



2021 Viper 640 Atlantic Coast Championship Saturday-Sunday, 22-23 May 2021



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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).

1 RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that 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. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

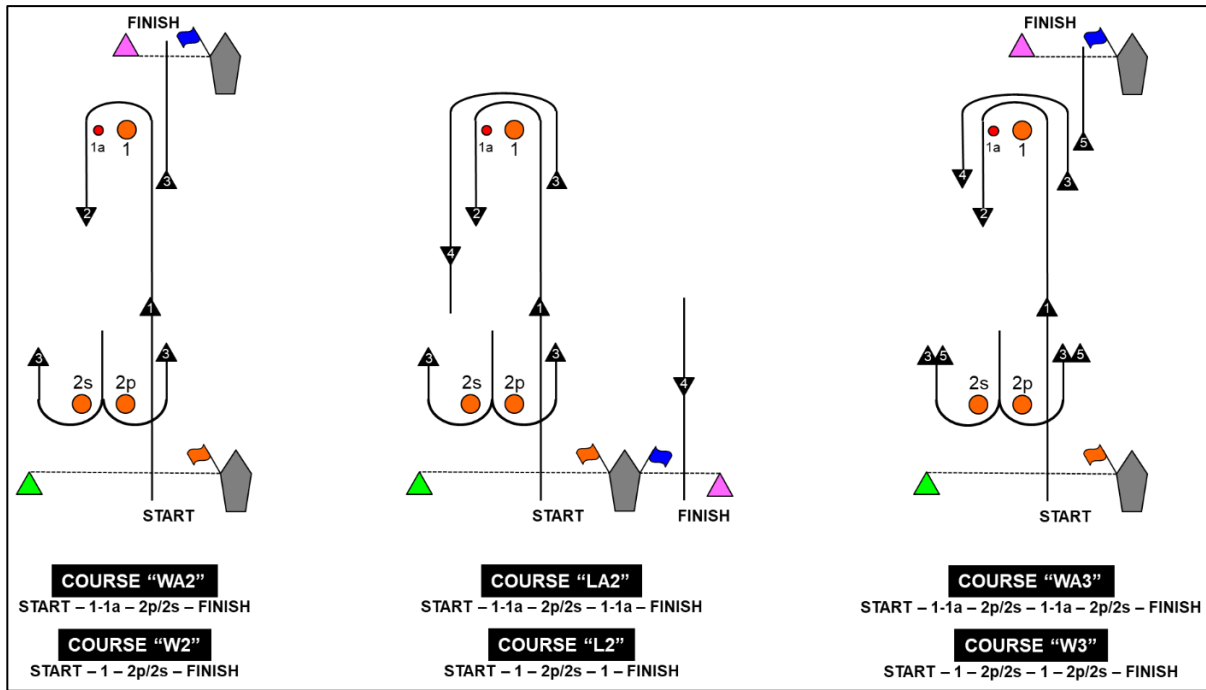
- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 COURSES

- 6.1. The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



- 6.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 6.3. The approximate magnetic heading, and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the Signal Vessel opposite the start line.
- 6.4. When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- 6.5. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

7 MARKS

- 7.1. The marks of the course are as follows:

| Mark | Mark Description |
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| Start | Lime Green Tetrahedron or anchored RC vessel |
| Weather | 5-foot Orange Cylinder |
| Weather Offset | 3-foot Red Cylinders with VALIANT lettering |
| Leeward x 2 | 5-foot Orange Cylinders |
| Weather Change | Yellow Tetrahedron with EYC in black block letters |
| Finish | Pink Tetrahedron |

8 THE START

- 8.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U, Audible Signal Racing System. This changes RRS 26.



- 8.2. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored RC mark vessel, or the course side of a green tetrahedron, at the port end.
- 8.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4. A boat that does not start within *five (5)* minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 9.1. 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.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 10.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she [should][shall] report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 11.1. The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

| Mark 1 Time Limit | Race Time Limit | Finishing Window |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>30 minutes</i> | <i>90 minutes</i> | <i>15 minutes</i> |

- 11.2. If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 11.4. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1. Scoring Inquiries shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit.
 - a. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.



- b. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 12.2. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the “Owner’s Corner” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the Race Committee at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.
- 12.3. The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form may also be emailed to the Race Committee at race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 12.4. The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.3. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 12.5. The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. Protest and/or request for redress hearings will be virtual hearings. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the Protest Procedure Guidelines & Code of Conduct for Remote Hearings, available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
- 12.6. On the last day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1. [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail on VHF channel 73, by phone via the EYC cell phone at (410) 271-7193, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper’s name, boat name, and sail number.
- 13.2. [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 13.3. [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - (b) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic;
- and,



(c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

- 13.4. [NP] The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 13.2 and 13.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, RRS 60.3, RRS 61.3, and 63.6 (c).



14 TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.