



2023 VXOne Great Lakes Championship

**VXOne Great Lakes Championship, Mallory Trophy Qualifier
July 9th and 10th
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. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC) and Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation (LMSRF).
- 1.3. RRS Appendix V – Alternative Penalties will apply to all boats.
- 1.4. US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.1 will not apply.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on Yachtscoring.com and the Notice Board located on the wall adjacent to the MBYC Dockmaster's office in the Junior Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they will 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 radio channel 72.

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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed upon the flag pole 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. 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. 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 90 degrees at a distance of approximately 50 yards from the windward mark. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag “M” is displayed in its place, only 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 an Orange 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. 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.
- 9.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. **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. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 62.1(a).**

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 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest forms are available at the Club Office and/or the signal boat.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. 13.1 The Low Point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 13.2. 13.2 If six or more races are completed one throw out will be allowed.
- 13.3. 13.3 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

