



NOTICE OF RACE

Viper 640 2025-2026 Winter Series

Dec. 13-14, 2025; Jan. 10-11, 2026; and Feb. 7-8, 2026

Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Sarasota, FL USA

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS").
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority ("OA") is the Sarasota Sailing Squadron ("SSS") and the Viper 640 International Class Association ("V640ICA").
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will **not** apply: RRS 25.1, 34, the preamble to Section B, 63.1, 81, Appendix G.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will apply: the preamble to Part 5, 65.1, 70.3, 76.1, 88.2, Appendix R, Appendix V.
- 1.5 The Vakaros RaceSense or other automated start process system may be used by the Race Committee. The decision to implement such technology will be made by the Viper owners registered, the Viper Class, the Organizing Authority, and the PRO.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online only on or before December 13, 2025, on the event website at www.regattanetwork.com.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board 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 The RC may use **VHF radio** to communicate among RC boats and with competitors. These communications are a courtesy only. Failure of the RC to make, the timing of, or failure of a boat to hear these communications shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. Communications among RC vessels overheard by a competitor will not be an improper action, nor grounds for redress. These communications are a courtesy only. *This changes RRS 61.4.*
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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, and paying the required entry fees.
- 4.4 The entry fee is \$250 for each separate 2-day event. The entry fee includes post-sailing beverages and snacks and debrief sessions for up to four crew members.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Three separate events are scheduled which together comprise the winter series:
- Event #1 – December 13-14, 2025
 - Event #2 – January 10-11, 2026
 - Event #3 – February 7-8, 2026
- 5.2 The schedule for each event shall be as follows:
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| Saturday | Registration | 0900-1000 |
| | Competitors' Briefing | 1030 |
| | First Warning Signal | 1200 |
| Sunday | First Warning Signal | 1000 |
| | No warning signal after | 1500 |
| | Awards | As soon as practicable after racing |
- 5.3 Multiple races are scheduled for each day of racing. There is no limit on the number of races.

6. VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will take place on Sarasota Bay north of New Pass Channel.
- 6.2 Onshore activities will take place at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 The course will be windward/leeward in configuration.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Each individual event will be scored using the low point scoring system in RRS Appendix A. One race constitutes a regatta. When six or more races are sailed for one event, a boat's score for that event will be the total of her race scores minus her worst finish.
- 8.2 The winter series will also be scored. Any boat that competes in at least one of the series events will also be scored for the entire series. A boat's series score will be her total scores, including all races not sailed in the series, excluding her worst 30% (rounded to the next highest whole number) of race scores.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 will apply as follows: **V1: PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT** 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 RRS 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."
- 9.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V2 will apply.
- 9.3 Penalties for infractions within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2.*
- 9.4 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification for violation of class rules and racing rules other than those in RRS Part 1 and Part 2. *This changes RRS 60.5.*

10. HAULOUT AND STORAGE

- 10.1 Haul-out restrictions during each event will be determined by the Organizing Authority based on site needs and condition.
- 10.2 On-site storage is available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron for \$325 per month (\$75/week for additional weeks) per single trailer for active and fully registered participants in the series events between December and

February. Storage arrangements must be made and paid in advance via regattanetwork.com. Rates for box trailers and/or larger rigs must be negotiated directly with the manager of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Double stack trailers, if not used to store a Viper between events must be paid as and additional 'vessel'. All trailers must be mobile between events and no non-mobile storage is allowed. *Depending on registration and demand, storage space may become limited, so participants are encouraged to register and arrange for storage space as soon as possible.*

10.3 No onsite camping is permitted.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event and to the top five finishers in the overall series. The Viper Winter Series Perpetual Trophy also will be awarded to the winner of the overall series.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other hazards.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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