

Redacted Pirex Eth Mode Security Review

Security Review

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1 Introduction

1.1 About Cantina

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1.2 Disclaimer

Cantina Managed provides a detailed evaluation of the security posture of the code at a particular moment based on the information available at the time of the review. While Cantina Managed endeavors to identify and disclose all potential security issues, it cannot guarantee that every vulnerability will be detected or that the code will be entirely secure against all possible attacks. The assessment is conducted based on the specific commit and version of the code provided. Any subsequent modifications to the code may introduce new vulnerabilities that were absent during the initial review. Therefore, any changes made to the code require a new security review to ensure that the code remains secure. Please be advised that the Cantina Managed security review is not a replacement for continuous security measures such as penetration testing, vulnerability scanning, and regular code reviews.

1.3 Risk assessment

Severity	Description
Critical	Must fix as soon as possible (if already deployed).
High	Leads to a loss of a significant portion (>10%) of assets in the protocol, or significant harm to a majority of users.
Medium	Global losses <10% or losses to only a subset of users, but still unacceptable.
Low	Losses will be annoying but bearable. Applies to things like griefing attacks that can be easily repaired or even gas inefficiencies.
Gas Optimization	Suggestions around gas saving practices.
Informational	Suggestions around best practices or readability.

1.3.1 Severity Classification

The severity of security issues found during the security review is categorized based on the above table. Critical findings have a high likelihood of being exploited and must be addressed immediately. High findings are almost certain to occur, easy to perform, or not easy but highly incentivized thus must be fixed as soon as possible.

Medium findings are conditionally possible or incentivized but are still relatively likely to occur and should be addressed. Low findings a rare combination of circumstances to exploit, or offer little to no incentive to exploit but are recommended to be addressed.

Lastly, some findings might represent objective improvements that should be addressed but do not impact the project's overall security (Gas and Informational findings).

Security Review Summary

The Redacted ecosystem is a product suite of smart contracts empowering on-chain liquidity, governance, and cash flow for DeFi protocols.

From Apr 9th to Apr 15th the Cantina team conducted a review of dinero-pirex-eth/src/mode on commit hash 7b3c723a. The team identified a total of **14** issues in the following risk categories:

• Critical Risk: 0

• High Risk: 1

• Medium Risk: 5

• Low Risk: 2

• Gas Optimizations: 3

• Informational: 3



3 Findings

3.1 High Risk

3.1.1 Non-zero withdrawal penalty in AutoPxEth can lead to insolvency for ModeEthLockbox

Severity: High Risk

Context: AutoPxEth.sol#L387

Description: When there is a non-zero withdrawal penalty for AutoPxEth, this can lead to insolvency in ModeEthLockbox. This is because the withdrawal penalty is applied during withdrawal or redemption but not during deposits in autoPxEth:

```
function previewDeposit(uint256 assets) public view virtual returns (uint256) {
    return convertToShares(assets);
}

function convertToShares(uint256 assets) public view virtual returns (uint256) {
    uint256 supply = totalSupply; // Saves an extra SLDAD if totalSupply is non-zero.

    return supply == 0 ? assets : assets.mulDivDown(supply, totalAssets());
}
```

Consider the following scenario:

- 1. Alice deposits 100 pxETH into ModeEthLockbox. Given a totalSupply of 1000 and totalAssets of 2000, 50 apxEth shares will be minted to the ModeEthLockbox.
- 2. In ModeEth, the deposit of 100 pxEth will mint 50 modeEth shares to Alice given totalShares of 1000 and totalStaked of 2000.
- 3. Alice withdraws the 100 pxEth from ModeEth which in turn withdraws 100 pxEth from AutoPxEth in ModeEthLockbox.

```
uint256 postFeeAmount = _calculateWithdrawalAmount(
   _amount,
   _assetsPerShare
);
autoPxEth.withdraw(postFeeAmount, _receiver, address(this));
```

4. The withdrawal from AutoPxEth burns 55 apxEth shares since it is calculated as convert—ToShares(assets) / 100% - withdrawal penalty %. Note that only 50 apxEth shares were minted to the ModeEthLockbox when Alice deposited 100 pxETH.

In effect, more apxEth shares will be burned on every withdrawal than are minted on every deposit. This leads to insolvency in ModeEthLockbox since not every ModeEth shares can be redeemed. Later withdrawers will have their withdrawal of modeEth succeed, but it will revert when ModeEthLockbox processes the LayerZero message for the withdrawal.

The withdrawal penalty is 30 000 by default.

Recommendation: Consider deducting the withdrawal penalty when calculating the pxEth withdrawal amount in ModeEthLockbox.

Redacted: withdrawPenalty is being deducted only when withdrawing. We've replaced assetsPerShare for convertToAssets. See commit f330a819.

3.2 Medium Risk

3.2.1 In ModeEth, depositors can avoid the fee on earnings by withdrawing before rebase is called

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: ModeEth.sol#L209

Description: The rebase function is in charge of updating the assetsPerShare ratio and calculate the collectible amount for treasury fees for the ModeEth contract on the Mode network. Fees are a portion of the earnings made by rewards from the apxEth balance that the ModeEthLockbox contract holds and are allocated as ModeEth tokens (shares) by calling _mintShares. In the current version of the code, the ModeEthLockbox.rebase sends the absolute amount which from the portion of treasuryFee should be taken by the ModeEth._lzReceive function.

Depositors that wish to avoid these fees can spot the rebase transaction on the mempool and call ModeEth.withdrawModeEth right before. In the case of a single depositor, it will cause the upcoming call to _lzReceive (with a _messageType = MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE) to revert for an underflow / division by zero on this line:

```
shares = fee.mulDivDown(totalShares, _totalAssets() - fee);
```

In the case of multiple depositors, the fee that should be paid will be levied on the other depositors causing them to effectively pay more than the treasuryFee rate.

3.2.2 Rebase fails when assetsPerShare decreases

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L374

Description: The ModeEthLockbox allows sending a rebase instruction to ModeEth. This is how ModeEth can distribute yield from autoPxEth interest accruals in Mainnet.

This rebase() function implicitly expects that assetsPerShare is a monotonically increasing value.

```
function rebase(bytes calldata _options) external payable nonReentrant {
   uint256 assetsPerShare = autoPxEth.assetsPerShare();
   uint256 assetsIncrease = assetsPerShare - lastAssetsPerShare;
   // ... snip ...
}
```

However, the assetsPerShare can decrease when the withdrawal penalty increases.

See AutoPxEth.sol#L379-L394:

```
function previewRedeem(
    uint256 shares
) public view override returns (uint256) {
    // Calculate assets based on a user's % ownership of vault shares
    uint256 assets = convertToAssets(shares);

uint256 _totalSupply = totalSupply;

// Calculate a penalty - zero if user is the last to withdraw.

uint256 penalty = (_totalSupply == 0 || _totalSupply - shares == 0)
    ? 0
    : assets.mulDivUp(withdrawalPenalty, FEE_DENOMINATOR); // Round up the penalty in favour of the

protocol.

// Redeemable amount is the post-penalty amount
    return assets - penalty;
}
```

Note that autoPxEth.assetsPerShare() calls previewRedeem() internally.

In effect, rebase will fail due to an underflow (assetsPerShare - lastAssetsPerShare) until the ratio of assets:shares increases enough to cover the increase in withdrawal penalty.

Recommendation: Consider computing for the assetsPerShare without subtracting the withdrawal penalty or changing the rebase logic to make it work for negative rebases.

Redacted: To avoid this issue, we replaced assetsPerShare in favor of convertToAssets(1e18). See commit f330a819.

3.2.3 Missing assetsPerShare value in quoteDeposit function

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L421

Description: The quoteDeposit function is used to quote the gas cost for deposit messages. However, the payload encoding in this function does not include the assetsPerShare value, which represents the exchange rate between the share token (apxEth) and the underlying asset (pxEth) at the time of the deposit.

The correct payload for the deposit message should include the assetsPerShare value, as it is necessary for accurately calculating the number of shares to be minted for the deposited assets.

By not including the assetsPerShare value in the payload, the quote calculation may be inaccurate, as it will not consider the correct exchange rate between apxEth and pxEth at the time of the deposit.

```
* Onotice Quote gas cost for deposit messages
 * {\tt Oparam\_receiver} address The recipient of the deposit in Mode
 * Oparam _amount uint256 Deposit amount.
* Oparam _options bytes Additional opti
                               Additional options for the message.
function quoteDeposit(
   address _receiver,
   uint256 _amount,
   bytes calldata _options
) external view returns (MessagingFee memory msgFee) {
   bytes memory payload = abi.encode(
        MESSAGE_TYPE_DEPOSIT,
        _amount, // Use amount directly for quote
        uint256(0),
        _receiver
   ):
   bytes memory combinedOptions = combineOptions(MODE_EID, 0, _options);
    return _quote(MODE_EID, payload, combinedOptions, false);
}
```

Recommendation: Include the assetsPerShare value in the payload encoding of the quoteDeposit function. One way to achieve this is by using the autoPxEth.convertToAssets(1e18) function, which returns the current assetsPerShare value.

Here's how the quoteDeposit function can be modified:

```
function quoteDeposit(
   address _receiver,
   uint256 _amount,
   bytes calldata _options
) external view returns (MessagingFee memory msgFee) {
   bytes memory payload = abi.encode(
        MESSAGE_TYPE_DEPOSIT,
        _amount, // Use amount directly for quote
        autoPxEth.convertToAssets(1e18), // Include the current assetsPerShare value
        _receiver
   );
   bytes memory combinedOptions = combineOptions(MODE_EID, 0, _options);
   return _quote(MODE_EID, payload, combinedOptions, false);
}
```

Redacted: Fixed in commit 6712542b.

3.2.4 Incorrect asset value assumption in quoteWithdraw function

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: ModeEth.sol#L274

Description: The quoteWithdraw function is used to quote the gas cost for withdrawal messages. However, the payload encoding in this function sends the totalStaked value instead of the lastAssetsPerShare value.

The correct payload for the withdrawal message should include the lastAssetsPerShare value, which represents the exchange rate between the share token (apxEth) and the underlying asset (pxEth) at the time of the last successful rebase operation.

By sending the totalStaked value instead of lastAssetsPerShare, the quote calculation will be inaccurate, as it will not consider the correct exchange rate.

```
* Onotice Quote gas cost for withdrawal messages
 * {\it Oparam} _receiver address The recipient of the withdrawal on Mainnet.
                     uint256 The withdrawal amount.
 * @param _amount
 * Oparam _options bytes Additional options for the message.
function quoteWithdraw(
   address _receiver,
   uint256 _amount,
   bytes calldata _options
) external view returns (MessagingFee memory msgFee) {
   bytes memory _payload = abi.encode(
       MESSAGE_TYPE_WITHDRAW,
       _amount,
       totalStaked.
       _receiver
   ):
   bytes memory _combinedOptions = combineOptions(
       MAINNET_EID,
       _options
   ):
   return _quote(MAINNET_EID, _payload, _combinedOptions, false);
}
```

Recommendation: Replace the totalStaked value in the payload encoding with the lastAssetsPerShare value, as shown below:

```
bytes memory _payload = abi.encode(
    MESSAGE_TYPE_WITHDRAW,
    _amount,
    lastAssetsPerShare, // Use lastAssetsPerShare instead of totalStaked
    _receiver
);
```

Redacted: Fixed in commit 6712542b.

3.2.5 Loss of excess fees for contract senders

Severity: Medium Risk

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L248

Description: In the _lzSend function, the excess fees (native and LZ token fees) sent to the LayerZero endpoint are refunded to the _refundAddress provided as a parameter. However, this refund mechanism may not work as intended if the msg.sender is a contract that is not deployed on the destination chain.

When a contract initiates the depositPxEth & depositEth & depositApxEth & rebase function, it becomes the msg.sender, and its address is passed as the _refundAddress to the _lzSend function. If this contract is not deployed on the destination chain, any excess fees refunded to this address will be lost since the contract does not exist on the destination chain to receive the refund.

```
MessagingReceipt memory msgReceipt = _lzSend(
    MODE_EID,
    payload,
    combinedOptions,
    MessagingFee(msg.value - _amount, 0), // Taken from remaining amount after deducting deposit amount
    payable(msg.sender)
);
```

Recommendation: To mitigate this issue, introduce an additional parameter in the functions to explicitly specify the refund address. This refund address should be an address that is guaranteed to exist on the destination chain, ensuring that excess fees are refunded correctly.

Here's an example of how the depositPxEth function could be modified:

```
function depositPxEth(
   address _receiver,
   uint256 _amount,
   bytes calldata _options,
   address _refundAddress
) external payable nonReentrant {
    // ... (existing code)
    // Call _lzSend with the provided _refundAddress
   MessagingReceipt memory msgReceipt = _lzSend(
        _dstEid.
        payload,
        combinedOptions,
        MessagingFee(msg.value, 0),
        _refundAddress
    // ... (existing code)
}
```

Redacted: Fixed in commit 9ddb8822.

3.3 Low Risk

3.3.1 Increase in withdrawal penalty leads to incorrect adjustments to assetsPerShare

Severity: Low Risk

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L474

Description: An adjustment is done to the assetsPerShare when there is a change in the withdrawal penalty when the withdrawal amount is calculated in ModeEthLockbox:

```
function _calculateWithdrawalAmount(
   uint256 _amount,
   uint256 _assetsPerShare
) internal view returns (uint256) {
   uint256 currentAssetsPerShare = autoPxEth.assetsPerShare();
   uint256 currentWithdrawalPenalty = autoPxEth.withdrawalPenalty();
    int256 penaltyDifference = int256(currentWithdrawalPenalty) -
        int256(lastWithdrawalPenalty);
   uint256 adjustedFactor = uint256(1e6 - penaltyDifference.abs());
    // adjust \_amount and \_assetsPerShare with the penalty difference
    if (penaltyDifference != 0) {
        bool isPenaltyPositive = penaltyDifference > 0;
        _amount = _amount.mulDivDown(
            isPenaltyPositive ? adjustedFactor : 1e6,
            isPenaltyPositive ? 1e6 : adjustedFactor
        _assetsPerShare = _assetsPerShare.mulDivDown(
            is {\tt PenaltyPositive~?~adjustedFactor}~:~ {\tt 1e6},
            isPenaltyPositive ? 1e6 : adjustedFactor
        );
   }
```

However, the adjustment calculation is incorrect when there is an increase in the withdrawal penalty. Consider the following scenario:

- Assets per share without the withdrawal penalty applied is at 1000.
- In ModeEthLockbox, the assetsPerShare is 900 since the withdrawal penalty is already 10%.
- In ModeEth, the assetsPerShare is 950 since the withdrawal penalty was still at 5% when the withdrawal was executed.
- Since there is a 5% increase in withdrawal penalty, the adjusted factor is 95%.
- The adjusted _assetsPerShare will be 950 * 0.95 ~= 902 instead of 900.

This leads to a smaller amount of assets being withdrawn, although only by dust amounts and no major issues caused by this have been identified.

Recommendation: Consider relying solely on amount * currentAssetsPerShare / assetsPerShare to adjust the withdrawal amount and remove the penaltyDifference != 0 block.

Redacted: Need to sync and adjust withdrawPenalty was removed. Fixed in commit f330a819.

3.3.2 The usage of balanceOf is discouraged in ModeEthLockbox

Severity: Low Risk

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L380, ModeEthLockbox.sol#L486, ModeEthLockbox.sol#L501

Description: ModeEthLockbox is making use of the ERC20.balanceOf function in three different instances:

ModeEthLockbox.sol#L378-L382:

```
// amount increased by pxEth rewards accrued
uint256 amount = assetsIncrease.mulDivDown(
   autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this)),
   1e18
);
```

ModeEthLockbox.sol#L485-L487:

```
uint256 totalAssets = autoPxEth.previewRedeem(
    autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this))
);
```

ModeEthLockbox.sol#L501:

```
uint256 totalShares = autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this));
```

As known, anyone can "donate" autoPxEth tokens to the ModeEthLockbox which might cause the normal behavior to diverge a bit, although we could not find any major issue around it.

Recommendation: Consider maintaining a storage variable in the ModeEthLockbox contract to track the total apxEth shares held by the ModeEthLockbox contract. This variable should increase upon deposits and decrease upon withdrawals, and should be used instead of balanceOf to better harden the system.

Redacted: Fixed in eab28fa5.

3.4 Gas Optimization

3.4.1 Reentrancy guards can be implemented in transient storage

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: ModeEth.sol#L19, ModeEthLockbox.sol#L23

Description: Both ModeEthLockbox and ModeEth use the ReentrancyGuard library to ensure re-entrant calls will cause a transaction revert. Solidity 0.8.24 allows access to two newly introduced opcodes TSTORE and TLOAD that will make re-entrancy guards cheaper.

Recommendation: Consider using the ReentrancyGuardTransient library as a replacement. Please keep in mind that it will require bumping the solidity version and that this library only works on networks where EIP-1153 is available. For more information refer to transient-storage.

3.4.2 Consider reverting the call in case amount = 0 in ModeEthLockbox.rebase

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L372

Description/Recommendation: The rebase function is in charge of updating the assetsPerShare ratio and calculate the collectible amount for fees for the ModeEth contract on the Mode network. As we can see in this code snippet:

```
function rebase(bytes calldata _options) external payable nonReentrant {
    uint256 assetsPerShare = autoPxEth.assetsPerShare();
    uint256 assetsIncrease = assetsPerShare - lastAssetsPerShare;

if (assetsIncrease == 0) revert Errors.InvalidAmount();

// amount increased by pxEth rewards accrued
    uint256 amount = assetsIncrease.mulDivDown(
        autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this)),
        le18
);

bytes memory payload = abi.encode(
    MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE,
    amount,
    assetsPerShare,
    address(0)
);
// ...
```

In case the amount is 0, this function should revert as it should be considered a no-op and might save gas for the keeper bot.

Redacted: Fixed in commit a4536e05.

3.4.3 Shares calculation can be simpler and more gas-efficient

Severity: Gas Optimization

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L224

Description: When depositing ETH to the ModeEthLockbox contract, the amount of apxEth shares received is computed via the authPxEth.convertToShares() function.

```
(uint256 postFeeAmount, ) = pirexEth.deposit{value: _amount}(
    address(this),
    true
);
uint256 shares = autoPxEth.convertToShares(postFeeAmount);
```

This can be replaced with a simpler and more gas-efficient calculation using the contract's autoPxEth balances before and after depositing to the PirexEth vault.

Recommendation: The computation for autoPxEth shares can be simplified when depositing ETH to ModeEthLockbox. Below is an example of how this modification could look like:

```
uint256 preBalance = autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this));
(uint256 postFeeAmount, ) = pirexEth.deposit{value: _amount}(
    address(this),
    true
);
uint256 shares = autoPxEth.balanceOf(address(this)) - preBalance;
```

Redacted: Fixed in commit 1890d721.

3.5 Informational

3.5.1 Consider implementing a shared abstract contract for constant variables in ModeEth and ModeEthLockbox

Severity: Informational

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L45-L57, ModeEth.sol#L43-L55

Description/Recommendation: Both contracts are using constants such as MESSAGE_TYPE_DEPOSIT, MESSAGE_TYPE_WITHDRAW, MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE which can be shared in a common abstract contract to ensure minimal unintentional errors of wrong values assigned.

Redacted: Fixed in commit 7069ab17.

3.5.2 _lastAssetsPerShare declaration and assignment can be moved out of the if/else blocks in ModeEth._lzReceive

Severity: Informational

Context: ModeEth.sol#L180

Description/Recommendation: _lastAssetsPerShare is being used in two different code paths but is being declared twice, as we can see in this code snippet:

```
if (_messageType == MESSAGE_TYPE_DEPOSIT) {
   uint256 shares = totalShares ==
       ? _amount
        : convertToShares(_amount);
   uint256 _totalStaked = totalStaked;
   uint256 _lastAssetsPerShare = lastAssetsPerShare;
   _mintShares(_receiver, shares);
    // update total staked
    _lastAssetsPerShare == 0
        ? totalStaked = _totalStaked + _amount
        : totalStaked =
        _totalStaked.mulDivDown(_assetsPerShare, _lastAssetsPerShare) +
        _amount;
    // update last assets per share
   lastAssetsPerShare = _assetsPerShare;
   emit Deposit(_guid, _receiver, shares, _amount);
} else if (_messageType == MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE) {
    // update total staked
   totalStaked = totalStaked.mulDivDown(
        _assetsPerShare,
        lastAssetsPerShare
    // update last assets per share
   lastAssetsPerShare = _assetsPerShare;
```

To improve code readability and make maintenance easier, consider moving the declaration of <code>_lastAs-setsPerShare</code> outside of the if/else blocks instead, the MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE code path should use <code>_las-tAssetsPerShare</code> instead of <code>lastAssetsPerShare</code> and the update to <code>lastAssetsPerShare</code> can be moved to the end of the function:

```
uint256 _lastAssetsPerShare = lastAssetsPerShare;
if (_messageType == MESSAGE_TYPE_DEPOSIT) {
   uint256 shares = totalShares == 0
        ? _amount
        : convertToShares(_amount);
    uint256 _totalStaked = totalStaked;
    _mintShares(_receiver, shares);
    // update total staked
    _lastAssetsPerShare == 0
        ? totalStaked = _totalStaked + _amount
        : totalStaked =
        _totalStaked.mulDivDown(_assetsPerShare, _lastAssetsPerShare) +
        _amount;
    emit Deposit(_guid, _receiver, shares, _amount);
} else if (_messageType == MESSAGE_TYPE_REBASE) {
     // update total staked
    totalStaked = totalStaked.mulDivDown(
        _assetsPerShare.
        _lastAssetsPerShare
   ):
   uint256 fee = _amount.mulDivDown(treasuryFee, FEE_DENOMINATOR);
    uint256 shares;
   if (fee > 0) {
        shares = fee.mulDivDown(totalShares, _totalAssets() - fee);
        _mintShares(treasury, shares);
    emit Rebase(_guid, treasury, _assetsPerShare, _amount, fee, shares);
   revert Errors.NotAllowed();
// update last assets per share
lastAssetsPerShare = _assetsPerShare;
```

Redacted: Fixed in commit b0f72f41.

3.5.3 Lack of pausable feature for cross-chain deposits

Severity: Informational

Context: ModeEthLockbox.sol#L263

Description: The depositPxEth function is responsible for accepting pxEth deposits and minting apxEth shares to be stored in the vault, as well as sending a message to the Mode chain. However, there is currently no mechanism to pause or disable this function, which could be problematic in case of emergencies or unexpected situations involving cross-chain communication.

In scenarios where the cross-chain communication between the mainnet and Mode chains is disrupted or compromised, it may be necessary to temporarily pause new deposits to prevent potential issues or losses. Without a pausable feature, the contract remains vulnerable to accepting new deposits, even in situations where it may be advisable to halt these operations.

```
function depositEth(
   address _receiver,
   address _refundAddress,
   uint256 _amount,
   bytes calldata _options
)
```

Recommendation: Introduce a pausable mechanism for the deposit functions, allowing authorized parties (e.g., contract owners or administrators) to temporarily disable new deposits when necessary. This can be achieved by implementing a modifier or a state variable that controls the pausability of the function.

Redacted: Fixed in commit 602baf06.

