



2024 VIPER 640 North American Championships

December 13-15, 2024
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
Sarasota, FL

Notice of Race (NoR)



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will not apply: RRS 25.1, 32, 34, 63.1, 63.2, 64.4(b), 81, 86.3, Appendix A, Appendix G, Appendix U
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules prescriptions will apply RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2, Appendix R, Appendix V
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) and the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on or before December 12, 2024 on the event website at www.regattanetwork.com

3. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located under the SSS clubhouse pavilion.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard [USA](#) VHF channels.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4. The race committee will monitor a designated VHF channel for emergency transmissions. The channel for emergency transmissions will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.5. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals.

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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All skippers must be members of V640ICA.
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats of the V640ICA that comply with the Class rules.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on www.regattanetwork.com, entering their crew list, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection, and completing registration at the event.
- 4.4. Entry and payment can be completed online. All entries will be accepted until Thursday, December 10, 2024, at 17:00 EDT. Any entry requests after this time shall be at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5. To qualify for the "Corinthian Trophy," boats must have their crew fully registered in Regatta Network, indicating all are Group 1 sailors. Group 1 status will be confirmed against the WS Registrations. Refer to the [WS Categorizations](#) page for information on obtaining a categorization number.
- 4.6. In accordance with the [World Sailing Statement issued March 1 2022](#), to help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2024 Viper 640 North American Championships, entries shall be open to participants from all nations except those participants that hold only Russian or Belarusian nationality who refuse to participate neutrally, without national symbols, colors, flags or anthems.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Early entry Fees \$450. The early entry deadline is November 15, 2024. The Entry fee after that will be \$525 until December 10, 2024.
- 5.2. Fee Refunds will be made for cancellations made on or before December 1, 2024. Refunds will be net of transaction fees incurred.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. [World Sailing Sailor Classification Code](#) will apply.
- 6.2. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Organizing Authority or Principal Race Officer

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1.

Thursday December 12	1400 - 1730	Check-in Table Open / Practice
	1800	Competitor Information Meeting
Friday December 13	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
Saturday December 14	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
Sunday December 15	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
	1500	No warning signal after this time
	As soon as possible	Awards

8.2. Eleven (11) races are scheduled.

8.3. A maximum of five (5) races may be run each day.

9. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. By the end of Check-In:

- i. Each boat shall submit a certificate of compliance of the Class rule 10.2 (Not Paid to Sail), signed by the skipper and all crew;
- ii. Each boat shall submit a signed measurement form showing the boat is in compliance with Class rules;
- iii. All skippers shall sign waiver and release forms;
- iv. Corinthian teams shall submit the required information per NoR 6.1.

9.2. The technical committee may perform a spot inspection and measure any boat, equipment, and sails at any time throughout the event. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with Class rules throughout the event. A signed measurement form does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all Class rules throughout the event.

9.3. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or International Jury.

10. VENUE

10.1. The racing area will be the waters of Sarasota Bay or surrounding waters. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1. Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification, for a violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.

12.2 Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a Did Not Start.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

13.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

14. SCORING

14.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

14.2. RRS A2.1 is changed so that:

- a) When less than six (6) races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.3. Boats failing to start within five (5) minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) by the Race Committee without a hearing.

14.4. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.

15. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1. Support person vessels shall register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.

15.2. Private on the water coaching is not permitted at Class sanctioned events. See class rule 10.3.

15.3. Engine "Kill Cords" / ECOS links must be worn.

16. [DP] [NP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

16.1. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat

may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Principal Race Officer has approved her sail identification before the first race.

17. BERTHING AND PARKING

- 17.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, launching, haul-out rotation schedules, or haul-out restrictions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2. Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3. Long-term vessel storage will be available after the event and between subsequent Sarasota Viper Series Events in January and February. Details will be provided in the Sarasota Viper Winter Series Notice and Registration.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 18.2. Each competitor is required to submit a signed waiver of liability as a condition of entry. For competitors under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed by their parent or guardian. The waivers should be read and understood in advance of registration and payment. The waivers are available at the Regatta website.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

20. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

20.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top five (5) boats overall
- VIPER 640 North American Champion – Presented to the top overall boat.
- Corinthian Trophy – Presented to the top overall boat that is comprised only of WS Category 1 sailors.
- Masters Trophy– Presented to the top helm over age 55.
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. For further information, please contact the event Chair – Travis Yates - travisd Yates@gmail.com

22.2. The address for SSS is:

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