

2016 Viper 640 Winter Cup

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NOTICE OF RACE

March 5-6, 2016

1. RULES AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016. The Organizing Authority is the Viper 640 Class Association. The following RRS are modified:

- 1.1 Rule 41 is modified to permit coaching from an official class coach boat;
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is modified to provide for a one-turn penalty for violations of Part II of the RRS other than violations of Rule 18 or violations of any of Part II that take place within the Zone;
- 1.3 Rule 35 and A4 are modified to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the time limit;
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B is modified to permit arbitration in the form of "three minute justice" (details in the Sailing Instructions).

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Rules. All competing boats shall carry a hand-held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Regatta is open to the boats of the Viper 640 Class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules including 2016 membership. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EFG_Winter_Cup_16_Registration. Entries not received electronically by 1600 on February 26, 2016 may be submitted at the Competitors' Meeting.

3. ENTRY FEE

If the entry form is received by 1600 on February 26, 2016, the entry fee is \$50.00 per team. If the entry form is submitted in person at the Competitors' Meeting, the entry fee is \$75.00 per team. The entry fee includes drinks and snacks at the Sunday night cocktail party at the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week Hospitality Village. Entry fees may be paid via Pay Pal as indicated on the Entry Form or may be collected in person at the Competitors' Meeting.

4. SCHEDULE

- Sunday: 1130 Competitors' Meeting (lower breezeway of the US Sailing Center Miami)
 1300 First Warning
 Post Racing until 1900: Complementary cocktails and snacks at Bacardi Miami Race
 Week Hospitality Village
- Monday: 1025 First Warning

Awards will be presented during the Class Dinner during Bacardi Miami Sailing Week.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be e-mailed to all registered participants by Thursday, March 3, available at the Competitors' Meeting and will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the USSC.

6. VENUE

Racing will be held in Biscayne Bay as described in the Sailing Instructions.

7. THE COURSES

The courses will be Windward–Leeward as specified in the Sailing Instructions. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

8. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a regatta. There will be a maximum of 4 races sailed each day.

9. BERTHING, STORAGE and ACCOMMODATIONS

Launching shall be available at the US Sailing Center located at 2476 S. Bayshore Drive, in Coconut Grove, FL. 33133 – (305) 854-1058. The fee for Vipers at the US Sailing Center is \$25 per day plus tax, which includes use of the hoist for launching and hauling and trailer storage. Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned location. **Advance booking at the USSC is required.** Reservation needs to be done by e-mail to Pat Downey at usscmiami@bellsouth.net, unless other arrangements have been made, and a storage contract with the USSC must be signed.

Information about storage contracts is available at <http://www.usscmiami.org>. There are a number of housing accommodations available in the area, some of which offer discounts. Please view <http://www.miamisailingweek.com/travel/accomodation>.

10. INSURANCE

Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner's or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

11. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INJURY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, any Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO, and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crew) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The skipper must digitally sign agreement to this waiver at the bottom of the Online Entry Form and have all crew members also digitally sign agreement to this waiver at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Wnter_Cup_16_Crew_Waiver. **Skippers are to forward this link to all crew members for their respective digital acceptances to this waiver.**

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place boats in the regatta.

13. EFG PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION SCORES.

The EFG Winter Cup is a qualifying event for the EFG Pan American Championship March 10-12, 2016.

- A Top Quintile finish in the EFG Winter Cup scores 1 qualifying point carried forward to the Pan American Championship,
- Second Quintile finish in Winter Cup scores 2 qualifying points,
- Third Quintile scores 3 qualifying points,
- Fourth Quintile scores 4 qualifying points,
- Fifth Quintile scores 5 qualifying points,
- DNC scores 7 qualifying points.

Competitors carry forward their best qualifying point score from their best result in a qualifying event to the EFG Pan American Championship final from March 10-12, 2016. The qualifying point score carried forward shall be added to the total result in the Pan American Championship Final and may not be discarded.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendments will be e-mailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted and posted on the Official Notice Board.

15. EVENT MANAGEMENT

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