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Viper 640 Class News | August 29, 2016



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This special issue is all about the Class's upcoming regattas in Bermuda. Lots of important information and updates included. Please take the time to read this update and check out all the links. NOW is the time to be firming your shipping and travel plans...so read on.

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All Bermuda Viper photos courtesy of Tom Clarke



Viper 640 International Championship & North American Championship

November 16-19, 2016

Hamilton, Bermuda

The combined **International and North American Championship** regatta is just a few short weeks away and the following is a recap of logistical issues vis-à-vis getting boats to/from Bermuda from the U.S., as well as some additional information to help your regatta plans.

BUT FIRST A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS...

The Bermudian organizing committee for the International and North American Championship has been doing a great job enlisting key sponsors for the regatta. Per this [press release](#) going out today, the Viper 640 Class Association is proud to announce that Aspen Insurance will be the title sponsor of the event and the long-term Viper supporter, EFG, will be the presenting sponsor. Officially, this regatta will be the "**Aspen Viper 640 International Championship presented by EFG.**" OK, it's a mouthful...but wait until you arrive in Bermuda and see first-hand the difference these two sponsors are making.

PRE-REGATTA - November 12-13

Information and online registration to be available shortly. In the meantime, shoot Somers Kempe an e-mail saying you'll be there for the Pre Regatta. [Somers](#)

Whereas the Wednesday-Saturday sailing is for all the marbles, the Regatta Committee indicates that the Pre-Regatta will be more informal racing with dockside debriefings after racing. Now, that being said, don't expect anyone on the water not to have on their game face.



FULL SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 12
Sunday, November 13
Monday, November 14
Tuesday, November 15
Wed.-Sat., November 16-19

Pre-regatta arrivals
Pre regatta Day 1
Pre regatta Day 2
Competitor check-in
Championship Racing



SHIPPING BOATS FROM THE U.S. TO BERMUDA AND BACK AGAIN

The link at the end of this section is a very informative FAQ put together by the Regatta Committee in Bermuda. When reviewing this information relative to your specific plans, have the following thought in mind:

1. There are three outbound shipping points: Salem, NJ, Port Elizabeth, NJ (just south of NYC) and Fernandina Beach, FL (just north of Jacksonville)
2. Will you be sailing the October HPDO? If so, you will want to ship from Port Elizabeth or Salem.
3. Do you intend to sail any of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron Viper Winter Series (Dec, Jan, Feb) or Miami in March. If so, you may want to consider having your boat shipped back to Fernandina Beach and then delivered to SSS.
4. Be very mindful of the paperwork you will need to present when shipping and receiving your boats...all detailed in the FAQs.

There is a document in the Forms and Document section of the website that answers most (if not all) of your shipping and housing questions. Once an owner contacts a Shipping Agent they start down the path and things tend to proceed. [Logistics FAQs](#).

If you still have shipping questions, please contact [Somers Kempe](#).



SHIPPING DISCOUNTS UPDATE

Originally offered to the first 30 boats to register and prepay, there has been some shift within the first 30 boats that registered and paid. A few who paid and registered early have dropped out, so others have been added to the list. Please see the list below who will be eligible for reduced cost shipping (again see FAQs for details).

Vchr. #	Sail Number	Yacht Name	Reg. Date
1	CAN 191	Moistened Bint	27-Nov-15
2	CAN 235	Jackpot	27-Nov-15
3	AUS 220	AUS 220	27-Nov-15
4	USA	gulfperformance	27-Nov-15
5	USA 118	Flight Risk	27-Nov-15
6	USA 202	Coming In Hot	27-Nov-15
7	USA 222	Ghost Panda	27-Nov-15
8	USA 244	Sidewinder	27-Nov-15
9	CAN 211	Oshunmare	28-Nov-15
10	USA 230	Vapor Trails	28-Nov-15
11	USA 208	Mo' Grins	28-Nov-15
12	GBR 237	Mambo Kings	29-Nov-15
13	USA 105	Non Sequitor	29-Nov-15
14	USA 162	Basilisk	29-Nov-15
15	USA 83	Purplexed	29-Nov-15
16	USA 159	Wild Hogs	29-Nov-15
17	USA 195	A Single Shade...	29-Nov-15
18	USA 179	Dragon Fire	30-Nov-15
19	USA 177	Tomoka	30-Nov-15
20	USA 213	Thumper	30-Nov-15
21	USA 239	Life of Riley	30-Nov-15
22	USA 206	Amelie	01-Dec-15
23	USA 81	US 81	01-Dec-15
24	USA 172	Matadora	01-Dec-15
25	USA 221	Choppy Seas	01-Dec-15
26	USA	Jenny	01-Dec-15
27	USA 155	Vellamo	01-Dec-15
28	USA 39	Patched Up	01-Dec-15
29	USA 247	Boomslang	02-Dec-15
30	USA 182	Gone to Plaid	03-Dec-15

GETTING SAILORS ON AND OFF BERMUDA

Please check your and your crew's passports. Here is the travel advisory to Bermuda from US Consulate: [Advisory](#)



NEED NEW SAILS FOR BERMUDA?

There is probably still time to order sails from your preferred sailmaker. Brad Boston of Doyle Boston Sails has put together a pre-Bermuda pricing special. Click on this link for details [HERE](#).

If you've already bought your 2016 sails, this may be a good way to save on you 2017 sails. Just keep them in your garage until January.

Editor's note: If other sailmakers have special pricing offers, they should post them on the Viper Forum as Doyle Boston has as well as sending a copy of the pricing sheet to [Buttons Padin](#) and they will be included in the early September Snake Bytes.

IS THERE STILL TIME TO REGISTER AND BE PART OF THIS AMAZING REGATTA?

The short answer is YES! Just go to Yacht Scoring and register. Information and registration [HERE](#).



HPDO ENTRY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT EXPIRES AUGUST 31

HPDO is Oct. 8-9 at American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. This is the final regatta in the WLIS Circuit and will be a great tune-up for Bermuda. Vipers always a great turnout at the HPDO-14 boats currently registered but there should be well over 25 on the starting line for the first gun. The more boats that sign up early, the better, since it encourages people to make the trip from Canada, the Chesapeake and other places. The late fee kicks in on September 1, which is **THIS THURSDAY**. If you want to save yourself \$50, sign-up today by clicking [HERE](#).

DO YOU HAVE A REGATTA COMING UP?

If so, send to Buttons Padin the following: Name of the event, location (host club), dates, a brief description of the event (promoting why someone should participate), and links to the NoR and online registration. Buttons will post on the website's Events listing and include in future newsletters.

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GOT GREAT VIPER PIX OR VIDEO?

If you do, we can use them on the Viper website or in future editions of Snake Bytes. Share your great images and video by sending the files to Buttons Padin at epadin@padesta.com.

DID YOU HAVE A REGATTA?

If so, send a recap of the event and a link to results to Buttons Padin and he'll post online and may include in a future newsletter. epadin@padesta.com

DATABASE CLEAN-UP

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