



# VX One Great Lakes Championship Commodore's Cup

**Commodore's Cup June 22nd**  
**VXOne Great Lakes Championship June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club  
Macatawa, MI

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the VX ONE Class rules.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) US Sailing
- 1.4. Prescription to **RRS 63.1** and **RRS 63.2** will not apply.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board will be on Yacht Scoring. Courtesy postings will be in the MBJA. <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16662>

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 hours on the day they take effect, except that any change in the schedule will be posted before 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may modify the Sailing Instructions on the racecourse by a broadcast over VHF.

### 4. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 4.1. **VHF channel 72** will be the designated hailing channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 4.2. A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 4.3. Boats shall monitor the designated hailing channel at all times from 30 minutes before the warning signal until 30 minutes after finishing.
- 4.4. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



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### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed upon the flagpole located on the north side of the MBYC clubhouse or on the Race Committee ("RC") boat if tied to the dock or seawall.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

### 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The sailing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 1.0 nm from the Holland Pier head.
- 6.2. If conditions on Lake Michigan are deemed unsuitable for racing by the Race Committee, the Race Committee will attempt to conduct the races on Lake Macatawa.

### 7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. Courses will be Windward / Leeward 4 legs per the attached diagram.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the bearing and distance to the weather Windward Mark.
- 7.3. For races sailed on Lake Macatawa, please note the following local prescription: All powered vessels within the limits of the navigation channel shall have right-of-way over racing sailboats. This modifies COLREG Rule 16(a) (iv). For the purposes of the RRS vessels within the limits of the navigation channel shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts observed to violate this prescription may be subject to protest by the Race Committee with a penalty not to exceed disqualification.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1. The starting line will be between an Orange Flag on the port side of the starting Vessel and an orange tetrahedron.
- 8.2. The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron
- 8.3. An "Offset" mark may be set. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 8.4. Gate marks will be used for all races. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If either gate mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 8.5. Change of course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.6. The finish line will be between a Blue Flag on the Port side of the starting vessel and an orange tetrahedron.

### 9. START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using rule 26. 5-minute sequence.



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Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

- 9.2. The Race Committee may replace rule 26 with the Audible-Signal Racing System of Appendix U, a US Sailing prescription, which would be announced in a courtesy broadcast before the first warning.
- 9.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes **RRS A4**.
- 9.4. Classes:
  - VX Class will be designated with the VX class Flag when Starting.
  - PHRF Classes for the Commodore's Cup will be determined prior to the Skippers meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

### 10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. For Each Class, **RRS 35**: The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes

- 10.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 10.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points **one** more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes **RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10**.
- 10.4. If no boats finish within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 10.5. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a)**.
- 10.6. RRS 32: Shortening or Abandoning:
  - If the race is shortened, RC will display S Flag and finish boats as they pass through the line made by the gate.
  - RC will make a courtesy broadcast.
  - The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.



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### 11. WITHDRAWAL

- 11.1. A boat that retires from a race, shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racecourse area or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving at the shore.

### 12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Race Committee will make a courtesy broadcast to announce PTL. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Official Notice Board in Yacht Scoring. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest forms are available at the event site: Yacht Scoring/General Race Forms [https://www.yachtscoring.com/race\\_forms.cfm](https://www.yachtscoring.com/race_forms.cfm)
- 12.2. Protest can be submitted in person or electronically to Dale Gort: [dgort234@gmail.com](mailto:dgort234@gmail.com) or text: 616.403.6158.

### 13. SCORING

- 13.1. 13.1 For all classes, The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 13.2. 13.2 For VX Class, If six or more races are completed one throw out will be allowed.
- 13.3. 13.3 For all classes, One race completed constitutes a series.

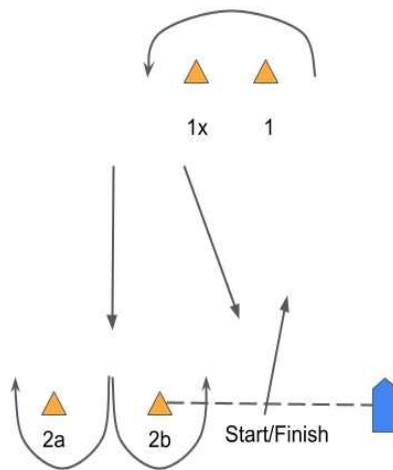


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## Addendum A - Course Diagrams

Course Diagram: Course 1: Windward/Leeward - 4 legs

Start-1-1x-2a/b-1-1x-Finish





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## Addendum B: Course Diagrams Rounding order: 1 – Pin – 1- Finish

