



**The Allstate Sugar Bowl
2023 Viper 640 World Championship**



**March 26-31, 2023
Southern Yacht Club
105 North Roadway Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana USA**

Sailing Instructions

All times are US Central Daylight time. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the international jury.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Southern Yacht Club in conjunction with the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).
- 1.2. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online at 2023 Viper World Championship [Official Notice Board](#) (ONB.) As a courtesy, notices may also be posted on a notice board located in the Grill of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. The race office is located in the Grill on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 3.3. There will be a competitor briefing each race day at 0900 in the vicinity of the dry storage A frame.
- 3.4. The race committee will be using VHF channel 72 USA to communicate with the fleet as described in NoR 3.4.

- 3.5. The race committee may broadcast via VHF the course before the warning signal, the start time and information important for racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or omissions on the part of the broadcast messages shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 3.6. [DP] 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.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from the race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the dry storage A frame.
- 5.2. When flag L is displayed ashore over a numeral pennant, the numeral pennant indicates the number of the notice to competitors that is posted. This changes RRS Race Signal L.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. There will be a practice race March 26, Sunday with a warning at 1300.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
March 27, Monday	1100	Warning signal of the first race of the day
March 28, Tuesday	1100	Warning signal of the first race of the day
March 29, Wednesday		Reserve Day
March 30, Thursday	1100	Warning signal of the first race of the day
March 31, Friday	1100	Warning signal of the first race of the day

- 6.2. On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal may be signaled after 1500.
- 6.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4. [DP][NP] Boats may be hauled once during the regatta.

6.4.1 If Wednesday March 29 is the observed reserve day, boats may be hauled following racing on Tuesday March 28 and must be relaunched by 1000 on Thursday March 30.

6.4.2 If Thursday March 30 is the observed reserve day, boats may be hauled following racing on Wednesday March 29 and must be relaunched by 1000 on Friday March 31.

6.4.3 In the event no reserve day has been designated by end of racing on Wednesday March 29, boats may be hauled following racing on Wednesday March 29 and must be relaunched by 1000 on Thursday March 30.

7. CLASS FLAG

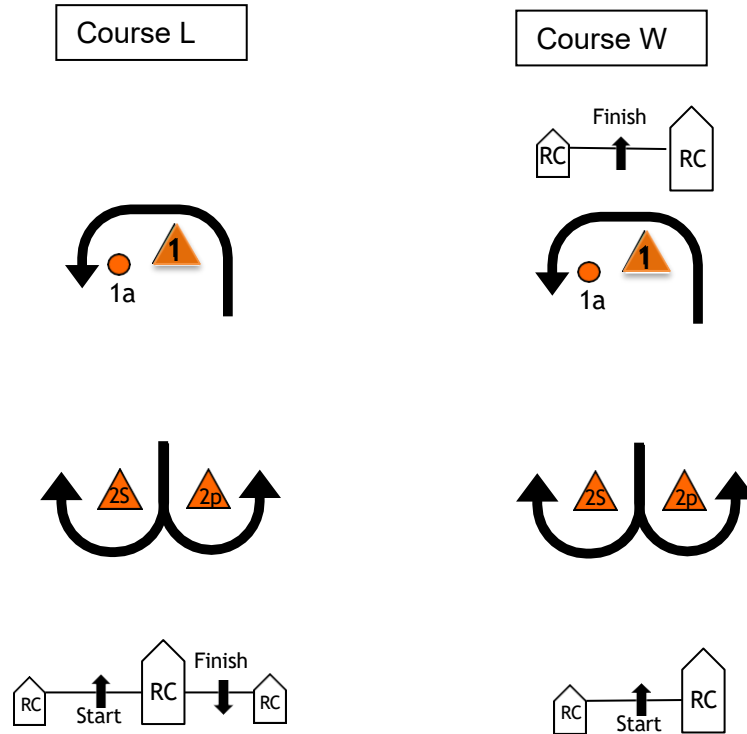
7.1. The class flag will be a Viper class symbol against a white background.

8. RACING AREA



9. COURSES

The diagram below shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on placards the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.



Course Descriptions:

L - Start, 1, 1a, 2p or 2s, 1, 1a, Finish

W - Start, 1, 1a, 2p or 2s, 1, 1a, 2p or 2s, Finish

10. MARKS

Starting	Race committee vessels
Mark 1	Orange tetrahedron
Mark 1a	Orange ball
Marks 2 s/p	Orange tetrahedron
New mark as provided in SI 13	Yellow tetrahedron
Finish	Race committee vessels
Finish Pin, if used	Orange sphere

11. BLANK

11.1.

12. THE START

12.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting vessels.

12.2. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.3. The race committee will attempt to broadcast on VHF the sail number of all boats observed to be On Course Side. Failure of the race committee to broadcast or to time it accurately, or failure of a boat to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2. The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

13.3. If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

14. THE FINISH

14.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on the nearby finish vessel or an inflatable buoy.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15.2. The international jury may impose penalties less than disqualification for a violation of the class rules or racing rules other than RRS Parts 1 and 2.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1.

RACE TIME LIMIT	FINISHING WINDOW
75 minutes	30 minutes

16.2 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points for scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1. Protests, requests for redress or reopening can be filed online via Yacht Scoring in the Owner’s Corner (see Online Protest Filing System). Editable protest forms can be found under General Race Forms. Completed protest forms should be filed or emailed to the Jury Secretary within the appropriate time limit. As a courtesy, forms will be available from the Jury Secretary in the Board Room.

17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.

17.3. Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Board Room on the second floor of the clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.

17.4. A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the ONB.

17.5. Within the protest time limit the race committee shall post on the ONB the sail numbers of all boats that are penalized under A5.1.

17.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest decision shall be delivered no later than 25 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.

17.7. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

18. SCORING

18.1. See NoR 12.

18.2. Scoring inquiries can be submitted online on the ONB Request for Scoring Review.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1. [DP][NP] On water prior to the warning signal of her first race of each day competitors shall sail past the signal vessel and hail their bow number.

19.2. [NP] When flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound all boats shall return promptly and directly to the harbor. Further signals ashore. This changes RRS 37 and Race Signals.

19.3. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19.4. [DP][NP] In addition to requirements under Section 503 US Coast Guard Authorization Act, individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use the ECOS link when the engine is running.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may be only substituted with the permission of the technical committee or the PRO, except as in SI 20.2. Equipment and crew substitution application forms are available in the race office.

20.2. If the damage occurs less than two hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the technical committee or PRO before using the equipment in a race and permission shall be requested before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1. Official boats will be marked as follows:

Support/Patrol	Green flags
Race Committee Boats	Yellow race committee flag
Jury	Code flag “J”
Media	Purple flags

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first through fifth place finishers overall and top three Corinthian teams.

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