

# Season Series Races

## South Shore Yacht Club

### Lightning Class Fleet 79 & VX ONE Fleet 6

## June 4 - August 27, 2024

### Milwaukee, WI

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1 RULES

**1.1** The Season Series are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** ILCA membership is recommended.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1200 on the day it will take effect.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online at [Lightning Docs & Results \(ssyc.org\)](https://ssyc.org) or [VX One Docs & Results \(ssyc.org\)](https://ssyc.org) and on the official notice board located at the SSYC derrick house.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**4.1** Signals made ashore may be displayed at the SSYC flag mast and be made verbally.

**4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

**5.1** Dates of racing:  
Two (2) races are scheduled for each of the following Tuesdays:

June	4	11	18	
July	2	16	23	30
Aug	6	13	20	27

**5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1830, except that August 13<sup>th</sup> and thereafter it is 1815.

**5.3** To start a race, at least two (2) boats are required to come to the starting area.

**5.4** To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the race committee will sound the attention within 1 minute of the warning.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are the VX ONE and Lightning flag respectively.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be at the south end of the Milwaukee harbor between the Main Gap and the South Gap. See Illustration A below.

## 8 COURSES

**8.1** The diagram in Illustration B shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**8.2** No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee will hail (and may display) the number of legs of the race.

## 9 MARKS

The marks will be orange, yellow, or red inflatable or ball throw-in buoys, or Bot(s).

## 10 THE START

**10.1** Races will be started using RRS *Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System*, except the class flag will be displayed before or with the warning.

**10.2** The starting line is between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

**10.3** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number or name. Failure to hail her number or name, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

The race committee may adjust the position of marks or the finish line without signaling a change in course, but with multiple sounds, provided no boat has started the leg to the mark that is being changed. This changes RRS 33.

**12 THE FINISH**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

**12.2** The race committee may finish boats still racing and award their places based on their position at that time. Termination of a race will be signaled by lowering the finishing flag with a hail or sound signal.

**13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

If a boat has her spinnaker drawing, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except she must first drop the spinnaker completely, reset it and take the penalty, and have it drawing immediately after the penalty. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

**14 TIME LIMITS**

**14.1** The Mark 1 and Race Time Limits (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown below:

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20 min.	50 min.	15 min.

**14.2** If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

**14.3** The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and shall be scored points one

more than as placed in SI 12.2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.3 and A10.

**15 HEARING REQUESTS**

**15.1** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks.

**15.2** Hearing Request forms are available from the SSYC office.

**16 SCORING**

**16.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**16.2** A boat's series score is the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score(s) as given in the following table:

Races Completed			Scores Excluded
1	to	3	0
4	to	7	1
8	to	11	2
12	to	15	3
16	to	19	4
20	to	23	5
24			6

This changes NoR 11.3 to use 25% rounded down.

**16.3** RRS A5.3 applies.

**17 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**17.1** U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs, with a secured whistle attached, shall be aboard for each person on board and shall be worn as conditions warrant.

**17.2** Check-in: Prior to her start each boat shall sail by the RC signal vessel when at anchor, hail her sail number and the last name of the competitor, **and be acknowledged by the race committee.**

**17.3** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity or promptly after returning to shore notify the PRO ashore.

**17.4** The Race Committee may direct a boat to retire to shore for safety reasons. The boat will be scored Did Not Finish, and it will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

**17.5** Race Signals N over H and N over A are changed by adding “Return to the dock immediately.”

**17.6** Each boat shall carry a paddle, bucket, throwable cushion with whistle, an operational centerboard preventer line, and Lightnings have an anchor with 100 ft of line. A VHF Marin radio is recommended.

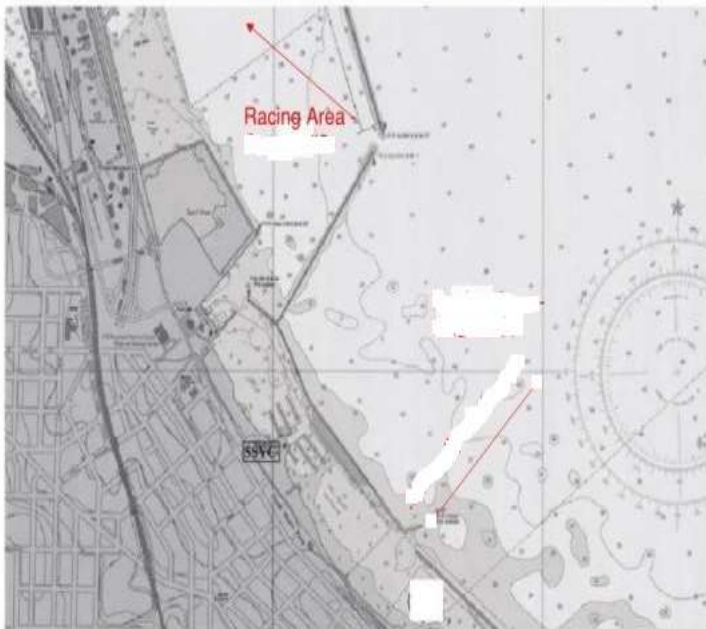
**18 PRIZES**

Season series trophies will be given at the SSYC winners’ dinner. The South Shore Yacht Club Lightning Fleet Perpetual Fleet Champion Trophy will be awarded to the first-place boat.

An award will be given to the VX ONE season first place winner.

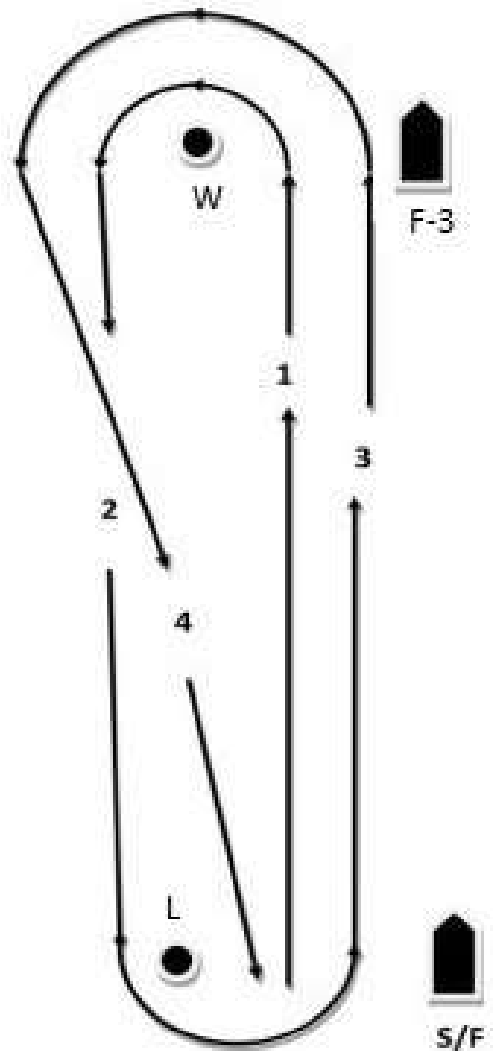
**Illustration A**

Racing Area



**Illustration B**

Course Diagram



Courses

- 2 Start - W - Finish
- 3 Start - W - L -Finish
- 4 Start - W - L - W - Finish