

Notice of Series

2011 EFG Bank Viper 640 Pan American Championship

The 2011 EFG Bank Viper 640 Pan American Championship ("Series") is open to all competitors who race in any of the following qualifying events:

- Viper Midwinter Championship at Bacardi Miami Sailing Week, March 10 - 12
- Viper Pacific Coast Championship at Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week, June 24 - 26
- Viper Atlantic Coast Championship at Bacardi Newport Race Week, June 24 - 26
- Viper North American Championship, Sarnia Yacht Club, September 28 – October 1.

1 ORGANIZATION

The Series is organized by the Viper 640 Class Association and the Viper 640 Pan American Championship Committee.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The Series is open to Viper 640s that sail in the any of the qualifying events that comprise the Series.

3 RULES

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), The Viper 640 Class Rules and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of each of the qualifying events.

4 ENTRIES & CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry is via www.yachtscoring.com

4.2 There is no entry fee for the Series apart from qualifying event entry fees

5 SCHEDULE

Viper Midwinter Championship	Bacardi Miami Sailing Week	March 10 - 12
Viper Pacific Coast Championship	Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week	June 24 - 26
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Viper North American Championship	Sarnia Yacht Club	September 28 – October 1

6 SCORING

Scoring for the overall series will be based on low point scoring, RRS A2 A8 and A9, except as modified below

- 6.1 The number of races to be scored will be determined by adding the number of races sailed in Miami, Newport and Sarnia and comparing this to the number of races sailed in Miami, Long Beach and Sarnia. The lower of the two totals is then multiplied by two-thirds to generate the number of races to be scored.
- 6.2 Worst race scores sailed beyond the number to be scored will be discarded.
- 6.3 In the event of a tie, the score shall be resolved using RRS A8 except that discarded scores may be used.
- 6.4 Scoring for the handicap series will be based on the same number of races as the overall series. Each boat will be allocated a handicap by the Pan American Championship Committee who may amend the handicap between regattas. This informal handicap system will be described in an addendum on the class website.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 The overall series winner will be awarded the EFG Pan American Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 7.2 Series prizes will be awarded for first through fifth for the overall series and first through fifth for the handicap series.
- 7.3 All competitors sailing in at least two events will receive awards.

8 ADVERTISING & MEDIA

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Series' organizing authority.

8.2 Competitors and crew members grant, at no cost, to the Series' organizing authority and the sponsor, permission to use their name, voice, image, and representations of the boats in any media world-wide, for the purposes of advertising, promoting, and reporting on the event and all participants therein.

9 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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 series.

9 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Viper 640 Class Association www.viper640.org

Bacardi Miami Sailing Week www.miamisailingweek.com

Long Beach Race Week www.lbrw.org

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