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## 2023 VIPER 640 North American Championships

September 21–24, 2023

Nepean Sailing Club

Ottawa, ON, Canada

### Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

Amended August 12 2023

Amended September 19 2023 (NoR 4.5)

Amended September 19 2023 (NoR 8.1, 8.4, 9.2(a))

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Sail Canada Prescriptions that apply are listed in Addendum A.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix T and RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Nepean Sailing Club (NSC) and the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).
- 1.5. National letters and sail numbers are not required on spinnakers. This changes RRS 77 and Appendix G1.3 (c).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on or before September 18, 2023 on the event website at [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).

#### 3. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at the [event website](#) on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com). As a courtesy, notices may also be placed on an unofficial notice board located in the Harbourview Hall on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of communicating

- on standard International VHF channels.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
  - 3.4. The race committee will monitor a designated VHF channel for emergency transmissions. The channel for emergency transmissions will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.5. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All skippers must be members of V640ICA.
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats of the V640ICA that comply with the Class rules.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [on-line entry form](#) on [yachtscoring.com](#), entering their crew list, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection, and completing registration at the event.
- 4.4. Entry and payment can be completed online until Friday, September 15, 2023. All entries shall be accepted until Monday, September 18, 2023 at 17:00 EDT. Any entry requests after Monday, September 18, 2023 at 17:00 EDT shall be at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5. To qualify for the "Corinthian Trophy" Boats must have their crew fully registered in [yachtscoring.com](#), indicating all are Group 1 sailors. **Group 1 status will be validated by the OA.** Refer to the [WS Categorizations](#) page for information on obtaining a categorization number.
- 4.6. In accordance with the [World Sailing Statement issued March 1 2022](#), to help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2023 Viper 640 North American Championships, entries shall be open to participants from all nations except those participants that hold only Russian or Belarusian nationality who refuse to participate neutrally, without national symbols, colours, flags or anthems.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Early entry Fees US\$500. Early entry deadline is August 15, 2023. The Entry fee thereafter will be US\$575 until September 18, 2023. Entry fees after September 18, 2023 are US\$625.
- 5.2. Participation in some social events will be charged separately and sold to competitors through [yachtscoring.com](#).
- 5.3. Fee Refunds will be made for cancellations made on or before September 10, 2023. Refunds will be net of transaction fees incurred.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. [World Sailing Sailor Classification Code](#) will apply.
- 6.2. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer or International Jury.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 8. SCHEDULE

### 8.1.

Thursday Sept 21 2023	0900 – 1900	Boat Measurement and Sail Inspection
	1200 - 1900	Check-in Table Open
Friday Sept 22 2023	0900	Competitor Information Meeting
	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
Saturday Sept 23 2023	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
Sunday Sept 24 2023	1100	First warning Signal Following races as soon as possible
	1500	No warning signal after this time
	As soon as possible	Awards

- 8.2. Eleven (11) races scheduled.
- 8.3. A maximum of four (4) races may be run each day.
- 8.4. Boats shall be in the water no later than 2100 Thursday, September 21, 2023.

## 9. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. By the end of Check-In:
  - i. Each boat shall submit a certificate of compliance of the Class rule 10.2 (Not Paid to Sail), signed by the skipper and all crew,
  - ii. All skippers and crew shall sign waiver and release forms,
  - iii. Each boat shall submit verification of Insurance in accordance with NoR 19.1,
  - iv. Corinthian teams shall submit required information per NoR 6.1.
  - v. Each boat shall complete, self-certify, and submit a **Championship Boat Inspection Check List, which shall be signed by the skipper. The Check List may be signed and checked by a technical committee**

representative, but the technical committee signature is not a requirement to race.

## 9.2. Boat Inspection

- a) Boat Inspection by the technical committee is available from 0900 to 1900 on Thursday September 21, 2023. Each boat may choose to be inspected and select a time slot for inspection. The boat must be presented ready for inspection with the Championship Boat Inspection Check List completed before inspection.
- b) The technical committee will perform spot inspections during the event. The spot inspections may include detailed measurement of any boat, equipment, and sails, including boats that were not inspected on Thursday. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with Class rules throughout the event. A signed inspection form does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all Class rules throughout the event.
- c) The technical committee will select five (5) boats for sail measurement to take place on Thursday morning. The skippers of those boats will be informed of the time and place for sail measurement by September 15, 2023. Other competitor's sails may be measured at the discretion of the technical committee at any time throughout the event.

9.3. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or International Jury.

## 10. VENUE

10.1. The racing area will be the waters of Lac Deschênes. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. COURSES

11.1. Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

12.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). There shall be no appeal from an International Jury decision as provided in RRS 70.5.

### 13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

13.1. 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.'

### 14. SCORING

14.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

14.2. RRS A2.1 is changed so that:

a) When less than six (6) races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.3. Boats failing to start within five (5) minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) by the Race Committee without a hearing.

14.4. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A5.

### 15. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1. Support person vessels shall register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations.

15.2. Support person vessels shall display flags provided by the OA.

15.3. On race days, support person vessels may not communicate any information to competitor boats that could affect performance or racing, from the moment the team leaves the dock until the end of racing for the day. See Class rule 10.3.

15.4. Support person vessels may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee.

15.5. Support person vessels shall carry a VHF radio, monitor Race Committee communications, and, if called upon, be available for safety assistance.

15.6. Engine "Kill Cords" / ECOS links must be worn.

## 16. [DP] [NP] CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

16.1. In accordance with RRS Appendix G3, a chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Principal Race Officer has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## 17. BERTHING AND PARKING

17.1. Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area or in the marina. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, launching and haul-out rotation schedules will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2. Details regarding competitor car parking will be posted on the official notice board.

## 18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this 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. By participating in the Regatta, each competitor agrees to release the organizers from any and all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18.2. Each competitor is required to submit a signed waiver of liability as a condition of entry. For competitors under the age of 18, the waiver must be signed by their parent or guardian. The waivers should be read and understood in advance of registration and payment. The waivers are available at the Regatta website.

## 19. INSURANCE

19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance.

19.2. Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Registration Desk before the end of check-in.

## 20. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

20.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

- Top five (5) boats overall
- VIPER 640 North American Champion – Presented to the top overall boat.
- Corinthian Trophy – Presented to the top overall boat that is comprised only of WS Category 1 sailors.
- Masters Trophy– Presented to the top helm over age 55.
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1. For further information please contact the event co-Chairs – Scott Murphy and/or Mike Thompson at [viper640@nsc.ca](mailto:viper640@nsc.ca).

22.2. The civic address for NSC is:

Nepean Sailing Club  
Dick Bell Park  
3259 Carling Avenue  
Ottawa, ON Canada  
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## ADDENDUM A – APPLICABLE SAIL CANADA PRESCRIPTIONS

### Rule 46 – Person in Charge

Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of Sail Canada through either a club affiliated to Sail Canada or such person's Provincial Sailing Association.

### Rule 61.2 – Protest Contents

Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.

### Rule 67 – Damages

Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.

### Rule 86.3 – Changes to the Racing Rules

Sail Canada so prescribes.

### Rule 88.2 – Changes to Prescriptions

Sail Canada prescribes that its prescriptions to rules 61.2 and 67 may not be changed or deleted. The notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any other Sail Canada prescription only if a no-appeal jury or an international jury has been appointed for the event.