

VIPER 640
WOMENS ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP
JUNE 24-26 2022



NOTICE OF RACE

2022 Viper 640
Women's Atlantic Coast Championship
Hosted by Noroton Yacht Club
June 24-26, 2022
Darien, Connecticut, USA

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Noroton Yacht Club(NYC)

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).

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 (VICA).

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

1. RULES

1.1. The Women's Atlantic Coast Championship (WACC) will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. Rule Changes and US Sailing Prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Appendix A.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the online notice board on yachtscoring at least 7 days before the first scheduled race.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board is located at Yacht Scoring. All notices will be posted on the online notice board.

3.2. All boats shall comply with VICA class rule 9.1 (e) and carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US VHF channels.

3.3. Communication protocols and channels will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

3.4. Noroton Yacht Club Dock house monitors VHF channel 72 for launch services and other communications.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The event is open to boats of the Viper 640 Class from any nation that comply with [the VICA class rules](#).

4.2 The helmsperson or helmspersons throughout the event shall be female.

4.3 The event is open to two categories of teams:

- 1) All Women teams (AW), where all the sailors on board are female
- 2) Mixed Gender Crew (MGC), where the helmsperson is female and at least 50% of the sailors on board are female.

4.4. A boat participating in this event shall either be owned by a VICA Member or a person on board designated as skipper shall be a VICA Member. There is no requirement for the helmsperson to be a VICA member or associate member. This changes VICA Rule 10.1

5. ENTRY AND FEES

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on YachtScoring.com and submitting the required fees.

5.2. To be considered a registered entry in the event, a boat shall enter per paragraph 5.1 and complete registration per paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2

5.3 The Entry Fees are as follows:

Early Bird Entry	Payment received prior to 23.00 May 14, 2022	\$80
Early Entry	Payment received prior to 23.00 June 1st, 2022	\$100
Standard Entry	Payment received prior to 23.00 June 18, 2022	\$120
Late Entry	Payment received after 23.00 on June 18, 2022	\$140

5.4 Entry and payment can be completed online until 20.00 on June 23, 2022. Any entry requests after 20.00 on June 23, 2022, shall be at the discretion of the OA

5.5 Fee Refunds:

(i) If a competitor withdraws prior to May 14, 2022, the entry fee will be refunded in full. From May 14 until June 4 entry fees can be refunded after deducting a \$20 administration fee. From June 5 until June 20, the entry fee can be refunded after deducting \$80 representing the incurred cost to the event. If a competitor withdraws within 24 hours after registering on any date prior to June 24, the entry fee will be refunded in full.

(ii) If a competitor with a free charter boat loaned to the competitor by the Noroton Viper fleet withdraws after June 1st, the entry fee is non-refundable.

(iii) If the OA determine that the event should be cancelled for public health reasons, refunds shall be issued in full without penalty. If the OA postpones the event for public health reasons,

competitors will be offered the option of the fee being held towards the rescheduled event, a full refund (prior to May 14) or a refund after deducting a \$20 administration fee (after May 14).

5.6 Fees will include boat storage, launching and hauling of competing boats.

5.7 Fees will include cocktail wristbands for all women team members for the WACC Party on the Lawn on Saturday evening.

5.8 Competitors may sign up for a temporary NYC card that they can use to purchase food, beverages and merchandise at Noroton Yacht Club

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 The helmsperson and at least 50% of the sailors (including the helmsperson) shall be female.

6.2 The event is open to sailors from all categories of the WS Sailor Categorization Code provided they comply with VICA rule 10.2, which requires that no member of the team is paid to sail in this event.

7. ADVERTISING

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

7.2. The OA reserves the right to ask competitors to remove prominent advertising which directly conflicts with event sponsors. The OA is happy to answer questions about potential advertising ahead of the event.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1.

Friday, June 24	1700-1900	Registration + Happy Hour at the Bar
	1900 - 2100	BYO BBQ and Osprey Bistro on the Patio
Saturday June 25	0830- 0930	Registration by appointment
	0930	Skippers Meeting and Sustainability Briefing
	1130	First Warning
	1800	WACC Cocktail Party and Dinner on the Lawn + Music on the Patio
Sunday June 26	1000	First Warning Vipers
	1330	Starts after 1330 may include additional classes
	1600	No Warning after this time

8.2. The OA is targeting 3 to 4 races per day for a total of 6-8 races, dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee.

8.3 The Club Galley, the Bar and the Osprey Bistro will be open to competitors during regular hours throughout the event.

9. REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. To complete registration the name and gender of each crew member must be registered on the online registration forms

9.2 To complete registration each boat shall submit:

- (i) Waiver and release forms signed by the skipper and all crew,
- (ii) Verification of Insurance in accordance with NoR 18
- (iii) Copy of Photo ID to confirm age for wristbands.

9.3 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 self-certification inspection list does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all class rules throughout the event.

10. VENUE

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

11. COURSES

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

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply (see NoR Appendix A).

12.2. 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.

13. SCORING

13.1. RRS A5.3 will apply.

13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3. 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.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.

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

14.3 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 VICA rule 10.3 (a).

14.4 On race days, support boats may not tow competitors to the racecourse without express permission from the Race Committee. Support boats offering to tow a boat must monitor the designated race channel and comply with any instructions from the Race Committee to tow multiple boats.

14.5 Support vessels may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee.

14.6 If the OA and VICA decide to provide a Class Coach boat in accordance with VICA rule 10.3(b), competitors will be notified by June 18 by an addendum to this NoR.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

15.1. 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

16. BERTHING AND PARKING

16.1. Boats shall be assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area for rigging based on the order in which event fee payments are received. Further details regarding docking, moorings and trailer storage during the regatta will be posted on the notice board.

16.2. Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the notice board. Each competing team will be allocated a limited number of parking passes for the club.

16.3 [NP] The event appreciates the support and goodwill of the members of the [Noroton Bay Association](#). Competitors shall not park on the roads or margins in Noroton Bay outside of the designated parking areas on the NYC grounds. The speed limit in the Association is 15 mph.

This is a family neighborhood where children play, and families drive golf carts.

16.3. 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.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 3, Decision to Race.

The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, VICA, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. INSURANCE

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

19. PRIZES

19.1. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first-place team provided there are at least 5 entries

19.2 A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first-place All- Women team provided there are at least 3 entries.

19.3 Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through third place finishers, and to the top All Women teams depending on the number of entrants

19.4. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

20. COVID-19

20.1 The event will be conducted in accordance with national, state, local, and host club regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. It is not possible to predict what the status of these guidelines and regulations will be at the time of the event when this NoR is published. The OA may implement COVID-19 protocols and regulations, which will rank as rules. Any Covid 19

regulations and guidelines will be posted as Addendums on the official notice board at Yacht Scoring. During 2021 regulations required us to ask competitors to produce proof of current vaccination status or a recent negative covid test.

20.2. Weekly updates from the Director of the Darien Health Department regarding the current Covid environment in Darien are available [here](#).

21. SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

21.1 No Single Use Plastic bottles are allowed on the racecourse or on the grounds of the club.

21.2 Water bottles may be refilled at a filtered refilling station on the East wall of the clubhouse adjacent to the Junior sailing room

21.3 Recyclable waste should be placed in the clearly marked receptacles

21.4 The penalty for a breach of Rule 47 may include disqualification

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1. For further information please contact:

Registration : NYCViperFleet@gmail.com

Sailing Related Questions

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Shoreside Related Questions

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NoR REGISTRATION & ENTRY CHECK LIST

The Registration and Entry Check List is not part of the Notice of Race and do not constitute rules and regulations that govern the Event. This is an informal reminder/checklist for competitors preparing for the event

Mark Dates June 24, 25 & 26 in Calendar	
Register Name of each team member on Yacht Scoring	
Skipper and crew sign waiver forms and email to NYCViperFleet@gmail.com	
Email Verification of Insurance to NYCViperFleet@gmail.com	

Email Copy of Photo ID for wristband to NYCViperFleet@gmail.com	
Sign up for NYC Charge Card and email to NYCViperFleet@gmail.com	
Sign up for Buffet on Saturday Evening, email to NYCViperFleet@gmail.com	
Check Boat complies with VICA rules	
Remember to bring working VHF Radio	
Obtain parking pass at Registration	

Appendix A

The following Rule Changes and US Sailing Prescriptions Apply:

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.

Rule 32 After rule 32 add:

The race committee may display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races conducted that day.

Rule 67 After rule 67 add

(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

Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests

Replace World Sailing Appendix R with [US Sailing Appendix R](#)

Add to Rule 40 Personal Flotation Devices

The event is approved by the US Coast Guard and competitors shall comply with Coast Guard regulation 33 CFR Subpart B 175.15

US and Canadian competitors shall wear or carry on-board a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard or Transport Canada (level 70). Other international competitors may wear a PFD that is approved by the equivalent authority of their home country,

All competitors shall comply with VICA rule 9.3.