

WOMEN'S HELM ATLANTIC COAST

CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 24-26 2022

United in the Race to Protect the World's Oceans



INFORMATION PACKAGE



Noroton Yacht Club is hosting the 2022 Women's Atlantic Coast Championship (WACC), United in the Race to Protect the World's Oceans, on June 24-26, 2022, in partnership with the Viper 640 International Class Association and Sailors for the Sea, presented by Bacardi Limited and our generous sponsors.



The Viper 640 is a high-performance sport boat raced at the national and international level by a crew of 3 or 4 sailors.

The WACC will be:

- Great Racing ✓
- A Great Learning Experience ✓
- A Great Party ✓
- For a Great Cause ✓



Noroton Yacht Club is on Long Island Sound in Darien, one hour north of New York City. Competing teams registered from both sides of the Atlantic including USA, Canada, Spain and the UK.

Great Racing

The Racing Area is a short sail from the mouth of Noroton Bay, approx half an hour from the dock.

Racing starts at 11.30 am on Saturday and 10.00 am on Sunday. We aim to try and achieve three to four races per day.

The prevailing wind in June at Noroton is from the South West and the mean average daylight wind speed is 8-12 knots.

Our PRO is Glenn Morrison, an experienced race officer and Viper sailor.

Teams shall have a woman as helm and may either have mixed gender or all women crew.



Mary Illif Ewenson, from Annapolis, 2022 Atlantic Coast Viper Open Champion.

A Great Learning Experience

- On Friday Afternoon from approximately 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm we will provide a practice race course for tuning and practice session by request. Please let us know if you wish to practice and if you would like observations from a coach boat.
- Friday at 6.00pm, Harbor start for Notoron's weekly one-design beer can race (for those that have completed registration)
- Saturday: A Class Coach Boat will provide On-The-Water Coaching in accordance with IVCA Rule 10.3 (b)
- Between races the Class Ccoach boat will be in the start area to provide observations and helpful tips to any competitors on request, with an emphasis on sail trim and boat handling for newcomers.
- On Saturday evening, we will provide a debrief accompanied by images on a big screen

The Goal : EVERY Viper sailor at the event has the opportunity to leave a better Viper sailor than when they arrived



A Great Party

- Friday 5.00 pm- 7.00 pm: Happy Hour at the Osprey Bar \$5 beer and \$5 wine.
7.00pm- 9.00pm : BYO Barbeque on the Grill
- Saturday 6.00 pm-until closing: The Bombay Sapphire Party
- Sunday After Racing : Awards, Sandwiches and \$2 beer

Bombay Sapphire Party

- Classic Bombay Gin cocktails and Bacardi Rum cocktails included with wristbands
- Dinner on the lawn served up by Nikki Glekas and team
- Live Music on the patio
- Overlooking Long Island Sound.



A Great Cause: United in the Race to Protect the Worlds Oceans

The WACC women athletes and the Event Organizing Authority are committed to a theme of sustainability and protecting our oceans for future generations. The WACC will be a certified Clean Regatta



Sailors for the Sea – Certified Clean Regatta:

[Sailors for the Sea](#) was co-founded in 2004 by David Rockefeller, Jr. and Dr. David Treadway, who recognized the importance of activating sailors as a constituency of ocean enthusiasts. The Clean Regatta certification is awarded to events that meet best practice standards of sustainability.



Megan Grapengeter-Rudnick from Darien CT, 4 time ICSA All American sailor, Megan is Sustainability Chairperson for the WACC

- Please note that Single Use Plastic Bottles are prohibited during the event.
- The first 60 registered team members receive Nalgene Water Bottles with Event Logo
- Plastic Free Dinner ware and Composting Food waste
- Paper-light Event Management and Eco-Race management
- Please, No Private Tow boats and Emphasize Car Pooling where you can.



Double Olympic medalist Natalia Via-Dufresne and Team Dorsia. Viper 640 – Copa Del Rey

“We look forward to women sailors coming together from both sides of the Atlantic to compete ... and to share our common love of the sea and a passion for preserving the health of the ocean “

The event is supporting three conservation efforts:

The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk- Inspiring people of all ages to appreciate and protect the Long Island Sound ecosystem and the global environment through living exhibits, marine science, and

environmental education. **Secore International** - Giving Coral Reefs a Future, **The Darien Nature Center** - Fostering an interest in and respect for the natural world



Grace Howie – Viper 640 2021 Women's North American Champion.

“ The format of the WACC is pretty awesome. Great racing, with great friends standing up for a cause that we all care deeply about.”

Schedule

Friday, June 24	1400-1630	Practice racecourse and Coaching
	1700-1900	Registration + Happy Hour at Osprey Bar
	1800-1930	Beer Can race
	1900 - 2100	BYO BBQ on the Patio
Saturday June 25	0930	Skippers Meeting – Sustainability Briefing
	1115	Spectator Boats leave dock
	1130	First Start of Racing
	1630 approx.	Racing Finishes. No Starts after 1600
	1800	Bombay Sapphire Cocktail Party + Dinner on the lawn & Music on the Patio
Sunday June 26	1000	First Start
	1600	Racing Finishes. No starts after this time.
	1700	Awards & Prize Giving + \$2 beers.



Miscellaneous Stuff

Accommodation

Click on Hilton Double Tree logo on event website for a very generous discount from our sponsor. (For Early Bird and Early Entries)

Event Shirts

Event shirts will be available from our online store front and can either be shipped directly to you or picked up at the event.



BYO Barbeque on Friday Evening 7.00 pm until late

We will have grills running. Please bring your own meat and vegetables to throw on the barbeque, open the “magic cooler” and sit around the firepit, meeting new and old friends. The [best butcher shop](#) in town is Palmers Market, 8 minutes from the club. Tell them you are here for the WACC and they will take care of you.

Event Water Bottles

Each registered competitor will receive a 32 oz Nalgene Sustain, BPA/BPS-free wide mouth water bottle with the event logos. Leak proof, bullet proof and made from 50% recycled plastic, these are the platinum standard of refillable water bottles. Please register your crew asap because we need to know how many to order. If your wish to order extra, please let us know so we can add to the order. The cost to us is \$19.80 each. We hope you will consider a \$3 donation to our conservation partners for a total of \$23.



Our Generous Sponsors

Bacardi Limited and Bombay Sapphire: A “Good Spirited” company.



On Saturday evening, our presenting sponsor Bacardi Limited and Bombay Sapphire will host the Bombay Sapphire Cocktail party.

In addition to crafting world leading spirits, Bacardi is a company deeply committed to leaving a [good footprint](#) on the planet.

“That’s the Bacardi way. It’s about being good spirited” Eddie Cutillas, Bacardi USA Ltd.

Z Sails: “Where Passion Meets Performance”



Chris and Waldek Zaleski are co-founders of an independent design-orientated sail loft with an obsession for “going further and going faster”. Marek and Chris Zaleski have recently purchased a Viper and Z sails now makes Viper sails in the USA.

Z Sails make bags out of recycled sail cloth, which some competitors will be lucky enough to receive as awards at the event.

Coffee for Conservation: What happens when a marine scientist and a coffee roaster get together?



Upwell Coffee was co-founded by Dr. David Hudson, resident research scientist at The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk.

Their mission is to bring single origin, fair-trade, premium coffee to those who value quality coffee and care about the state of our waters. For each bag of coffee Upwell donates \$1 to research and conservation efforts.

Harken: “Closest Course to the Weather Mark”



Harken navigates their employee-owned business guided by a simple corporate philosophy based on four statements that they call their “Weather Mark”

- Keep the well-being of your people first.
- Make the best products at a fair price.
- Service your customers beyond their expectations.
- Never lose the basic judgment you've been taught: your sense of right from wrong.

Palmer’s Market: “We’re all family at Palmers”



Palmer's is the beloved grocery store in Darien that has grown since 1921 from a simple market into a one stop shopping destination including groceries, restaurant-quality prepared foods, fabulous Flowers, award-winning scratch Bakery, Gift Baskets, Catering and the best Butchers shop in town. Over 100 years it has remained family owned and operated, committed to community and conservation

Our Conservation Partners



10% of Regatta shirt sales and any surplus entry fees are donated to these 3 partners.

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Noroton Yacht Club

Noroton Yacht Club was founded in 1928, and is located on Darien Harbor, 37 miles Northeast of New York City. The club recently completed the building of an all-new facility designed to host international sailing regattas. It has a second-floor dining room, the Osprey bar with a balcony overlooking Long Island Sound and a water level patio and lawn for outdoor regatta parties.



2021 Viper 640 Women's Championship – Dual between Rachel Beardsley and Eleni Asimacopoulos



2019 Viper Women's European Champions @ Copa Del Rey, Palma.

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