

HYC FALL FLING
&
VIPER 640 MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

November 7 - 8, 2015

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the class rules of all competing classes.

1.2 In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

1.3 Section C (Expedited Hearings) of Appendix T (Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution) shall apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The event is Category A as it relates to advertising.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the HYC lounge.

3.3 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by the end of the Skippers Meeting on Saturday and/or by 0830 on Sunday.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

4.2 Flag "AP" displayed with two sounds means the start of racing is postponed. The lowering of Flag "AP" with one sound means the Warning Signal for the first race of the day may not be displayed in less than 60 minutes. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".

5. SCHEDULE:

<u>Saturday, November 7</u>		<u>Sunday, November 8</u>
0830	Registration Opens	N/A
1030	Skippers Meeting	N/A
1200	Warning Signal	1000
N/A	No Warning After	1430
Evening	Oyster Roast	N/A
N/A	Awards ceremony	ASAP after racing

**** Multiple races will be attempted each day.**

**** Flag "A" displayed from the RC boat as boats are finishing means "No more racing today".**

6. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be off Hampton Flats approximately 1.5 nm SW of the mouth of the Hampton River.

7. COURSES

7.1 Courses will be Windward/Leeward with weather offsets and leeward gates. (See Appendix A)

7.2 Marks will be:

- a. The Weather Mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder
- b. The Weather Offset Mark will be a red ball.
- c. The Weather Change Mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- d. The Leeward Gate (Marks 2p/2s) will be yellow West Marine inflatables.

8. THE START

8.1 The Order of Starts and the description of class flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the beginning of the Saturday Skippers Meeting.

8.2 Except for the 5o5 fleet, RRS 26 will be used for all starts. An Attention Signal of several sounds will be made approximately three (3) minutes prior to the beginning of the starting sequence for each race.

8.3 For all fleets except the 5o5s, the Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and a green cylinder at the port end.

8.4 For all fleets except the 5o5s, any boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

8.5 The 5o5 fleet only will use a Gate Start which changes RRS 26 as follows:

a. The Rabbit for Race 1 will be selected by the RC and its number posted on the Notice Board. For subsequent races, the RC will select the Rabbit, typically using the 4th place finisher from the previous race. If that boat has already served as Rabbit, another boat will be selected. The sail number of the Rabbit will be posted on the RC Signal Boat course board in red numbers prior to the Warning Signal.

b. At the starting signal, the Rabbit will begin a close-hauled port tack from the Starting Pin. The Starting Line will be between the green Starting Pin at the port end of the line and the aftermost part of the Rabbit. All boats (except the Rabbit) shall start on starboard tack after the starting signal and after the Rabbit has cleared the Starting Pin.

c. RRS 29.1 does not apply.

d. The Rabbit shall continue sailing its close-hauled course until released by the RC Signal Boat. This shall be done by the RC sounding one blast of a whistle. Any boat that has not started at this point will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing.

e. Before starting, no boat shall interfere with the Rabbit. Any boat that interferes with the Rabbit or causes another boat to do so as the Rabbit opens the Gate, shall retire from the race and shall be ineligible for any restarts of that race unless the infringing boat can satisfy the RC that its actions were caused by another boat not having right of way or by some other unavoidable circumstance.

9. CHECKING IN

Prior to each boat's first race of the day, she shall pass by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

10. RECALLS

10.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. In addition, the RC will attempt to hail premature starters on VHF-72 by hailing their sail number and/or boat name.

10.2 The timing and/or order of such hails and/or the failure of a boat to hear such hails shall not be grounds for a boat to be granted redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

11. COURSE CHANGE AFTER START

11.1 If the Race Committee changes course after the start, it will do so as per RRS 33(a)(2). This rule is modified to allow that a green flag may be substituted for the green pennant.

11.2 The new mark will be an inflatable yellow cylinder. The Offset Mark will still be a red ball.

11.3 If another course change is required, the original orange mark will be used.

11.4 The Race Committee will attempt to announce course changes via VHF-72. Failure of the RC to transmit or failure of a boat to hear the transmission shall not be grounds for a boat to be granted redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

12. RADIOS

The RC will make courtesy announcements on VHF-72. These transmissions are as a courtesy and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to Race Committee flags and signals.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the RC Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

13.2 Boats shall finish between the blue/white Race Committee flag on the RC Finish Boat at the STAR end of the line (looking downwind) and the red ball at the PORT end.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 Any race in which no boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes within 90 minutes of that fleet's start will be abandoned for that fleet.

14.2 Boats still racing but not finished within 20 minutes of the first boat in their fleet to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored one point more than the number of boats in that fleet to sail the course and finish within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

15. RETIRING FROM A RACE

Boats retiring from a race or going in early shall notify an RC boat as soon as practicable.

16. SAFETY

Each boat shall carry a tow line of not less than 30' in length and ¼ inch in thickness.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 RRS Appendix T, Section C applies. In part, this requires that a boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident in the racing area shall inform the RC of her intent to do so at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes the race or retires.

17.2 Written protests must be delivered to the Protest Desk located in the HYC lounge within one hour of the RC Signal Boat docking at HYC.

17.3 All official protest documents including the Protest Time Limit, hearing schedules, and hearing results will be posted on the Protest Notice Board located at the Protest Desk. A list of protests filed and hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after protest time expires. This posting also constitutes the notice required under RRS 61.1(b) for Race Committee and Protest Committee protests. Competitors should check this board to determine if they are named in a protest or have an interest in any redress hearing.

17.4 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS or ZFP before the end of the Protest Time Limit, any request for redress based on this posting shall be made no later than 15 minutes after protest time expires. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.5 Only the Race Committee may protest an infraction of Instructions 9, 15, or 16. At the discretion of the Protest Committee, the penalty for such a breach may be less than DSQ.

17.6 On Sunday, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered to the Protest Committee no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used with two modifications:

1. Appendix A2 is changed to say that a boat may exclude her worst excludable score if five (5) or

more races are completed and scored.

2. One race constitutes a regatta.

19. AWARDS

Appropriate awards will be presented as soon as possible after racing Sunday.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

21. RACE OFFICIALS

Event Coordinator - Steve Taylor (757) 560-2734

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