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Destination Regattas - that's what Vipering is all about!

# Snake Bytes Destination Regatta Special February 22, 2018

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Anyone that visits [Viper640.org](http://Viper640.org) will easily see that this Class knows how to host regattas. There are scores of Viper events scheduled for 2018 ranging from Florida to California and Marblehead to Anacortes. The Viper Class thrives because of this rich schedule of local and regional regattas; however, the attraction of the Class focusing on a limited number of "destination" regattas is also a big asset.

The following focuses on four destination regattas spanning March to July. There's more than enough time to put these events on your calendars, get your crew lined-up, and put your logistics into place. And, as is always the case, if you're planning on attending one or any of them, your early registration will help the organizers plan for the event.

NOTE: Look for a full recap of the Schweppes 2018 Viper 640 World Championship next week. In the meantime, look for updates on <http://Viper640.org> or on the Class [Facebook](#) page.

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## Viper 640 Winter Cup

### Sarasota Sailing Squadron March 16-18

Originally sailed in Miami the week before Miami Sailing Week, due to lingering hurricane damage in Miami, this year's Winter Cup will be sailed as part of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron's One-design Regatta from March 16-18. Reasons to go:

- Your boat's probably already in Sarasota
- There will be over 20 Vipers on the line - 15 are already registered!
- SSS is a great host providing excellent racing management and racing conditions
- It's St. Patrick's Day weekend. With whom would you rather spend your one night of the year being Irish? Maybe we can entice Anthony O'Leary from Cork, Ireland to sail his Viper!!!



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## Sperry Charleston Race Week

### Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina April 12-15, 2018

For many years., Charleston Race Week was a mainstay in the east coast Viper spring schedule. Boats could be dropped off on the way north from Miami, creating a major convenience. The sailing was challenging, competitive, and the CRW shore-side parties are legendary. Seven Vipers are already registered indicating that many of you have yet to pull the trigger on CRW. Now's the time and here's why:



Tom Loutrel (left), our Charleston Viper sparkplug, and other local Viper sailors have overcome some of the issues that have worked against participation in recent years. Here's what Tom has lined-up to make this CRW a "must sail" for Viper sailors:

- Docking at College of Charleston for only \$50! Talk about the deal of the century. This is a fraction of the \$250 per boat paid the marina a few years back. This fee can be paid via paypal on the Viper CRW page separate from your event registration.



- Convenient launching – Long lines and crowded ramps and hoists have been a major downside of past CRWs. This year, thanks to Viper owner Sarah Schail and Jon Calaruso, co-owners of Viper #188, Vipers can use the ramp at Hobcaw Yacht Club, store their trailers there during the event, and transit to/from CofC with the assistance of two center consoles if needed. See more on Hobcaw YC's offering [HERE](#). Thanks, Sarah and Jon!

Viper sailor housing: Tom reports that he can find housing for few folks on an as

needed basis. First come, first served. If you're interested, contact Tom ASAP by clicking [HERE](#). [tsloutrel@gmail.com](mailto:tsloutrel@gmail.com)

- Post-Florida boat storage: Tom can make arrangements to store your Viper post-Sarasota at no cost. If you're interested in leaving your Viper in Charleston in March and returning to it in April for CRW, shoot Tom an email by clicking [HERE](#). [tsloutrel@gmail.com](mailto:tsloutrel@gmail.com)

2018 is the year to for the sailing world to know that CRW is a Viper Regatta!

Information and registration [HERE](#).

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## Ullman Sails Long Beach Race Week

### Alamitos Bay & Long Beach Yacht Clubs June 22-24, 2018

Long Beach Race Week, a major, multi-class regatta hosted by Alamitos Bay and Long Beach Yacht Clubs, is also the major SoCal Viper regatta of the year. Sailing in June, the conditions are perfect for Vipers as they "show their stuff" to other one-designs and a full range of PHRF racers. Why should you sail in this year's LBRW? It's simple:



- ABYC will be hosting the 2019 Viper 640 World Championship in these same waters. Get your own "local knowledge."
- ABYC facilities and hospitality are legendary (think Barney in "How I Met Your Mother" – wait for it...Leeeeeg-aaaaannn-dary)
- SoCal sailing in June redefines "Champagne Sailing"

Last year 15 Vipers registered, but with all the boats on the left coast, that number for 2018 should be over 20. Let's make that happen!

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## Viper 640 2018 North American Championship

**CORK, Sail Kingston,  
Kingston, Ontario  
Warm-up regatta – July 2-3**

**Measurement and festivities – July 4  
Championship Racing - July 5-8**



The Viper NAs have been the largest Viper events every year and 2018 looks as though it will continue that trend. With a full week of activities planned in and around Kingston, this will be the western hemisphere's killer event for the year. 36 Vipers have already registered and the event

is still over four months away. That said, it's time for you to sign-up so the folks at CORK can plan accordingly.



In addition to great racing and typical Viper camaraderie, there are plans afoot for shore-side events such as street hockey. As seen with last NAs midget wrestling night refereed by Tom Loutrel, look for lots happening at the 2018 NAs.

If this is going to be your first racing in Canada, stand-by for beautiful country side, gracious hosts, and wonderful sailing conditions.

Information and registration [HERE](#).

Now, "promotional copy" aside, you KNOW you're going to sail in these regattas...so give the OAs a break by letting them know ASAP. Great racing, great friends, great venues, great times. All that adds up to great Viperding.

Questions or comments, always feel free to contact Class Administrator Buttons Padin [HERE](#).

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### Questions or comments?

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