



VIPER 640 Great Lakes Championship Regatta
August 19th & 20th, 2017
Sarnia Yacht Club and the Viper 640 Class Association
Sarnia, Ontario

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*, except as identified in 1.2 and 1.3 of these sailing instructions. The Sail Canada prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The Viper 640 class rules will apply.
- 1.3 The penalty for a breach of a rule labelled **(DPI)** in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification
- 1.4 Racing rule 44.1 is modified to provide for a one-turn penalty for violations of Part 2 of the RSS other than violations of any of Part 2 that take place within the Zone.
- 1.5 Arbitration will not be offered as outlined in RRS appendix T

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the South-East Corner of the SYC Galley / Wheelhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the official notice board before 09:30 on Saturday August 19th and 09:00 on Sunday August 20th, 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 will be Saturday August 19th and Sunday August 20th, 2017.
- 5.2 A maximum of 5 races on Saturday August 19th and 4 races on Sunday August 20th are scheduled.
- 5.3 Competitors meeting: A competitors meeting will be held at 9:00 AM Sat. August 19th adjacent to the SYC Wheelhouse / Galley.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Sunday August 20th.

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6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The racing area is in lower Lake Huron, approximately 2.0 nautical miles NE of the SYC harbour entrance.
- 6.2 The diagram in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 6.3 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.

7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be Orange Tetrahedrons. Mark 1b (offset) will be a small orange ball. A new mark as provided in instruction 10 will be an orange tetrahedron with a black band.

8 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 boats to sail over, but can be a concern for dumped/turtled boats. Nets in the vicinity of the racecourse will not be grounds for redress.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the start line, and the upwind edge of the yellow tetrahedron at the port end of the start line.
- 9.3 A clearance buoy may be placed 10-15' aft of the stern of the Race Committee Vessel. The buoy together with its mooring line shall be considered a part of the Race Committee Vessel.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 10.3 The change will be signalled before the lead boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 10.4 Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated, without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration.

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11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the yellow tetrahedron (start/finish) on Course 1 (4 legs)
- 11.2 The finishing line will be a line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Windward Mark Set Boat and the Orange tetrahedron on Course 2 (3 legs)

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 13.1 If no boat has passed Mark #1 within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest and Request for Redress forms are available at the Regatta Office, located at the SYC Wheelhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a race committee officer or organizer of this event within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 45 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 17 and 18, 20, 21 or 22 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.
- 14.6 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.
- 14.7 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.

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15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used.
- 15.2 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled, 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.
- 15.3 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.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Competitors shall wear nationally approved personal flotation devices while racing. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS. **(DPI)**
- 16.2 Competitors shall sail past the race committee boat upon arrival in the racing area. **(DPI)**
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. **(DPI)**

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. **(DPI)**
- 17.2 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. **(DPI)**

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 A photo boat may be on the race course and will make all attempts to prevent any interference with boats during racing.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 After the warning signal has been made, all support boats shall be either a) 50 metres below the start line and its extensions, or b) on the port side of the course (looking to windward) a minimum of 50 metres outside the lay line to Mark 1, maintaining a safe distance from all racing boats. **(DPI)**
- 20.2 A breach of instructions 21.1 or 21.3 shall be considered to be a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by all boats associated with the support boat, and will be subject to protest by the race committee, protest committee, or a member of the organizing authority. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from a boat's series score. **(DPI)**
- 20.3 Support boats may be requested to assist the regatta safety co-ordinator to ensure the safety and well-being of **all** competitors. Support boats are requested to monitor VHF Channel 69. **(DPI)**

21 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)**

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22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 VHF communications with competitors will be made on a VHF Channel announced at the Competitors Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board. **(DPI)**

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with Class policy.

24 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 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.

26 PHOTO AND VIDEO DISCLAIMER

By participating in the event, competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation

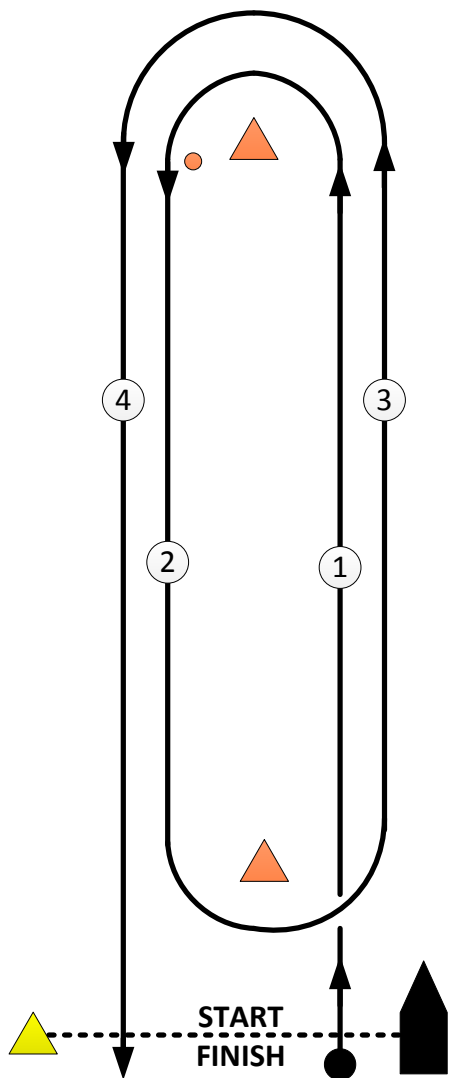
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Addendum A

COURSE 1

(Numeral Pennant #1)

Windward / Leeward
Downwind Finish
(4 Legs)



COURSE 2

(Numeral Pennant #2)

Windward / Leeward
Upwind Finish
(3 Legs)

