

VX ONE PRE- NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

October 11-12, 2025

Gulfport Yacht Club

800 E Pier Road

Gulfport, Mississippi, 39560 USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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).

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.
- 3.5. [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).
- 4.5. Each competing hull must display a 2025 annual membership sticker from their respective National Class Association.
- 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)	\$150
Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage	\$ Free
Additional Dinner Tickets	\$Free

- 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.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. There are 7 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 for Saturday. 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.

Sat, Oct 11, 2025

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

Sat, Oct 12, 2025

0900	Sailor's Briefing @ GYC
1055	First warning signal; subsequent races to follow
1600	No warning signal after this time
After Racing	Awards Ceremony & social event

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 9, 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 (5th) 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:

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