



VIPER 640 PRE-BACARDI REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

March 3-4, 2013

1. RULES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016. The Organizing Authority is the Viper 640 Class Association. The following RRS are modified: Rule 41 is modified to permit coaching from an official class coach boat; Rule 44.1 is modified to provide for a one-turn penalty for violations of Part II of the RRS other than Rule 18 violations; Rule 35 and A4 is modified to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the time limit; and Part 5, Section B is modified to permit arbitration. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing 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 2013 membership. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form attached hereto and emailing a signed copy the National Regatta Coordinator at wpbeardsley@gmail.com, with copies to dan@rondarboats.com and mwpincus@aol.com. Entries not received electronically by 1600 on March 1, 2013 may be submitted at the Competitors' Meeting.

3. ENTRY FEE

If the entry form is received by 1600 on March 1, 2013, the entry fee is \$25.00 per team. If the entry form is submitted in person at the Competitors' Meeting, the entry fee is \$50.00 per team. The entry fee includes drinks and snacks at the Sunday night cocktail party at the Bacardi Cup Hospitality Village. Entry fees will be collected in person at the Competitors' Meeting.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday: 1800-2100 Bacardi Pro-Am Cocktail party at Hospitality Village (separate fee)

Sunday: 1200 Competitors' Meeting (lower breezeway of the US Sailing Center Miami)
1300 First Warning
Post Racing until 1900: Complementary cocktails and snacks at Hospitality Village

Monday: 1025 First Warning
Awards after racing over drinks and dinner (drinks and dinner not included)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Competitors' Meeting and will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the USSC.

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. 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 boats 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 Phone: (305) 854-1058. 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 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 <http://www.usscmiami.org> There are a number of housing accommodations available in the area, some of which offer discounts. Please view <http://www.miamisailingweek.com/accomodations.html>

10. INSURANCE

Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner 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. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. 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 crews) 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.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place boats in the regatta.

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.

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Viper Winter Series Chairman:

Mark Pincus, mwpincus@aol.com – (305) 915-1438

Viper 640 Class Representative:

Dan Tucker, dan@rondarboats.com - (781) 799-8132

Social Coordinator for Monday night:

Justin Scott, justinscott@optonline.net – (781) 888-6336

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Sail Number _____ Boat Name _____ Fleet / Sailing Club _____

SKIPPER'S First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

CREW 1: First Name _____ Last Name _____

CREW 2: First Name _____ Last Name _____

CREW 3 (if any): First Name _____ Last Name _____

FEES

\$25 if entry form is received electronically prior to 1600 on March 1, 2013, \$50 if received after such time.

As a condition of participation

- 1) My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read rule 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
- 2) I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee will be responsible for:
 - a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
 - b) any injury to my crew or me, including death, sustained as a result of our participation in this event.
- 3) I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by my crew or me as a result of our participation in this event, whether on the water or on shore, and I hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4) I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that my crew and I and my entered boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

I agree to be bound by all rules that govern this event. I will inform all crewmembers of the conditions stated herein for their participation in such racing.

Signature (Skipper): _____

Signature (Crew 1): _____

Signature (Crew 2): _____

Signature (Crew 3): _____

Email entries to wpbeardsley@gmail.com, with copies to dan@rondarboats.com and mwpincus@aol.com