



VX One Great Lakes Championship Commodore's Cup

Commodore's Cup June 22nd VXOne Great Lakes Championship June 22nd and 23rd

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
Macatawa, MI

Notice of Race

[NP] The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
[DP] The notation '[DP]' in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Lake Michigan PHRF rules, and the class rules of those classes sailing.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any class rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 1.4. The Official Notice Board will be on Yacht Scoring. Courtesy postings will be in the MBJA.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. Eligible boats may enter online at YachtScoring:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16662>
- 2.2. Entry deadline is June 14th, 2024. Late entry registration available until June 21st, 2024.
- 2.3. Fees

Class	Paid before June 14 th	Entry paid June 15 th to June 21 st
PHRF Boats 30+ ft.	\$125	\$165
PHRF up to 30ft	\$95	\$135
S2 7.9	\$95	\$135
VX One	\$85	\$125

2.4. Commodore's Cup: June 22nd ONLY

- Open to all offshore one design classes, PHRF spinnaker, and PHRF JAM. A minimum of 3 boats will need to be registered prior to the deadline in order to establish a one-design class. A minimum of 5 boats must be entered prior to the entry deadline to establish an individual class start. The race committee will establish section breaks per registration of handicap boats classes that are registered.
- All PHRF boats must have a valid 2024 certificate.



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2.5. VXOne Great Lakes Championship: June 22nd and 23rd

- Open to all VXOne Class boats registered with the class association.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Racing on Saturday, June 22nd is for all registered fleets. The race on Sunday, June 23rd will be for VX ONE Fleet Only.
- 3.2. Saturday, June 22nd:
 - Skipper Check-In 0900-1000 hours.
 - Competitor's Meeting 1000 hours near the MBJA building.
 - 1st warning signal at 1200 hours. Will sail up to 4 races. No race started after 1600 hours.
- 3.3. Sunday June 23rd
 - 1st warning signal at 1100 hours. No race started after 1430 hours.
- 3.4. After consultation with class representatives, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Competitor advertising is not restricted.
- 4.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the YachtScoring website no later than June 10th.
- 5.2. Modifications to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on Yacht Scoring. Courtesy communication will be at the Competitors meeting.

6. COURSES AND RACING AREA –

- 6.1. Racing will consist of W/L courses for all fleets. The Race Committee may choose to set a triangle course for PHRF JAM on Saturday.
- 6.2. The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1 - 2 nm from the Holland Pier.
- 6.3. Multiple race courses may be established by the RC to suit individual fleet requirements.

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1. RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 7.2. RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply for all boats.
- 7.3. Delete the first and second sentences of **RRS 44.1** and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding or finishing mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty.
This changes RRS 44.1.



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8. SCORING

8.1. Commodore's Cup PHRF fleets will be scored Time-on-Distance.

- The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- There will be no throw outs for PHRF fleets.

8.2. VX ONE Great Lakes:

- The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- If six or more races are completed, one throw out will be allowed.
- A maximum of 6 races will be sailed.
- One race completed constitutes a series.

9. BERTHING

9.1. For our out-of-town competitors, there will be a limited number of slips and/or rafting spaces available at MBYC.

9.2. Dry sail space will be available to all trailer launch boats for the duration of the event.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION –

10.1. **[DP]** While racing [RSS Definition], except in an emergency, there shall be no communications [data, electronic, vocal or visual signaling of any kind] between boats participating in the regatta or from support individuals, unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones, Internet devices and any other types of electronics. Race Committee Radio Communications, Courtesy Broadcasts, and Recalls

10.2. All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio.

10.3. **[NP]** The Race Committee may make periodic broadcasts by VHF Radio. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Commodore's Cup: Awards given 1st through 3rd in each PHRF class or section.

11.2. VXONE Great Lakes: Class the awards will be for 1st through 3rd.

12. **MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER** - By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the OA and other sponsors.

13. Disclaimer

By registering for this event, the person-in-charge of each boat agrees with the following:

1. My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury, sickness and disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.



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2. I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, host club nor the race committee, nor any volunteers will be responsible for: a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or b) any injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
3. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, host club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury, sickness, or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or onshore and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury, sickness or disease (including communicable diseases such as Covid-19) or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including carrying and using appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law, racing rules and that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.
5. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors and affiliated companies, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after as a result of participation in this Series. Attention is also drawn to USSER 1.02, Overall: Responsibility, as well as the "Liability Waiver" which each competitor shall complete and submit. By participating in this Series, each competitor 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.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event.

I will inform all crew members of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on the Event Site in Yacht Scoring.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

PHRF - Bob Hughes rchughes19@charter.net

S2 7.9 - Scott Derby sderby@go-planet.com

VXOne - Sam Padnos sam@padnos.com

For any other information please contact the MBYC Sailing Director: Bob Hughes rchughes19@charter.net