



2021 Viper 640 World Championship

October 7 – 10, 2021

Noroton Yacht Club, Darien, CT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing*. US Prescriptions, Appendix V, Alternative Penalties shall apply.
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions amend or add to the following rules in the RRS: 60.3 (b), 63.2, 67, 76.1, and 82. US Prescription can be found at: <https://www.sailing.org/41708.php>. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3. The International Viper 640 Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. No fees shall be charged for protests or request for redress.
- 1.6. Appendix G3 shall apply.
- 1.7. In all rules governing this Regatta:
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2. Out of respect for event sponsors, advertising that conflicts with event sponsors is strongly discouraged.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Regatta is open to all boats of the Viper 640 Class that comply with the International Viper 640 Class Association rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on YachtScoring.com <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13222>, entering Crew List, paying the required fee, and completing registration at the event.
- 3.3. Entry and payment can be completed online until 1600 on September 1, 2021. All entries shall be accepted up to September 1, 2021. Any entry requests after September 1, 2021 shall be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The following classification requirements will apply: (i) Competitors are required to submit a certificate of compliance of the International Viper 640 Class Association Rule 10.2 (Not Paid to Sail), signed by the skipper and crew, (ii) signed waiver and release forms, and (iii) verification of Insurance in accordance with section [18] hereof.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Early Entry Fee: US \$550 (paid by July 15, 2021), Standard Entry Fee: US \$575 (until September 10, 2021), Late Entry Fee: US \$600 (until October 1, 2021). The Entry Fee includes the Friday, October 8 dinner, and all post racing dockside refreshments and social activities for a team of four. Does not include the Regatta Dinner on Saturday, October 9. Guest pricing to be determined.
- 5.2. October 9 Regatta Dinner: Pricing for crew and guests shall be determined in August 2021.
- 5.3. Fee Refunds: Before September 1, 2021, Entry Fees can be refunded after deducting \$25 for administration expenses. Should the Organizing Authority determine that the Event be cancelled or modified for Public Health Protocols, refunds shall be issued partially or in full with no penalty based on current circumstances.
- 5.4. Fees will include boat storage, launching and hauling of competing boats.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. All boats will be inspected for Class Rules compliance prior to racing in any of the following 2021 Viper 640 events: Women's International Championship, the North American Championship and the World Championship. If a boat passes Technical Committee inspection for one of these Regattas, that inspection will be accepted for all three events.
- 6.2. The 2021 Viper 640 Championship Inspection Form can be reviewed at:
<https://www.viper640.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2021-Viper-Inspection-List.pdf>.
- 6.3. Measurement will be available:
Friday, October 1, 1200 - 1800 EDT at Noroton Yacht Club;
Sunday, October 3, 1200 – 1800 EDT at Stamford Yacht Club;
Wednesday, October 6, 1000 – 1700 EDT at Noroton Yacht Club.
- 6.4. Competitors who need to arrange inspection outside of this time must obtain permission and make arrangements directly with a Viper 640 Technical Committee Representative. Contact information will be provided in subsequent NOR Amendments or Sailing Instructions.
- 6.5. No more than two suits of registered sails may be used for any of these individual Championships and shall be identified appropriately for each Regatta on the Viper 640 2021 Championship Inspection form before racing.
- 6.6. The Technical Committee may perform a spot inspection and measure any boat, equipment, and sails at any time throughout the event. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with Class rules throughout the event. A signed inspection list does not exempt a boat from Rule 78 and the requirement to comply with all Class rules throughout the event.
- 6.7. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Race Committee.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Wednesday, October 6	1200 - 1800	Arrival & Rigging Measurement & Registration
Thursday, October 7	1000	First Warning Signal
Friday, October 8	1000	First Warning Signal
Saturday, October 9	1000	First Warning Signal
Sunday, October 10	1000 Awards - As soon as possible after competitors have docked.	First Warning Signal No Warning Signal after 1500

- 7.2 The organizing authority is targeting 3 to 4 races per day for a total of 12-14 races, dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions and any amendments will be available approximately 10 days before the first scheduled race of the event at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13222>. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

9. VENUE

The racing area will be approximately 1 to 2 miles SE to SW of G "1" at the mouth of Darien harbor.

10. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY

- 11.1. The decision by the International Jury will be final.
- 11.2. US Sailing Prescription, Appendix V1 states: Penalty at the time of the incident - the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 11.3. US Sailing Prescription, Appendix V2 states: Penalty taken after race - After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident

occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Rule A5.3 will apply.
- 12.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.
- 12.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 13.1. Support and Coach Boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. All Support and Coach Boats will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.
- 13.2. Support Boats shall display flags provided by the organizing authority. [DP]
- 13.3. On race days, Support Boats may not communicate any information to competitor boats that could affect performance or racing, from the moment the team leaves the dock or mooring until the end of racing for the day.
- 13.4. Support Boats may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee. [DP]
- 13.5. Support Boats shall carry a VHF radio, monitor RC communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

14. DRY SAILING AND PARKING

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area or on moorings. Assigned spaces will be based on Registration Date. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, moorings, and rotation schedules will be announced in subsequent NOR Amendments or Sailing Instructions.
- 14.2. Details regarding Competitor car parking will be announced in subsequent NOR Amendments or Sailing Instructions.
- 14.3. During haul out at the end of the Regatta, the haul out and trailer sequence will give priority to those teams with the furthest to travel. [NP]

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through fifth place finishers.
- 15.2. Additional awards may be given.

16. COMMUNICATION

- 16.1. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 16.2. The Race Committee will monitor a designated VHF Channel for Emergency transmissions. The channel for emergency transmissions will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.3. Noroton Yacht Club Dockhouse monitors channel 72 for launch services and other communications. Boats that are retiring from racing will be asked to communicate their intentions to the Race Committee on a VHF Channel which shall be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Authority will be represented by the Regatta Organizing Committee (OC) consisting of:

Regatta Chair: Nancy W. Pearson

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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