



VXOne Winter Series #3

February 11 – 12 2023

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the VX One Class Rules except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.2 In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS—Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (CHYC).

3.0 CHANGES—Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the races will be posted on the official notice board at CHYC by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE—When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 30 minutes.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Saturday	11 Feb	0845	Competitors Meeting
Saturday	11 Feb	1000	1 st Warning Signal, additional races to follow
Sunday	12 Feb	1000	1 st Warning Signal, additional races to follow
Sunday	12 Feb	1400	No warning signal will be made after this time

5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races must be run to constitute a series.

5.3 Four (4) races are scheduled per day. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the series does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

6.0 CLASS FLAG—The VXOne Class Logo will be used as the warning signal in RRS26.

7.0 RACING AREA—Location of racing area is shown on **Attachment 1** to these Sailing Instructions

8.0 COURSES—Courses are shown in **Attachment 2** to these Sailing Instructions.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.0.1 The port-end starting mark will be an ORANGE Ball.
- 9.0.2 The leeward finishing mark will be a WHITE inflatable.
- 9.0.3 The windward finishing mark will be a WHITE inflatable.
- 9.0.4 At the starting line, the race committee may attach an orange buoy ("keep away buoy") to the starboard-end RC boat, at or near its stern. If so, this buoy will be considered part of the race committee signal boat. A boat that touches the RC signal boat and/or the buoy (or passes between them) breaks RRS 31 (Touching A Mark).
- 9.0.5 The course windward mark will be a YELLOW inflatable. If a small ORANGE ball windward offset mark is in place, it must be rounded to port.
- 9.0.6 The course leeward mark(s) will be a RED cone; If a leeward mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 9.0.7 A new windward mark defining a change of course will be a RED cone in its new position and no off set will be needed with a change mark.

10.0 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end of the line and the course side of the mark at the port end of the line.
- 10.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the WHITE inflatable finishing mark.

11.0 THE START

- 11.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to sail by the race committee signal boat and hail its sail number.
- 11.2 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. A series of sound signals may be made as a courtesy approximately 1 minute before warning signal for the start of each race.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS by the Race Committee without further hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4.1, and A5.
- 11.4 Races shall not be started when the median wind speed is below 4 knots or exceeds 26 knots. It shall be at the discretion of the PRO to not start or abandon a race due to safety concerns.

12.0 INDIVIDUAL RECALL- As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to announce OCS boats via VHF using bow numbers. The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be considered grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.1.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Mark 1 limit 30 minutes
- 14.2 Race Time Limit 75 minutes
- 14.3 Finish Window 15 minutes (TLE)
- 14.4 Target Time 45 minutes
- 14.6 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and will be given a score 1 point higher than the score for the last boat to finish. This changes Rule 35, A4, and A5
- 14.7 When Flag A is displayed at the finish vessel, it means "no more racing today."

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM- US Sailing Prescription Appendix V will apply, which reads as follows: • V1: PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty.'

15.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 At the finish of the race or after withdrawal from the race, a boat lodging a protest shall inform the Race Committee of the bow number of the boat being protested and/or the skipper of the boat
- 15.2 Protest and redress forms are available at the Official Regatta Desk at CHYC. Completed forms must be submitted to the Official Regatta Desk Officer as soon as possible, and not later than the protest time limit for each day of racing.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. Docking time shall be determined by the Principal Race Officer.
- 15.4 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board at CHYC as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform the competitors the time of the hearing to which they are a party.
- 15.5 All protest hearings will be held at the designated time specified in the official protest notices in the Commodore's Lounge at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

16.0 BOAT WITHDRAWAL—Any boat withdrawing from a race shall notify the Race Committee Signal Boat or Safety Boat.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 VHF channel **72**
- 18.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Any such broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 18.3 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.

18.0 SCORING

- 19.1 The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply except when six or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her races excluding the worst score. Rule A2.
- 19.2 For the purpose of the VXOne Overall Winter Series scoring, place scores from each regatta will be counted relative to other VXOne Winter Series participants. A boat that has entered the VXOne Winter Series, but did not start, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series, for that particular regatta.

19.0 AWARDS—Awards will be presented to first through fourth places for the regatta.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Racing Area



Sailing Instructions - Courses

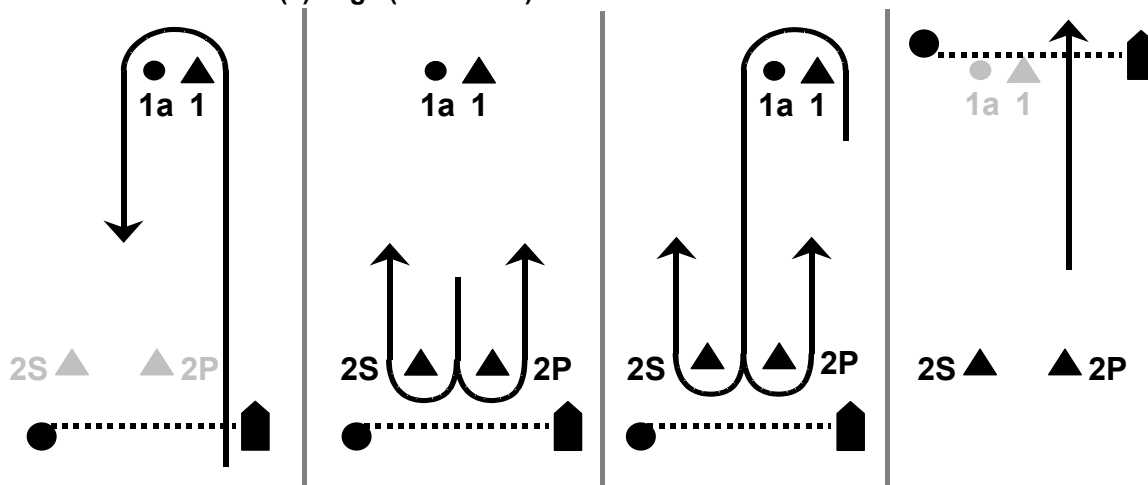
Attachment 2

Offset Mark (1a) used in conjunction with **Mark 1** will be placed at approximately a right angle to the first leg of the course and approximately 150 feet away from **Mark 1**.

New Mark: A new windward mark defining a change of course will be a RED cone in its new position and no off set will be needed with a change mark.

Gate 2S/2P shown in each course may be substituted by a single **Mark 2**, without signaling. **Mark 2** must be left to **Port** when rounding.

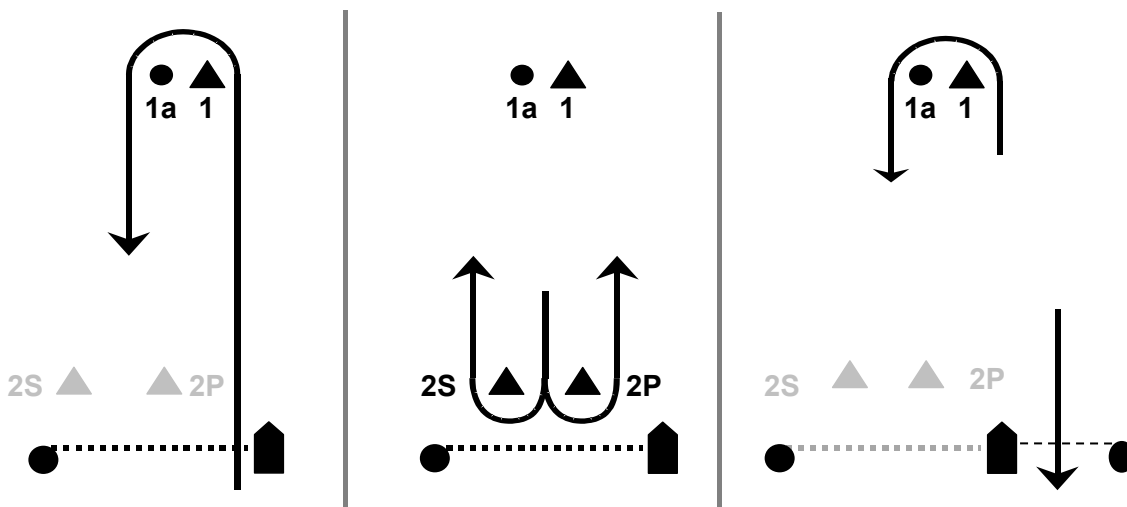
Course Wx Five (5) Legs (Illustrated)



W3 Course — Start — 1 — 1a — 2S/2P — Finish Windward — Three (3) Legs

W5 Course — Start — 1 — 1a — 2S/2P — 1 — 1a — 2S/2P — Finish Windward

Course Lx Four (4) Legs (Illustrated)



L2 Course — Start — 1 — 1a — Finish Leeward — Two (2) Legs

L4 Course — Start — 1 — 1a — 2S/2P — 1 — 1a — Finish Leeward