



2009 Viper 640 North American Championship

September 17 -20, 2009

Presented By



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Stamford Yacht Club

HOSTED BY

Stamford Yacht Club, Stamford, CT
Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, CT

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Viper 640 Class, except as altered by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. This is an ISAF Regulation 20 Category C event. All boats shall have mainsail numbers.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the class rules and Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Rules take precedence.
- 1.4. Class rules are modified to eliminate any minimum or maximum crew weight limits.
- 1.5. The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
 - i. Sailing Instruction 4.2 changes "AP" in Race Signals
 - ii. The prohibition on outside assistance (RRS Rule 41) is amended to allow coaching from the official class coach boat for this regatta.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race or other race documents and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at dock house on the SYC pier and on the notice board in the main lobby of Indian Harbor Yacht Club. The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements on VHF channel 05.
- 2.2. To signal that a change has been posted, code flag L will be flown from the Stamford and Indian Harbor Yacht Club yardarms.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the notice boards no later than 0830 on the day they take effect. They may also be available on-line and from the Race Committee.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee boat while at Stamford Yacht Club or from the Stamford Yacht Club yardarm if the Race Committee boat is not at dock and from the Indian Harbor yardarm.

4.2. If races are postponed from ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes "AP" in Race Signals.

4.3. If racing for the day is abandoned from ashore, signal flags N over A will be displayed with three sound signals and announced on VHF channel 05.

4.4. Upon the Race Committee boat's return to the dock, she will signal her arrival with one sound signal, which means the protest time limit will expire in 60 minutes.

5.0 MEASUREMENT

5.1. Representatives of the Race Committee or the Viper 640 Technical Committee may make random inspections for compliance with Viper 640 Class Rules.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 17	0800-1400 1500 1900 2000	Registration – Stamford Yacht Club Practice racing Dinner – Indian Harbor Yacht Club Viper 640 Class Annual General Meeting
Friday, September 18	0800-1000 0900 1100 TBD	Registration – Stamford Yacht Club Skippers Meeting – Stamford Yacht Club Warning, first race Post race gathering and chalk talk
Saturday, September 19	1030 TBD 1900	Warning, racing resumes Post race gathering and chalk talk Dinner – Stamford Yacht Club
Sunday, September 20	1030 1430 TBD	Warning, racing resumes No further warning signal may be signaled Awards Presentation at Stamford Yacht Club as soon as practicable upon completion of racing.

7.0 BOW NUMBERS

7.1. Bow numbers will be provided at registration.

7.2. Supplied bow numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the bow with the leading edge of the forward most number no more than 6 inches aft of the bow.

8.0 RACING AREA

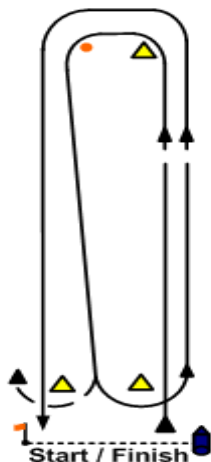
8.1. The racing area will generally be southerly of Red Bell R "34" Todd's Point, Greenwich.

9.0 COURSES

9.1. Courses will be windward/leeward with an offset mark at the windward mark.

9.2. The Race Committee may set a gate as the leeward mark. If the leeward mark is a gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding onto the next leg of the course.

9.3. Course signal shall be a numeral pennant displaying the number of legs to be sailed. (e.g. "4" = 2 windward and 2 leeward legs)



10.0 MARKS

10.1. Marks, except the start, change and offset mark, will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10.2. The offset mark will be an orange ball.

10.3. A new mark replacing an original mark will be an orange tetrahedron. In a subsequent change of course, the orange tetrahedron will be replaced with an original yellow tetrahedron. Further course changes will follow this pattern.

10.4. If one side of the gate is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

11.0 THE START

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable orange tetrahedron or a second committee boat flying an orange flag.

11.3. The Race Committee signal boat may have one or more inflatable buoys secured to it which shall be considered to be part of the signal boat for the purpose of rule 31.

11.4. A boat that starts later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

12.0 RECALLS

The Race Committee will attempt to identify recalled boats and to broadcast their bow or sail numbers, or other identifying features on VHF channel 05. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line for all courses will be between a staff flying an orange flag on an RC finish boat and the course side of a nearby finish mark.

13.2. For courses with an even number of legs, unless the last leg of the course has been changed, the finishing line will be located to leeward of the leeward mark or gate; for courses with an odd number of legs, unless the last leg has been changed, the finishing line will be to windward of the windward mark.

13.3. Boats approaching a downwind finishing line to finish may ignore the leeward mark or gate.

13.4. If the Race Committee intends to start another race, it will display Code Flag "R". If the finishing race is the last race of the day, the RC will display a blue flag.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

Failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first finisher will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored as described in Sailing Instruction 18.4. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.

15.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1. The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 shall be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. Boats shall check-in prior to the first race each day by passing astern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number.

16.2. Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity on VHF channel 05.

17.0 PROTESTS

17.1. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee of their protests at the finish.

17.2. Written protests shall be delivered to the front desk at Stamford Yacht Club Clubhouse or the front desk of Indian Harbor Yacht Club within one hour of the time that the Race Committee signal boat docks. This time limit will be posted on the notice board of Indian Harbor Yacht Club and Stamford Yacht Club. A list of protests filed with the Protest Committee will be posted on the notice boards.

17.3. Protest hearings will be held at Stamford Yacht Club as soon as possible after each day of racing. A protest against a boat whose representative has not announced his intention to appear at the hearing by reporting to the Race Committee in person within one hour of the expiration of the time limit for filing protests (i.e. two hours after the Race Committee signal boat docks) shall be heard without representation from the protested boat as provided in rule 63.3(b).

17.4. It is the responsibility of the parties to ensure that their witnesses are available when called to testify. If witnesses are not in the vicinity of the protest room when called, they may not be heard.

18.0 SCORING

18.1. Three completed races will constitute a regatta.

18.2. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.

18.3. If six (6) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.

18.4 Those boats scored DNF (Did Not Finish, Section 14.0) shall be awarded points equal to the number of boats that finished within the limit plus three but not worse than last. This modifies Appendix A4.2

19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of competitors or equipment (including sails) will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee.

20.0 SUPPORT BOATS

From the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing.

21.0 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channel 05.

22.0 LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1. All participating boats shall be afloat by 0845 on Friday, September 18 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority.

22.2 Boats that have been given permission to be lifted out of the water for the purpose of removing water from inside their hulls may do so from 6:30am to 8:45am. No bottom cleaning or washing will be allowed during this process.

22.3. No boat will be launched or hauled except under supervision of a Stamford Yacht Club staff member or authorized member of Stamford Yacht Club. From 0845, Friday, September 18, the same respective requirements are in place for boats located at Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

23.0 PRIZES

23.1. Trophies will be awarded to first through fifth place finishers.

23.2. Prizes will be awarded at Stamford Yacht Club after the final race and protests are heard.

24.0 DISCLAIMER 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.

25.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms and documents related to this event are located on www.yachtscoring.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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