

**2014-2015
SARASOTA
VIPER WINTER
SERIES**

**Dec 13th - 14th
Jan 10th - 11th
Feb 7th - 8th**



Viper 640



Make Sarasota the winter home for your Viper for 2014-2015!

Commit now to sailing in a Florida Winter Series that will fit in nicely after the Hampton VA Mid Atlantics and before the EFG Pan American Championships in Miami.

As it gets cooler up north, the Sarasota Viper Fleet is getting fired up to host a fantastic East Coast Winter Series. Based on feedback from the class and a test run last winter, the Sarasota Viper Fleet will host a three event series that feeds into the EFG Pan American Championships in Miami.

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron will host the series and allow all participants to store their boats, rig-up-ready to sail, for \$40/month November through March.

The inshore racecourse is set about 1.5 miles north of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron in what is typically flat water with consistent breeze.

Average Sarasota temperatures December to Feb are highs of 75F with average lows of 55F.

Included in this document is most of the information you will need to commit to sailing your Viper in Sarasota this winter.

We are looking forward to seeing you this winter in Florida!

The Sarasota Viper Fleet

2014-2015 Viper Winter Series At-a-Glance

- **\$300 registration for all three 2-day events**

This includes 3 shirts, Saturday dinners, continental breakfasts and beer/water.

- **\$100 registration for any single 2-day event**

This includes 1 shirt, Saturday dinners, continental breakfasts and beer/water.

- **\$40/mo for mast-up boat storage Nov-Mar**

- **Local fleet members will help with receiving your boat from up north and sending your boat to Miami. Actual shipping arrangements will be up to individual owners. Last year the cost to ship a double Viper trailer from Miami to Sarasota was \$250 one-way on Uship!**



Viper Guide to the Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Sailing a Viper in Sarasota is a breeze. The Squadron has a hoist and a two-lane boat launch, lots of area to rig your boat and plenty of floating docks to park the fleet.

Once in the water, you are 5 minutes from the race course. Sarasota Bay is wide, has a sandy bottom and is unobstructed on all sides. It is shallow, averaging 10 ft throughout, but the shoals are well marked and/or very visual as the water is aqua blue clear.

After haul out there is an area dedicated to rinsing down boats.

The Squadron has onsite showers and bathrooms and plenty of parking for cars and trailers.

Those who wish to store boats in Sarasota are kindly requested to contact Craig Bridges, Sailing Squadron Manager to confirm arrangements as soon as possible.

manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org

Sarasota or visiting Sailors

Flying in

Sarasota is served by a reasonably sized airport (SRQ), that is about 15 minutes from the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Depending on your airline of choice you may find cheaper non-stop flights by looking at flying into Tampa (TPA). The drive from Tampa airport is about 1 hour and 15 minutes, there is a shuttle that can get you from TPA to Sarasota for \$40. Another option is to fly into Southwest Florida International Airport in Ft. Myers (RSW). The drive up from RSW is around 1 hour and 25 minutes.

Accommodations

Sarasota is a great tourist destination and Nov-March is our high season. We have a vibrant downtown and number of barrier islands connected by bridges. Nothing in the local area is hard to get to and traffic is a non-issue. There are a wide variety of accommodations, including hotel and rental homes from Anna Maria Island to the north all the way down to Siesta Key and Venice. Drive times between any of these locations and the Squadron are less than 30 minutes. If you need help or suggestions with accommodations please give someone in the Sarasota fleet a call so they can let you know the relative merits of the place you are looking at, or if it is a rental property, we will be happy to try to drive by it to give it a look.

Sample Accommodations

Hotel	Distance
Holiday Inn-Lido Key	1.82 miles
Lido Beach Resort	2.30 miles
Hyatt Sarasota	5.25 miles
Hotel Indigo	4.25 miles
Best Western Mid Town	5.60 miles
America's Best Value Inn (Clean, cheap and close \$60-79)	5.40 miles

Onsite Accommodations at Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Camping is available on Squadron grounds.

Camping (Tent)

Non-Regatta nights	\$5.00/night; \$3.00/night for electric
Regattas nights	Free

Camping (RV/Camper)

Non-Regatta nights	\$10.00/night; \$3.00/night for electric
Regattas nights	\$3.00/night for electric

Boatyards and Chandleries

Parts and Supplies

West Marine

4708 S Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34231

(941) 924.6777

Ullman Sails Sarasota

957 N Lime Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34237

(941) 951.0189

Knighton Sails

2100 20th Street

Sarasota, FL 34234

(941) 365.7245

Provisions

Publix Supermarket

1044 N Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34236-2428

Whole Foods

1451 1st Street

Sarasota, FL 34236

Area Restaurants

There are 100's of great places to eat in Sarasota. Please let us know what you are in the mood for and we will point you in the right direction. Listed below are the two closest places to the Squadron.

St. Armands Circle is located about a 15 minute walk from the Squadron and boasts a great variety of restaurants of all different types and price levels. Additionally, the following restaurants are located on City Island:

The Old Salty Dog

1601 Ken Thompson Pkwy

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 388.4311

New Pass Grille

1505 Ken Thompson Pkwy

Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 388.3050

Entertainment and Relaxation

Attractions and things to see

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art

Circus Sarasota

Siesta Key Public Beach

Historic Spanish Point

Bay Front Public Sculpture Walk

Asolo Repertory Theatre

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Sarasota Opera House

Mote Aquarium