



2018 VX ONE
North American Championship
Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston, SC
November 2 - 4, 2018
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
(Updated October 26, 2018)



1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the VX ONE Class Rules (www.vxone.org).
- 1.2 Pursuant to RRS 87, the Class Rules may be modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) will not apply: Prescriptions to RRS 40, 63.2 and 63.4.
- 1.4 Competitors are reminded they shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IPCRAS) when meeting vessels that are not racing.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Official Notice Board CYC Boathouse and, if practical, posted on the regatta web page (on www.regattanetwork.com).

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c).

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on at the Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 6.2 No more than four (4) races shall be run per day, except that if fewer than the scheduled number of races have been completed in prior days, one (1) additional race may be run.
- 6.3 The detailed schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

1000 – 1800 Measurement

Thursday, November 1, 2018

0900 – 1800 Measurement

1600 – 1800 Check In and Registration

1500 Practice starts and practice race

After racing – Welcome social

Friday, November 2, 2018

1000 Competitors' Meeting



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1130 Warning Signal for first race of the day; additional races will follow
After Racing – Social and Competitors Round Table Debrief
1900 Class Dinner at CYC (included in registration)

Saturday, November 3, 2018

1130 Warning Signal for first race of the day; additional races will follow
After Racing – Social and Competitors Round Table Debrief

Sunday, November 4, 2018

1100 Warning Signal for first race of the day; additional races will follow
1400 No races will be started after 1400
After Racing – Social and Awards Ceremony

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the VX ONE class insignia or a pink flag.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Charleston Harbor.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram attached as Exhibit "A" show 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.

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

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

9.4 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the course designation and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

10.1 Windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10.2 Offset marks, if set, will be orange spheres.

10.3 Start marks will be orange tetrahedrons or starting pin boat or orange ball.

10.4 Finish marks will be between orange ball and orange flag on the Finish boat for upwind finishes and between orange flags on the Finish boat and Signal boat for down wind finishes.

10.5 Change marks will be green tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and either the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee Boat.

12. CHANGE TO 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. This changes RRS 33(b).



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13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of the adjacent orange mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing pin boat.

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 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.'

14.3 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.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The goal is to have roughly 40 minute races with roughly equal course length upwind and downwind.

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within forty-five (45) minutes of their start, or if no boat finishes within two (2) hours of their start, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat of the fleet sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later 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.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 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 Race Committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protested boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

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

16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks following the last race of the day.

16.4 The Race Committee will post the protest time limit and a list of Race Committee 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.

16.5 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.

16.6 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.



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16.7 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.

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

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

16.10 The penalty for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

17. SCORING

17.1 One race will constitute a Regatta.

17.2 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.

18. SAFETY

18.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area between races shall notify the Race Committee by hail or VHF radio as soon as possible. A boat unable to notify the Race Committee shall inform the dock staff upon returning to shore. Failure to provide notice of retirement or leaving the race area may result in a protest by the Race Committee.

18.2 A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to maintain her proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.

18.3 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel may be protested.

18.3.1 This Sailing Instruction can only be protested by the RC. This modifies RRS 60.1.

18.3.2 The penalty for breaking this rule may be disqualification from the entire regatta or a DSQ by the Protest Committee for the race sailed closest in time to the Danger Signal.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. No more than 15 minute delay will be granted to allow for repairs.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 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.

20.2 All communications with the Race Committee shall be on VHF Channel 74. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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

20.4 The Race Committee may use VHF to communicate information including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. These communications



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are a courtesy only. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow/sail number or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the first five places. Other awards may be given.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Carolina Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official accept no responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. INSURANCE

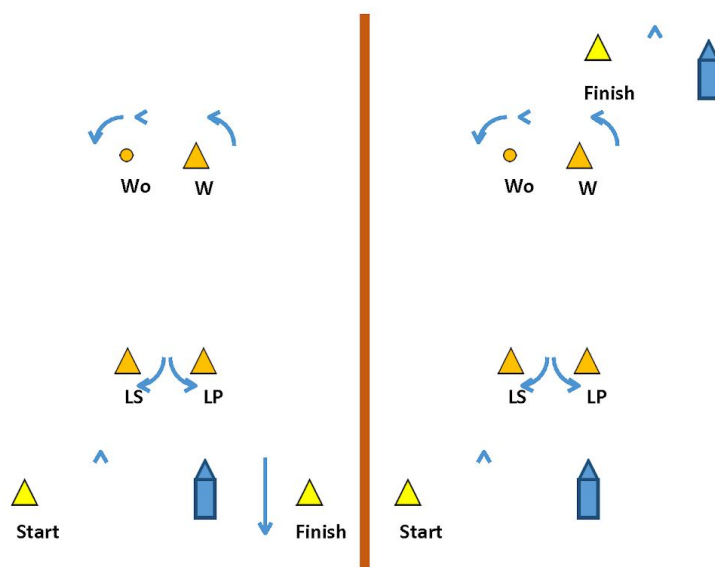
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.



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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