



**Sailing Instructions  
2019 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](http://www.ussailing.org)).

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the VX ONE Class and Melges17 Class.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and paying the required entry fee.

**4. Notice to Competitors**

- 4.1 Notices will be posted on the Notice Board located on the wall adjacent to the MBYC Dockmaster's office.

**5. SCHEDULE of Races**

5.1 The 2019 Fleet Championship shall consist of the following events:

**Spring Series**

- Inshore #1 Sunday 6.2.2019
- Inshore #2 Sunday 6.9.2019
- Inshore #3 Sunday 6.16.2019
- Inshore #4 Sunday 6.30.2019

**Summer Series**

- Inshore #5 Sunday 7.7.2019
- Inshore #6 Sunday 7.14.2019
- Inshore #7 Sunday 7.21.2019
- Inshore #8 Sunday 7.28.2019

**Fall Series**

- Inshore #9 Sunday 8.4.2019
- Inshore #10 Sunday 8.11.2019
- Inshore #11 Sunday 8.18.2019
- Inshore #12 Sunday 8.25.2018

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. Changes in the Sailing Instructions**

6.1 Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they will take effect.

**7. COURSES**

- 7.1 Inshore series shall be sailed on Lake Macatawa.
- 7.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward. The courses' number of legs will be posted on the RC boat. The intent is to have 4 legs. See Diagram below on Paragraph 13 Addendum.

**8. Marks**

8.1 Marks shall be Orange tetrahedrons.

## **9. THE START**

9.1 Races will be started by using a 3 minute countdown sequence.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the adjacent mark at the port end.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the Starting Area.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

9.5 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of any OCS boats. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

## **10. The Finish**

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and the Orange finish Mark

## **11. Time Limit**

11.1 The time limit for races shall be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

## **12. Withdrawal**

12.1 A boat which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the race course area, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving at shore.

## **13. Protests**

13.1 Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the RC 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.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

14.2 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.

## **15. PRIZES**

15.1 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 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.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

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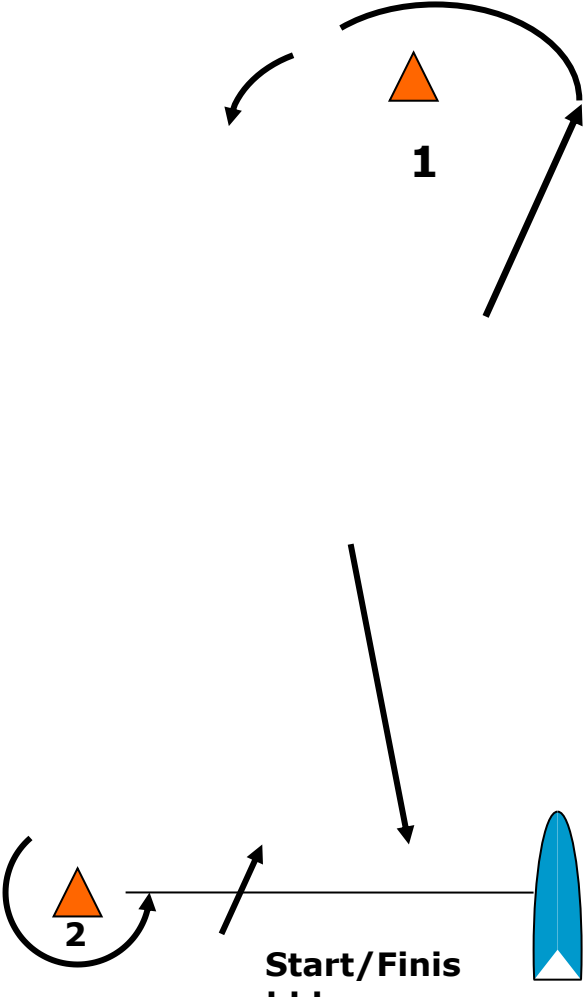
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**13. Addendum**

**Course A Diagram: Windward/Leeward – 4 legs**

**Start – 1- 2 – 1 Finish**



**Course B Diagram: Windward/Leeward – 4 Legs**

**Start – 1 – 2 – 1 - Finish**

