



March 6-7, 2016
US Sailing Center - Coconut Grove, FL.
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Regatta is organized under the authority of Viper 640 Class and co-hosted by the US Sailing Center Miami and Coral Reef Yacht Club. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016. The following RRS are modified: Rule 41 is modified to permit coaching from an official class coach boat; Rule 44.1 is modified by Appendix T 1 and T2 of the US Sailing Prescriptions. Rule 35 and A4 is modified to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the time limit; and Part 5, is modified to permit expedited hearings and arbitration under Appendix T4 and T5 of the US Sailing prescriptions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at the US Sailing Center.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the US Sailing Center. When flag AP is displayed "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Seven races are scheduled. One race is required to complete the regatta.

Sunday 3/6/2016

1200 – Competitors Meeting

1300 – First Signal

Additional races to follow

Monday 3/7/2016

1025 – First signal

Additional races to follow

No warning signal will be made after 1430

6. CLASS FLAG

The starting flag for the Viper 640 Fleet will be a Viper Class Flag.

7. MARKS

Marks of the course will be red inflatables. Starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatables. The offset mark will be a small orange mark.

8. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow starting mark at the port end.

9. RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number of OCS boats on VHF channel 69. Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast or failure of the race committee to broadcast recall numbers, or the boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers is not considered an improper action or omission by the race committee.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a yellow finishing mark.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes. Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE, 2 points more than the number of finishers. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. SAFETY

13.1 A boat that retires from a race prior to finishing shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore.

13.2 Boats are requested to check in before the first race each day.

14. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If 5 or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. One (1) race must be completed to constitute a Regatta.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that Appendix T1 of the US sailing prescriptions applies. 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.'

15.2 Appendix T2 of the US sailing prescriptions shall apply allowing Penalties to be taken after a race is completed. After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

The Post-Race Penalty shall be

(a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or

(b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 (i) A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she *finishes*, endeavor to inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

(ii) Protest forms are available at the notice board located in the first floor breezeway.

16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee boat docks. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests will be heard at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

16.3 Notices of protests will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or witnesses.

16.4 Appendix T4 of the US sailing prescriptions – Expedited Hearings- shall apply.

16.5 Appendix T5 of the US Sailing prescriptions- Protest Arbitration – shall apply

16.6 Part 5, Section B is modified to permit arbitration in the form of "three minute justice."

17. RADIO EQUIPMENT

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive a special radio communication not available to all boats. This also applies to cell phones and the Internet.

18. EFG VIPER PAN-AMERICAN LOGO

Boats may volunteer to display the EFG Viper Pan-American logo supplied by the organizing authority on their mainsail.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing boats during Friday night's Class Dinner.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

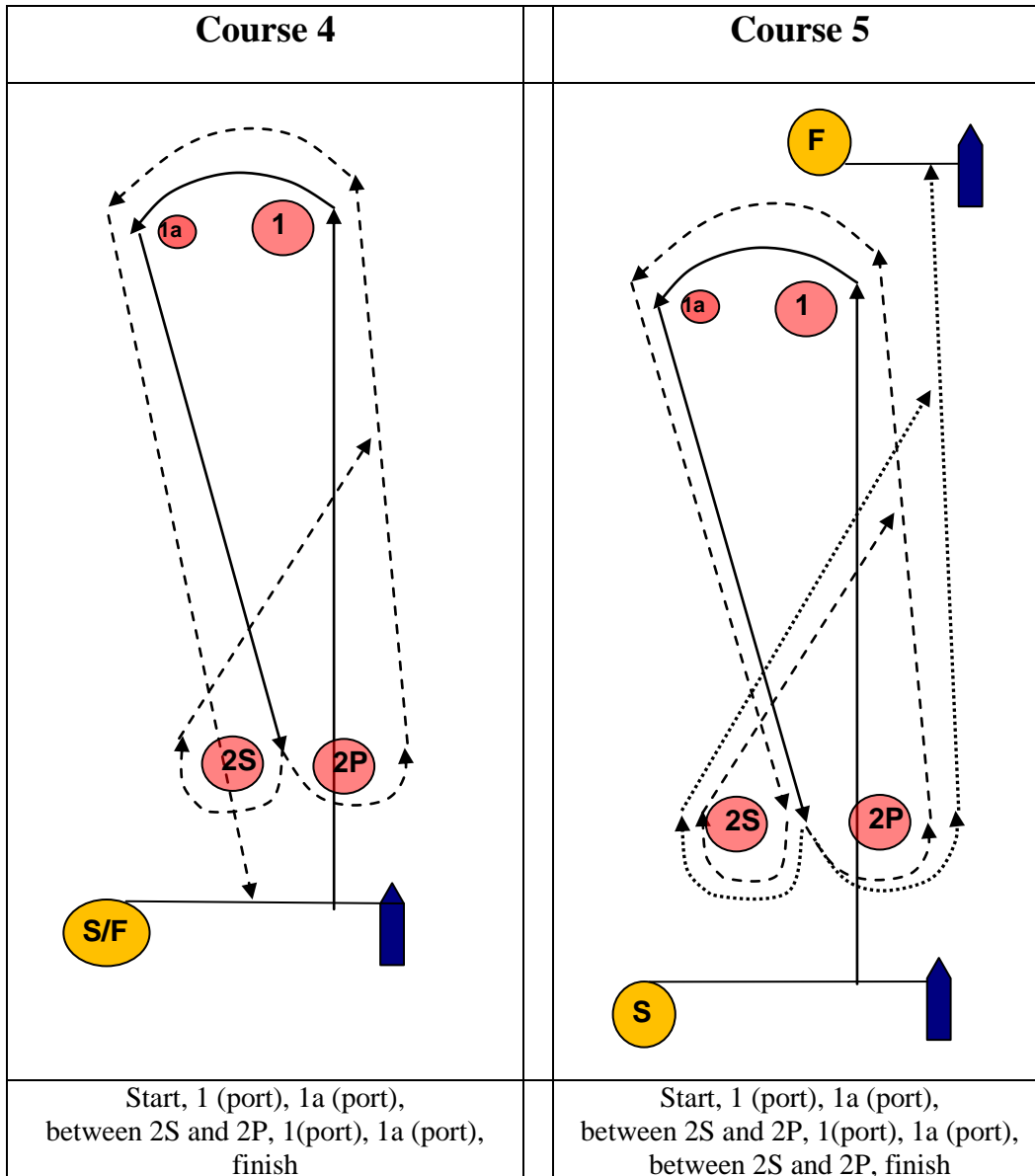
21. THE COURSE

21.1 The courses will be windward/leeward with 4 or 5 legs (see diagram below).

21.2 Offset marks at the weather mark and gates at the leeward mark may be used.

21.3 If one gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

21.3 The racing area will be that part of Biscayne Bay in the vicinity of Quick Flash Mark Red "2", 25°43.266 N 080°12.467 W, approximately 1/2 mile north of the east end of the Dinner Key Channel.



22. Additional Information

Any questions should be addressed to Viper 640 Class Administrator Buttons Padin at epadin@padesta.com.

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