) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

16.2 With respect to the overall Winter Series, only boats that qualify for the Winter Series will be scored. A boat qualifies for the Winter Series if it competes (i.e., is in the starting area) in 66% or more of the races that are completed for the Winter Series.

16.3 With respect to the overall Winter Series, qualifying boats will be scored using the High-point Percentage Scoring System referred to in the U.S. Sailing Note on Scoring a Long Series at the end of RRS Appendix A.

16.4 With respect to the overall Winter Series, if six or more races are completed, a boat's worse score will be excluded for purposes of scoring, but will be included for purposes of qualifying for the series. If twelve or more races are completed, a boat's two worse scores will be excluded for purposes of scoring, but will be included for purposes of qualifying for the series.

17. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)

17.1 No later than five (5) minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check-in with the RC signal boat by hailing its sail and/or bow number until acknowledged by the RC.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area between races shall notify the RC by hail or VHF radio as soon as possible. A boat unable to notify the RC shall inform the SSS Office in the clubhouse upon returning to shore.

17.3 Failure to correctly check in (17.1) or provide notice of retirement or leaving the race area (17.2) may result in a protest by the RC.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 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.

19.2 All communications with the RC shall be on VHF radio. The radio channel to be used will be posted on the official notice board.

19.3 Communications between the RC that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

19.4 The RC may use VHF radio to communicate information including, but not limited to, the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make any radio communications, including, but not limited to, failure to communicate a bow/sail number, the order in which a bow/sail number is communicated, or failure to hear a bow/sail number, shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

20. PRIZES

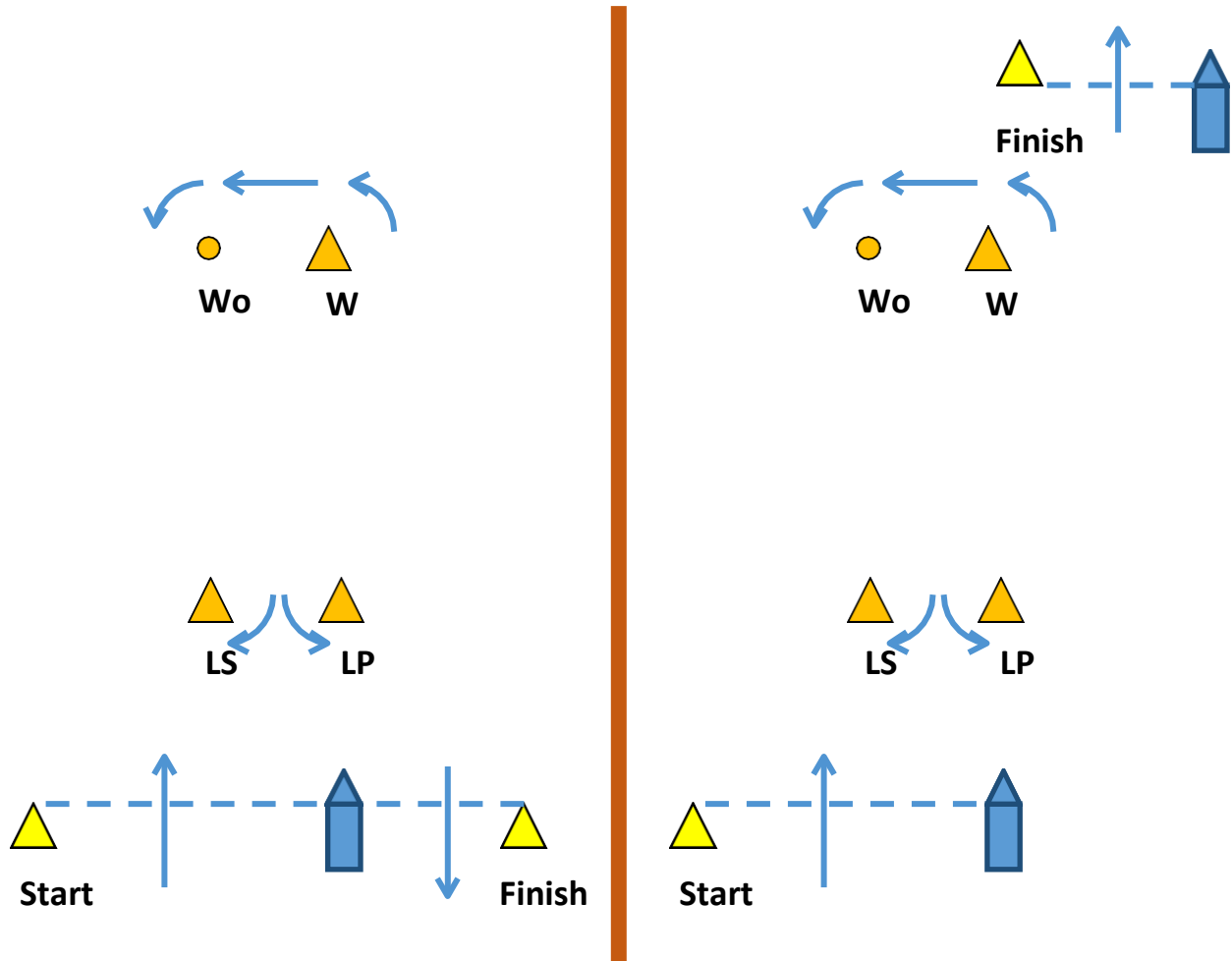
20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first through three place boats for each of the three regattas and for the Winter Series.

20.2 Other prizes may be offered at the discretion of the organizing authority.

21. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 or coach 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.

22. **INSURANCE.** Each participating boat shall be covered by valid and collectible third-party liability insurance with limits of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence.

EXHIBIT "A" – Course Diagrams



Course	Mark Sequence
2	Start-W-Wo-Finish
4	Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, W, Wo, Finish

Course	Mark Sequence
3	Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, Finish
5	Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, W, Wo, LS/LP, Finish