



**VX ONE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**October 16-18, 2025 – Gulfport Yacht Club, MS - USA**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
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**Amendment 1**  
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[Note: ~~deletions~~ are in black; changes are in red.]

*The organizing authority (OA) is Gulfport Yacht Club. The host facility and regatta office are at Gulfport Yacht Club. (GYC), 800 E Pier Road, Gulfport, MS 39560. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) 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 will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the VX One Class Rules.
- 1.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), making relevant information available to all boats. This changes RRS 41(c). See ~~Appendix A~~ **Addendum B** for rules and details.
- 1.3 The following US Sailing prescription will not apply: 63.1. The US Prescriptions **in effect** are posted on the Official Notice board.
- 1.4 US prescription Appendix V applies.
- 1.5 In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.6 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read as follows: "(2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 but she was not involved in ~~or~~ **and** did not see the incident, or"
- 1.7 All boats must complete and submit at registration a class Declaration of Compliance before racing. The form is posted on the Official Notice Board under additional documents.

## **2. ADVERTISING [NP]**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29485 - \\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29485 - _home)

#### 4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first scheduled race or removal of AP ashore on the day it takes effect.

4.2 Changes to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on the previous day.

4.3 Oral changes to the SI's may be made on the water; the RC will display **flag L over C**, and announcements ~~may also~~ **will** be made on VHF Channel ~~74~~ **69**.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at GYC.

5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signals. This changes Race Signals AP.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 A maximum of eleven (11) races are scheduled, with four races on Thursday and Friday and three on ~~Sunday~~ **Saturday**. One extra race may be sailed per day, provided the series does not exceed one race ahead of schedule.

6.2 Race Schedule:

##### **Tue, Oct 14, 2025**

900 to 2000

Club Open to Competitors, Measurement

##### **Wed, Oct 15, 2025**

900 to 1600

Registration and measurement

1600

Practice race

1830

Competitors' meeting

1900

Opening ceremony

##### **Thu, Oct 16, 2025**

~~0900~~ **0930**

Competitors' briefing @ GYC

1055

First warning signal; subsequent races to follow

After Racing

Debrief & social event

##### **Fri, Oct 17, 2025**

~~0900~~ **0930**

Competitors' briefing @ GYC

1055

First warning signal; subsequent races to follow

After Racing

Debrief & social event

~1900

SHRIMP BOIL @ GYC

##### **Sat, Oct 18, 2025**

~~0900~~ **0930**

Competitors' briefing @ GYC

1025

First warning signal; subsequent races to follow

1600

No warning signal after this time

1800

Awards ceremony & social event

#### 7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will depict the VX ONE class insignia on a white field.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place on Mississippi Sound in close proximity to GYC, approximately 1 to 2 miles southeast of GYC. **See Addendum D.**

## 9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses will be windward/leeward. A windward offset and leeward gate will be used. Refer to ~~Exhibit~~ **ADDENDUM A** in the SIs.

9.2 The RC will announce the leg distance, and compass bearing of the first leg on VHF Channel 71 no later than the warning signal.

9.3 If a single leeward mark is in place instead of a gate, the mark shall be left to port.

9.4 If **Mark 1 is reset, the offset mark 1a will not be reset.** ~~no windward offset mark is set, boats shall sail directly from the windward mark to the leeward mark(s) or finish from the windward mark.~~

## 10. MARKS

10.1 The starting marks will be the RC signal vessel on the starboard end and a green Robotic Mark on the port end.

10.2 The finish marks will be an RC signal vessel and a green Robotic Mark.

10.3 Marks 1 and 1a (offset) will be yellow Robotic Marks; Marks 2S and 2P (gate) will be yellow Robotic Marks.

10.4 ~~A course change mark will be a yellow~~ **green** tetrahedron, if a Robotic Mark is not available.

## 11. THE START

11.1 Races will start in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and **a mast displaying an orange flag on a green** Robotic Mark at the port end.

11.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, RaceSense will begin a countdown to the start, prior to the warning signal for a race. (See the [Vakaros RaceSense Sailor Manual](#) in the event documents for review of operation.)

11.3 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

## 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 The RC may adjust a leg up to 010° in bearing or 0.1 nm in length without signaling by moving a robotic mark. This changes RRS 33.

12.2 For more significant changes, **the RC will move the original mark to its new position.** ~~or when robotic marks are not being utilized, the RC will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.~~

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel **on the starboard end** and ~~the course side of the~~ **a mast displaying an orange flag on the** green Robotic Mark **on the port end of the finishing line.**

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendix V applies, including:

- **V1:** One-Turn Penalty for Part 2 or rule 31 violations, with Two-Turns Penalty for part 2 incidents within the mark zone.
- **V2:** Post-Race Penalty with a 20% scoring penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). This penalty must be taken by delivering written notice to the protest desk identifying the race number and incident details. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty cannot be taken after a protest hearing has begun.

14.2 Penalties for infractions within the windward mark zone or offset leg may be delayed **and taken as soon as possible on** ~~until~~ the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

14.3 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violations of class rules and racing rules other than those in Part 2 and RRS 2, 28 and 31, as permitted in RRS 64.

## 15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The target time for the first boat is 35-45 minutes; failure to meet the target time **is will not be** grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 25 minutes or finishes within 70 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat will be scored TLE. A score of TLE will be 2 points more than the last finisher within the time limit, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## 16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed within 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16.2 The hearing schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes after the protest time limit. ~~Hearings will be held at GYC.~~ Parties and their witnesses shall report to the protest desk and remain in the vicinity until they are called. The protest desk will be on the second floor of GYC.

**16.3 Hearings will be heard virtually. For instructions, please see Addendum C.**

**16.4** Notices of protests and ~~requests~~ for redress by the RC, Event Technical Committee (TC) or PC will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 17. SCORING

17.1 Scoring follows Appendix A. Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

17.2 When fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A2.1.

17.3 When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 Scoring inquiries shall be submitted to the protest desk..

## 18. SAFETY CHECK-IN

18.1 Boats must check in by sailing on starboard past the stern of the RC Signal Vessel and hailing their bow number before the first race each day.

18.2 Boats that retire from the race shall notify the Race Committee ~~immediately~~ **as soon as possible**. This notification can be made on VHF Channel ~~71~~ **69** or 72. Notifications should be made either on the water or **to the protest desk** upon returning ashore.

## **19. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

19.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be accessible online at:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29485 - home>

19.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on US VHF Marine channels.

19.3. On the water, the race committee will use VHF Channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts to competitors, including OCS calls and general recalls. Safety boats will operate on Channel 72.

19.4. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in emergencies, boats shall not make voice or data transmissions or receive any communication not available to all boats, other than from RaceSense, per Class Rule C.1.2.

19.5. Each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of making and receiving calls and text messages at the venue. The Organizing Authority (OA), race committee, protest committee, and technical committee may also use email or text to communicate with competitors before the event and while boats are in the harbor.

19.6. The OA will organize a WhatsApp group for fleet communication.

19.6. Courtesy communications to the competitors, including those made via email, telephone, text and WhatsApp, are unofficial and are a courtesy only. The failure to receive any such communications or the timing of such communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

19.7~~8~~ The fleet support /coach boat and Sponsor (Vela Sailing Supply) is allowed to communicate with all boats on the water between races.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of competitors during the regatta, including any change in the number of crew members, will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Chief Judge ~~or Race Committee~~, per VX One Class Rule C.2.1(b).

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee (TC).

20.3 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

21.1 RC vessels will display RC flags.

## **22. PRIZES**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded per the Notice of Race, for 1st through 3rd place, with additional awards as determined by the OA.

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

23.1 Competitors acknowledge and accept the risks involved in sailing as described in RRS 3 and the Notice of Race. By participating, each competitor agrees that sailing has inherent risks, including strong winds, rough seas, sudden weather changes, and more, which can result in injury or death.

## **24. INSURANCE**

24.1 Each boat shall carry third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$100,000/300,000 per incident. Documentation must be provided at check-in.

24.2 Boats borrowing an Atlas 2 are responsible for its replacement in case of damage.

## **25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

25.1 [DP] Boats will be able to haul out each day. Dock space will be available for boats that prefer to stay in the water. If you are able to ramp launch, please use the boat ramp on the north side of the club.

## **26. FURTHER INFORMATION**

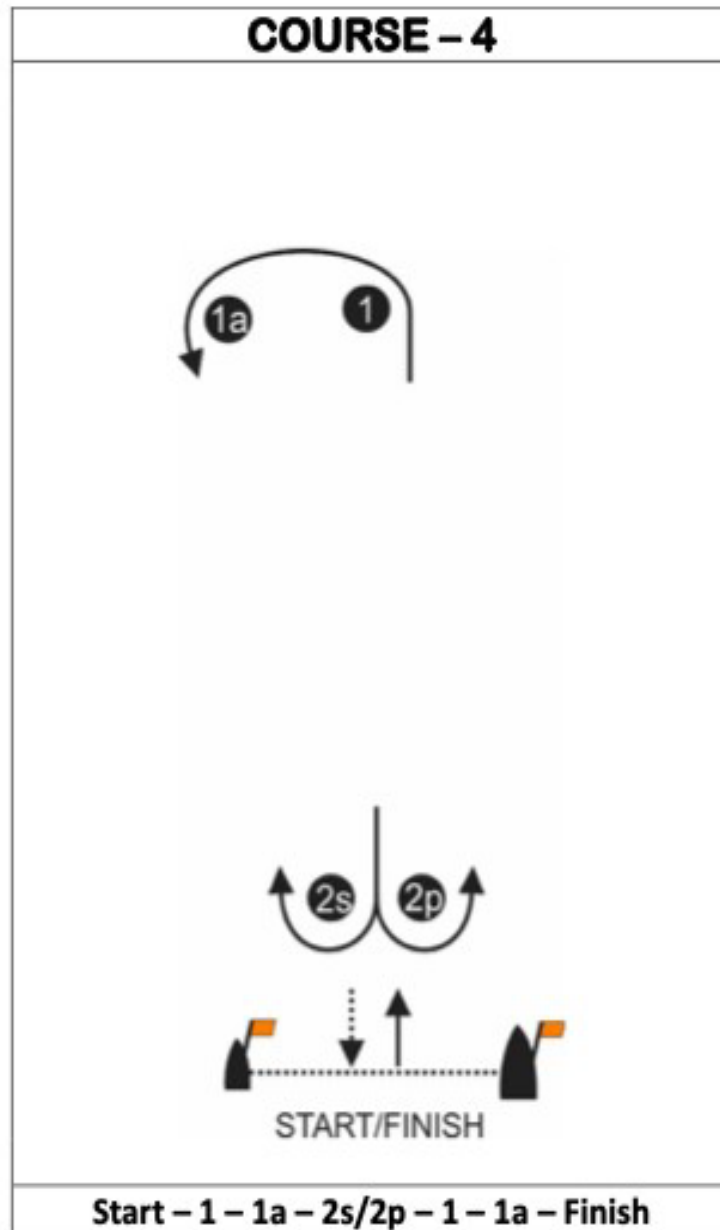
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## ADDENDUM A



# **VX ONE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ADDENDUM B**

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **[NP]Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System**

A.1 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.

A.2 Instructions for using the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

A.3 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in and mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 may have one provided by the OA.

A.4 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the system safe and operational, and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

A.5 Any failure of the Atlas 2, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.

A.6 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS.

## ADDENDUM D

### FACILITATED VIRTUAL HEARING ADDENDUM

#### HEARING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

## 2025 VX One North American Championship

October 16-18

#### **Facilitated Virtual Hearings**

Facilitated Virtual Hearings combine virtual judging with in-person participation at the regatta venue. This approach ensures efficient communication between the virtual protest committee and on-site participants while maintaining procedural fairness.

1. **Hearing Format:**

Hearings will be conducted with judges in person or virtually via Zoom or a similar platform. All parties, representatives, and witnesses must attend the venue in person.

2. **On-Site Facilitator Responsibilities:**

- a. Act as the local point of contact for the Organizing Authority (OA), Race Committee (RC), and hearing participants.
- b. Set up and manage the virtual connection for the protest committee.
- c. Ensure smooth communication between the virtual protest committee and on-site participants.

3. **Rules and Procedures:**

- a. Hearings will be conducted per the rules of **RRS Part 5, Section B** (Hearings and Making Decisions).
- b. Misconduct hearings conducted under **RRS Part 5, Section C** (Misconduct) will also be conducted virtually using Zoom or a similar platform.

4. **Recording Policy:**

No audio or video recordings of the hearing may be made by anyone other than the hearing committee. The committee will inform the parties if a recording will be made.

5. **Notice of Hearings:**

Notices will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical after a request for a hearing is filed. This ensures competitors are informed of hearings/arbitrations in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

6. **Schedule:**

Hearings and arbitrations will be held at the date and time posted on the official notice board before the scheduled hearing time.

7. **Competitor Inquiries:**

Competitors should contact the On-Site Facilitator with any questions regarding the information posted.

8. **Decisions:**

Decisions will be communicated to the parties at the hearing and posted on the official notice board.



ADDENDUM D  
RACING AREA MAP

