



2021-22 VX One Winter Series Announcement

VX One Sailors,

Following the decision by Sarasota Sailing Squadron to limit the winter series to 25 boats, cap on site storage to 25 VX Ones and Vipers *combined*, and demand estimated to be 50 boats for the January regatta, the VX One class has elected to relocate the series to Pensacola Yacht Club for this winter. Over the past few weeks, the board of directors has evaluated potential venues with the criteria being that the venue be able to accommodate 50-75 VX Ones with room for even more growth, provide mast up storage all winter long for all boats, and have a hoist on site. On Friday the board voted to select PYC as the host venue for the 2021-22 VX One Winter Series.

With over 42 VX Ones registering for the Winter Series in under a week, it was clear that we needed to find a new venue that could support such significant growth so that we did not have to turn away sailors from participating in the series and complicate logistics for sailors coming in from out of town. Pensacola Yacht Club is eager to host the VX fleet and we are hopeful that we will build a successful partnership with them.

The winter series this year will take place over the same dates as previously scheduled with two changes based on the feedback from the board and fleet captains.

#1 December 11-12

#2 January 15-17 (extra day of racing added for the Midwinter Championship)

#3 February 19-20

We will not host an event in March in an effort to have teams support Bacardi Miami (March 10-12) and Charleston Race Week (April 29-May 1).

The two most common questions we expect are “What about the entry fee I paid for the Sarasota series?” and “Isn’t it colder in Pensacola?” We have been in contact with Sarasota who have agreed to refund the entry fees to those who already paid. We expect the entry fee and storage costs for the Pensacola series to be the same or less than Sarasota. The temperature in Pensacola is on average 9-10 degrees colder than Sarasota, but the board felt that the potential to have a 50 boat event is worth the potential for it being a little colder.

Please bear with us over the next couple of weeks as we finalize the registration and NOR for the series, and we thank you for your patience while we have had to shift gears. Thanks to the hard work of some very dedicated sailors, we are excited about the prospect of hosting some of the biggest VX One events ever.

Regards,

The VX One Board of Directors

Chris Alexander, Jay Harrell, Jeff Eiber, Mike Marshall, Ashley Maltempo, Rod Favela, Bob Maccini, Michael Norris, Sam Padnos, Mike Lechner, Karl Kleinschrodt, Tim Pitts, Brian Bennett, and Justin Quigg