



## 2024-2025 VX ONE WINTER SERIES

**December 6 - 7, 2024**

**January 11-12, 2025**

**February 7-9, 2025 (Midwinters)**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS POSTED December 2, 2024**

*The organizing authority (OA) is Coconut Grove Sailing Club and VX One Fleet #8 (Florida). The host facility is Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2991 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.*

*The notation [DP] means that the penalty for breaking this provision will be a discretionary penalty, which may be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions 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 VX One class rules will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). See Addendum B..

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board online

**Event #1:** [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16948](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16948)

**Event #2:** [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16949](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16949)

**Event #3:** [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16950](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16950)

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races, which will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 In accordance with RRS 90.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the RC signal boat displays Flag L over A with one sound signal. This means “come within hail of the RC boat” to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will monitor and may advise the fleet via VHF Channel 73.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the lawn at CGSC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’ in *RRS Race Signals: AP*.

### **5 RACING SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 No more than four (4) races are scheduled per day, with a maximum of seven (7) races for Events # 1 and 2 and a maximum of eleven (11) races for Event #3.
- 5.2 **EVENT # 1 – December 6-8, 2024**

Saturday, December 7, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s, to be followed by VX Ones

Sunday, December 8, 2024

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s, to be followed by VX Ones

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

- 5.3 **EVENT # 2 – January 11-12, 2025**

Saturday, January 11, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal

Sunday, January 12, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

- 5.4 **EVENT # 3 – VX One Midwinters - February 7-9, 2025**

Friday, February 7, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

Saturday, February 8, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

Sunday, February 9, 2025

1100 First Warning Signal Melges 20s; VX One warning to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time

## **6 RACING AREA**

All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flag shall be a white flag with the VX One insignia.

## **8 COURSES**

### **8.1 Course Designations:**

COURSE # 4 - Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

COURSE # 5 - Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Windward Finish

### **8.2 See SI Addendum A for Course Diagrams.**

**8.3** The windward mark (1) and the accompanying offset mark (1a) shall be left to port.

**8.4** If one of the leeward gate marks (2s/2p) is missing, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

**8.5** Prior to the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and the distance from the starting line to the first mark.

## **9 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**9.1** All competing boats shall carry a hand-held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels (US) for safety purposes and Race Committee communication. All boats are to monitor VHF Channel 73 for the duration of the race.

**9.2** The Race Committee may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race, including hailing OCS boats. Failure of the Race Committee to make

a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

- 9.3 Except from the specified Race Committee VHF channel 73, no competitor shall make or receive radio communications commencing from the first warning signal of the day until the conclusion of the day's racing, except in the case of an emergency. This restriction also applies to cell phone communications, except that cell phones may be used between races to check the regatta website.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 The windward mark (1) and leeward gates (2s/2p) will be orange inflatable marks. The offset mark (1a) will be an orange inflatable cylinder mark.

10.2 New marks, when used as described in SI 12, will be yellow tetrahedrons. When Mark 1 is replaced with a new Mark, Mark 1a will also be replaced.

## **11 START**

11.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag shall be displayed with one (1) sound approximately five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end pin vessel or the course side of an inflatable mark, which will be described in the competitors' meeting.

11.3 A buoy may be tethered to the stern of a committee vessel and will function as an extension of that vessel.

11.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

12.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees +/- or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to that mark. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes on VHF channel 73.

### **13 FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel and the course side of a mark, as illustrated on the course chart.
- 13.2 Flag A, displayed while boats are finishing, indicates “No more racing for the day.”

### **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 Mark 1 Time Limit: 30 minutes  
Race Target Time: 40 minutes  
Race Time Limit: 70 minutes  
Finishing Window: 20 minutes
- 14.2 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*.
- 14.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.4 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored as “TLE” and will be scored two additional points more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

### **15 HAUL OUT**

Boats may be hauled out after each day’s racing.

### **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 RRS 61 is modified to add the additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the RC upon finishing or retiring *and before contacting any support persons*.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee vessel docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical.
- 16.3 Scoring Inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a scoring penalty, should be initiated by filling out the online form “Request for Scoring Review” <https://forms.gle/Mo9BbySShMpg6c2p8> . Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). Questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). If the competitor chooses to seek redress under RRS 60.1(b), then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.

- 16.4 Protests and Requests for Redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out the online Protest/Redress form at the protest form link <https://forms.gle/gvXqTBKbbLj7nD5K8>. Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Questions and diagrams supporting a Protest/Redress request can be emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org).
- 16.5 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee required by RRS 61.1(b) will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. It is a boat's sole responsibility to check the Hearing Schedule at Regatta Network or email promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 For each individual event, the Low Point scoring system will apply. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. *This changes RRS A2.*
- (a) RRS A2.1; the word 'series' is deleted and replaced by 'event'.
- (b) The first sentence of RRS A5.2 is changed to: 'A boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.'
- 17.2 One (1) race is necessary to constitute an event.
- 17.3 The overall series will be scored using the High Point Scoring System, as described in NOR Addendum A. *This changes RRS A2.*

## **18 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Such devices shall be in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority or standards organization and branded in the country of origin or manufacture.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing or calling on VHF channel 73, and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Regatta desk on shore at CGSC.

## **19 [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

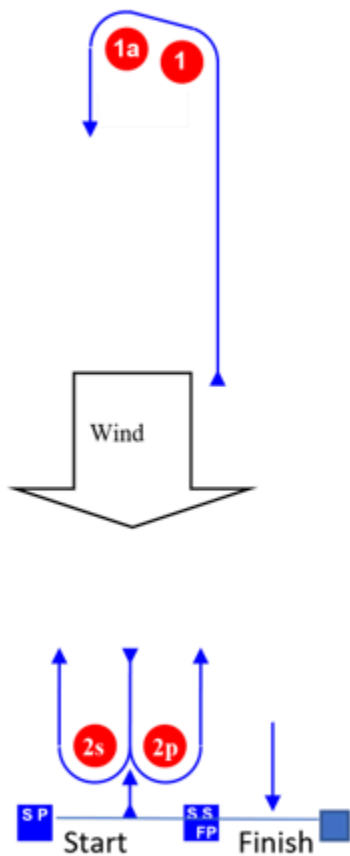
- 19.1 Limitations

- (a) The crew shall consist of a minimum of two (2) persons. Any member of the crew may act as helmsperson at any time if they meet the provisions of Class Rule C.2.1(d).
- (b) No crew member shall be substituted during an event unless express written consent is granted by the Principal Race Officer.

**20** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

# ADDENDUM A - Course Diagrams

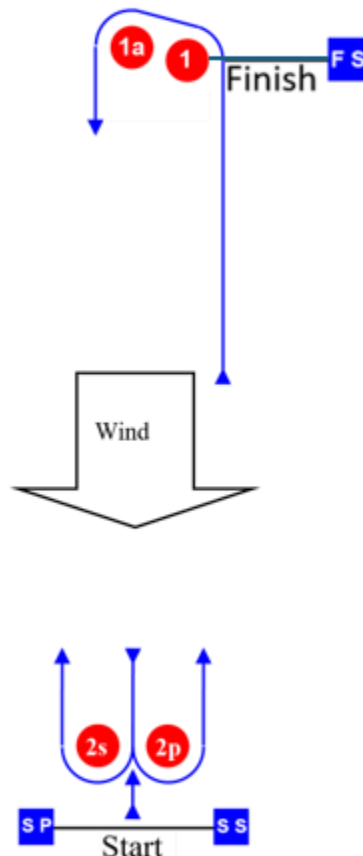
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

#5



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish



## **Addendum B**

### **[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense Systems**

- B.1 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS29 and RRS 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
- B.2 Instructions for using the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- B.3 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in and mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 may have one provided by the OA.
- B.4 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the system safe and operational, and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- B.5 Any failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 60.3(b). 63.1.
- B.6 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS.