



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2022 VX ONE / MELGES 17 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined by the The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) and the VX One Class Rules and the Melges 17 Class Rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US SAILING) will apply including RRS 40.1(Personal Flotation Devices). A complete list of US SAILING prescriptions is available on the US SAILING website (www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 is modified to change provision of a two-turns penalty to a one-turn penalty.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the regatta Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will be determinative.

2. Notice to Competitors

Notice to Competitors will be posted on the Race Committee Notice Board located on the wall adjacent to the Sailing Director’s office in the vestibule of the MBJA Junior Sailing Center.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.0 Changes to the Sailing instructions will be posed on the Race Committee Notice Board 2 hours prior to the first race.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) may modify the Sailing Instructions on the race course by displaying Code Flag L (“come within hail”) and making repetitive sound signals until all competitors confirm receipt of instructions.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat Recovery.
- 4.2 When Code flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes”.

5. Schedule of Races:

- 5.1 Racing will be held on: 6.5 / 6.12 / 6.26 / 7.10 – Melges Only / 7.17 / 7.24 / 7.31 / 8.7 / 8.7 / 8.14 / 8.21 / 8.28.
- 5.2 First signal shall be at 10:00 hrs. No race will begin after 12:00 hrs. A maximum of 5 races will be sailed per day.

6. Racing Area

6.1 The Racing Area will be the waters of western Lake Macatawa, with the Eastern boundary determined by a north / south line at the permanent day marker at the western end of the “Narrows” channel.

6.2 ***Please note a local prescription negotiated with the US Coast Guard, Michigan DNR, and Ottawa County Sheriff Department: 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 purpose 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 of protest by the Race Committee with a penalty not to exceed disqualification for the 2022 Season Championship.

7. Courses

7.1 Courses shall be windward-leeward. The RC will display number of legs prior to the warning signal from the signal boat. See Appendix A attached.

7.2 Rule 32 and Rule 33 shall govern course changes made during a race.

7.3 Marks of the course will be 3’ Orange tetrahedrons or equivalent

8. The Start

8.1. A start will be provided for a class only if a minimum of 3 boats are observed in the starting area.

8.2 The starting order for classes in the first race will be posted on the RC signal boat. Subsequent starts will be announced from the RC signal boat and confirmed with a class flag.

8.3 The starting sequence will be a 3 minute sequence of horns generated by an automated starter box.

8.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line and an orange tetrahedron at the port end.

9. Time Limit

The time limit for a race shall be 45 minutes. Yachts failing to complete the course in 45 minutes will be scored TLE.

10. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag of the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the finish line and an orange tetrahedron at the port end of the finish line.

11. Protests

11.1 Competitors shall notify the RC of their intention to protest immediately after finishing. The protesting competitor shall also notify yachts involved in the protest.

11.2 Competitors shall provide the RC with a completed protest form within 60 minutes of the signal boat’s “docking in”.

11.3 Upon receiving a completed protest form the RC shall post on the RC Notice Board a mutually agreeable time and location for a protest hearing.

12. Safety Regulations

- 12.1 Yachts shall check-in with the Race Committee prior to the first race of the day.
- 12.2 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the race Committee as soon as possible.

13. Radio Communication

The Race Committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio using Channel 72. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and shall not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe Race Committee visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a).

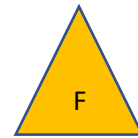
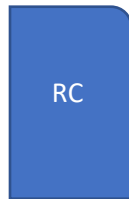
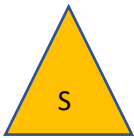
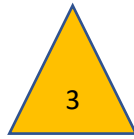
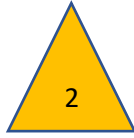
14. Disclaimer

- 14.1 Competitors participate in racing entirely at their own risk. (RRS 4 Decision to Race).
The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after racing.
- 14.2 The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and maned by an experienced and physically able crew. The establishment of rules and regulations does not in any way limit or reduce the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 14.3 Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, its Race Committee, employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to participating in races.
- 14.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of their 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 or Committee Member, the skipper shall be responsible for all damages and the yacht may be subject to disqualification from the Season Championship series.

15. Insurance

Each participating yacht shall be insured with a valid third party insurance with a minimum coverage of a minimum of \$40,000 of Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Personal Property Protection (PPI).

Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM



$W1 = S/2/F$

$W2 = S/2/3/2/F$

$W3 = S/2/3/2/3/2/F$
