# 2021 Winter Series Viper 640 and VX One

Mar 19-21, 2021
The Organizing Authority is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron



## **Sailing Instructions**

#### 1 RULES

The Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located outside at the pavilion.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel **72** or **11** to communicate with competitors on the water. This will be confirmed at the competitors meeting.

#### 3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes will be posted before 0800 hours on the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 hours the day before the change is to take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Sarasota Sailing Squadron flagpole on the south side of the screened porch.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal.

#### 5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Sarasota Bay approximately 1-2 miles north of the Clubhouse, as shown in Attachment I.

#### 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the class insignia.

#### 7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Event Day 1:

Registration 0900-1000

Competitors Briefing 1030 Warning Signal 1200

Event Day 2:

Warning Signal 1000 No Warning Signal After 1600

Event Day 3:

Warning Signal 1000 No Warning Signal After 1500

Awards (if applicable) As soon as practical after racing

7.2 There is no maximum number races for the regatta.

#### 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Windward and leeward marks will be automated MARKSET BOTS. There will be NO offset.
- 8.2 The starting mark and the finish mark will be orange MARKSET BOTS.
- 8.3 A single MARKSET BOT will be used for the starting mark, one side of the leeward gate, and the finish mark. Competitors are asked to avoid the MARKSET BOT while it is being navigated to these positions, particularly between races.

#### 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams and descriptions in Attachment II show the courses and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 9.2 If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The course identifier, approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal vessel prior to the warning signal for each race.

An example is shown below:

- 4 Four legs, finishing to downwind
- 270 Approx magnetic bearing to windward mark
- 1.2 | 1.2 nm to windward mark

#### 10 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and either (a) the course side of the starting mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a vessel at the port end.

#### 11 RECALLS

- 11.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF.
- 11.2 The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

#### 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The RC may make minor adjustments to the course using the MARKSET BOTs without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

#### 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

#### 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes. A race will be abandoned if the first boat takes longer then 30 min to round the weather mark.
- 14.2 Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. The score for TLE will be 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

#### 15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 15.2 Post-Race Penalties (Appendix T1) will apply.
- 15.3 Arbitration will be offered per Appendix T.

#### 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the Regatta Room. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit which is **45** minutes after the race committee finish boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 16.2 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted promptly after the receipt of a protest or a request for redress to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Room in approximately the order of receipt beginning as soon as possible after their receipt.
- 16.4 On the last day of each Regatta a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted, changing RRS 62.2.

#### 17 SAFETY

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in by VHF or sail by the race committee signal boat and hail its sail number.
- 17.2 A boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area early shall promptly notify the race committee either by hail, over VHF, or by telephone to the Sarasota Sailing Squadron office: 941-388-2355.

#### 18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

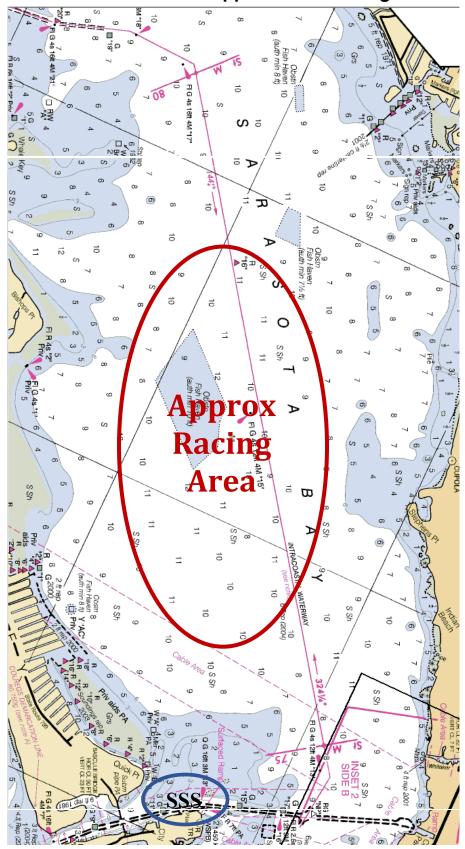
A boat shall neither make nor receive radio, phone or other data transmissions while racing not available to all boats, except in an emergency

#### 19 SCORING

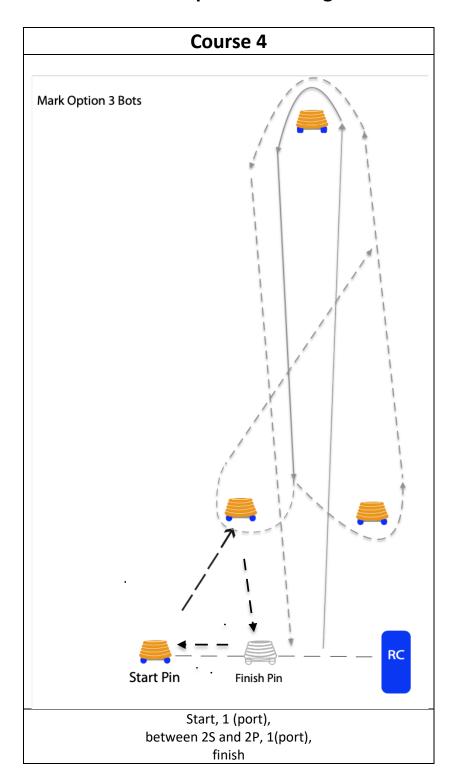
- 19.1 The Regatta will be scored using RRS App A except that if 6 or more races are completely, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. This changes RRS App A.:
- 19.2 The Series will be scored using the high-point system as provided in the Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.

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## **Attachment 1 – Approximate Racing Area**



## **Attachment II – Sample Course Diagrams**



#### Other possible courses:

Course 2: Start - 1 – Finish (Downwind)

Course 4: Start - 1 - Gate - 1 - Finish (Downwind)