NOTICE OF RACE
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The notation “[DP]” in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES
   1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
   1.2. The following documents shall apply:
      1.2.1. US Sailing Regulation 10. An alleged breach of US Sailing Regulation 10 shall not be grounds for protest by another boat; this changes rules 60.1(a). However, when a protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached Regulation 10.03, it shall follow the process as described in the Championships’ Code of Conduct.
      1.2.2. The Conditions for the Junior Sailing Championship and the US Sailing Conditions for Championships.
      1.2.3. The US Sailing Championship Support Vessel Policy: This will be a Grade 2 Coaching event. US Sailing coaches will be provided and no private or team coaching is permitted.
   1.3. This Championship is not being conducted as a sanctioned or class association event. Only the Equipment Measurement Rules for the VX ONE, C420 and ILCA 6 classes will apply.
   1.4. Each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. (US Sailing Regulation 10) A violation of this instruction may be protested by race officials or a competitor; however a breach of this rule may receive a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.2. [DP]
   1.5. RRS 60.1(a) is changed to add: prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
   1.6. Rule 77 is changed such that a boat is not required to display national letters; however, competitors may be required to apply supplied recall numbers to their boat or sail. If recall numbers are required, they will be supplied by the OA.
   1.7. When Borrowed Boats are provided for the competitors in a series, the Breakdown Procedure of Appendix D5 shall be utilized. Appendix D5.2 is changed to substitute a yellow flag for signaling a breakdown on the boat and reference to umpire is replaced with protest committee. In rules D5.3 and D5.4, all references to “race committee” are changed to “protest committee”. Triplehanded teams are expected to bring a yellow breakdown flag at least 8”x8” in size.
2. ADVERTISING
   2.1. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority as outlined in World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]

3. DISCIPLINES
   3.1. The regatta will include these disciplines utilizing the following class compliant equipment: Singlehanded – ILCA 6; Doublehanded - Club 420 with spinnaker & trapeze; Triplehanded— VX ONE [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY
   4.1. Competitors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
   4.2. Competitors must be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of qualification, registration and the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations. Policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.
   4.3. All competitors must be a member of a Local Sailing Organization (LSO) that is a member of US Sailing. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization.
   4.4. For disciplines other than singlehanded, crew member(s) must be members of an LSO which is a member of US Sailing within the same US Sailing Area as the helm.
   4.5. The Skipper and all the members of the crew shall reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the club is geographically located.

5. QUALIFICATION
   5.1. Each area, as defined by US Sailing, may qualify one (1) team for the Triplehanded discipline and two (2) teams for both the Singlehanded and Doublehanded disciplines.
   5.2. The team must remain the same throughout the series of qualifying events within and through the Area Qualifying event and including the National Championship. Crew changes shall meet the requirements of the Conditions for the US Junior Championship. See 1.2.3 for a link to this document.
   5.3. A Triplehanded Team must have three crew members (including the skipper).

6. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY
   6.1. Qualified teams may enter the event by completing the registration, including payment in full, made available on the Event Website.
   6.2. Registrations shall be submitted online within seven days of qualification. Failure to register within the deadline may lead to the berth being offered to the next eligible boat.
   6.3. Entry Fees
      6.3.1. The entry fee is $350 per Singlehanded competitor, which includes coaching, some meals and entertainment.
      6.3.2. The entry fee is $450 per doublehanded team, which includes coaching, some meals and entertainment.
      6.3.3. The entry fee is $550 per triplehanded team, which includes coaching, some meals and entertainment.
      6.3.4. The entry fee does not include the charter fee. See NoR 8 for information on charters.
   6.4. A completed entry is defined as all forms having been completed online and all appropriate entry forms and fees having been received by the host club by July 29, 2022.
   6.5. Regatta grants are available for this event through the Glenn Lattimore regatta grants.
Applications for eligible sailors can be found at: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/regatta-grants/

7. CREW CHANGES
7.1. Once a team is registered, the substitution of team members is prohibited except for specific circumstances described in the US Sailing Championship Conditions.

8. CHARTERS
8.1. Singlehanded – ILCA 6 competitors may bring their own boat. ILCA 6 charters are also available through Zim Sailing.

8.2. Doublehanded – Club 420 teams may bring their own boat. Club 420 charters are also available through Zim Sailing. Due to limited supply, teams from Area F, G, H, J, and L will be given first right of refusal for Club 420 charters, within 7 days of qualification. Any additional charter boats will be released to teams from Areas D, C, A, B, K, and E, in that order.

8.3. Triplehanded - VX One teams will sail in borrowed boats provided by the Host Organization, subject to a borrowed boat usage fee and damage deposit payable to the Host Organization.

8.4. Competitors shall contact the below charter companies/host directly to pay the charter/usage fees and damage deposits:

8.4.1. ILCA 6 - Zim Sailing – https://zimsailing.com/charter/
8.4.3. VX One – Macatawa Bay Yacht Club – Contact info will be provided in the welcome packet.

9. HOUSING
9.1. There will be no regatta provided housing for this event. Please see the welcome packet and event website for housing options.

10. TRANSPORTATION
10.1. Local transportation to and from the event is the competitor’s responsibility; no transportation will be provided by the OA.

11. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)
11.1. Early or late arrivals and/or departures are not permitted. Permission for any exceptions must be requested to the National Event Chair, Matt Dubois via email at msdubois@sbcglobal.net at least two weeks in advance and will only be granted in extenuating circumstances.

11.2. Mandatory Participation Required:
11.2.1. A mandatory clinic will be held preceding the championship. The purpose of the clinic will be to familiarize the competitors with the local conditions and probable race course. The clinic is intended to include a practice race. Coaches for the clinic will be provided by US Sailing.

11.2.2. Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all competitors. Competitors may depart the event after the Awards with a parent or guardian. [DP]

11.3. Tentative Schedule:
Monday, August 08
1200-1800  Registration & Set-up

Tuesday, August 09
0730-0830  Breakfast
0830-0900  Competitors Meeting
0900-1400  Race clinic
1430     Practice race warning signal       First race to follow
1700     Competitors Meeting
1900     Casual dinner

Wednesday, August 10
0730-0830  Breakfast
0830-0900  Competitors Meeting
0930      Harbor gun for all disciplines
1100      Warning signal— all circles

Thursday, August 11
0730-0830  Breakfast
0830-0900  Competitors meeting
0930      Harbor gun for all disciplines
1100      Warning Signal- all circles

Friday, August 12
0730-0830  Breakfast
0830-0900  Competitors Meeting
0900      Harbor gun for all disciplines
1030      Warning Signal- all circles
1300      No warning signal after
         As soon as
 practical  Awards ceremony

12. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT
12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3
       (Decision to Race). Neither the OA nor MBYC will accept any liability for material damage or
       personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
12.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all of their actions during any activity related to
       the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta until such time
       as they leave the venue.
12.3. All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire
       event until such time as they leave the venue. Enforcement of the discipline and conduct shall
       be conducted as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (rule 69.1), The Championships Code of Conduct
       and/or the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

13. MEASUREMENT
13.1. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of its class and may be
       inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest
       Committee. [DP]
13.2. Personal flotation devices will be checked at registration for compliance with NOR 1.4.

14. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR TRIPLEHANDED DISCIPLINE
14.1. Teams shall not in any way adjust standing rigging of any boat during the event, except with
       the prior consent of the Technical Committee. Teams understand that each boat is rigged
       within the specifications of the VX ONE class and specific sail adjustments may vary from boat
to boat.

14.2. The Race Committee may change any sailing rule or specification in the sailing instructions with the approval of the Chief Judge provided that the change is fair to all competitors. Examples may include, but are not limited to, replacing penalty turns with a scoring penalty and the elimination of spinnakers.

15. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
15.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted online at the Event Website prior to onsite check in.

16. VENUE
16.1. The races will be primarily sailed in the waters of Lake Michigan or alternatively on Lake Macatawa, both adjacent to the venue. Detailed course locations will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

17. SCORING
17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute as series.
17.2. In accordance with RRS A2, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after six (6) races are completed.
17.3. Up to ten (10) races are scheduled for the Singlehanded, Doublehanded and Triplehanded disciplines.

18. SPECTATORS
18.1. Spectator boats may be provided by the host-club on a limited basis. Additional opportunities for spectators may be available onshore. Details will be provided to invited sailors.

19. COACHING [DP]
19.1. This is a Grade 2 Event as defined in the US Sailing Championship Coaching and Support Boat Policy.
19.2. US Sailing coaches will be supplied and no private/team coaching is permitted. Private instructors, coaches and other support personnel including family members shall not go afloat in the defined racing area at any time during the clinic or racing days, except in spectator boats as defined in NoR 20.
19.3. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction, or any type of assistance related to the competition outside of that provided by US Sailing. Outside contact with competitors, including electronic communication, for the purposes of offering a racing advantage is prohibited for the duration of the event; commencing with the competitor’s arrival at the host club until dismissal by the US Sailing Coach on clinic days, or released by the Protest Committee on racing days.
19.4. The coaches provided by US Sailing will offer on-the-water instruction and group commentary/advice on land following each racing day. This coaching will be given to all competitors on an as equal basis as possible.

20. EQUIPMENT
20.1. The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a competitor may take aboard a boat is: a refillable water bottle, class-legal compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, PFDs and protective clothing. For the C420 event, competitors may also bring aboard their personal trapeze harness. [DP]
20.2. GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations and VHF radios are specifically banned. [DP]

21. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES-US SAILING REGULATION 10.03 B AND 10.03 C, STATE:
B. For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages.

C. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest; this changes rules 60.1(a), 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the Championships Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor’s boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/hosting-a-us-sailing-championship/regulation-10/

22. PRIZES
22.1. US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through third.
22.2. The following trophies will be presented:
   Singlehanded - The Smythe Trophy is the perpetual trophy presented to the winner.
   Doublehanded - The F. Gregg Bemis Trophy is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team.
   Triplehanded - The Sears Cup is the perpetual trophy presented to the winning team. The Judges Trophy will be awarded to the second place team.
22.3. Sportsmanship and Seamanship Awards will be presented as follows:
   Singlehanded - Faye Bennet Sportsmanship Award
   Doublehanded - Bemis Sportsmanship Award
   Triplehanded - Cox Sportsmanship Award
22.4. The Seamanship Trophy will be awarded to the Triplehanded Team that receives the greatest number of points for neatness and general shipshape condition of their boats as per USJRSC Condition 7

23. FURTHER INFORMATION
   National Chair, Matthew Dubois msdubois@sbcglobal.net
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