



VX ONE 2023 FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

March 4-5, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

POSTED March 1, 2023

The organizing authority (OA) is Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), located at, 2991 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The VX One class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board online <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25467#newsroom>.
- 2.2 A courtesy notice board can be found on the staircase to the second floor of the CGSC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races, which will be posted by 1700 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes may also be made to the sailing instructions prior to the first warning signal by displaying code flag L on the race committee vessel and advising of the change by VHF Ch 73.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the lawn at CGSC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday, March 3, 2023

- 1000 -1800 Equipment Load in at Regatta Park
- 1730-1830 Check-in @ CGSC (this changes the NOR)
- 1830 Skipper's Meeting @ CGSC

Saturday, March 4, 2023

- 1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s
To be followed by VX Ones
Post-Racing Happy Hour at CGSC

Sunday, March 5, 2023

- 1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s
To be followed by VX Ones
- 1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.
- 1530 Prize Giving at CGSC (this changes the NOR)

- 5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled for this Championship.
- 5.3 Four (4) races may be sailed back to back on each day.
- 5.4 No more than four (4) races may be sailed in one day.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races shall begin soon, the orange starting line flag shall be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the VX One insignia.

7 RACING AREA

The sailing venue will be in the vicinity of Dinner Key Channel Fl G 2.5s 5M "1"

8 COURSES

8.1 Course Designations:

COURSE # 4 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Finish

COURSE # 5 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Leeward Gate - Finish

8.2 The Windward Mark (W) and the accompanying offset mark (OS) shall be left to port.

8.3 If one of the Leeward Gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

8.4 Courses will be posted on a Race Committee signal boat course board prior to the warning signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed. This changes RRS 27.1.

9 MARKS

9.1 The Windward Mark (W) and Leeward Gates will be orange inflatable marks.

9.2 The offset mark (OS) will be an orange inflatable cylinder mark.

9.3 When changing the next leg of the course (SI Section 12), the new mark, unless the change is for the final leg of course, will be a yellow inflatable mark(s).

10 START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The class flag will be the VX One Insignia on a white flag.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end pin boat or the course side of an inflatable mark, which will be described in the competitors meeting.

10.4 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s) and will function as an extension of the Race Committee boat.

10.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable mark, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 5, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.
- 11.2 If the change is for a leeward leg, the new gate marks will be yellow inflatables, unless the first change is for the final leg of Course 4, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.
- 11.3 For course alterations of 5 degrees, a change of course may not be signaled. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over VHF channel 73.
- 11.4 If the weather mark has been changed according to RRS 33, the OS mark will be set in the same color as the new weather mark.

12 FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line for leeward finishes (Course 4) will be on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a Green inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 13.2 The Finish Line for windward finishes (Course 5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby mark to port of the Race Committee boat, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee boats. This changes RRS Race Signals.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The target time for all races will be 40 minutes.
- 13.2 The time limit for all races will be 70 minutes.
- 13.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 HAUL OUT

- 14.1 Boats may be hauled out after each day's racing without the express written permission of the Race Committee.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 The Race Committee may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race. All boats are to monitor VHF Channel 73 for the duration of the race.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Hearing Request, Scoring Inquiry and Request for Redress forms are available online (see links below in SI 16.4 and 16.5). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be posted on-line within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.4 Scoring inquiries, including potential requests for redress relating to a starting penalty, should be initiated by filling out the online Scoring Inquiry form at

<https://forms.gle/8NRwHJS4PAcKzRTA7>

Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. Also, questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The Race Committee will investigate, get back to you, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.

- 16.5 Protests and requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out the online Protest form at

<https://forms.gle/nf2pk5BAaaepPae36>

Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Also, questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Protests and requests for redress shall be emailed within the protest time limit, which is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks and which will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Virtual Protest hearings will be conducted via Zoom.

Coconut Grove Sailing Club Protest Room

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83536709778?pwd=UEo3dnpjQjhmVFVQNlRMVVRaVXVvUT09>

Meeting ID: 835 3670 9778

Passcode: 529947

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83536709778?pwd=UEo3dnpjQjhmVFVQNlRMVVRaVXVvUT09>

- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as

witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.

- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board (as defined in SI 2.1) to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Also, we will make a best effort to inform competitors by email or phone.
- 16.6 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 RRS 66.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62. If the Race Committee posts the results on the Official Notice Board prior to the protest time limit expiring, redress based on being scored OCS, UFD, or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Points Scoring System specified in RRS Appendix A will apply as modified below.
- 17.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding the number of worst scores when six (six) or more races have been completed.

18 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Such devices shall be in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organization and branded in the country of origin or manufacture.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Limitations
- (a) The crew shall consist of a minimum of two (2) persons. Any member of the crew may act as helmsperson at any time if they meet the provisions of Class Rule C.2.1(d).
- (b) No crew member shall be substituted during an event unless express written consent is granted by the Race Committee.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.