



VX ONE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

October 3rd – 7th, 2015, Gulfport Yacht Club, Gulfport MS

The Organizing Authority is Gulfport Yacht Club and the VX One Class Association.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 50.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3 RRS 42.2 (a) is changed as follows: Unlimited trimming and easing of the Asymmetrical Spinnaker to promote a plane shall be permitted.
- 1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing Part I – Use of Equipment shall apply.
- 1.5 Only the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1 and added rules 61.4 and 82 will apply and are stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.6 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20. If provided, flags and/or stickers or decals shall be displayed beginning Saturday October 3rd through Wednesday October 7th, 2015.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the VX One class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees.
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=10666
- 3.3 The entry deadline will be 2300 hours on Thursday October 1st, 2015. Entries will not be accepted after the entry deadline.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is US\$200 for entries received prior to 2300 on Tuesday September 1st, 2015 and US\$250 for entries received after that time.
- 4.2 The entry fee includes: light continental breakfast, after racing snacks & keg beer after racing, regatta t-shirt for each participant.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled.

5.2 No more than four (4) races shall be run per day, except that if fewer than the scheduled races have been completed in prior days, one (1) additional race may be run.

5.3 The detailed schedule is as follows:

Saturday October 3 rd	Check-In and Measurement	0900 – 1700
Sunday October 4 th	Check-In and Measurement	0900 – 1700
	Practice Race	1400
	Opening Ceremony	1800
Monday October 5 th	Skipper’s Briefing	0930
	First Warning Signal	1100
	Subsequent Races	to follow
	Daily Awards / Social	1800
Tuesday October 6 th	Skipper’s Briefing	0930
	First Warning Signal	1100
	Subsequent Races	to follow
	Daily Awards / Social	1800
Wednesday October 7 th	Skipper’s Briefing	0930
	First Warning Signal	1100
	Subsequent Races	to follow
	Daily Awards / Social	1800

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 All competitors shall complete on-site forms and waivers during Check-In hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than September 1st, 2015.

6.2 Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be presented at on-site Check-In.

6.3 Boats and sails are subject to inspection and measurement at the discretion of the event Equipment inspector. Additional details will be published on the regatta website no later than September 1st, 2015.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the event website no later than September 30th, 2015 and will be distributed at Check-In.

8. VENUE

8.1 The regatta will be headquartered at Gulfport Yacht Club, 800 East Pier Road, Gulfport, MS 39501.

8.2 The racing area will be Southwest of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward configurations as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.
- 10.2 The regatta will be scored in accordance with the low point system of RRS A2 except that a boat's series scores will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score only if 6 or more races have been completed.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall receive no outside assistance from support boats other than Race Committee boats, via cell phone, radio communication, visual or vocal signaling, or transfer of equipment or victuals from the time she reaches the racing area until she leaves the racing area after the last race of the day or when she retires from racing.

12. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT

- 12.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA/RC when either afloat or ashore.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 The race committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on VHF radio. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, or the failure to make, or for the competitor to hear, such an announcement shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers overall. Daily prizes will also be awarded. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2 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.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information, please contact:

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Chris Howell, Class Representative, (216)226-4411 or chowell@sailingorg.com.

ATTACHMENT A

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply:

1. Rule 40 – US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click the 'PFD' link for more information.
2. Rule 61.4 – US Sailing prescribes that no fee shall be charged for protest or request for redress.
3. Rule 67 – US Sailing prescribes that
 1. a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 2. b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 3. c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
4. Rule 76.1 – US Sailing prescribes that an OA or RC shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
5. Rule 82 – Indemnification or hold harmless agreements
US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an “indemnification” or “hold harmless” agreement. Go to www.ussailing.org/racingrules/documents and click on the “indemnification” link for more information.