

2020 MBYC One Design Team Challenge
Macatawa Bay Yacht Club Macatawa, MI
August 29th & 30th , 2020

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the S2 7.9 Class Rules and VX One Class Rules.
- 1.2. Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a one-turn penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31 or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding mark, the penalty that may be taken is a two-turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.3. Except as changed by the Notice of Race (NOR) and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI's). The SI's shall take precedence over the NOR if there is any conflict.

2 Notice to Competitors.

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the MBJA Junior Sailing Center board adjacent the sailing director's office.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 Any other change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of MBYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 Schedule of Races

Saturday August 29, 0930 Skipper's Meeting
 1100 - First race warning signal.

Additional races to follow

Sunday August 30,

1000- First race warning signal.

Additional races to follow

No races to be started after 1430.

Awards Presentation @ MBYC Front Lawn – Shortly after Racing is complete.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The course area will be the open waters of Lake Michigan with the starting area intended to be approximately 2.0 nm, 225 degrees from the Holland Pier Head.

8. Course

- 8.1 The course will be 4 legs, windward/leeward per the attached diagram.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) will display the bearing and distance to the Windward Mark.
- 8.4 The Course may be shortened per RRS Rule 32 and S2 7.9 rule 3A.8.5.
- 8.5 The course may be changed per RRS Rule 33.

9. Marks

- 9.1 The starting mark will be a line between an Orange Flag on the port side of the starting Vessel and an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.2 The windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron
- 9.3 The leeward mark will be a orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 Change of course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.5 The finish mark will be a line between a Blue Flag on the Starboard side of the starting vessel and a white tetrahedron.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The warning flag will be the S2 7.9 Class Flag and the VX One Class Flag.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the Starting Mark.
- 10.4 The Race Committee shall attempt to broadcast the sail number of any boat OCS on Channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or timely order of broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.

11. Change of the next leg of the course

- 11.1 If the change is for the final leg, the original finish mark may be in a new position.
- 11.2 The Race Committee will fly the “C” flag with multiple horn blasts and attempt to broadcast any course changes over Channel 72. The Race Committee will also attempt to visually show the new course heading to windward.

12. The Finish

12.1 The Finish Line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a white mark at the end of the finishing line.

13 Recalls

13.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. For individual recalls, the Race Committee may hail and/or broadcast the bow number of boats being recalled. Failure or delay to provide, receive or hear hails shall not be grounds for redress under RRS rules 60.1 and 62.1.

13.2 When a general recall has been signaled the Warning flag will be signaled one minute after the General Recall Flag is lowered.

14 Penalty System

14.1 A boat may take a one-turn penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31 or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of a rounding mark, the penalty that may be taken is a two-turn. This changes RRS 44.1.

15 Time Limit

15.1 For all races, the first boat to round the first windward mark must sail the first leg in 45 minutes or less. The first boat to finish the race must do so in 2 hours and 30 minutes or less. Any yacht finishing 30 minutes or more behind the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

16 Protests

16.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing and before communicating with coaches or spectators. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Finish Boat and report to the finish boat. Boats that do not finish shall report their intent to protest to any Race Committee boat at the first possible opportunity. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

16.2 Protests should be lodged with the Race Committee or Protest Chair within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee finish boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the official notice board as soon as practical after docking.

16.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time and place of protest hearings will be posted ~ 30 minutes after the end of the protest time.

17 Scoring

17.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta and a maximum of 9 races shall be scored.

17.2 RRS A2 will be changed so that when fewer than six races are sailed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 Before the start of the first race each day, each yacht shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and display her bow number. The Race Committee will acknowledge that she is ready to race.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible

19 Radio Communications

- 19.1 All boats shall carry an operable VHF radio.
- 19.2 Except in an emergency, there shall be no electronic communications between boats participating in the Regatta or from support individuals unless the information is available to all boats. This includes radio, mobile phones and internet devices.
- 19.3 The Race Committee will use Channel 72 for communication to racers. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

20 Prizes

- 20.1 1st – 3rd Place Trophies will be awarded in S2 7.9 Class
- 20.2 1st – 3rd Place Trophies will be awarded in VX One Class
- 20.3 1st – 3rd Place Trophies will be awarded to the combined VX One & S2 7.9 with the lowest combined team score.

21 Disclaimer

- 21.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 21.2 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 inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 21.3 The race organizers (MBYC, their members, employees and volunteers, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 21.4 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 Officer, Committee Member or Officer of Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.
- 21.5 All skippers and crew (including replacement crew) are required to sign a Waiver or Release of Liability consistent with that recommended by US Sailing. This can be found on the US Sailing web site under Rules/Indemnification.

22 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$ 300,000.00 per event or equivalent.

23 Course Diagram

