

VX ONE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
November 14-16, 2024 - Shake a Leg Miami, FL - USA
NOTICE OF RACE
POSTED – JULY 31, 2024

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133. 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 at check-in shall be 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 organizing authority 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 60.1 (b)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line on the ONB at Yacht Scoring.com on November 7, 2024

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board (ONB) will be online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16832
- 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 SIs.
- 3.4. RaceSense information is 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. [DP] A representative of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, protest committee and technical committee may use email or text messages to communicate with competitors before the event and while boats are in the harbor.
- 3.7. 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).
- 4.4. Each competing hull must display a 2024 annual membership sticker from their respective National Class Association.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee(s) by 1200 on November 13, 2024.
- 4.6. Boats shall enter the event by registering online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16832
- 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 – Mandatory	\$ 200
Late Registration deadline October 1 st , 2024	\$100 late fee
Additional Dinner Tickets	\$30

5.2. The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$75 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged by **October 14, 2024**. Entry fees will not be refunded after this date, unless the organizing authority decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.

5.3. The event will be capped at 50 boats

6. ADVERTISING

6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. The following racing schedule is planned for the event:

7.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the event.

7.3. Up to four (4) races are scheduled per day.

7.4.

Tue, Nov 12, 2024

1200 to 2000

Registration, Event Check-In, and Measurement

Wed, Nov 13, 2024

900 to 1200

Registration, Event Check-In, and Measurement

1000

Vakaros RaceSense Information/Training Session

1400

Practice Race

1700

Competitors Meeting

1830

Opening Ceremony & Bacardi social event

Thu, Nov 14, 2024

0900

Sailor's Briefing @SALM

1055

First warning signal; additional races may follow

After Racing

Vakaros data debrief, Bacardi social event

Fri, Nov 15, 2024

0900

Sailor's Briefing @SALM

1055

First warning signal; additional races may follow

After Racing

Vakaros data debrief, Bacardi social event

Sat, Nov 16, 2024

0900

Sailor's Briefing @SALM

1055

First warning signal; additional races may follow

1500

No warning signal after this time

1800

Overall Awards Ceremony & Bacardi 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 November 14,

2024.

- 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 Biscayne Bay – Miami, FL.
- 9.2. Specific details regarding racing course locations will be in the sailing instructions.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Racing may be held on a drop mark course, and may use any combination of drop marks, robotic marks. Specifics will appear in the Sailing Instructions.

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 64.2.
- 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)(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 Jury. A request to take a post-race penalty may be made at the protest desk.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The scoring system is as follows:
- 12.2. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4. When 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 check in before the first race of each day by contacting the Signal Boat.
- 13.2. A support person agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on the assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and accepts 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 on their course.
- 13.5. The race committee or Jury 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, and trailer storage will be primarily conducted at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM) unless competitors have made other arrangements on their own.
 - 14.2. Storage fees will be included in the entry fees to streamline the registration and storage application process for competitors. Four (4) days of storage will be included in the entry fees. If competitors plan to stay beyond these days, they will need to pay an additional storage fee. For in-between storage between regattas (Warm-Up Regatta and North American Championship) please email sara@bacardiinvitational.com
 - 14.3. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park and harbor.
 - 14.4. Shake a Leg will commence accepting boats from November 12, 2024. All boats must vacate the premises no later than Sunday, November 17, 2024. Boats participating in the warm-up regatta will be permitted on site starting November 7, 2024.
- 15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
 - 15.1. [DP] Boats will be afloat prior to their first warning signal for the event and shall not be hauled-out until completion of the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the Jury.
- 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 will be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please email to: sara@bacardiinvitational.com
 - 17.2. Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.
- 18. PRIZES**

18.1. Series prizes will be awarded for first (1st) through fifth (5th) place. Additional prizes may be awarded.

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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