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Final prep for 2018 Viper 640 North American Championship.

## ***Snake Bytes*** ***June 19, 2017***



International Viper 640  
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### **WORDS FROM A PREZ**

#### **Sharing the helm for the NAs**

**Steve Chapman, President, North America**



In previous years, I've been involved with the Viper 640 North American Championship as a competitor rather than an organizer. This year, with the NAs being sailed in my backyard, I've been part of the organizing committee involved with recruiting sponsors, dealing with logistical issues, and the huge range of logistical

issues involved with a championship. I have a renewed respect for those of you out there that run regattas on a regular basis.

To that end, I'm on a committee being led by Event Chair **Tim Irwin**, Kingston Yacht Club's **Heidi Colburn**, **Kim Garrett** at CORK, and Great Lakes Regional VP **Darren Gilbert**. As always, our Class Admin **Buttons Padin** has been involved from the beginning, too.

Together, this team and other members of KYC and CORK Sail Canada have put together a schedule that will give us all lots of sailing, time ashore to catch-up with old friends, and a chance to get a taste of the local Ontario flavor. As of this writing, there are 4X boats registered and there's still time to sign-up if you haven't already.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Kingston in a few short weeks,

*Steve*

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## 2018 Viper 640 North American Championship Update

July 4-8, 2018, CORK, Kingston, ON



The plans are all in place now for a great Championship regatta. The **Sailing Instructions** are being finalized and will be posted on [Yacht Scoring](#) next week.

A **logistics overview** has been prepared telling you what to do, where to go, how to get your boat into and out of Canada, and more. It can be downloaded [HERE](#).

We are working on a raft and haul out schedule now. Slips will be confirmed next week and you'll get your assignment and schedule at Registration.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** **Bill Visser**, the Championship's PRO has a few spots looking to get filled for his on water volunteer team. If you know any friends or family interested in helping out on water for the event encourage them to sign up [HERE](#)

Last but not least, visit Kingston has the NA's listed and ready to go. Learn more about what's ahead of you [HERE](#).

We know that the city is excited to be hosting this event! Everyone involved is getting very excited for CORK's the first event of the summer!

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## Viper Class Rules Approved

World Sailing has formally approved the four changes to the Viper Class Rules that were voted on by members in February. This means you can now race using **jibs containing Aramid fibers** and install **Dyform upper shrouds**. The language for all four approved rules changes can be found [HERE](#) and updated Class Rules are posted on Viper640.org [HERE](#).

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## Regatta Results

**GREAT SCOTT! Wins 2018 Viper 640 Atlantic Coast Championship**



Sailing out of Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, MD, over the May 19-20 weekend, **Peter and Rachel Beardsley** (Brooklyn, NY) and **Simon Karstoft Jensen** (above) won the 2018 Viper 640 Atlantic Coast Championship...Beardsley's second ACC win. The Championship's two days' conditions seemed as though they were from two totally different weather worlds. Saturday found everyone dress in full kit as rain drove away the wind after a single race. On Sunday, however, everyone broke out the shorts and sunscreen for four races in light-to-moderate winds. The wind shifted steadily left with plenty of holes and oscillations. It was a true test of "changing gears" as wind velocities were up and down in virtually every leg. [READ MORE](#)

## Jeff Grange crushes it at the Santa Barbara Skiff Festival

Held at the Santa Barbara (CA) Yacht Club May 19-20, the annual Skiff Festival brings together diverse fleets of high performance boats including Viper 640s, 505s, and 29ers.

After seven races it was local sailor **Jeff Grange** with **Scott Deardorff** and **George Witter** on board who showed "how it is done!" with a score of eight points. Grange posted four bullets and three seconds out of a fleet of nine Vipers. (Editor's note: nobody who has a second as a throw-out gets any sympathy from this sailor!) In second, was SBYC's and Viper 640 Class Western Regional Vice President **Geoff Fargo** with 13 points and fellow local sailor, **Pat Toole**, in third with 19 points.

Full results [HERE](#).

## Van Sheppard named 2018 Viper 640 Canadian Champion

Great Lakes sailors meet in drift-fest for Canadian Championship

The Nepean One-Design regatta has been a fixture on the Great Lakes circuit for five years now. It's always a great regatta from a social perspective and often a notoriously light, variable wind event. The 2018 edition was no exception, with 10 Great Lakes Vipers meeting to challenge for the 2018 Canadian Championship over the June 16-5-16 weekend.

Saturday turned into a hot, sunny rafting event with plenty of good laughs and beer, but no racing. Sunday promised better, but the wind didn't begin to fill in until 1130 leaving time for only two races. Van Sheppard, with his crew of Harvey Barnes and Gord Fleming sailing on 211 "Wadjet," was crowned 2018 Canadian Champion followed by Steve Chapman on 288 "Oshunmare" and Ron Schute on 117 "Rum Theory" in third.



Of note: three brand new boats sailed this event (288, 291, 292) having been unloaded from the container on Thursday in Toronto. We also welcomed Andrew Murtomaki who made the long (2,200 km) journey from Winnipeg with 74 "Surf" to prepare for the upcoming North American's in Kingston, ON.

Full results [HERE](#).

## Ted Ferrarone and Cardwell Potts Win 2018 Nyack Viper Open

Sailing in the shadow of the new Mario Cuomo Bridge, four LYC Vipers competed in the Nyack Boat Club's Viper Open regatta. With light, variable winds and the Hudson River's ripping current, this course was a challenge for the LIS sailors. However, in the end, **Ferrarone** and **Potts** prevailed winning three races and earning seconds in the other two.

Full results [HERE](#):

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## Vertical rudder bracket update

The first two batches of the second generation vertical rudder brackets are now in the fleet: the first batch went to Perth for the 2018 Worlds in February and the second split between the northeast and southern California fleets last month. The next batch of VB2 brackets is expected to hit North America this month.

If you ordered your VB2 a while ago, you haven't received one yet, AND are planning on sailing in the North Americans in July, contact [Dan Tucker](#) immediately.



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## Questions or comments?

Have a something to share? Have a question or comment? How about a great Viper photo? Contact Viper 640 Class Administrator Ed "Buttons" Padin at [epadin@padesta.com](mailto:epadin@padesta.com).

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