



November, 16-19 2016
Host Clubs - Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club
Hamilton, Bermuda

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2016 Viper 640 International Championship is the Bermuda Viper 640 Class Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the [Viper 640 Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association Prescriptions 2013- 2016 will apply (please see www.sailing.bm for a copy of these prescriptions).
- 1.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 1.4. Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for all violations of Part 2 except for violations that occur within the Zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, where the penalty shall be two-turns.
- 1.5. Rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for a request for redress and for reopening of protest hearings on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 1.6. Rules A4 and A5 will be changed to state that a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 1.7. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Viper 640 Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta shall be open to all Viper 640 boats whose skipper is a member of the Viper 640 Class Association and has completed the entry process as described in NoR 3.2.
- 3.2. Eligible boats shall enter by submitting a completed Entry Form with full payment of required Fees as per NoR 4, and has completed Competitor Check-In as set forth in the NoR 3.3.
- 3.3. The following documents shall be submitted at the time of Competitor Check-In:
 - 3.3.1. Verification of membership as per NoR 3.1.
 - 3.3.2. A Boat and Equipment Inspection List signed by a member of the Class Technical Committee.

- 3.3.3. A loss, damage and injury waiver signed by each person racing on board the boat.
- 3.3.4. A certificate of compliance of the Viper 640 Class Association Rules, signed by the owner or skipper.
- 3.3.5. Proof of insurance as per NoR 18.
- 3.4. Only boats having completed all entry requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Early entries, received and paid on or before April 1, 2016, will be US\$400 per boat.
- 4.2. Regular entry fee, received and paid on or before October 1, 2016 shall be US\$450 per boat.
- 4.3. Late entries received after October 1, 2016 will be US\$500 per boat.
- 4.4. Entries cancelled by the competitor prior to September 1, 2016 will be refunded less \$50 administrative fee.

5. SCHEDULE

Tues, November 15 th	1600 to 1900	Competitor Check-In
Wed, November 16 th	0900 1155	Competitor Briefing 1 st Race Warning
Thurs, November 17 th	1055	Warning, Racing Resumes
Fri, November 18 th	1055	Warning, Racing Resumes
Sat, November 19 th	1055 1330	Warning, Racing Resumes No warning after this time

6. MEASUREMENT

At any time before and during the regatta, the Viper 640 Technical Committee may inspect and measure any boat, equipment thereon and sails in order to determine compliance with class rules and eligibility.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at Competitor Check-In.

8. VENUE

Races will be held in the Great Sound, Bermuda.

9. THE COURSES

A windward-leeward course will be used.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring system of Appendix A shall apply except that when six (6) or more races have been completed, a competitor may discard his worst score.
- 10.2. A Maximum of fourteen (14) races are scheduled.
- 10.3. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Support boats shall register with the OA during the Competitor Check-In period.
- 11.2. The OA will not provide berths for support boats.
- 11.3. A support boat flag will be assigned to each support boat. The flag shall be visible at all times while on the water.
- 11.4. Rules governing the conduct of support boats will be outlined in the SIs.

12. BERTHING

Berthing will be available and shall be assigned by the Shipping Logistics Manager. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places for the duration of the regatta. Rafting in a berth may be required and competitors should plan accordingly.

13. LAUNCH AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats are to be launched prior to the first warning signal of the regatta and shall not be hauled out without prior permission of the Viper 640 Technical Committee or PRO.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1. The race committee intends to use international VHF marine frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, which may include OCS hails after starts. The channel will be detailed in the SIs.
- 14.2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, and any other communication devices.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through fifth place finishers.
- 15.2. The overall first place finisher will be the 2016 Viper 640 International Champion.
- 15.3. The top North American finisher will be the 2016 Viper 640 North American Champion.
- 15.4. The top Corinthian Boat prize will be awarded to the highest placing boat in which the helm and all crew are registered World Sailing Group 1 sailors. Skipper and Crew can register with World Sailing at <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>.
- 15.5. The Governor's Cup Perpetual will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who will be 55 or older in the calendar year 2016.

16. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organizers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA and the Host Clubs will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to their person or property in conjunction with the regatta or while on the premises of the Host Clubs. The Host Clubs, the Viper 640 Class Association Inc, the Bermuda Viper 640 Class Association, and their member volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to persons (s) or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US\$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the NoR and other regatta information will be posted on the event website.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website located at:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=1577>

Ocean Freight fees, schedules and booking procedures will be detailed in the FAQ document available from the event website.

Social Package fees and schedule will be detailed in the Event Social Package document available from the event website.

All payment of fees shall be made online at the event website.

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