

# VIPER 640 NORTH AMERICANS

— BERMUDA 2016 —



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## LODGING



There is a variety of lodging from big hotels to cottages and AirBNB-type rentals. We are working on rates with some of the hotels and there may be hosted housing. [Gotobermuda.com](http://Gotobermuda.com) is a great resource here.

## THINGS TO DO



Sailing  
Eating  
Drinking  
Golf  
Tennis  
Beach  
Yoga  
Spa  
Museums  
Sightseeing  
Scuba diving  
Kite boarding  
Water skiing  
Jet skiing  
Snorkeling



## DATES

The regatta will be held in November (tentatively week of 17 November, pending local sailing calendar). This is consistent with the timing of current Viper NAs, and a great time of year in Bermuda. The temperature has cooled off a bit from the summer, the wind has picked up a bit, and the water is still warm! In addition, the regatta will be adjacent to our Keelboat International Race Week and additional "regatta/clinic" weekends will be hosted December 2016 thru until February 2017. (Fly in Friday, Fly out Monday morning with two days racing in between). Low cost mast-up storage will be available.



## SAILING AREA AND VENUE

The event will be co-hosted by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club. Both clubs run busy racing schedules, and are experienced in carrying out successful international events (Newport-Bermuda Race, Marion-Bermuda Race, Bermuda International Invitational Race Week, Gold Cup Match Racing, Optimist North Americans, I-14 Worlds, etc.).

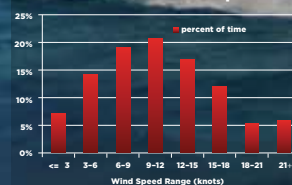
The sailing area will be in the Great Sound, which is a few miles, or about a 20-40 minute sail from Hamilton Harbour and the host clubs depending on wind direction and strength. The racing area is large enough to comfortably accommodate a 1.2NM W/L course in any direction. The course is free from current, and sailors will enjoy an oscillating wind pattern.



## WEATHER

The Fall weather is great! November average temperature is 70F, ranging from 66-75F. The water temperature is actually a bit warmer on average, 73F, so bring sunscreen, shorts and a spray top! Prevailing wind is from the Southwest, with an average of 11 knots, but with a wide variety of interesting sailing conditions.

November Wind Speeds



Data courtesy of the Bermuda Weather Service; more useful information at [weather.bm](http://weather.bm)



## HOW TO GET YOUR CREW THERE

There are daily direct flights to and from New York, New Jersey, Boston, Atlanta, Miami, London, and Toronto. Flights from the US East Coast are typically \$300-\$600 round-trip, depending on when you book and various sales. Check the regular travel websites for details. Also see [gotobermuda.com](http://gotobermuda.com) for lots of useful info.

## HOW TO GET YOUR BOAT THERE

There is weekly round-trip shipping service between Bermuda and the US East coast. Ports served are Port Elizabeth NJ, Salem NJ and Fernandina Beach FL. We have secured a very good shipping rate, plus initial sponsorship to make competitors' costs even less. Final cost to you may be less than shipping your boat across the US.

Boats on trailers will travel RO-RO (roll-on, roll-off). However, because not all the participants' boats will fit on one ship (can't stack RO-RO) and because boats can be pre-empted by regular container traffic, you should aim to ship your boat 3-4 weeks prior to the event.

## SPONSORS

We have secured sponsorship from the Bermuda Tourism Authority, Somers Isles Shipping Ltd., and Bermuda Container Lines. We are in discussions and negotiation with several other sponsors at this time.



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