



To All Sailors,

The 2012 Viper 640 North Americans has pledged their commitment to Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas Program. What this means is that leading up to, during and following this year's regatta, your regatta organizers will be working with Sailors for the Sea to minimize the impact that the event will have on the shores and the seas. This will include anything from keeping the site clear of debris to reducing reliance on plastic bottles and cups and recycling anything leftover.

We are off to a great start, but we need your help. As a sailor in this event, you will be on the front lines as we work to keep these waters clear. Every choice and action can make a difference. Here are a few ways you can help during the race:

- Keep it Clean – Hold on to any trash or recycling until you can dispose of it properly. If you see any debris on shore or sea, pick it up and throw it away.
- Rinse it Down – Clean your boat using water (no soap) during the event. Deck soaps contain phosphates and nitrates that can dramatically affect water quality, especially in a harbor full of regatta boats.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – For example, use fewer water bottles by reusing a single one, and recycle anything that can't be reused. At every opportunity, try to find a way to reduce your individual impact on the sea.

You can start to make a difference right now by [joining our free email list](#). Our website and quarterly newsletter are full of more information on environmentally friendly boating, and opportunities to receive discounts on products that leave as little trace as possible. These include non-toxic cleaning products, ePaint, water bottles, sailing gear and more.

Thank you for your help as we work together for a cleaner ocean, and don't hesitate to get in touch with us at any time.

Fair Winds,
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About Sailors for the Sea

Founded in 2004, Sailors for the Sea is a nonprofit organization that educates and empowers the boating community to protect and restore oceans and local waters. For more information on or to participate in any of the Sailors for the Sea programs, or to become a member and support the organization, visit www.sailorsforthesea.org.