

Viper 640 2018 North American Championship

Kingston, Ontario
July 4–8, 2018



Information and online registration [HERE](#).

Come Join Us

at Kingston Yacht Club and the CORK Olympic facilities

for some great fresh water sailing. There is more to do than just sail in our historic city. There are lots of summer events and World Heritage sites to visit.

- **Lots to do, places to see, races to win.** Learn more about Kingston's attractions [HERE](#).
- **July 1st Canada Day Celebrations** - Wear something red and join the celebration of Canada's national day! Learn more about Kingston's Canada Day activities [HERE](#).



- **July 5–8 Kingston hosts a street festival of entertainment** - Buskers Rendezvous 2018. Read what all the excitement of street entertainers is all about [HERE](#).

- **Celebrate the 4th of July** at Old Fort Henry with cannon fire and historic 19th century [military show](#).

- **Kingston has a busy tourist schedule** in July – fun for all! See what's going on in Kingston this week [HERE](#).



- A visit to Kingston isn't complete without seeing the **famous Kingston Penitentiary**. Let's see if any Viper sailors end up as part of the Tour after the regatta! [Tours](#)

Traveling to Canada - Kingston

Kingston is located halfway between Montreal and Toronto and is easily accessible by plane, car and train.

Depending on where you live, you may need to cross the border and perhaps require certain documents to enter and compete in Canada. For US Citizens this is very straight forward.

Please be sure to understand what you require before you arrive to prevent any problems entering the country.

Please see the below information about ground transportation, border crossing and VISA requirements.

By Road from the USA

The crossing at I-81 is the easiest and fastest when heading to Kingston.

Crossing at I-89 via Montreal is quickest from the Boston area.

Crossing at Buffalo, NY or Detroit, MI will involve crossing Toronto on Hwy 401. Try to avoid doing this during rush hour. The Hwy 407 Toll road is a good alternative for bypassing heavy traffic on the 401



By Air

The Toronto Pearson, Ottawa and Montréal Trudeau International Airports are all located within a 3 hour driving distance to Kingston. Located in New York, USA, the Syracuse Hancock and Buffalo Niagara international airports are also accessible by car.

The closest international airport is Ottawa. There will be many Ottawa sailors driving who can offer lifts if crew are arriving via Ottawa.

For 2018, Air Canada has offered a 10% discount to participants flying directly into Kingston. Please enter the promotion code as listed per event below when booking your flight via Air Canada

- Viper 640 North American (July 4-8) **code is 34343RX1**. The travel period begins , June 26, 2018 and ends July 15, 2018.

Border Crossing with your boat

Items to have when crossing the border:

- **Proof of ownership** of the boat, e.g. registration with your state authority, or a copy of the sales invoice of the boat will suffice.
- **Trailer registration** and insurance documents are required
- **If you are towing someone else's boat** and/or trailer, bring a letter from the owner stating that you are authorized to transport the boat and will only be reimbursed for traveling costs (fuel, accommodation, meals). If you are transporting boats for a set fee, you will be considered a common carrier and thus need operating permits.
- **Pre-register for the event on-line** or have the regatta office prepared to confirm participation by telephone
- **If you are driving someone else's car** (including parents) – carry a letter signed by the owner stating that the driver is authorized to drive the car across the border.
- **If anyone in the car is a minor**, other than your own children, carry a letter from the parent or guardian authorizing a person of legal age to take the minor across the border.

More boarder crossing information [HERE](#).

VISA Information

US Citizens do not require a visa. US residents who are not citizens may require an Electronic Travel Authorisation or visa (see below)

- Immigration Canada
- Who is eligible to visit Canada?
- VISA exempt visitors
- Visitors who require VISAS

If you require a visitor VISA, you will need a letter of invitation from CORK as the event organizer. Please register online for the event and contact the CORK office as soon as possible with the following information so we can issue the invitation letter:

Full Name as It Appears on Passport	Passport Number
Date of Birth	Home Address
Home Telephone	Date of arrival in Canada
Date of Departure from Canada	

NEW since 2016

Electronic Travel Authorisation

The Government of Canada has recently introduced a new entry requirement, known as an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA), which applies to visa-exempt* foreign nationals traveling to or transiting Canada by air. U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid Canadian visa are exempt from this requirement.

Effective March 15, 2016, all visa-exempt foreign nationals must obtain an ETA before they board a flight to Canada. If you or anyone in your party are not U.S. citizens or not traveling with a valid Canadian visa, please visit the Government of Canada's website at least 72 hours prior to your trip to complete your application. You will need your passport, credit card, and an email address. The ETA cost is C\$7 per traveler and is valid for up to five years.



WHERE TO STAY

Viper Central:

- **Four Points by Sheraton** has given us a special rate of C\$160 for the Viper Fleet. This is right downtown, only 5-minute walk to KYC and 5-minute drive to Portsmouth Harbour. Hotel Reservations: 866-716-8133 ask for the Viper Room block. ** Available until June 1st 2018.

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Viper640>

- **Billets** may be available. For possible arrangements please contact heidicolburn@icloud.com and James.colburn@icloud.com
- **AirBNB** with over 300 rentals. [HERE](#)
- **Hometogo** with 143 rentals available. [HERE](#)
- **Residence Inn** reservations [HERE](#).
- **Best Western Fireside Inn** reservations [HERE](#)
- **Delta Hotels By Marriott Kingston Waterfront** reservations [HERE](#).
- **Quality Inn and Suites** reservations [HERE](#)
- **Holiday Inn Express** reservations [HERE](#)
- **Ambassador Hotel** reservations [HERE](#)
- **University/College residences:** Kingston is home to [Queen's University](#) and [St. Lawrence College](#), both of which have residence buildings which can be booked in the summer for on-campus accommodation. Both are very close to the venues and offer very low-cost accommodations.

