



**Lake Pontchartrain Racing Circuit**  
**2014 One Design**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), Notice of Regatta, and VX One class rules. US Sailing prescriptions of Appendix T, Sections A, B & C apply..

**2. ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter by registering online or delivering a completed entry form to the race committee one-half hour prior to the skippers meeting.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the NOYC bulletin board near the south entrance.

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by one hour before the first scheduled start on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the racing schedule will be posted before 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag-pole in the NOYC dry storage area.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes' in race signal AP. Changes RRS Race Signals.

**6. SCHEDULE**

6.1 The race committee will attempt ten races, while remaining within the timeframe as below – **this changes the NOR as requested by the fleet:**

Saturday, October 25	<b>Deadline for entry at New Orleans Yacht Club</b>	1000
	<b>Skippers Meeting at NOYC</b>	1030
	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	1155
	<b>Last Warning Signal no later than</b>	1535
	<b>Awards follow racing at NOYC</b>	
Sunday, October 26	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	1025
	<b>Last Warning Signal no later than</b>	1435
	<b>Awards follow racing Southern Yacht Club</b>	

6.2 Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race.

**7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, approximately 1 miles NNW of Southern Yacht Club.

**8. COURSE**

The attached diagram shows the course designations, the marks in order of rounding, and the rounding direction of each mark. The race committee signal boat will post the course designation, and the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable orange buoys.
- 9.2 New marks will be yellow buoys. Subsequent legs will use orange marks as indicated.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The class flag is a VX One design logo on a gray background.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the nearby starting mark.
- 10.4 As a courtesy, the warning signal for each race may be preceded by short repetitive sound signals to alert competitors that a starting sequence is about to begin.
- 10.6 As a courtesy, the race committee will, after the starting signal, hail the sail numbers of OCS boats. This includes a hail via VHF Radio Channel 69 or loudhailer. The delay of such hails, the order of hailing, the failure of the Race Committee to hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.7 A boat that starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **11. CHANGED OR SHORTENED COURSES**

No course will be shortened to fewer than two legs. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.
- 12.2 Boats that retire before finishing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.
- 12.3 Code Flag "A" displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "no more racing today."

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.'
- 13.2 POST-RACE PENALTIES: US Sailing Prescription Appendix T2 Section B applies. Competitors are encouraged to take advantage of the above penalty systems if applicable.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 If no boat that has started properly rounds the windward mark within 30 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish in accordance with RRS 28.1.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A11.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

- 15.1 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE: US Sailing Prescription T3 of Section C applies. A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.
- 15.2 Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee or Protest Chairman within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee boat docks.

- 15.3 The Protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the official notice board within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.4 CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES: US Sailing Prescription T4 of Section C applies.
- 15.5 On the last day of the regatta, protests hearings will be scheduled after the awards ceremony.

**16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply for overall and each day for boat of the day.
- 16.2 One score will be excluded only if six or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2,
- 16.3 Only one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.4 Boats scored TLE will be awarded points two greater than the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

**17. VHF RADIOS**

In addition to the VHF radio use described under “THE START”, the Race Committee may use VHF Channel 69 to provide other information to competitors.

**19. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall not be used, except for those available to all competitors provided by the Organizing Authority.

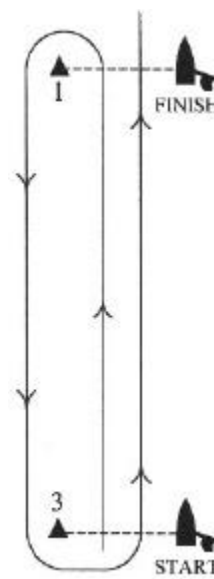
**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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 regatta.

**WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE "W1.5"**

Options for this course may include:

- a. increasing or decreasing the number of legs;
- b. sailing multiple rounds of the course;
- c. finishing at Mark 1 or 3;
- d. when present, the use of a separate Mark 3 set to windward of the start/finish line;
- e. finishing to port or starboard of the finishing mark depending on the location of the RC boat.
- f. Course to the first mark will be displayed no later than the preparatory signal



Course	Description
W	1 round, 2 legs, start - 1 - finish
W1.5	1.5 rounds, 3 legs, start-1-3-finish
W 2	2 rounds, 4 legs, start-1-3-1-finish
W 2.5	2.5 rounds, 5 legs, start-1-3-1-3-finish
W 3	3 rounds, 6 legs, start-1-3-1-3-1-finish