

2019 Viper 640 Winter Cup

March 4-5, 2019
US Sailing Center - Coconut Grove, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Regatta is organized under the authority of Viper 640 Class and co-hosted by the US Sailing Center Miami.

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”

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at the US Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the US Sailing Center. When flag AP is displayed “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Seven races are scheduled. One race is required to complete the regatta. Sailing instructions will be available online.

Monday 3/4/2019

11:30 – Competitors Meeting

13:00 – First Signal

Additional races to follow

Tuesday 3/5/2019

11:30 – First signal

Additional races to follow

6. CLASS FLAG

The starting flag for the Viper 640 Fleet will be a Viper Class Flag.

7. MARKS

Marks of the course will be inflatables. Colors of marks will be announced at the Competitors briefing.

8. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end.

9. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number of OCS boats on VHF channel 69. Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast or failure of the race committee to broadcast recall numbers, or the boat’s position in the sequence of broadcast numbers is not considered an improper action or omission by the race committee and not grounds for protest.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a finishing mark, color to be announced at the Competitors Briefing.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes. Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE, 1 point more than the number of finishers. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and All.

13. SAFETY

13.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

13.2 Boats are requested to check in before the first race each day.

14. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boats worst score shall be excluded. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that Appendix T1 of the US sailing prescriptions applies. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. 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.’

15.2 Appendix T2 of the US sailing prescriptions shall apply allowing Penalties to be taken after a race is completed. After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

The Post-Race Penalty shall be

(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or

(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 (i) A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, endeavor to inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

(ii) Protest forms are available at the notice board located in the first-floor breezeway at USSC.

16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee boat docks. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests will be heard in the breezeway of the USSC.

16.3 Notices of protests will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses.

16.4 Appendix T4 of the US sailing prescriptions – Expedited Hearings- shall apply.

16.5 Part 5, Section B is modified to permit arbitration in the form of “three minute justice.”

17. RADIO EQUIPMENT

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats. This also applies to cell phones and the Internet.

18. PRIZES

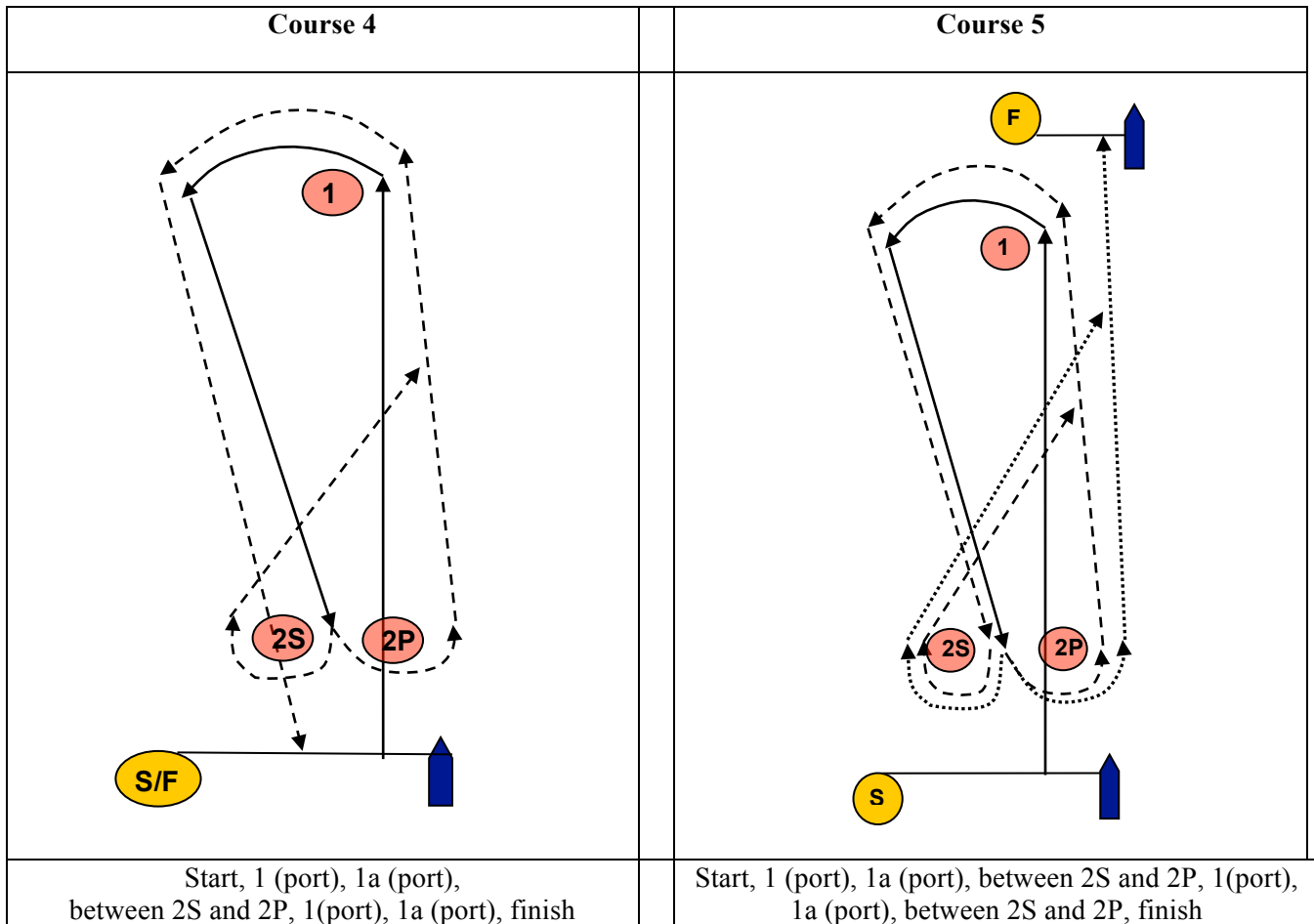
Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing boats during Thursday night’s Class Dinner.

19. 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.

20. THE COURSE

- 20.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs (see diagram below).
- 20.2 Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark **may** be used.
- 20.3 **The committee may set the same marks for the start, gate and finish.**
- 20.4 If one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 20.5 The racing area will be that part of Biscayne Bay near vicinity of Quick Flash Mark Red "2", 25°43.266 N 080°12.467 W, approximately ½ mile north of the east end of the Dinner Key Channel.



21. Additional Information

Any questions should be addressed to the Event Chairman, Steve Chapman at chaponlac@gmail.com.

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