



**NOTICE OF RACE
2020 VX ONE/M17 MBYC Season Championship**

**Macatawa Bay Yacht Club
Macatawa, Michigan**

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 and Melges17 Class rules.
- 1.2 Pursuant to RRS 87, the Class Rules may be modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) will apply except the prescriptions to RRS 40. A complete list of US Sailing prescriptions is available on the US Sailing website (www.ussailing.org).

2. COVID-19

- 2.1 At the time of scheduling these races, it is our understanding that the races can be run in compliance with all lawful state imposed restrictions. However, each team shall be responsible for taking those measures that may be necessary to be in compliance and shall release MBYC and the Race Committee from any obligations to monitor or enforce such restrictions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the VX ONE Class and Melges17 Class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form at www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required entry fee.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The registration fee is \$80.00 for all three Seasons
\$60.00 Summer and Fall
\$40.00 Fall

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The 2020 Fleet Championship shall consist of the following events:

Spring Series

Inshore #1	Sunday 6.7.2020
Inshore #2	Sunday 6.14.2020
Inshore #3	Sunday 6.28.2020

Summer Series

Inshore #4	Sunday 7.5.2020
Inshore #6	Sunday 7.12.2020
Inshore #7	Sunday 7.19.2020
Inshore #8	Sunday 7.26.2020

Fall Series

Inshore #9	Sunday 8.2.2020
Inshore #10	Sunday 8.9.2020
Inshore #11	Sunday 8.16.2020
Inshore #12	Sunday 8.23.2020

5.2 Each Inshore series will consist of a minimum of one race and no more than 5 races. The first signal for inshore series will be 10:00 hrs. Inshore Series will have no start after 12:00 hrs. Starting time may vary due to weather conditions.

5.3 A starting sequence will not be given to classes that don't meet the minimum requirement of 3 boats in the racing area.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at www.yachtscoring.com and from the Race Committee on the day of the event.

7. COURSES

7.1 Inshore series shall be sailed on Lake Macatawa.

7.2 For races sailed on Lake Macatawa, please note the following local prescription in the Sailing Instructions: *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 from the 2022 Season Championship.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 The Season's Championship will be scored on 75% of the competitor's best finishes. Competitors are required to race in 60% of the series races for finishes to count towards the Season Championship.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 places of each individual season and overall Season. Other awards may be given.

11. DISCLAIMER

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. (See RRS4 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 Series.
- 11.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned if possible by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 11.3 MBYC and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.
- 11.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property, or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Office or Committee member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the Championship.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION:

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