

VX ONE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

October 16-18, 2025

Gulfport Yacht Club

800 E Pier Road

Gulfport, Mississippi, 39560 USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is Gulfport Yacht Club (GYC). 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 is governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 41(c).
- 1.3. A working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense, mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. A boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the OA to any boat which does not have one available.
- 1.4. Alleged failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a competitor to request redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 1.5. Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line October 7, 2025..

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board (ONB) will be online at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29485>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the Race Committee on US VHF Marine channels.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. RaceSense information will be available to all boats.
- 3.5. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6. In order to communicate with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. The QR code will be available at Check-In.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats conforming with the VX One Class Rules helmed by members of the VX One Class Association.
- 4.2. Pursuant to Class Rule C.2.1.(d), all helmspersons must be VX One Class full or associate members.
- 4.3. All sailors may be required to sign a declaration of compliance indicating that they are not being directly or indirectly compensated to sail this event (to be provided at check-in).
- 4.4.

"Late changes to, or manipulation of, crew numbers or crew weights to suit forecast conditions are not in the intended spirit of VX One Class racing. Accordingly, crew names for each boat shall be declared by 5pm on the 8th day before racing begins, which is when regatta entries should close. Different helm or crew may be specified for each day of racing if required without the need for further written consent. After this time, C.2.1 (b) shall apply and if deemed necessary by the race committee, crew members shall be weighed to ascertain compliance."

- 4.5. Each competing hull must display a 2025 annual membership sticker from their respective National Class Association.
- 4.6. Eligible boats must enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee(s) **by 1200pm on October 2, 2025, found on-line at**
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29485>
- 4.7. Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability and proof of insurance is provided.
- 4.8. Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge will submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
Event Entry (includes racing, and 3 social events access passes)	\$450
Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage	\$ Free
Late Registration deadline October 1 st , 2025	\$100 late fee

Additional Dinner Tickets	\$30
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- 5.2. The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$75 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged by **October 2, 2025**. Entry fees will not be refunded after this date, unless the OA decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. There are 11 races scheduled for the event.
- 7.2. A more detailed social schedule is attached to the end of the NOR
- 7.3. Four (4) races are scheduled per day. However, up to five (5) races may be sailed in one day, but the event may not get more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 7.4.

Tue, Oct 14, 2025

900 to 2000	Club Open to Competitors, Measurement
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Wed, Oct 15, 2025

900 to 1600	Registration and Measurement
1600	Practice Race
1830	Competitors Meeting
1900	Opening Ceremony

Thu, Oct 16, 2025

0900	Sailor's Briefing @ GYC
1055	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow
After Racing	Debrief & social event

Fri, Oct 17, 2025

0900	Sailor's Briefing @ GYC
1055	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow
After Racing	Debrief & social event
~1900	SHRIMP BOIL @ GYC

Sat, Oct 18, 2025

0900	Sailor's Briefing @ GYC
1025	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow
1600	No warning signal after this time
1800	Awards Ceremony & social event

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. All boats shall submit the completed Regatta Measurement Form, demonstrating sails & hull measurement to the Technical Committee prior to 0855 on October 16, 2025.
- 8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.3. [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1
- 8.4. [DP] All boats shall display bow numbers in line with VX One Class Association Appendix H.3.

9. RACING AREA

9.1. Racing will take place on the waters of the Mississippi Sound in close proximity to the GYC.

9.2. Specific details regarding racing course locations will be in the Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration, as described in the Sailing Instructions, and will use may use a combination of inflatable and/or robotic marks.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Appendix V shall apply.
- 11.2. The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of rules and racing rules other than those in RRS Part 1 and Part 2 as permitted in RRS 64.
- 11.3. US Appendix V1, Penalty At the Time Of An Incident, will be in effect. The first two sentences of RRS 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 RRS 28 or 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while within the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 11.4. RRS 44.3(a) and (b) will not be in effect. The '30%' Scoring Penalty in Appendix V2 is changed so that the penalty is reduced to 25% for fleets with more than 20 or more boats, or 20% for fleets with 30 or more boats, racing. Such penalties must be approved by the Protest Committee. A request to take a post-race penalty may be made at the protest desk.

12. SCORING

12.1. The low point scoring system provided in RRS Appendix A will be used. With the following changes:

- (a) One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. [DP] Support person vessels shall register at check in, and provide name, phone number and boats they are coaching/supporting.
- 13.2. A support person agrees, while on the water, to monitor the official VHF channel, to assist the Race Committee, if requested, and accept the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.
- 13.3. From the time of the first warning signal of the day, until a boat has finished the last race of the day, support vessel and their crew may have no contact with their team.
- 13.4. Support persons shall stay 100 meters outside the racing area while any boats are racing.
- 13.5. The Race Committee or Protest Committee may warn a support person who, in their opinion, is about to infringe on a race before protesting under RRS 60.2 or 60.3(d).

14. LAUNCHING – BERTHING – HAULING – TRAILER STORAGE

- 14.1. All launching, berthing, hauling out, and trailer storage will be primarily conducted at GYC.
- 14.2. There will be no storage fees for competitors. Four (4) days of storage will be included in the entry fees. If competitors plan to stay beyond these days, please notify the yacht club to arrange location.
- 14.3. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park and harbor.
- 14.4. GYC will commence accepting boats from October 10, 2025. All boats must vacate the premises no later than Sunday, October 19, 2025. If you wish to extend storage time, please make arrangements with Yacht Club Manager. Steve Chatelain – 228.863.6796

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. [DP] Boats will be able to haul out each day. Dock space will be available if you wish to stay in the water. If you are able to ramp launch, please use the boat ramp on the north side of the club.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17. INSURANCE

17.1. A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,00/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please email to: chris@alexandercounterwrights.com

17.2.

18. PRIZES

18.1. Series prizes will be awarded for first (1st) through fifth (3rd) place. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1. Competitors give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material as well as representations of their boats in any **media world- wide (including television, radio, print, video footage and internet media)** for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. For further information please contact:

Regatta Chair: Steve Nolte snolte@mds-llc.net (504)289.1678

PRO: Shannon Bush swmadero@gmail.com (361)319.0142

Event Chair: Chris Alexander chris@alexandercounterwrights.com (239)770.8460

2025 VX One North American Championship DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Club Open to Competitors 9am-8pm, Measurement

No Services needed

Anchor Bar Open 3pm-6pm

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Skipper's Meeting

Ballroom, 6:30pm

Cash Bar

Opening Ceremony, Light Hors D'oeuvres:

Fruit/Cheese Display, Crab Mornay Dip, BBQ Meatballs, Fried Chicken Strips, Carved Prime Rib, Potato Bar, Bread Pudding Sauce

Cash Bar

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Breakfast Service 8am-10:30am, regular menu

Lunch Service 11am-1:30pm, A-la-carte menu

Social Dinner Buffet Service, Regatta/Chart Room

Caesar Salad, Spaghetti/Meatballs, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Pecan Cobbler, Ice Cream

Cash Bar

Friday, October 17, 2025

Breakfast Service 8am-10:30am, regular menu

Lunch Service 11am-1:30pm, A-la-carte menu

Regular Dinner Service for GYC Members, Regatta/Chartroom

Social for Competitors, Boiled Shrimp, Trimmings, Pasta Primavera, Cookies, Anchor Bar

Cash Bar

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Breakfast Service 8am-10:30am, regular menu

Lunch Service 11am-1:30pm, A la carte menu

Awards Ceremony, Ballroom, 6pm

Social for Competitors, Seafood Buffet, Seafood Gumbo, Salad Bar, Fried Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Fried Catfish, Stuffed Crabs, Hushpuppies, Bread, Peach Cobbler, Ice Cream

Cash Bar

Any product or apparel can be purchased with a credit card