



2023-2024 VX ONE WINTER SERIES

November 18-19, 2023

December 16-17, 2023

February 9-11, 2024 (Midwinters)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

POSTED November 12, 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

[2023 -2024 VX One Winter Series #1 \(November 18-19, 2023\) : COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB \(regattanetwork.com\)](#)

[2023 -2024 VX One Winter Series #2 \(December 16-17, 2023\) : COCONUT GROVE SAILING CLUB \(regattanetwork.com\)](#)

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 No more than four (4) races are scheduled per day, with a maximum of seven (7) races for Events # 1 and 2 and a maximum of eleven (11) races for Event #3.

5.2 EVENT # 1 – November 17-19, 2023

Friday, November 17, 2023

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| 1000 | 1800 Equipment Load-in at Regatta Park |
| 1730 | Check-in @ Coconut Grove Sailing Club |
| 1830 | Skipper's Meeting @ CGSC with appetizers |

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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| 1100 | First Warning Signal Melges 20s |
| | To be followed by VX Ones |
| 1400 | No warning signal will be made after this time. |

1600 Prize Giving at CGSC

5.3 **EVENT # 2 – December 15-17, 2023**

Friday, December 15, 2023

1000 1800 Equipment Load-in at Regatta Park

1730 Check-in @ Coconut Grove Sailing Club

1830 Skipper's Meeting @ CGSC with appetizers

Saturday, December 16, 2023

1100 First Warning Signal

Post-Racing Happy Hour at CGSC

Sunday, December 17, 2023

1100 First Warning Signal

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

1600 Prize Giving at CGSC

5.4 **EVENT # 3 – VX One Midwinters - February 9-11, 2024**

Thursday, February 8, 2024

1000 -1800 Equipment Load in at Regatta Park

1730 Check-in @ Coconut Grove Sailing Club

1830 Skipper's Meeting @ CGSC with appetizers

Friday, February 9, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

Post-Racing Happy Hour at CGSC

Saturday, February 10, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

Post-Racing Happy Hour at CGSC

Sunday, February 11, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

1600 Prize Giving at CGSC

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 vessel 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 vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end pin vessel 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 vessel(s) and will function as an extension of the Race Committee vessel.

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 10 degrees or less, 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 vessel. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of a Green inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee vessels. 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 vessel and the course side of a nearby mark to port of the Race Committee boat, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee vessels. 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.

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 A boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees is requested, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes *and before contacting any support persons*, to inform the Race Committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 16.2. **Protest Time Limit** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee finish vessel docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the ONB as soon as practical.
- 16.3. The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. It is a boat's sole responsibility to check the Hearing Schedule at Regatta Network or your email promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest.
- 16.4. Scoring Inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a scoring penalty, are considered Requests for Redress per RRS 62.1. They should be initiated by filling out the online form "Request for Scoring Review" <https://forms.gle/Mo9BbySShMpg6c2p8>
- 16.5. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. Questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The Race Committee will investigate, inform the competitor, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the competitor chooses to seek redress under RRS 60.1(b), then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
- 16.6. **Protests and Requests for Redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by** filling out the online Protest/Redress form at the protest form link <https://forms.gle/gvXqTBKbbLj7nD5K8> If a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.
- 16.7. Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.
- 16.8. If the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the ONB before the time limit cited in SI 14.2, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall

be made no later than 30 minutes after the posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This change is added to RRS 62.2.

16.9. **Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty** shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the Race Committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This change is added to RRS 62.2. See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.

16.10. **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 change is added as the last sentence to 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 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.