

NOTICE OF RACE
2017 Viper 640 NAC Warm Up Regatta
October 22, 2017
Fort Walton Yacht Club, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2017 Viper NAC Warm Up Regatta is the 2017 Viper 640 Championships Committee in conjunction with the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Viper 640 Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2.** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5. 1.4. Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for all violations of Part 2 except for violations that occur within the Zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, where the penalty shall be two-turns.
- 1.3.** Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1.** Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Viper 640 Class Rules.
- 2.2.** Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1.** The regatta shall be open to all Viper 640 boats whose skipper is a member of the Viper 640 Class Association and has completed the entry process as described in NoR 3.2.
- 3.2.** Eligible boats shall enter by submitting a completed Entry Form with full payment of required fees as per NoR 4, and has completed Competitor Check-In as set forth in the NoR 3.3.
- 3.3.** The following documents shall be submitted at the time of Competitor Check-In:
 - 3.3.1.** Verification of membership as per NoR 3.1.
 - 3.3.2.** A loss, damage and injury waiver signed by each person racing on board the boat.
 - 3.3.3.** A certificate of compliance of the Viper 640 Class Association Rules, signed by the owner or skipper.
 - 3.3.4.** Proof of insurance as per NoR 18. 3.4. Only boats having completed all entry requirements will be allowed to compete
 - 3.3.5** Verification of All Crew and All Skippers of ISAF Category Level 1 or 3. Skipper and Crew can register with World Sailing at <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>

4. FEES

- 4.1.** Early entries, received and paid on or before July 30, 2017, will be US \$45.00 per boat.
- 4.2.** Entries received and paid between July 31, 2017 and September 30, 2017 will be \$55.00 per boat.
- 4.3.** Entries received and paid between October 1 and October, 22, 2017 will be \$60.00 per boat.

5. SCHEDULE

October 22, Sunday: 0830-0930 Competitor Check In.

1000 Competitor Briefing
1130 1st Race Warning
1545 No warning signal after this time
1730 Awards

6. MEASUREMENT

At any time before and during the regatta, members of the Viper 640 Technical Committee may inspect and measure any boat, equipment thereon and sails in order to determine compliance with class rules and eligibility. Competitors shall be aware that random spot checks of rules compliance may be in effect throughout the event.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at Competitor Check-In.

8. VENUE

Races will be held in Choctawhatchee Bay.

9. THE COURSES

Windward-Leeward courses will be used.

10. SCORING

- 10.1.** The Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply.
- 10.2.** No pre-set maximum number of races are scheduled.
- 10.3.** One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1.** Team/Owner Support boats (Support boat) shall register with the OA during the Competitor Check-In period.
- 11.2.** The OA will not provide berths for support boats. Support boats shall heed right of way to all competitors and event committee vessels. Support boats shall give ramp and hoist priority to competitors and event committee vessels.
- 11.3.** Rules governing the conduct of support boats will be outlined in the SIs.

13. LAUNCH AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats are to be launched prior to the first warning signal of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

14.1. The race committee intends to use international VHF marine frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, which may include OCS hails after starts. The channel will be detailed in the SIs. 14.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, and any other communication devices.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through third place finishers.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, still photography, and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, the Host Club, and all volunteers will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Host Clubs. The Host Clubs, the Viper 640 Class Association Inc, the 2017 Viper North American Championships committee, the OA, and their member volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to persons (s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the NoR and other regatta information will be posted on the event website and the Official Notice Board at the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1. Event website located at: <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

20.2. Event Facebook site is located at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Viper640NorthAmericanChampionships/?fref=ts>

20.4. All payment of fees shall be made online at the event website