

Notice of Series



2016 – 2017 Sarasota Viper Winter Series

Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1. Rules

1.1 Regattas in the Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Organizing Authority for the Series will be the Sarasota Sailing Squadron

2. Entry

2.1 Entry in the Series is open to all current members of the Viper 640 Class Association. Entry may be made online at: www.regattanetwork.com

3. Fees

3.1 The entry fee is \$150 per individual regatta or \$425 for all three regattas in the series. Entry includes (for 3 or 4 crew) continental breakfasts each day, Saturday evening dinners, beer, and water.

4. Schedule

4.1 Three regattas are scheduled in the series.

4.2 Regatta #1, December 17-18th, 2016

Regatta #2, January 7-8th, 2017 (Jan 6th North Sails Clinic hosted by Zeke Horowitz)

Regatta #3, February 4-5th, 2017

4.3 The racing schedule for each regatta will be as follows.

Saturday:

Registration	0930-1030
Competitors Briefing	1100
Warning Signal	1200

Sunday:

Warning Signal	1000
No Warning Signal After	1400
Awards	As soon as practical after racing

4.4 Multiple races are scheduled for each day of racing.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Competitors Briefing and online at www.regattanetwork.com

6. Venue

6.1 The shore side venue will be the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

6.2 The racing area will be Sarasota Bay, with Gulf of Mexico course possible.

7. Courses

7.1 The courses will be windward/leeward and will be further described in the Sailing Instructions

8. Penalty System

8.1 Appendix T1 will apply. App T1 reads as follows: *The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'*

9. Individual Regatta Scoring

9.1 One race constitutes a regatta.

9.2 The low point scoring system of appendix A will apply, as amended in 9.3 below.

9.3 When six or more races are sailed, a boats' score for that regatta will be the total of her race scores minus her worst finish.

10. Series Scoring

10.1 For series scoring purposes only, any boat that competes in at least one of the series regattas will also be scored in the entire series.

10.2 A boats series score will be her total score, including all races not sailed in the series, excluding her worst 30%(rounded to the next higher whole number) of race scores.

11. Haul-Out Restrictions

11.1 There are no haul-out restrictions.

12. Radio Communication

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each regatta, as well as the top 3 overall finishers in the series. The Viper Winter Series Perpetual Trophy will also be awarded to the series winner.

14. Disclaimer of Liability

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

15. Further Information

15.1 For Regatta, Series, Storage related questions, contact Travis Yates at: (941) 350-0908 or travis@seamester.com

15.2 For Camping and other club related questions, contact the Sailing Squadron manager, Craig Bridges at: (941) 388-2355

15.3 Addition information that you may find helpful when planning your visits to Sarasota can be found on the "Series Announcement" flyer, which is available on www.regattanetwork.com and at viper640.org