



**2025 VIPER 640  
North American Championship**  
October 1-5, 2025  
Hampton Yacht Club  
Hampton, VA

### **Notice of Race**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in “*The Racing Rules of Sailing*” (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules will not apply: RRS 25.1, 34, Section B, 63.1(b), 63.5(d), 81, 86.3, Appendix G.
- 1.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to the following rules prescriptions will apply: Appendix V.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Hampton Yacht Club (HYC) and the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).

#### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on or before September 15, 2025 on the event website at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=16766>

#### **3. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at the event site listed above.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard USA 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 fleet communications and emergency transmissions. This channel will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.5. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.”

This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### **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 the event site listed above, entering their crew list, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection and completing registration at the event.

4.4. Entry and payment can be completed online. All entries will be accepted until Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 17:00 EDT. Any entry requests after this time shall be at the discretion of the OA.

4.5. To qualify for the “Corinthian Trophy,” boats must have their crew fully registered in Yacht Scoring with their current and valid World Sailing ID numbers. Group 1 status will be confirmed against the WS Registrations. Refer to the WS Categorizations page for information on obtaining a categorization number.

4.6 In order to be entered each boat must comply with NOR 9.1

#### **5. FEES**

5.1. Early entry Fees \$550 USD. The early entry deadline is July 1, 2025. The Entry fee after that will be \$650 USD until September 17, 2025.

#### **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

6.1. World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply.

6.2. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Organizing Authority, Chief Judge or Principal Race Officer

#### **7. ADVERTISING**

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

#### **8. SCHEDULE**

8.1.

Monday, September 29	Facilities Open for Practice	
Wednesday, October 1	Measurement	1000
	Check In	1600-1800

Thursday, October 2	Check In	0900-1100
	Measurement Closes	1100
	Competitors Briefing	1130
	First Warning (2 Race Max)	1400
Friday, October 3	First Warning	1100
Saturday, October 4	First Warning	1100
Sunday, October 5	First Warning	1000
	No Start After	1400
	Awards Reception Following Racing	

8.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled.

8.3. Except for October 2, a maximum of four (4) races may be run each day.

## **9. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1. By the end of Check-In:

- 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. Each boat shall submit a signed measurement form showing the boat is in compliance with Class rules;
- iii. Corinthian teams shall submit the required information per NOR 6.1.

9.2. 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 measurement form does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all Class rules throughout the event.

9.3. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or Chief Judge.

## **10. VENUE**

10.1. The racing area will be the waters of Hampton Roads. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. COURSES**

11.1. Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 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. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

13.1. RRS Appendix V shall apply.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

14.2. RRS A2.1 is changed so that:

a) When less than six (6) races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

15.1. Support person vessels shall register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations including she shall support any vessel in the fleet requesting assistance.

15.2. Private on the water coaching is not permitted at Class sanctioned events. See class rule 10.3.

15.3. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch), which shall remain attached to the support person who is operating the vessel at all times while the engine is running.

## **16. [DP] [NP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

16.1. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the OA, Chief Judge or the Principal Race Officer has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **17. [DP] [NP] BERTHING AND PARKING**

17.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, launching, haul out rotation schedules, or haul-out restrictions will be posted on the official notice board.

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

17.3. Long-term vessel storage will be available after the event for the Viper Winter Series Events. Please contact the Sailing Director.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

18.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18.2. Each competitor is required to submit a signed waiver of liability as a condition of entry. For competitors under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed by their parent or guardian. The waivers should be read and understood in advance of registration and payment. The waivers are available at the Regatta website.

## **19. INSURANCE**

19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

## **20. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

20.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## **21. PRIZES**

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top five (5) boats overall
- VIPER 640 North American Champion – Presented to the top overall boat.
- Corinthian Trophy – Presented to the top overall boat that is comprised only of WS Category 1 sailors.
- Masters Trophy– Presented to the top helm over age 55.
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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