



2010 Viper 640 North American Championship

March 9 - 13, 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Viper 640 Class Association. Per Viper 640 Class Bylaw 3, this event is a Sanctioned Event. Coral Reef Yacht Club and Bacardi Miami Sailing Week are the co-host.

2. RULES

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Viper 640 Class Association Rules
- 2.2 There will be no minimum or maximum crew weight limits for this regatta.
- 2.3 Racing Rules 41, 44.1, 35, A4 and Part 5, Section B will be changed as follows:
 - 2.3.1 Change Rule 41 to permit coaching from an official class coach boat.
 - 2.3.2 Change Rule 44.1 to provide for a one-turn penalty for other than Rule 18 violations.
 - 2.3.3 Change Rule 35 and A4 to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the Time Limit.
 - 2.3.4 Change Part 5, Section B to permit arbitration.The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

3. ADVERTISING

This is an ISAF Regulation 20 Category C event subject to the following:

- 3.1 Boats are prohibited from displaying logos or other identification associated with providers of alcoholic beverages other than Bacardi rums. Other restrictions may apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES

- 4.1 The regatta is the Viper 640 Class Association North American Championships open to Viper 640 sailboats built by a class association approved builder using sails manufactured by a class association approved sail maker whose owner or skipper is a member of the Viper 640 Class Association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.miamisailingweek.com.
- 4.3 If received by February 7, 2010, the entry fee is \$300; if after February 7, 2010, the entry fee is \$350.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 9	0900-1200	Registration – BMSW Hospitality Area
	1300	Warning, practice race
	1600-1800	Welcome Party
Wednesday, March 10	0900	Skippers meeting – location TBD
	1155	Warning, first race
	1600-1800	Bacardi Happy Hour – BMSW Hospitality Area
	1900-2300	Bacardi mid-week party
Thursday, March 11	1155	Warning, racing resumes
	1600-1800	Bacardi Happy Hour – BMSW Hospitality Area

Friday, March 12	1155	Warning, racing resumes
	1600-1800	Bacardi Happy Hour – BMSW Hospitality Area
Saturday, March 13	1155	Warning, racing resumes
	1400	No warning signal made after this time
	1600-1900	Prizegiving presentation and party

A maximum of four races will be sailed per day.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on-line at www.miamisailingweek.com

7. VENUE

Racing will be held in Biscayne Bay two-plus miles south of Dinner Key Channel.

8. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward with optional windward offset mark and leeward gate marks.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 other than Rule 18 shall be a One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2 A boat that takes a penalty or retires under Rule 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form and file same within the protest time limit.
- 9.3 Rule 44.1 is modified to allow a boat to take an Arbitration Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the breach before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. This Arbitration Penalty shall be 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than four places, added to her finish position. However she shall not be scored worse than "Did not finish".

10. ARBITRATION

- 10.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 10.2 After a written protest is delivered to the Protest Desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Jury.
- 10.3 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Jury and offer testimony. This changes Rule 63.3(a).
- 10.4 The acceptance of an Arbitration Penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If five or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.
- 11.2 Three completed races shall constitute a regatta.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support boats shall register with the Race Committee prior to the Skippers meeting where they will be given a flag to be flown during the regatta.
- 12.2 Any restrictions on the movements of any support boats or other requirements will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION AND STORAGE

- 13.1 All boats shall be afloat on Tuesday, March 9 and shall not be hauled during the regatta except with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority.

13.2 Moorings, dockage and trailer storage information will be sent to participants via e-mail.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving U.S. VHF channels.

14.2 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.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Daily prizes for the first, second and third place boats in the series.

15.2 Prizes for the first, second & third overall winners.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, organizers, sponsors, regatta photographers, videographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event and all participants therein.

17. 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. Bacardi USA, STUDIOMILANO, Bacardi Cup, Miami Sailing Week, Organizing Authority, 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 crews) 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat shall hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner 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. Proof of insurance shall be supplied with each entry at on-site registration.

19. ACCOMODATIONS and RENTALS

Special Group rates are available for housing and car rental. Room availability is limited and is available on a first come first serve base. Details and rates will be available at www.miamisailingweek.com.

20. EVENT MANAGEMENT

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