



Back to School Regatta 5th Annual Dinghy Challenge Cup Viper 640 Gulf Coast Championship September 15-16, 2018

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the notice of race, these sailing instructions (SI), and the following rules for the respective participating classes.

- Viper 640 International Class Association
- Club 420 Association
- International Laser Class Association
- International Sunfish Class Association
- International Finn Association
- RS Aero Class Association
- International Optimist Dinghy Association

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse on the glass case near the bar.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions made ashore will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the south end of the PYC lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. This alters "RRS Race Signals."

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The following schedule applies to all invited classes:

Saturday, September 15, 2017		Sunday, September 16, 2017	
Registration	0900	Warning Signal for the First Race of the Day	1025
Skippers Meeting	1030	No warning signal after	1400
Warning Signal for the First Race of the Day	1125	Awards ASAP after racing	

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

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be described at the Skippers Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

The sailing area will be in Lake Pontchartrain east of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and south of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club, in the vicinity of mark M-1.

8. COURSE

The Viper 640 course is shown in Attachment A. Courses that may be used for all other classes except the Optimist Green Fleet are shown in Attachment B.

8.1. Viper 640

Windward-leeward, with the number of laps designated, with an offset mark to port of the windward mark, and a leeward gate.

8.2. Club 420 and Singlehanded

8.2.1.Course A: Windward-leeward, with the number of laps designated, with an offset mark to port of the windward mark.

8.2.2.Course B: Windward-leeward, with the number of laps designated.

8.2.3.Course C: Triangle-windward-leeward.

8.3. Optimist and Optimist Green Fleet: Courses will be described in the skippers meeting. For each race, the course will be announced orally in the starting area.

9. MARKS

9.1. All fleets except Optimist and Optimist Green Fleet

9.1.1. Windward, leeward, and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons. If set, the offset mark will be a small orange sphere. For the triangle-windward-leeward course, the gybe mark will be an orange sphere. Starting marks will be orange spheres.

9.1.2. New marks as provided in instruction 11, will be yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2. Optimist and Optimist Green Fleet: Marks will be described at the skippers meeting.

10. THE START

10.1. For all classes except Optimist Green Fleet, racing will be started by using RRS 26. Optimist Green Fleet may use either RRS 26 or Appendix U, Audible-signal Racing System.

10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

10.3. Boats in a class whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other classes [DP].

10.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS Appendix V applies.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. Viper 640

14.1.1. The time limit for each race is 75 minutes for the first boat to finish.

14.1.2. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored TLE, time limit expired.

14.2. All Other Classes

The time limit for each race is 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.

15. PROTESTS

15.1. The U S Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

15.2. Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the front hall of Pontchartrain Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.4. Notices will be posted as soon as practicable to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the end of the hall near the manager's office, beginning at the time posted on the notice board.

16. SCORING

16.1. One (1) completed race will constitute a regatta for fleet scoring. One completed race in each Dinghy Challenge Cup fleet will constitute a Dinghy Challenge Cup regatta.

16.2. Dinghy Challenge Cup Scoring

16.2.1. The single-handed class shall use the Basic Portsmouth Numbers (D-PN) as published by US Sailing shall be used to determine corrected times for each race for this class.

16.2.2. The Low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used for scoring each race.

16.2.3. The first five fleet races shall count towards the Dinghy Challenge Cup (DCC) with no discard.

Each team's score for each race shall be the sum of the finishing scores of the best three team boats in the race.

16.2.4. In the event of a tie between two or more teams, each team's individual scores shall be listed in order of best to worst for races that count for the DCC, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the team(s) with the best score(s).

16.2.5. If a tie remains after 16.2.4 is calculated, the tied team(s) shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race counted towards the DCC. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied teams' scores in the next-to-last DCC race and so on until all ties are broken.

16.3. Fleet Scoring

16.3.1. Optimist

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used, except that a boat's worst score shall be discarded if five through nine races are completed. If 10 or more races are completed, a boat's two worst scores shall be discarded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

16.3.2. All other classes

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used, except that a boat's worst score shall be discarded if six or more races are completed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. Before the warning signal of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack, past the stern of the race committee boat that is flying Code Flag L and is anchored in the vicinity of the starting line. When passing astern, the boat shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee repeating the boat's sail number. A boat failing to do so will receive a warning for the first day of any such failure. A subsequent failure will result in a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in that race. This changes RRS 63.1.

17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible [DP].

18. PRIZES

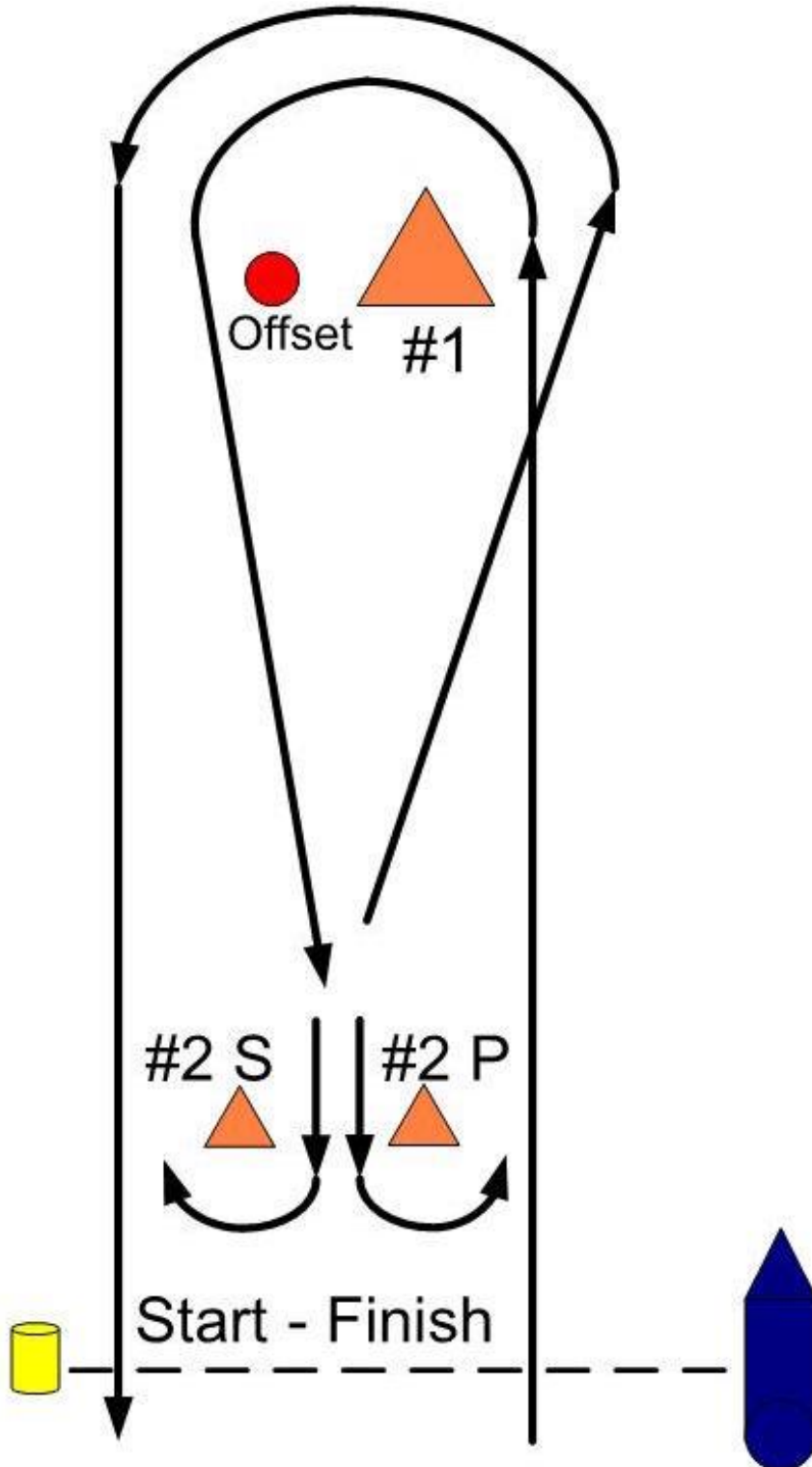
Prizes will be awarded to first through third in the Optimist Red, Blue, and White divisions, and overall. Optimist Green Fleet participants will receive participation awards. For all other classes, prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through third. The winning Viper 640 team will receive the Viper 640 Gulf Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy. First through third place Dinghy Challenge Cup teams and top junior team will receive awards. The overall winning team will be inscribed on the James Edwards Trophy.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The 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.

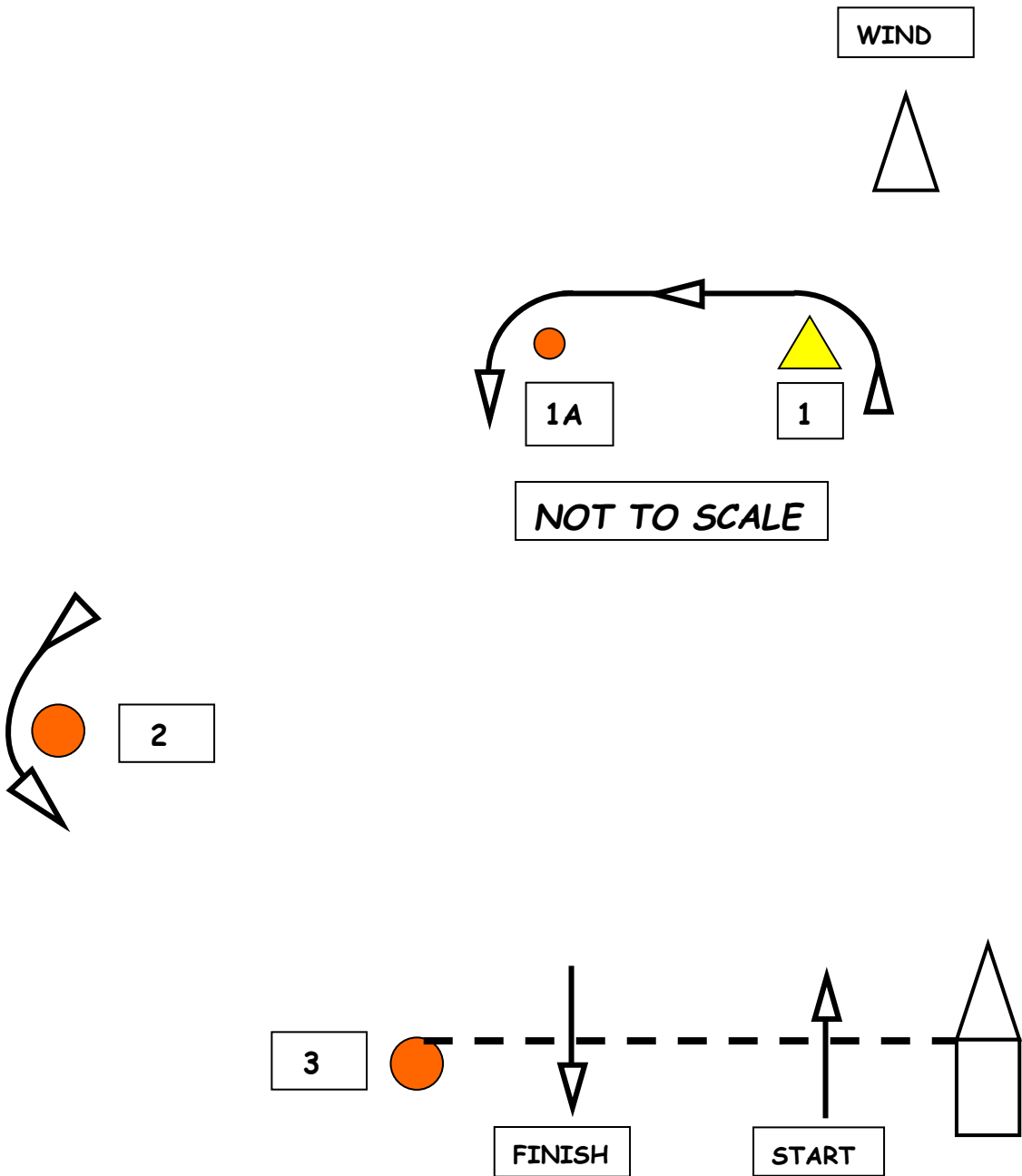
Attachment A

VIPER 640 COURSE



Attachment B

DINGHY COURSE DIAGRAMS



COURSE A: START-1(port)-1A(port)-3(port) x (number of laps) then FINISH(downwind)

COURSE B: START-1(port)-3(port) x (number of laps) then FINISH(downwind)

COURSE C: START-1(port)-2(port)-3(port)-1(port)-FINISH(downwind)