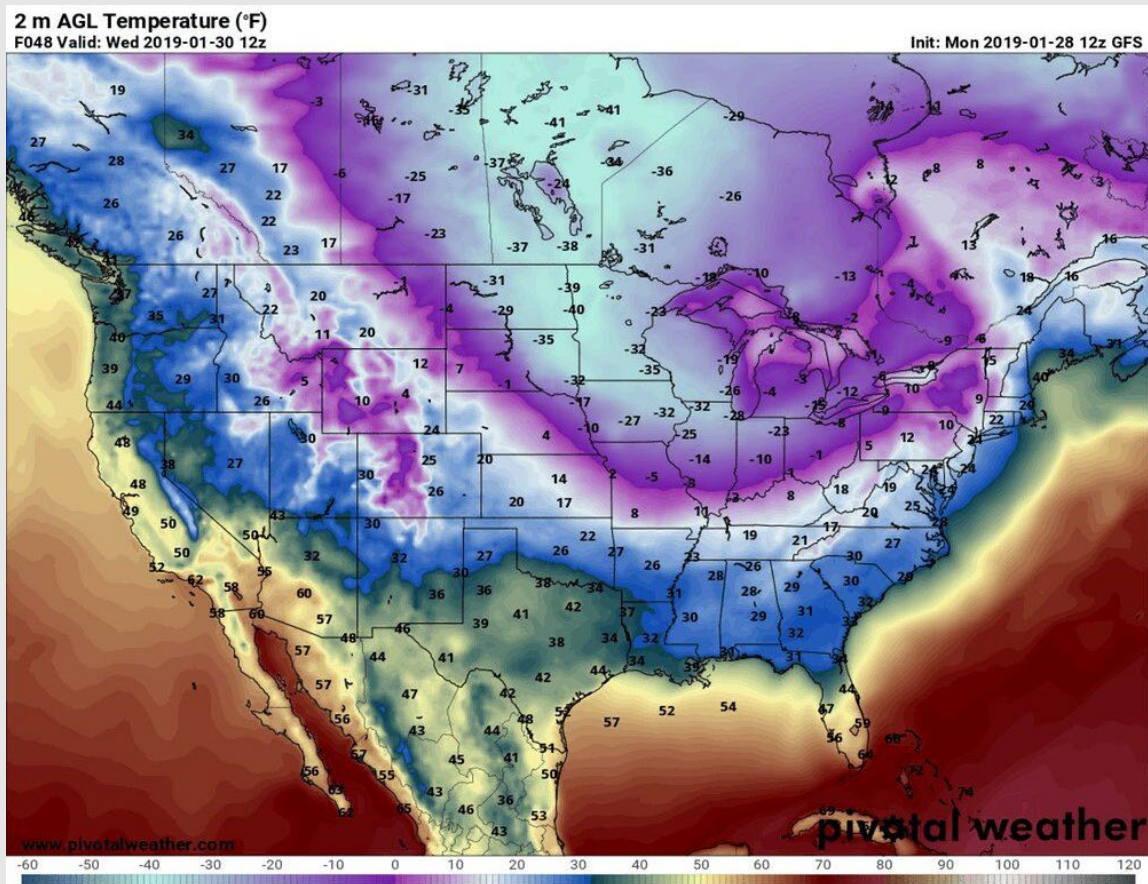


What are we doing in the cold??? Let's go where it's warm and race Vipers!.

Snake Bytes

January 30, 2019

Warm Weather Regatta Special Edition



Antidote for an Epic Cold Wave:

Race a Viper in Florida

As much of the U.S. grips itself for the coldest weather in years, Florida and Arizona still hold out the promise of warmth and great sailing. If you're still undecided about sailing down south or in the desert this winter, now's the time to get off the fence and make plans to go. Here's what's in store for you in if you make plans now:

February – You have two choices:

SARASOTA VIPER WINTER SERIES #3 – Feb 9-10



January's event saw some big winds, great sailing and great Viper fun. Two days of warm sailing with your boat already in Florida ready to travel across the state in March for Miami. There are 30 Vipers sitting in Sarasota waiting the starting gun. Why isn't yours there???

Information and online registration [HERE](#).

ARIZONA YACHT CLUB BIRTHDAY REGATTA AND LEUKEMIA CUP – Feb 8-10

Not only do the folks in Phoenix know how to throw a party...but they run an amazing regatta, too. Check this one off your bucket list and sail in a 200' deep lake surrounded by desert and mountains with cactus as your line sight markers! Solid racing, solid hospitality, and a solid charity being supported. There are nine boats already registered and room for more in the boat park and at the party.



Information and online registration [HERE](#).

MIAMI WELCOMES BACK THE VIPER 640 CLASS

After storm-torn Miami had to turn away the Vipers last year, the City's waterfront is back in working condition with two great regattas set and ready to go.

VIPER WINTER CUP AND MIAMI SCORCH – March 3-4, Scorch March 5

Only the Viper 640 Class can hold a regatta as laid back and fun as this and still be competitive. Sailed out of the US Sailing Center Miami, this two-day event has been a Class staple for

a decade and its tradition continues in 2019. Registration was delayed in opening, but it's ready for you to sign-up today. And, it's a great (pardon the pun) Warm-Up regatta for the famous MIAMI VIPER SCORCH race across Biscayne Bay for lunch in No Name Harbor. Now, if there's anything that typifies the Viper Lifestyle...it's the Scorch.



Information and online registration [HERE](#).

BACARDI CUP INVITATIONAL REGATTA – March 6-9

1 WEEK
left to take advantage of the early registration fee!
5 days left for early registration
Ends Sunday!
save \$100!
www.bacardiinvitational.com

The Viper Class will be back in force as our friends at the Bacardi Invitational Regatta welcome the Vipers to our new home at Shake-a-Leg Miami for three days of racing on the Bay. Rather than rafting up on a small finger pier, BIR is moving in floating docks to Shake-a-Leg for us. **Added Bonus:** we're right next to the Bacardi Cup hospitality village, Monty's bar and grill and a few steps from the Fresh Market. Plus there's parking with security so cars won't be at risk as they were down the street in years past.

16 Vipers already registered...now it's your turn. Drive your Viper across from Sarasota and sail the Bacardi Cup Invitational Regatta.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: BCIR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS THIS SUNDAY!!! Register today and save \$100.

Information and online registration [HERE](#).

CHARLESTON RACE WEEK AND VIPER ACCs - April 11-14



Maybe Charleston isn't as warm as Miami, but it isn't as far south and the after sailing parties are hot!

A dozen Vipers are already registered for the Class' Atlantic Coast Championship in this fun and challenging race course. Special docking hospitality at the College of Charleston sailing team's facilities so much of the hassle of the big dock is eliminated.

Information and online registration [HERE](#).

CRW EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS THIS SUNDAY, TOO – save another \$100!

VIPER CLASS 2-SAIL BUTTONS NEEDED

Sailors are legendary non-readers of things like NoRs or SIs. It looks like many of you haven't been reading the Viper Class Rules either.



Effective 2018, every Viper sail will come from the sailmaker with a new Viper Sail Royalty patch (lower right in photo) already stitched onto the tack. This patch signifies you paid your \$50 sail royalty through the sailmaker when purchasing the sail.

In addition, each sail also needs the original Sail Registration patch (lower left) so the class can manage the one suit of sails per year rule. These patches once were how the Class collected the \$50 royalty, but now they are **FREE**...but you must have one.

If you've got a sail without a Sail Registration sticker, contact [Buttons Padin](#) ASAP giving him your boat number, date of the sail's first use, whether it's a main/jib/spinnaker, and the sailmaker. He'll get you your stickers in a jiffy.

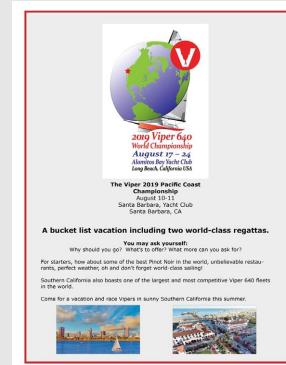
ALSO COMING DOWN THE PIKE

VIPER 640 2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – August 17-24



Information and online registration [HERE](#).

Need more reasons to travel to SoCal for the Worlds, click on the image to the right!



VIPER PALMA MAJORCA SERIES – January–June

If you've never been to Palma, you've never been to the Med! Great city, great lifestyle, great Viper sailing. The Viper is making a big presence in Europe and you can be part of it.

Information and online registration [HERE](#).



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Questions or comments?

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