



2019 VIPER 640 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

August 17 - 24, 2019

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of US national authority will apply:
Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), 61.4, 67 and 76.1, which are stated in full below:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 60.3(b) –US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:
(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or
 - 1.2.2. RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.2.3. RRS 67 – Damages – US Sailing prescribes that:
 - a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.
 - b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
 - 1.2.4. RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 1.3. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee;
 - [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing; and
 - [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Viper 640 class whose skipper is a member of the International Viper Class Association.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the event website at www.abyc.org and paying the appropriate fee. An entry shall not be considered accepted until the entry form is completed and entry fee is paid. Entry is only completed upon successful completion of registration.

4. CLASIFICATION

- 4.1. In accordance with RRS 79, the Sailor Classification Code under World Sailing Regulation 22 will apply. All sailors seeking to compete as Corinthians shall provide proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 Classification when registering.
- 4.2. Competitors can register with World Sailing at: <https://members.sailing.org/profiles/profile.php>



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5. FEES

- 5.1. Early Entry fee: \$550 US (until June 1, 2019), \$650 US (until July 15, 2019), Late Entry Fee: \$700 US (until August 15, 2019)
(The entry fee includes all parties and post racing dockside refreshments for three crew members)
- 5.2. Guest and Coach Social Package \$100 US per person
(The social package includes all parties and post racing dockside refreshments for a non-competing guest)
- 5.3. No entries will be accepted after August 19, 2019.
- 5.4. No fees are refundable after the entry closing date. Before that date, entry fees can be refunded after deducting \$10 US for Administration expenses.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Shipping
 - 6.1.1. Wednesday 14th August, First Day Containers can arrive at ABYC
 - 6.1.2. Sunday 25th August, Pack Containers for shipping
- 6.2. Pre-Regatta
 - 6.2.1. Saturday 17th August, Viper 640 Worlds Pre-Regatta
 - 6.2.2. Sunday 18th August, Viper 640 Worlds Pre-Regatta
- 6.3. Registration and Race Office Schedule
 - 6.3.1. Monday 19th to 24th August, 12:00 to 17:00
 - 6.3.2. Tuesday 20th August, Registration 08:00 to 10:00, Race Office 09:00 to 17:00
- 6.4. Measurement and Inspection Schedule
 - 6.4.1. Saturday 17th to Monday 19th August, 12:00 to 17:00
- 6.5. Social and Meeting Schedule
 - 6.5.1. Monday 19th August, 1830, Welcome Reception
 - 6.5.2. Each Day of Racing, 0930, Daily Competitors' Meeting
 - 6.5.3. After Racing, Competitor Debrief
 - 6.5.4. Wednesday 21st August, After Racing, Welcome Dinner
 - 6.5.5. Saturday 24th August, After Racing, Prize Giving
- 6.6. Racing Schedule
 - 6.6.1. Tuesday 20th August, Championship races
 - 6.6.2. Wednesday 21st August, Championship races
 - 6.6.3. Thursday 22nd August, Lay Day (sailing if behind schedule)
 - 6.6.4. Friday 23rd August, Championship races
 - 6.6.5. Saturday 24th August, Championship races
- 6.7. Number of races:
 - 6.7.1. 14 races are scheduled for the Championship Series.
 - 6.7.2. No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.
- 6.8. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day will be 1155.
- 6.9. On the last day of racing, the first Warning Signal for a race will not be made after 1500.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats will be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing, according to the Schedule of Events. Additional spot measurement checks may be carried out during the Championship.



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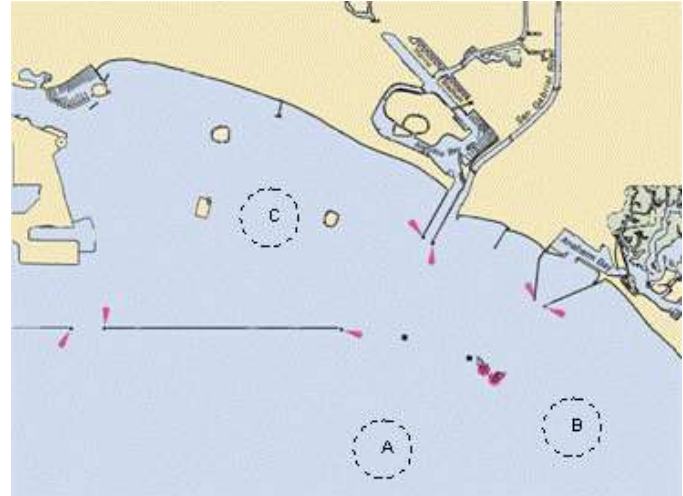
- 7.2. No more than two suits of registered sails may be used, and no more than one mainsail, jib and spinnaker may be used on any given day, except if there is irreparable damage that renders a sail unusable. See Viper 640 Class Rule 7.8.6.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The 2019 Viper 640 World Championship will be held at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA, USA
- 9.2. Racing will take place on San Pedro Bay off Long Beach
- 9.3. The approximate location of the racing areas are shown below.



10. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. The race target time will be 60 minutes.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. 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.
- 11.2. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2.
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 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 BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. All support boats will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. [DP]
- 13.2. Coaches are required to complete on-site registration and pay the appropriate fee as per NoR 4 at the Race Office or online. [DP]
- 13.3. Support boats shall display coach flags provided by the organizing authority. [DP]
- 13.4. If called upon, support boats will be required to act as rescue boats. [DP]
- 13.5. Additional instructions will be stated in the SIs.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbor. [DP]

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. The Organizing Authority will provide a fee based diving service or publish a haul-out schedule.[DP]



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17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. 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]
- 17.2. The Race Committee will make use of VHF radios to keep sailors informed of start time, On Course Side (OCS), postponements and other information regarding the racing, as well as safety information.
- 17.3. VHF Radios are mandatory and shall be capable of receiving International VHF channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 72. [DP]

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through to fifth place finishers.
- 18.2. The overall first place finisher will be the 2019 Viper 640 World Champion.
- 18.3. The top Corinthian boat prize will be awarded to the highest placing boat in which the helm and all crew are registered with World Sailing as Group 1 Corinthian/ Amateur sailors.
- 18.4. The Governor's Cup Perpetual will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who will be 55 or older in the calendar year 2019.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 19.1. By participating in the Viper 640 World Championship a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors and agents the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her relating to the event without compensation.
- 19.2. A drone may be flown to record video and still imagery primarily for the event advertising and promotion.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

21. INSURANCE

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

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, boat charters, travel, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

Contact ABYC: <https://www.abyc.org/contact-abyc>

Regatta Chair: Ed Spotskey espotman@aol.com

PRO: Mark Townsend USA, IRO

Chief Judge: Leo Reise CAN, IJ

Charter Boats: Available from Tim Carter details on the website.

Coach Boat Charters: a limited number of coach boat charters are available from:
US Sailing Center Long Beach: <http://www.ussclb.org/coach-boats> or (562) 433-7939