

**2023 Viper 640 /Melges 24
Canadian Championship
Sarnia Yacht Club
July 1-2**

MELGES²⁴



Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing and the applicable class rules (Melges 24, Viper640)*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply. These can be found at [RRS 2021-2024 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted to Yachtscoring no later than the start of registration.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on Yachtscoring.
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 69, 71, 72, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI. Failure by a competitor to hear a broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Melges Fleet is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority. Proof of Class membership for skippers and a valid measurement certificate in the boat owner's name will be required at registration. The regatta is not limited to only Canadian boats.
- 4.2 The Viper Fleet is open to all Viper 640s that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority. Skippers must be a member of the Viper640 Class. The regatta is not limited to only Canadian boats.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at Yachtscoring.com.
- 4.4 Port Huron Yacht Club is available to host boats/crews who would prefer to sail out of Michigan. Weigh-in and measurement will be available. Contact organizers for measurement times at this location.

5 FEES

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

- (a) the standard entry fee is \$125 CAD for Viper 640 and \$150 CAD for Melges 24 (Includes social package skipper and crew)
- (b) Additional weekend social packages for guests: \$30

6 Measurement - Melges 24

6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Melges 24 Class Measurement Certificate before the close of registration.

6.2 Crews will be weighed in at registration

6.3 The OA may weigh, measure, register, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races. During the Championship, checks on conformity with the Class Rules, including measurement may be performed at any time at the discretion of the OA.

6.4 All sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved Class measurer before arrival at the Regatta.

Measurement - Viper 640

6.5 Vipers must comply with class rules at all times. Boats may be measured or checked for required equipment at any time.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday, June 30th 5:30 PM -8:00 PM Registration and Melges Weigh-in (Sarnia)
6:30 PM- Pizza/snacks/refreshments

Saturday, July 1st: 8:00-9:00 AM Registration and Melges Weigh-in (Sarnia)
9:00 Skippers Meeting
10:30 First Warning Signal
5:30 (approx) Dinner and refreshments

Sunday, July 2nd : 10:00 First Warning Signal
2:00 - last warning signal
Awards (as soon as possible)

*Note: All social offerings take place at Sarnia Yacht Club

8 LAUNCH AND HAUL

- There is a dry-sail crane and ramp available on site.
- All boats will be assigned a well/raft area at launch. Empty trailers should be moved per directions at registration.
- Boats shall not be hauled out between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.
- At the end of the regatta local boats are requested to haul out after all visiting boats are on their trailers.

9 COURSES

- Courses will be Windward/Leeward as described in the sailing instructions
- Racing will be located 1.5-2 NM Northeast of the SYC harbour

10 SCORING

9.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 Series Score:

- (i) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (ii) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- (iii) RRS A5.3 applies.

11 RISK STATEMENT

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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2 million per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet.

The top three Corinthian boats will be recognized in the Melges 24 Fleet

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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