



# Southern Yacht Club

## Viper 640 Winter Series

March 4-5, 2023



### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Organizing Authority: Southern Yacht Club

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Viper 640 International Class Rules
- 1.2. Appendix V1, "Alternate Penalties," will be in effect.
- 1.3. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.
- 1.4. RRS 35, 60.1, 62.1(a), 63.1, A5.1, A5.2, A8, A10, and Race Signals are altered herein.
- 1.5. [DP] indicates that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6. [NP] indicates that the rule shall not be grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs shall be posted 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located online at [Yacht Scoring](#) and linked via the QR code at right.
- 3.2. Any questions regarding the Sailing Instructions shall be submitted in writing, via text or email, to the Principal Race Officer, and written answers shall be posted on the official notice board as soon as practicable.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 3.4. Oral instructions may be given on the water at the discretion of the RC. Competitors may be hailed by voice, loud hailer, or VHF radio.



#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the A-frame near the hoists on the SYC west harbor front.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE

Weather permitting, the RC will attempt to complete eight (8) races.

Saturday, March 4	0800-0900	Registration
	0900	Competitors' briefing
	1030	Warning Signal for Race #1 Subsequent races will follow
Sunday, March 5	1030	Warning Signal for first race of the day Subsequent races will follow
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	ASAP	Trophy Presentation

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The Viper flag shall be the class flag.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Pontchartrain, north of the SYC clubhouse.

## 8 CHECK IN

[DP] [NP] Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee shall display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1. The start and finish marks SP and FP will be orange spheres.
- 10.2. Marks 1 and 2g (leeward gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3. New marks 1 or 2g set per SI 12 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.4. The offset mark 1a will be an orange sphere.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 11.4. 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 RC will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF radio channel 72. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, the order of the hail, or the failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to reach the first weather mark shall be 30 minutes.
- 14.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes.
- 14.3. Boats still racing and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and is an addition to RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1. Hearing request forms will be available at the Regatta Desk located in the SYC lobby. Protests, requests for redress, and request for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit shall be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4. Hearing time and location will be posted on the ONB.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1. One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 16.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, no scores will be excluded.
- 16.3. A score of TLE shall be two (2) points more than the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than last place.

## **17 WINTER SERIES OVERALL SCORING**

- 17.1. All boats entered in at least one of the Winter Series regattas will be scored for the overall series.
- 17.2. A boat's overall Winter Series score will be the total of her scores for all races, as scored in the series regattas, excluding the worst 25% of these scores, rounded to the next higher whole number. This process does not include scores excluded in the regatta scoring.
- 17.3. A race score of DNC for a boat not entered in a regatta shall be one (1) point more than the number of entries in that regatta.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her personal safety. It shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 18.2. [DP] [NP] A boat which retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area, or if that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 19.1. [DP] All support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired, or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 19.2. [DP] For safety reasons and to alleviate congestion, ALL coach and spectator boats shall stay 100 yards below and outside the extensions of the finish line to allow competing teams time and space to take down spinnakers after finishing a race.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes the use of cell phones.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority, nor the host club, nor the race officers will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this regatta.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each weekend regatta, as well as the top 3 overall finishers in the Winer Series.

## **23 CONTACT INFORMATION**

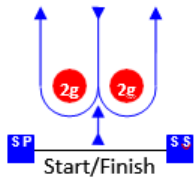
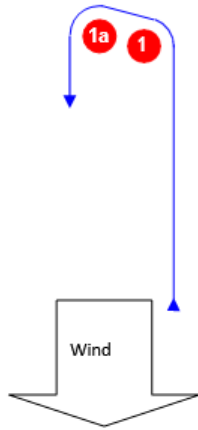
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## Attachment A – Course Diagrams

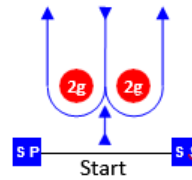
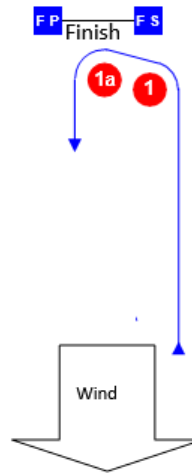
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**Course: Leeward finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>L4</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish
<b>L6</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – Finish

**W**



**Course: Windward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>W3</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish
<b>W5</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2g – 1 – 1a – 2g – Finish