

# 2019 Viper 640 Winter Cup

REVISED  
February 27, 2019

## NOTICE OF RACE

March 4-5, 2019

### 1. RULES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020. The Organizing Authority is the Viper 640 Class Association. The following RRS are modified:

- 1.1 Rule 41 is modified to permit coaching from an official class coach boat;
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is modified to provide for a one-turn penalty for violations of Part II of the RRS other than violations of Rule 18 or violations of any of Part II that take place within the Zone;
- 1.3 Rule 35 and A4 are modified to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the time limit;
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B is modified to permit arbitration in the form of "three minute justice" (details in the Sailing Instructions).

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Rules. All competing boats shall carry a hand-held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Regatta is open to the boats of the Viper 640 Class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules including 2019 membership. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6193>.

### 3. ENTRY FEE

If the entry form is received by 1600 on February 28, 2019, the entry fee is \$120.00 per team. If the entry form is submitted in person at the Competitors' Meeting, the entry fee is \$150.00 per team. The entry fee includes drinks and snacks at the Sunday night cocktail party at the Bacardi Invitational Regatta Hospitality Village (Shake-a-Leg).

### 4. SCHEDULE

Monday, 3/4: 1130 Competitors' Meeting (lower breezeway of the US Sailing Center Miami)  
1300 First Warning  
Post Racing until 1900: Complementary cocktails and snacks at Bacardi Miami Race  
Week Hospitality Village  
Monday, 3/5: 1100 First Warning

Awards will be presented after racing concludes.

## **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on Yacht Scoring no later than Friday, February 29.

## **6. VENUE**

Racing will be held in Biscayne Bay as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **7. THE COURSES**

The courses will be Windward–Leeward as specified in the Sailing Instructions. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

## **8. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta. There will be a maximum of 4 races sailed each day.

## **9. BERTHING, STORAGE and ACCOMMODATIONS**

Launching shall be available at the US Sailing Center located at 2476 S. Bayshore Drive, in Coconut Grove, FL. 33133 – (305) 854-1058. The fee for Vipers at the US Sailing Center is \$40 per day plus tax, which includes use of the hoist for launching and hauling and trailer storage. Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned location. **Advance booking at the USSC is required.** Reservation needs to be done by e-mail to Pat Downey at [usscmiami@bellsouth.net](mailto:usscmiami@bellsouth.net), unless other arrangements have been made, and a storage contract with the USSC must be signed.

Information about storage contracts is available at [www.bacardiinvitational.com/arrangements/](http://www.bacardiinvitational.com/arrangements/) There are a number of housing accommodations available in the area, some of which offer discounts.

## **10. INSURANCE**

Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner's or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

## **11. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INJURY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. The Organizing Authority, any Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO, and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crew) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The skipper and crew must digitally sign the liability waiver posted on Yacht Scoring.

## **12. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place boats in the regatta. Prize Giving will be at the Class Dinner on Thursday evening.

## **13. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE**

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendments will be e-mailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted and posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **14. EVENT MANAGEMENT**

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