



**2021 Viper 640  
North American Championship  
October 7 – 10, 2021  
Darien, CT**

*Organizing Authority (OA): Noroton Yacht Club*



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**(re-issued March 10, 2021, per NoR Amendment 1)**

*All times are US Eastern time. All fees are in US dollars.*

*For the purposes of this NoR and RRS 92, the technical committee is an event-specific committee appointed by the OA and approved by the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Addendum A.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled race. Printed copies will be available at the venue.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13222>. Prior to the event, all notices will be posted on the online notice board.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US 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 SIs.
- 3.5. Noroton Yacht Club Dockhouse monitors VHF channel 72 for launch services and other communications.
- 3.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF radio at the first reasonable opportunity.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Viper 640 Class that comply with the V640ICA class Rules.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on YachtScoring.com <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13222>, entering Crew List, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection and completing registration at the event.
- 4.3. Entry and payment can be completed online until 1600 on September 1, 2021. All entries shall be accepted until 1600 on September 1, 2021. Any entry requests after September 1, 2021 shall be at the discretion of the OA.

- 4.4. The OA expects to require documentation of either a recent negative COVID test or vaccination for all skippers, crew, officials, and volunteers. The details of this requirement will be posted on the notice board no later than September 1, 2021.

**FEES**

- 4.5. Early Entry Fee: \$550 (payments must be paid by July 15, 2021), Standard Entry Fee: \$575 (until September 10, 2021), Late Entry Fee: \$600 (until October 1, 2021).
- 4.6. The Entry Fee includes Friday October 8 dinner, all post racing dockside refreshments, and social activities, except the event dinner on Saturday October 9.
- 4.7. October 9 Regatta Dinner: Pricing for crew and guests shall be determined in August 2021.
- 4.8. Fee Refunds: Before August 15, 2021, Entry Fees can be refunded after deducting \$25 for administration expenses. Should the OA determine that the event be cancelled or modified for Public Health Protocols, refunds shall be issued partially or in full with no penalty based on current circumstances.
- 4.9. Fees will include boat storage, launching and hauling of competing boats.

**5. CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 5.1. The categorization requirements of class rule 10.2 (Not Paid to Sail) will apply (see RRS 79).

**6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 6.2. Out of respect for event sponsors, advertising that conflicts with event sponsors is strongly discouraged.

**7. SCHEDULE**

7.1.

|                     |                                   |                                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Friday October 1    | 1200-1800                         | Equipment Inspection                  |
| Sunday October 3    | 1200-1800                         | Equipment Inspection                  |
| Wednesday October 6 | 1000–1700                         | Equipment Inspection and Registration |
|                     | 1100                              | Clinic                                |
|                     | 1300                              | Practice Racing                       |
| Thursday October 7  | 1000                              | First Warning Signal                  |
| Friday October 8    | 1000                              | First Warning Signal                  |
| Saturday October 9  | 1000                              | First Warning Signal                  |
| Sunday October 10   | 1000                              | First Warning Signal                  |
|                     | 1500                              | No Warning Signal after this time     |
|                     | As soon as possible after racing. | Awards                                |

- 7.2. The OA is targeting 3 to 4 races per day for a total of 12-14 races, dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee.

**8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1. By the end of registration (see NoR 7.1):
- (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) All skippers and crew shall sign waiver and release forms, and
  - (iii) Each boat shall submit verification of Insurance in accordance with NoR 16.1.

- 8.2. All boats will be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing. If a boat passes equipment inspection for the 2021 Women's International Championship, that inspection will be accepted.
- 8.3. The 2021 Viper 640 Championship Inspection Form can be reviewed at: <https://www.viper640.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-Viper-Inspection-List-2021-Womens-and-NAs.pdf>.
- 8.4. Boats that need to arrange equipment inspection outside of the hours in NoR 7.1 shall obtain permission and make arrangements directly with the Technical Committee. Contact information will be posted on the notice board.
- 8.5. No more than two suits of registered sails may be used for any of these individual Championships and shall be identified appropriately for each event on the 2021 Viper 640 Championship Inspection Form before racing.
- 8.6. 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 inspection list does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all class rules throughout the event.
- 8.7. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Race Committee.

## **9. VENUE**

- 9.1. The racing area will be approximately 1 to 2 miles SE to SW of G "1" at the mouth of Darien Harbor.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1. RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply (see NoR Addendum A).
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. There shall be no appeal of decisions of a protest committee when it is an International Jury in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 12.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 12.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 13.1. Support person vessels shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.
- 13.2. Support vessels shall display flags provided by the OA.
- 13.3. On race days, support vessels may not communicate any information to competitor boats that could affect performance or racing, from the moment the team leaves the dock or mooring until the end of racing for the day. See class rule 10.5.
- 13.4. Support vessels may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee.

13.5. Support vessels shall carry a VHF radio, monitor Race Committee communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

#### **14. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

14.1. In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

#### **15. BERTHING AND PARKING**

15.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area or on moorings. Assigned spaces will be based on Registration Date. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, moorings, and rotation schedules will be posted on the notice board.

15.2. Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the notice board.

15.3. During haul out at the end of the event, the haul out and trailer sequence will give priority to those teams with the furthest to travel.

#### **16. RISK STATEMENT**

16.1. 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 causes.

#### **17. INSURANCE**

17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

#### **18. PRIZES**

18.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through fifth place finishers.

18.2. The first-place overall finishing skipper from any region who will be 55 or older by October 5, 2021 will be the 2021 Viper 640 Masters Champion and will be awarded the Governor's Cup Perpetual trophy.

18.3. The top Corinthian Boat Award will be awarded to the highest placing boat in which the helm and all crew are registered World Sailing Group 1 Sailors. Skipper and Crew can register with World Sailing at <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>.

18.4. The Jedi Award will be awarded to the highest place boat where either helm or crew member are 70 years or older in the calendar year 2021.

18.5. The youngest sailing crew under the age of eighteen of that year will be awarded Youngest Crew Award.

#### **19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

19.1. The OA will be represented by the Regatta Organizing Committee consisting of Regatta Chair Nancy Pearson, Bob McHugh, Ed "Buttons" Padin – Viper 640 Class Administrator.

19.2. For further information please contact:

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## NOR ADDENDUM A - Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

### **After rule 60.3 add:**

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

### **Add rule 61.4**

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

### **After rule 67 add**

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

### **After rule 76.1 add**

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or Race Committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

## **Appendix V, Alternative Penalties**

### **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 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.'

### **V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES**

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.