



2012 Viper 640 North American Championship

September 6 – 9, 2012



Notice of Race

HOSTED BY
Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009 – 2012 and the Viper 640 Class Rules. The Marblehead Viper 640 Fleet is the Organizing Authority, and the Eastern Yacht Club is the Host Club for this event.
- 1.2 There will be no minimum or maximum crew weight limits for this regatta. Boats shall sail with the same crew each day unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee.
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 is modified to provide for a one-turn penalty for all violations of Part 2 rules other than Rule 18.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta shall be open to all Viper 640 sailboats whose owner or skipper is a member of the Viper 640 Class Association and have submitted an entry form and paid all the required fees and have completed registration as set forth in this Notice of Race.
- 2.2 At any time before or during the regatta, the Viper 640 Class Technical Committee may inspect and measure any boat, equipment thereon and sails in order to determine compliance with class rules and eligibility.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 5	1200 – 1700	Registration – Eastern Yacht Club
Thursday, September 6	0800 – 1000	Registration – Eastern Yacht Club
	0900	Competitors Meeting
	1200	Warning, First race
	1800	Dinner at Maddie's Sail Loft
Friday, September 7	1200	Warning, Racing resumes
	1800	Dinner at Eastern Yacht Club
Saturday, September 8	1200	Warning, Racing resumes
	1800	Annual General Meeting at Eastern Yacht Club Dinner to follow
Sunday, September 9	1200	Warning, Racing resumes
	1430	No warning signal after this time Awards presentation after racing is complete

4. ENTRIES AND FEES

- 4.1 Early entry fee is \$275.00 per sailboat if the entry is received and paid prior to May 31st, 2012 at 2100.
Regular entry fee is \$300.00 per sailboat if the entry is received and paid prior to July 31st, 2012 at 2100.
Late entry fee is \$350.00 per sailboat if the entry is received and paid prior to August 31st, 2012 at 1800.

- 4.2 All entries are to be made online via the link at www.yachtscoring.com
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.4 A signed loss, damage and injury waiver is a requirement for registration. No entry is complete until the waiver has been signed and returned.
- 4.5 As a condition of entry, registration is not complete without a certificate of compliance with Viper 640 Class Association Rules, signed by the owner or skipper.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com at least 24 hours prior to the first warning signal.

6. EQUIPMENT AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1 All boats must carry VHF radios capable of transmitting and receiving on US channels 9, 16, 71, 72, 73 and 78.
- 6.2 The Race Committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.
- 6.3 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.

7. STORAGE, LAUNCHING, HAULING

- 7.1 There will be no restrictions on how participating boats are stored; drysail storage will be available at the Host Club for boats and trailers during the regatta.
- 7.2 Dockage may be available at the Eastern Yacht Club upon approval by the Host Club.
- 7.3 From August 31st to September 5th, trailer and boat storage may be available at Riverhead Beach in Marblehead.
- 7.4 By specific arrangements only, boats and trailers may remain at Eastern Yacht Club after the end of the regatta.

8. RACING AREA, NUMBER OF RACES, COURSES

- 8.1 Racing shall take place in Massachusetts Bay on the Tinkers Line as shown on the attached Racing Chart.
- 8.2 Courses shall be windward / leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 Warning signal for last race on September 9th will not be made after 1430.
- 8.4 Lunch will be on the water each day and will not be supplied by the Organizing Authority or Host Club.
- 8.5 On the water coaching will not be permitted between the first warning signal of the day until all boats have finished the final race of the day, unless such coaching is provided for all by the organizing authority.

9. PENALTIES

- 9.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form and file same within the protest time limit.
- 9.2 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 other than Rule 18 shall be a One-Turn Penalty.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 All protests will be heard at the Eastern Yacht Club.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply.
- 11.2 If five (5) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.
- 11.3 One race shall constitute a regatta.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through fifth place finishers. Daily prizes and additional trophies in other categories may be awarded.

13. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to this Notice will be posted to the event site at www.yachtscoring.com and the Official Notice Board opposite the Front Desk at the Eastern Yacht Club.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk (See RRS 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and the Host Club will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Eastern Yacht Club. The Eastern Yacht Club, the Viper 640 Class Association, the Viper 640 Marblehead Fleet, and their member volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to persons (s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

17. HOUSING

A limited amount of housing may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis after receipt of a fully-paid entry by contacting the regatta co-chairpersons. Additional options for accommodations may be posted on www.yachtscoring.com

18. CHARTERS

A limited number of boat charters may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the regatta co-chairpersons.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the regatta website at www.2012na.viper640.org or contact the regatta co-chairpersons

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