

2011



**North American  
Championships**

**2011 Viper 640 North American Championships  
September 28-October 1, 2011**

**Notice of Race**

*HOSTED BY*

**Sarnia Yacht Club, Sarnia, Ontario Canada**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by Canadian Yachting Association, The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Viper 640 class rules. The Sarnia Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this event.
- 1.2 This is an ISAF Regulation 20 Category C event. All boats shall have mainsail numbers.
- 1.3 There will be no minimum or maximum crew weight limits for this regatta. Boats shall sail with the same crew each day unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee.
- 1.4 The prohibition on outside assistance (RRS Rule 41) is amended to allow coaching from the official class coach boat(s) for this regatta. The official coach boat(s) will be designated by class flag.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta shall be open to all Viper 640 sailboats whose owner or skipper is a member of the Viper 640 Class Association.

**3. ADVERTISING**

If provided, all boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing. Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only. The protest committee may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. Mounting instructions will be included with the event bow stickers.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Wednesday September 28	0800-1000	Registration, Sarnia Yacht Club
	1300	Practice Racing
	1600-1700	Registration, Sarnia Yacht Club
	1900	Skippers Meeting
Thursday September 29	0800-0900	Registration, Sarnia Yacht Club
	1030	Warning, First Race
	1830	Post Race Gathering Dinner
Friday September 30	1030	Warning, Racing Resumes
	1900	Dinner, Sarnia Yacht Club
Saturday October 1	1030	Warning, racing resumes
	1400	No Races will be started after

Awards Presentation at Sarnia Yacht Club as soon as practicable upon completion of racing

**5. ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries are to be made on-line via [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$175.00. The fee includes regatta events for skipper and two crew members. Tickets for additional guests at the dinners can be at Registration.
- 5.3 Entries received after August 31, 2011 will be assessed an additional \$25.00 late entry fee.
- 5.4 Waivers are a required document of registration. No entry is completed until the waiver has been signed and returned to the registration desk.
- 5.5 Entries received prior to August 1, 2011 will be entered in a draw to win a free Viper jib from Doyle Boston Sailmakers.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on-line at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the regatta.

**7. EQUIPMENT**

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving.

**8. RACING AREA AND COURSES**

- 8.1 The racing area will be approximately 1 ¼ mile north of Sarnia Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Courses shall be Windward/Leeward

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 shall be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2
- 9.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form and file same within the protest time limit.

**10. Protests**

All protests will be heard at the Sarnia Yacht Club.

**11. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. Three completed races shall constitute a regatta.

**12. Border Crossing**

Sarnia Yacht Club has partnered with the Port Huron Yacht Club to allow individuals with border crossing issues to sail out of the USA. A tow up the river will be necessary.

**13. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to first through fifth place finishers, and some additional specialty ones.

**14. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE**

Any amendments to this Notice will be posted to the event site at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and the Official Notice Board. Copies will be available at Race Headquarters. No amendments to NOR after 8.28.2011.

**15. EVENT WEB SITE**

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the website [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

**16. SLIPS DOCKING**

Slips and docking will be provided free of charge at the reserved viper docks. If anyone would like personal docking, they can contact Sarnia Yacht Club directly. A fee will apply. Contact Karen at 519-332-6779 Ex 1

**17. LAUNCHING AND HAULING**

- 17.1 There is a ramp as well as a small crane available on site for the competitors.
- 17.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**18. ACCOMODATIONS**

All listed hotels are within a mile and a half. We have reserved blocks of rooms subject to first come first serve.

Best Western Guildwood Inn  
1400 Venetian Boulevard, Sarnia  
519-337-7577  
[www.guildwoodinn.com](http://www.guildwoodinn.com)

Harbour Front Inn  
505 Harbour Road, Sarnia  
800-787-5010  
[www.sarniaharbourfront.com](http://www.sarniaharbourfront.com)

Other hotels and information are available at Tourism Sarnia Lambton [www.tourismsarnialambton.com](http://www.tourismsarnialambton.com)

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, 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.
- 19.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 19.3 Sarnia Yacht Club and the Lake Huron Yachting Association, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.
- 19.4 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.