1. RULES
   1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*) and the VX One Class Rules.
   2. US prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
   3. US Sailing prescription Appendix T, Sections A and B will apply.
   4. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
   1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Junior Sailing Center
3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
   1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the front north area of the Yacht Club.
   2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.
5. SCHEDULE
   1. A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled.
   2. No more than four (4) races shall be run per day, except that if fewer than the scheduled number of races have been completed in prior days, one (1) additional race may be run.
   3. The detailed schedule is as follows:

Friday September 18 Check-in 0900 – 1700

Practice Race 1400

Saturday September 19 Skipper’s Briefing 0900

First Warning Signal 1055

Subsequent races to follow

Dinner 1800

Sunday September 20 First Warning Signal 0955

Subsequent races to follow

No warning Signal after 12:55

Awards / Social 1500

1. CLASS FLAGS
   1. The class flag will be the VX One class insignia.
2. RACING AREA
   1. Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Michigan or the waters of Lake Macatawa.
3. THE COURSES
   1. The diagram attached as Exhibit “A” show the courses, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
   2. If no windward offset mark is set, boats shall sail directly from the windward mark to the leeward mark(s) or finish.
   3. If a single leeward mark is set instead of a gate, the mark shall be left to port.
   4. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the course designation and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
4. MARKS
   1. Windward and leeward marks will be orange tetrahedrons or cylinders.
   2. Offset marks, if set, will be orange tetrahedrons.
   3. Start will be yellow tetrahedrons or cylinders.
   4. Finish marks will be white.
   5. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons or cylinders.
5. THE START
   1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and either the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee Boat.
6. CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
   1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
7. THE FINISH
   1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark.
   2. Code Flag “H” displayed at the finish without a sound signal means “No more racing today”.
8. PENALTY SYSTEM
   1. The US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T, Section B (Post Race Penalties) will apply.
   2. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.’
   3. Penalties for infractions within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
9. TIME LIMITS
   1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within forty-five (45) minutes of their start, or if no boat finishes within two (2) hours of their start, the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limits will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
   2. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat of the fleet sails the course and finishes, or within the time limit, whichever is later will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), defined as the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one (1), without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
    1. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
    2. Protest forms are available at the Junior Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the designated representative of the Protest Committee at the Protest Office, located at the Junior Sailing Center within the protest time limit.
    3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat docks following the last race of the day.
    4. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit and a list of Race Committee actions (if any), including boats given starting penalties, on the official notice board after docking. The deadline for filing a request for redress based on this posting is thirty (30) minutes after the posting time noted on the RC Actions form, or at the posted protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
    5. Breaches of SI 17 or 18.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
    6. Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee based upon the schedule established by the Protest Committee Chairperson at his/her sole discretion. Hearing schedules shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.
    7. Redress requests based on posted race scores or protest results shall be submitted to the protest committee no later than thirty (30) minutes after the results were posted. This changes RRS 62.
    8. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
    9. Protests that will have no bearing on the awarding of prizes may, at the protest committee’s discretion, be postponed until after the awards.
    10. The penalty for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
11. SCORING
    1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
    2. The low point system described in Appendix A will apply, except that a boat’s score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score only if six (6) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.
12. SAFETY (CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT)
    1. Boats intending to race are requested to check-in with the Race Committee Signal boat at least five (5) minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day by hailing their sail and/or bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
    2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the race area between races shall notify the race committee by hail or VHF radio as soon as possible. A boat unable to notify the Race Committee shall inform the dock master upon returning to shore. Failure to provide notice of retirement or leaving the race area may result in a protest by the Race Committee.
13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
    1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
    2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
    1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
    2. All communications with the Race Committee shall be on VHF Channel 72.
    3. Communications between the Race Committee that may be overheard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).
    4. The Race Committee may use VHF to communicate information including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS bow/sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to include a bow/sail number or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
15. PRIZES
    1. Prizes will be awarded to the first through fifth place boats.
16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
    1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and coaches participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
    2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor or coach agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
17. INSURANCE
    1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum coverage of $300,000 per incident or equivalent.

**EXHIBIT “A” – Course Diagrams**

**Start**

**W**

**Wo**

**LS**

**LP**

**Finish**

**Start**

**Finish**

**W**

**Wo**

**LS**

**LP**

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| **Course** | **Mark Sequence** |  | **Course** | **Mark Sequence** |
| **2** | **Start-W-Wo-Finish** |  | **3** | **Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, Finish** |
| **4** | **Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, W, Wo, Finish** |  | **5** | **Start, W, Wo, LS/LP, W, Wo, LS/LP, Finish** |

**EXHIBIT “B” – Racing Area**