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EFG Pan American Viper 640 Virtual Sport Boat Championship 2013/2014

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NOTICE OF SERIES – V.7

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Stage 5, **Dates TBD** (pre Australian Viper National Championship)

Stage 6, Sat 1st Mar + Sun 2nd Mar – Wed 5th Mar 2014 (EFG Cup/Bacardi Sailing Week Miami)

EFG VIPER 640 PAN AMERICAN VIRTUAL SPORT BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP 2013/14

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Viper 640 Class Association (www.viper640.org) and SailX world service (www.sailx.com)

NOTICE OF RACE: The “EFG Viper 640 Pan American Virtual Sport Boat Championship 2013/14” or the “EFG Virtual Pan Ams” (“the Series”) is a virtual fleet-race regatta series on SailX.com that is **OPEN TO EVERYONE.**

1.0 RULES & UMPIRING

1.1 The races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (ISAF RRS).

1.2 The standard SailX protest procedure (as outlined in the Sailing Instructions) will be followed with the following exceptions:-

(a) Black Flags and Red Flags (SailX moderation restrictions) will not be in effect during the Series

(b) Any participant with a Red or Black Flag who is ruled in breach of Rule 2 during a race in the Series may, at the sole discretion of the SailX Moderation Team, be banned from further participation in the Series without further recourse.

2.0 BOATS

All races in this Series will be held using the Skiff / Viper 640 boat type.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

All individuals who have registered as a SailX user may take part in the Series.

4.0 ENTRY

4.1 There will be no 'Entry Fee' for the Series.

4.2 Any eligible individual completing a race in the Series will automatically be entered and ranked in the Series.

4.3 Once entered into the Series, an individual will be given the option (i.e. it's not mandatory) to associate themselves with one of the following Continental Classes:

- North America – West Coast Viper 640
- North America – East Coast Viper 640
- North America – Gulf & Lakes Viper 640
- South America - Soto 40
- South America - Viper 640
- Europe - K6
- Europe - Viper 640
- Australia/New Zealand - Viper 640
- Australia/ New Zealand - SMS

This information will be used to create a Class Ranking (see Clause 5 below)

5.0 FORMAT, SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASSIFICATION

The Series will be run in six Stages - as follows:

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- Registration / entry shall remain open for the duration of the Series
- During each day of each Stage except all Fridays and Saturday 1st March, four x 4-race Official Regattas will be hosted at 0000, 0300, 1000, 1900 GMT.
- On the Fridays and on Saturday 1st March 1 x Official Regatta will be hosted in a single large field at 23.30 GMT (note that the scores awarded in these regattas are likely to be larger than in any other regatta in the Series as there will likely be more competitors taking part – see Clause 8 below for more information)
- Official Regatta scores will be based on the individual's best 3-races in that regatta (i.e. with one discard applied)
- There will be an individual winner for each Stage. Individual Stage ranking shall be based on the sum of the individual's best-2 Official Regatta scores during that Stage (of max. 20)

- There will be an individual winner for the overall Series. Individual Series ranking shall be based on the sum of the individual's best-3 Stage rankings (of max. 6). Tie breakers in the overall series shall be determined by the result of Stage 6.
- There will also be a Class winner for the overall Championship. Class ranking shall be based on the sum of the Stage rankings for the top-5 individuals in each Class as determined using the individual Series ranking. Tie breakers in the overall series shall be determined by the result of Stage 6.
- Protests must be closed within 24hrs of the conclusion of the final Official Regatta (i.e. SailX team will resolve all protests following this time if not resolved between the parties involved)

6.0 VENUES

6.1 All racing will be run in the "L1", "L1-aus" and "L1-euro" fields.

7.0 COURSES

Sausage: The following course will be used for the 1st and 3rd race in every Regatta:

- Upwind start
- Windward-mark
- Offset-mark
- Downwind gate
- Windward-mark
- Offset-mark
- Finish

Trapezoid: The following course will be used for the 2nd and 4th race in every Regatta:

- Upwind start
- Windward mark
- Offset mark
- Downwind gate
- Offset mark
- Port-side gate mark
- Finish

The course chosen for each race will be displayed during the prestart.

8.0 SCORING

8. "SailX Event" scoring will be used for all races (and hence Official Regatta ranking) - calculated as follows:

SailX Event scoring for a sailor = (total number of boat finishes in the regatta / [position of the sailor in the regatta]) - 1

9.0 PRIZES

The Organising Committee will provide the following prizes:

9.1 For the Individual Series Winner:

The top ranking individual at the end of the Series will be awarded with the "EFG Viper 640 Pan American Virtual Sport Boat Championship Trophy" plus a Mauri Pro voucher with a total face value of US \$400 www.mauriprosailing.com

9.2 For a Selected South American Team:

The Organizing Authority of the real world "EFG Pan American Sport Boat Championship" extends an invitation for South American SailX users to submit a proposal to be one of 6 international "invitational teams" to the "EFG Pan American Sport Boat Championship" in Miami in March 2014.

Thanks to the generosity of Rondar Raceboats, the selected invitational team will benefit from free charter of a brand new Viper 640 (worth approx. \$4,500 inc. new sails, etc) to take part in the "EFG Pan American Sport Boat Championship 2014".

In order to be available for selection, the team in question must comply with the following:

- All team members must be native citizens of a South American nation
- Team members must not be included in any other submission
- The team must make a formal written proposal to the Organising Authority (including the provided form filled out in full) by email to sail@sailx.com before 15th Oct 2013
- The proposal must include the sailing resumes of the three proposed team members
- The Proposal must confirm that the team is prepared to cover all other costs associated with attending the real world "EFG Pan American Sport Boat Championship" in Miami in March 2014, except the charter cost of the boat (provided by Rondar)
- At least one of the team members must have competed in this Series and the team skipper must be a SailX subscriber. (It will of course help if all three team members are competing in the Series).

Note: This invitation will be awarded to a team selected by the Organising Authority at their sole discretion.

Note: The Organising Authority reserves the right not to award this prize if, at their sole discretion, no worthy proposal is received.

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