



2014 VX One North American Championship

July 17-19, 2014

Newport Yacht Club

110 Long Wharf, Newport, RI 02840

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the VX One Class and the Newport Yacht Club.
- 1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4 RRS 42.2 (a) is changed as follows: Unlimited trimming and easing of the Asymmetrical Spinnaker to promote a plane shall be permitted.

2. Entries

All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located inside the Newport Yacht Club.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect. The Race Committee may change the sailing instructions on the water by hailing to all competitors on VHF Channel 73. The "L" Flag will be displayed on the signal boat to inform competitors to come within hail.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yacht club flag pole located south of the club house.
- 5.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the AP is lowered. This changes race signals.

6. Special Signals

The display of code flag "A" at the finish of any race means, "Racing has ended for the day".

7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1 A maximum of 15 races are planned. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

7.2 Wednesday, July 16

- 0900 - 1700 Boat and sail measurement at Sail Newport
- 0900 - 1800 Registration at the Newport Yacht Club
- 1800 Warning Signal for NYC racing; practice race for VX1 sailors
- 2000 All boats must be in the water by this time.
- 2000 Boats return from racing; NYC Grill Night (pay as you go)

Thursday, July 17

- 0900 Late registration at the Newport Yacht Club
- 0915 Skipper's Meeting at NYC
- 1130 Warning Signal for the first race of the day
- 1830 Welcome Party at The IYAC (536 Thames St, Newport, unrestricted parking on Wellington)

Friday, July 18

- 1130 Warning Signal for the first race of the day
- 1830 Dinner at Newport Yacht Club

Saturday, July 19

- 1000 Warning Signal for the first race of the day
- 1600 No warning signal after this time
- 1830 Awards Ceremony at Newport Yacht Club

Sunday, July 20

- 0800 VX1 sailors invited to NYC Brunch (pay at the door, \$12 per person)

8. Class Flags

The Class Flag will be the VX One logo or the number 1 pennant.

9. Racing Area

The racing area A will be between Goat and Rose Islands. Race Area B will be north of the Newport Bridge in Potter's Cove. A flag will be raised on the club house flagpole at least one hour prior to the first warning signal indicating which racing area will be sailed that day – code flag A for racing area A, code flag B for racing area B.

10. The Course

- 10.1 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate magnetic compass bearing and the distance from the starting line to the first mark. This changes rule 27.1.
- 10.2 The attached diagram shows the course, the approximate angle between legs, the marks in order and the rounding direction at each mark. The offset mark will be set approximately 200 feet away from mark "1".

11. Marks

- 11.1 The starting mark will be an orange cylinder.
- 11.2 Mark 1 and mark 3, (3P/3S) will be yellow cylinders.
- 11.3 Offset (mark 2) mark will be a small orange ball.
- 11.4 The finishing mark will be an orange cylinder.
- 11.5 If the leeward mark is a gate and one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall leave the remaining leeward mark to port.
- 11.6 New marks as provided in Sailing Instruction 14, "Change of the next leg of the course" will be an orange tetrahedron.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Competitors are encouraged to sail past the stern of the RC boat and check in prior to the first race of each day.
- 12.2 The starting line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 A boat that starts more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

13. Recalls

- 13.1 In the event of individual recalls the RC may, as a courtesy, broadcast the sail number or bow number of any boat identified as OCS on the VHF channel 73. The failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, the timing and order of such hails, and/or the length of time it takes to broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 13.2 As a courtesy, the Race Committee may hail the bow numbers or sail numbers of boats that are over the line in the last one (1) minute of the starting sequence after the I and / or Z Flag has been lowered. Failure of a boat to hear this notification, and the timing and order of such hails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 29.1 and 62.1 (a).
- 13.3 Black flagged boats must leave the racing area immediately.

14. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

- 14.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the position of the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 14.2 When in a subsequent change of course a new mark (orange tetrahedron) is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark (yellow cylinder).
- 15. The Finish**
The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 16. Penalties**
- 16.1 Penalties at time of the incident – (Appendix T Part A) The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read: “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-turn penalty.
- 16.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties for infractions within the three (3) boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes rule 44.2.
- 16.3 The scoring penalty, rule 44.3 will not apply.
- 17. Time Limit**
The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark will be thirty (30) minutes; if no boat has reached the first mark within that time the race will be abandoned. There will be a ninety (90) minute time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired: score of two points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A5 and A11.
- 18. Post-Race Penalties**
- 18.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a Rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing may take a post-race penalty for the incident. The penalty shall be a scoring penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3. However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a post-race penalty by informing the RC in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- 18.2 The post-race penalty shall be:
(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit expires, or
(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.
- 19. Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 19.1 Protests shall be reported to the RC at the finish line.
- 19.2 Protest forms are available at the protest desk on the first floor of the clubhouse. Completed forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 30 minutes after the RC signal boat docks at the end of the day.
- 19.3 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
- 19.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit on the notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse, beginning as soon as practical.
- 19.5 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; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 19.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 20. Scoring**
The Low-point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply, except that if fewer than six races are sailed, each boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst score.

- 21. Disposal of Trash**
Competitors in a Newport Yacht Club event are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles, and plastic. This action is protestable either by any competitor or by the Race Committee. The penalty may be less than DSQ.
- 22. Safety Regulations**
- 22.1 While on the water, all competitors shall wear a Personal Flotation Device approved by the US Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country), except during brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Penalties assigned by the Protest Committee may be less than DSQ.
- 22.2 A boat retiring from a race will notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the Regatta Office immediately after arrival ashore.
- 22.3 The main shipping channel to Providence runs through Narragansett Bay between Newport and Jamestown. Commercial vessels in the channel have right of way. Yachts observed interfering with a commercial vessel will be disqualified.
- 22.4 Competitors are required to carry a functioning VHF radio.
- 23. Replacement of crew or equipment**
- 23.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 23.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 24. Haul-Out Restrictions**
- 24.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 26. Diving equipment and plastic pools**
Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race of the end of the regatta.
- 25. Support Boats**
Once the first warning flag of the day has been displayed, all support boats shall stay clear of the entire racing area until the end of racing for the day. A hearing may be called by the protest committee to investigate complaints of coach / support boat intrusion.
- 26. Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth.
- 27. Radio Communications**
- 27.1 The Race Committee's VHF channel will be 73.
- 27.2 Except for the specified Race Committee VHF channel, no competitor shall make or receive radio or cell phone communications commencing from the first Warning Signal of the day until the conclusion their day's racing, except in the case of an emergency.
- 28. Decision to Race**
Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury.
Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race.

Directions

Fort Cove

Freebody Drive

Race Area B

Rose Island LightHouse
Foundation

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Race Area A

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n Cove

Goat Island

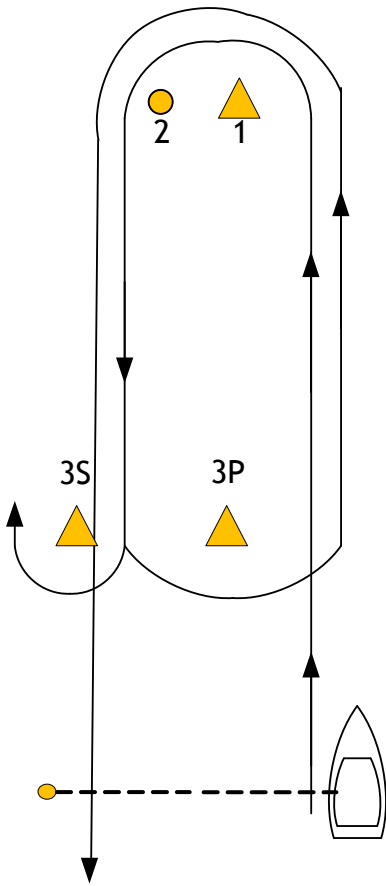
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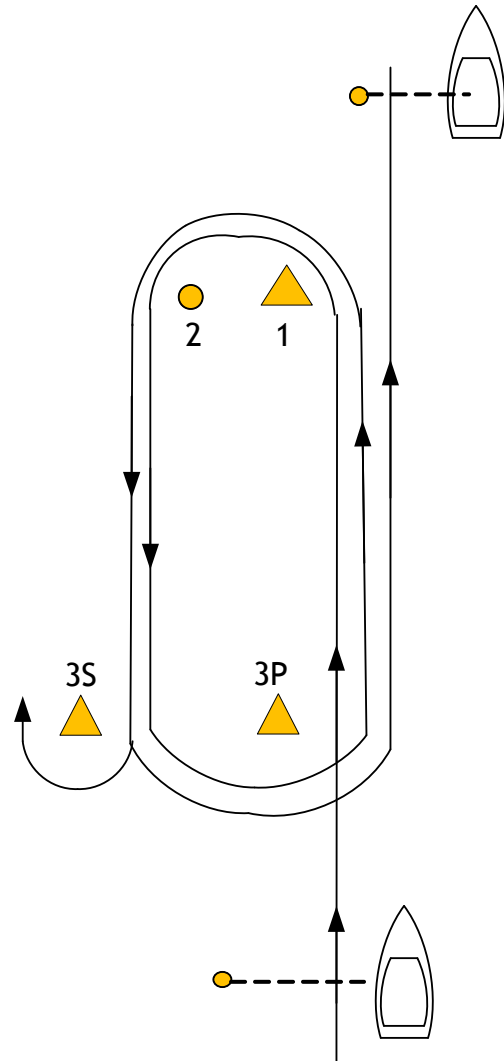
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