



Viper 640 2016 North American Championships – Bermuda – Event Announcement

Please find below initial details of the 2016 Viper 640 North Americans, to be held in Bermuda in November 2016. The Bermuda Viper 640 Class Association is busy planning many aspects of next year's regatta, and in this document we have tried to give you as much information as possible to make it an easy choice for owners, skippers, crew and families to come and visit the island and experience Bermudian hospitality at its best! We also hope this document will allow participants to begin planning their travel and logistics for next year's event as we are expecting a good crowd of Vipers to attend this "not to be missed" event.

The official Notice of Race is currently under preparation. As more information becomes available, it will be posted to the Bermuda Class website (<http://www.viper640.org/bermuda/>). YachtScoring.com will be used to manage registration, payments, and posting of notices and documents.

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Dates

The NAs will be run in conjunction with the Bermuda Invitational International Race Week, and will be preceded by an optional warm-up regatta. While the below dates are firm, exact timings have yet to be determined.

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Preliminary Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016	Warm-up event day 1 (From noon)
Monday, Nov. 14	Warm-up event day 2
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Lay-day, check-in, measurement
Wednesday, Nov. 16	NAs day 1
Thursday, Nov. 17	NAs day 2
Friday, Nov. 18	NAs day 3
Saturday, Nov. 19	NAs day 4, Prize Giving

For convenience competitors should be able to fly in on Saturday the 12th and fly out Sunday the 20th. We obviously encourage you to arrive earlier and stay later! Bermuda is served with direct flights from major airports including: New York JFK and LaGuardia, Newark, Boston, Atlanta, Toronto, London Gatwick, and Miami.

Host Clubs

The host clubs will be the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC), located in Hamilton Harbour. Boats will be launching and sailing out of both venues, and the social schedule is anticipated to feature events at both venues.

Race Course

The race course will be in the Great Sound, the sailing area for the 2017 America's Cup.

Shipping

Costs

We have obtained a very attractive shipping rate from our shipping sponsors, Bermuda International Shipping Ltd. (BISL), Bermuda Container Lines (BCL), and Somers Isles Shipping Ltd. (SISL). In addition, we have further sponsorship from the Bermuda Tourism Authority which will further reduce the costs for the first 30 entrants.

Single trailer	\$1,500 one-way, \$3,000 round-trip
Double-stack trailer	\$2,000 one-way, \$4,000 round-trip

The first 30 paid registered entrants will receive an additional \$1,000 credit to their shipping, e.g. \$2,000 round-trip for a single trailer.

These rates are applicable from all ports serving Bermuda: Salem, NJ; Port Elizabeth, NJ; Fernandina Beach, FL. As an example, boats may ship from NJ, and after the event can be shipped to FL, potentially saving a long truck ride.

Schedules

A typical sailing time is 3 days from the US to Bermuda. Additional time is required to drop off your boat, for freight loading, and unloading and customs clearance on the Bermuda end. Not all boats can be shipped at the same time, due to space restrictions. We will be working with the shippers and competitors to schedule shipping slots so that all competitors arrive on time. This will operate on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Other

- All masts must be broken down and stored inside the boats for shipping. Additional charges will apply if masts are in one piece, which will significantly increase the shipping cost.
- The local class representatives will handle local arrangements such as customs clearance and trucking to the launching and rigging locations. There will be small additional fees for this.
- There will be no customs duty, presuming your boat eventually leaves Bermuda.
- It will be possible to send your boat early and visit for sailing beforehand or to keep it in Bermuda with mast up storage and visit throughout the winter for more sailing after the event.
- Owners wishing to sell their boats into the Bermuda fleet will need to alert the local class ahead of shipping the boat to Bermuda so the correct Customs clearance procedures can be obtained between the Owner and Buyer. It is our opinion that any opportunity for selling a Viper in Bermuda will occur prior to the event.

Local Arrangements

We are working on hotel rates, which will be communicated later. There may be a limited supply of local housing, and there are also B&B or vacation rental options to consider as well (e.g. AirBNB and similar). Information about all of the accommodation options will be forthcoming. The Bermuda Tourism website has much more information:

<http://www.gotobermuda.com/>

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