



2022 Viper 640 Class Youth & Women's North American Championship October 15th - 16th 2022 Gulfport, MS 39501

Organizing Authority (OA): Gulfport Yacht Club
and the Viper 640 Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 10/05/2022

All times are US Central Daylight time. All fees are in US dollars.

For the purposes of this NoR and RRS 92, the technical committee is an event-specific committee appointed by the OA and approved by the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions, and the Viper 640 International Class Rules.
- 1.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) and Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 US Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 do not apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the online notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled race. Printed copies will be available at the venue.
- 2.2 For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions: "L" flag shall be displayed. The change will be announced on the designated VHF channel. (This changes RRS Race Signals).
- 2.3 Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to shorten the time limit for a request for redress and for reopening of protest hearings on the last scheduled day of racing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14851>. Prior to the event, all notices will be posted on the online notice board.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating on standard US 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 emergency transmissions. The channel for emergency transmissions will be published in the SIs.
- 3.5 Gulfport Yacht Club monitors VHF channel 72 for launch services and other communications.
- 3.6 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." (This changes RRS Race Signals)
- 3.7 The RC may broadcast, via VHF, the course, bearing and distance information before the warning signal, start times, starting infractions, and information important to racing. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, **or any errors** or omissions on the part of the hailed messages shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a))

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All skippers must be members of the Viper 640 Class.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats of the Viper 640 Class that comply with the Viper 640 International Class Association rules.

- 4.3 All competitors, skippers & crew in the Youth Division shall not turn 21 years ~~old by the end of the regatta. in the 2022 calendar year or older.~~
- 4.4 All skippers in the Women's Division shall be women, men are allowed to crew.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on YachtScoring.com, <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14851> , entering Crew List, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection and completing registration at the event.
- 4.6 Entry and payment can be completed online until 1600 on October 1, 2022. All entries shall be accepted until 1600 on October 1, 2022. Any entry requests after October 1, 2022 shall be at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Early Entry Fee: \$120 (payments must be paid by July 15, 2022), Standard Entry Fee: \$150 (until October 1, 2022), Late Entry Fee: \$175 (after October 1, 2022). An additional 4% for credit/debit card payments will apply. Mail Checks made out to Gulfport Yacht Club to: Gulfport Yacht Club, PO BOX 600, Gulfport, MS 39501.
- 5.2 The Entry Fee includes: 4 Regatta T-shirts and Saturday & Sunday post racing dockside refreshments.
- 5.3 Fee Refunds: Before September 15, 2022, Entry Fees can be refunded after deducting \$25 for administration expenses. Should the OA determine that the event be cancelled or modified for Public Health Protocols, refunds shall be issued partially or in full with no penalty based on current circumstances.
- 5.4 Fees will include boat storage, launching and hauling of competing boats.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The categorization requirements of class rule 10.2 (Not Paid to Sail) will apply (see RRS 79).

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 7.2 Out of respect for event sponsors, advertising that conflicts with event sponsors is strongly discouraged.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1

Friday, October 14	1200-1700	Boat Measurement & Sail Inspection
	1200-1730	Check-In Table Open
Saturday October 15	1000	Skipper & Competitor Meeting
	1200	First Warning Signal, additional races to follow
Sunday October 16	1100	First Warning Signal, additional races to follow
	1530	No Warning Signal after this time
	As soon as possible after racing.	Awards

- 8.2 The OA is targeting 3 to 4 races per day, dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee.

- 8.3 A social event schedule will be published separately.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 The International Viper 640 Class Association is implementing a new Measurement & Inspection protocol for all major Class regattas effective Jun 1, 2022. When available, more information on this new protocol will be shared by the Class and posted on the Class website <http://www.Viper640.org>.
- 9.2 Any boat that passed the new Measurement & Inspection review during the 2022 Viper 640 Women's North American or Youth North American Championships must resubmit that completed form when checking in for the North Americans, updated to confirm which suits of sails are being registered for the later event.
- 9.3 By the end of Check-In (see NoR 8.1):
 - (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) All skippers and crew shall sign waiver and release forms, and
 - (iii) Each boat shall submit verification of Insurance in accordance with NoR ~~18.1 17.1~~.
 - ~~(iv) Corinthian teams shall submit required information according to NoR 6.3.~~

- 9.4 No more than two suits of registered sails may be used for any of these individual Championships and shall be identified appropriately for each event on the 2022 Viper 640 Championship Inspection Form before racing.
- 9.5 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 inspection form does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all class rules throughout the event.
- 9.6 Equipment shall only be replaced with the **written** permission of the Race Committee.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area will be approximately 1 mile to the southeast of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor and/or approximately 1.5 miles to the southwest of the Gulfport Small Harbor in the Mississippi Sound. Further details will be contained in the SIs.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply (see NoR Addendum A).
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a Did Not Start.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1
- 13.4 Boats failing to finish within **15 30** minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10).

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Support person vessels shall register at the Race Office during the check in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.
- 14.2 Support person vessels shall display flags provided by the OA.
- 14.3 On race days, support person vessels may not communicate any information to competitor boats that could affect performance or racing, from the moment the team leaves the dock or mooring until the end of racing for the day. See class rule 10.5.
- 14.4 Support person vessels may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee.
- 14.5 Support person vessels shall carry a VHF radio, monitor Race Committee communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 15.1 In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved her sail identification before the first race. This changes RRS G3.

16. BERTHING AND PARKING

- 16.1 Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area or in the marina. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, launching and rotation schedules will be posted on the notice board.
- 16.2 Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the notice board.

16.3 During haul out at the end of the event, the haul out and trailer sequence will give priority to those teams with the furthest to travel.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first through five places for the Women's Championship and first through third for the Youth Championship. ~~tenth place finishers overall and top five Corinthian teams.~~

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

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please contact:

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