



## **2012 EFG Bank Viper 640 Pan American Championship - Notice of Series**

### **1 ORGANIZATION**

The Series is organized by the Viper 640 Class Association and the Viper 640 Pan American Championship Committee.

### **2 ELIGIBILITY**

The Series is open to Viper 640s complying with the class rules , skippered by members of the Viper 640 Class Association that sail in the any of the qualifying events that comprise the Series.

### **3 RULES**

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), The Viper 640 Class Rules and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of each of the qualifying events.

### **4 ENTRIES & CONDITIONS**

4.1 Any boat that enters the Viper Midwinter Championship, The Viper North American Championship or one of the qualifying regional Viper Championships is automatically deemed an entrant to the EFG Bank Viper 640 Pan American Championship series.

4.2 There are no additional entry fees for the Series above and beyond the entry fees for the qualifying events

### **5 SCHEDULE**

5.1 The EFG Bank Viper 640 Pan American Championship series shall comprise:-

1. The Viper Midwinter Championship at Bacardi Miami Sailing Week presented by EFG International and hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club and the US Sailing Center, Miami FL, March , March 8-10 2012
2. The Viper North American Championships presented by EFG International, hosted by Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead MA September 6 -9 2012
3. One qualifying regional Viper championship event

## 5.2 Regional Viper Championships

The following 2012 events are qualified as regional Viper championships, one of which each competitor may score towards the 2012 Pan American Championship series:

Viper Gulf Coast Championship at Mardi Gras Race Week, New Orleans Yacht Club, LA February 24-26

Viper Atlantic Coast Championship at Charleston Race Week, CORA, SC April 20-22

Viper New England Championship at Bacardi Newport Sailing Week presented by EFG International, July 13-15

Viper Pacific Coast Championship at Whidbey Island Race Week July 16-20

A further regional championship event may be added at the discretion of the Pan American Championship Committee and will be posted on the Class website with an amendment to the NOS prior to May 31st

## 6 SCORING

Appendices A1, A2, A8 and A9 of the Racing Rules of sailing are amended as follows:

6.1 The result for the series of regattas will be calculated based on the overall finishing place of a boat in each regatta.

6.2 At the Viper Midwinter Championship in Miami and Viper North American Championship in Marblehead, Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be scored with a Low Point Scoring System (1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, etc).

6.3 For the regional Viper championships, place scores will be normalized as follows  
Points = (Finishing Place/ Number of finishers) \* 40, rounded to the nearest whole number. (2<sup>nd</sup> place in a fleet of 20 boats = 4 points. 10<sup>th</sup> place in a fleet of 40 boats = 10 points.)

6.4 A competitor may enter as many regional championships as they wish but only the points from the regional championship where they scored the lowest points will be carried to their final score for the EFG Bank Pan American Championship series. Only one regional championship may be scored for each competitor.

6.5 DNC for an entire regatta will be scored as 41 except at the North American Championship where DNC will be scored as the number of boats attending the regatta +1. If a boat score includes DNC in its final results and did not compete in the North American Championship, they shall score the North American Championship as their DNC. A boat that came to the starting area for at least one race in a regatta will be scored as a boat that competed in the regatta.

6.6 The final score will be based on the combination of each boat's two lowest point scores. The winner shall be the competitor with the lowest score.

6.7 In the event of a tie, the result shall be determined by which competitor has the lowest score at their third regatta (previously discarded). If there is still a tie, the result of the North American Championship will be the tie breaker.

## **7 PRIZES**

7.1 The overall series winner will be engraved on the EFG Pan American Championship Perpetual Trophy and awarded an annual Championship Trophy.

7.2 Series prizes will be awarded for first through fifth for the overall series.

7.3 All competitors sailing in any two out of the three events presented by EFG will receive an award.

## **8 ADVERTISING & MEDIA**

8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Series' organizing authority.

8.2 Competitors and crew members grant, at no cost, to the Series' organizing authority and the sponsor, permission to use their name, voice, image, and representations of the boats in any media world-wide, for the purposes of advertising, promoting, and reporting on the event and all participants therein.

## **9 LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Pan American organizing authority, the organizing authority of each regatta and EFG Bank will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## **10 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Viper 640 Class Association [www.viper640.org](http://www.viper640.org)

Bacardi Miami Sailing Week [www.miamisailingweek.com](http://www.miamisailingweek.com)

Mardi Gras Race Week [www.mardigrasraceweek.org](http://www.mardigrasraceweek.org)

Charleston Race Week [www.charlestonraceweek.com](http://www.charlestonraceweek.com)

Bacardi Newport Race Week [www.newportsailingweek.com](http://www.newportsailingweek.com)

Whidbey Island Race Week [www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com](http://www.whidbeyislandraceweek.com)

Viper 2012 North American Championship [www.viper640.org](http://www.viper640.org)

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