

**2023 Viper/Melges Canadian Championship  
July 1st-2nd 2023  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*, except as identified in 1.2 and 1.3 of these sailing instructions. The Canadian Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The class rules of participating classes will apply.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on Yachtscoring.
- 2.2 On the water Race Committee will monitor and communicate via VHF Channel 72

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the west side of the SYC Sail Training building.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of racing: Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- 5.2 Competitors meeting: A competitors meeting will be held at 9:00 AM Sat. July 1<sup>st</sup> adjacent to the workshop
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first is 10:30 Saturday and 10:00 on Sunday.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one (1) sound at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

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| Melges 24 | Melges Class Flag |
| Viper 640 | Viper Class Flag  |

**7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area is in lower Lake Huron, approximately 1.5-2.0 nautical miles NE of the SYC harbour entrance.

**8 THE COURSES**

The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 8.1 The signal designating the course to be sailed will be given prior to the Warning Signal for that start:
- Numeral Pennant #1 will designate Course 1.
  - Numeral Pennant #2 will designate Course 2.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Rounding marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrons.  
A new mark as provided in instruction 12 will be an orange tetrahedron with a black band.  
The starting and finishing marks will be yellow marks.

## **10 FISHING NETS**

Commercial fishing activities are present in lower Lake Huron. Nets are marked with red or green and black flags. Nets are generally deep enough for Viper and Melges to sail over. Nets in the vicinity of the racecourse will not be grounds for redress.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 For the first race of each day, classes shall start in the order listed in section 6 of these Sis.
- 11.3 There will be a minimum of one minute between the start of one class and the warning signal for the next class.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

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

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.3 The change will be signalled before the lead boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.4 Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated, without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.3 Appendix P will apply as changed by these instructions. Rule P2.3 will not apply, and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 If no boat has finished the race within 75 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 "Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2."

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest and Request for Redress forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat for the designated course has docked.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of protest hearings.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 19 and 23, and will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## 17 ARBITRATION

- 17.1 For a protest between two boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to any protest hearing.
- 17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted.
- 17.3 Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:
1. The *protest* is invalid
  2. No boat will be penalized for breaking a *rule*, or
  3. One or more boats will be penalized for breaking a *rule*, identifying the boats and the penalties.
- 17.4 After the arbitrator offers and opinion,
1. A boat may take a Post Race Penalty, and
  2. A boat may ask to withdraw her *protest*. The arbitrator may act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.
- Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.
- 17.5 When a protest is withdrawn, it will not be reopened or made the subject of a request for redress.
- 17.6 The penalty is to be calculated according to sailing instruction 14.5.
- 17.7 The arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee

## 18 SCORING

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used.
- 18.2 1 or more completed races constitutes a series. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 Competitors shall sail past the race committee boat upon arrival in the racing area. **(DPI)**
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. **(DPI)**

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, by submitting a "Request for Substitution" form available at the Race Office.
- 20.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 22.1 Race committee boats will fly a blue flag with white letters "RC" from a halyard on a sailboat or from a flagstaff on a powerboat.
- 22.2 Safety boats will be identified by the safety vests with reflective crosses worn by safety officials.

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 All support boats (including those of team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including parents of competitors) must be registered with the race committee.
- 23.2 After the warning signal has been made all support boats shall be either 50 metres below the start line and its extensions, or on the port side of the course maintaining a safe distance from all racing boats except as identified in 23.4. **(DPI)**
- 23.3 A breach of instructions 23.1 or 23.2 shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by all boats associated with the support boat, and will be subject to protest. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from a boat's series score. **(DPI)**
- 23.4 Support boats may be requested to assist the race committee to ensure the safety and well-being of **all** competitors. Support boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 72. **(DPI)**

## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Competitors and support personnel must not foul the water with garbage. Garbage or trash collection is provided by all safety and race committee support boats. **(DPI)**

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

## **26 AWARDS**

The awards ceremonies will be held as soon as results are available.

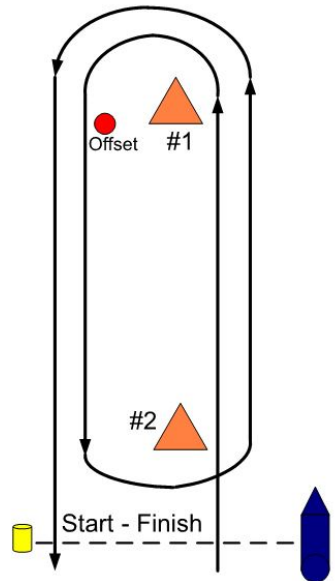
## **27 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

**28 INSURANCE**

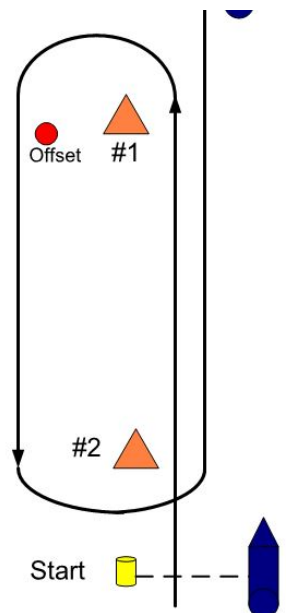
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

Numeral Pennant # 1 - 4 Legs



W - Even # of legs

Numeral Pennant #2 - 5 Legs



W - Odd # of legs