

2017 LAKE CHAMPLAIN VIPER 640 REGATTA
2017 NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP
2017 GREAT LAKES SERIES EVENT
Saturday Sept 23 & Sunday Sept 24
Lake Champlain Yacht Club
2790 Harbor Road
Shelburne VT 05482

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

07/16/17

(This supersedes all prior versions)

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Viper 640 Class rules. For all RRS relevant to this Regatta, US Sailing prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the bulletin board on the north side of the LCYC clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0915 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Upon the raising of the 'L' flag with one sound, oral changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or the designated course may be given on the water in accordance with rule 90.2(c).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the committee boat on the LCYC dock.

4.2 When the AP signal is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' This changes Signal Flag AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1	Saturday	23 Sept	0730	Bagel breakfast at clubhouse On-site registration / Rig / Launch
			0900	Competitors meeting
			0930	Harbor start
			1030	Warning signal for first race
			1730-ish	Casual-dress dinner at clubhouse
	Sunday	24 Sept	0730	Bagel breakfast at clubhouse
			1000	Warning signal for first race
			1430	No warning signal after this time

5.2 If the Race Committee determines that all competitors are present and ready to race, the start sequences may begin earlier at the Race Committee's discretion.

5.3 As many races as possible will be held each day.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the LCYC version of the Viper 640 flag.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing areas will be within Shelburne Bay where LCYC is located or in Burlington Bay to the north of Shelburne Bay or in the open waters west of Shelburne Point. An attached page shows all areas and the location of LCYC.

7.2 Tow boats will be provided when needed to get boats to and from racing areas.

CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

8.1 Prior to the day's first warning signal, each boat is requested to sail by the stern of the race committee boat to check in.

8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 All courses will be windward/leeward, normally with an offset at the windward mark; one to five legs of about 0.7 – 1.0 nm; a leeward gate may be used; with the exception of the gate all marks rounded to port. A course diagram is attached below.

9.2 The course will be posted on the RC boat course board with a single digit indicating the number of legs to be sailed:

2 - windward, finish to leeward

3 - windward, leeward, finish to windward

4 - windward, leeward, windward, finish to leeward

5 - windward, leeward, windward, leeward, finish to windward

9.3 A red letter 'O' on the course board indicates that an offset mark will be set.

A red letter 'G' on the course board indicates that a gate will be set.

9.4 The race committee will attempt to broadcast course information on channel 72 prior to the warning signal for each race.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks will be either LCYC permanent marks 'C' (off the Club), 'S' (off the Shipyard), 'E' (East), all in Shelburne Bay, or 'P' (north of RN2 off Shelburne Point), 'B' (off Burlington Breakwater), all in Burlington Bay, or drop marks, or a combination. The drop marks will be either inflatable tetrahedrons or plastic 'hip-hop' balls. All marks normally will be orange.

10.2 The windward mark will be designated on the stern of the committee boat by a letter next to the compass bearing of the windward mark. The letter 'D' designates a drop mark; a permanent mark will be its respective letter.

10.3 An attachment shows the relative position of the permanent marks in Shelburne Bay and Burlington Bay.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

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

11.3 The race committee will attempt to notify early starters. The failure of the race committee to make any announcement or a boat's failure to receive channel 72 shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11.5 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race is about to be warned the race committee will give repetitive sounds at least four minutes before the 'AP' is lowered.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may place a mark of a different color or shape at the new position.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be on the side of the race committee boat opposite the starting line between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the adjacent finishing mark unless the course is shortened.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties for the infringement of the rules of Part 2 or Rule 31 of the RRS shall be taken in accordance with RRS V.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The time limit shall be 1.5 hours for the first boat to finish.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20-minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee.

16.2 Written protests shall be filed no later than 60 minutes after the race committee docks. This refines RRS 61.3. Protests will be heard as soon as practicable.

17 SCORING

17.1 A boat scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be given two points more than the number of finishers except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

17.2 One race will constitute a series.

17.3 A boat's score for the series will exclude her worst finish if five or more races have been completed. This alters RRS A2.1.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the permission of, or advisement by, the race committee.

19 OFFICIAL AID

Assistance provided by an official LCYC auxiliary support boat will not be considered as receiving outside assistance.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The race committee will use channel 72 for communication with the fleet. The failure of the race committee to make any announcement or a boat's failure to receive channel 72 shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

21 PRIZES

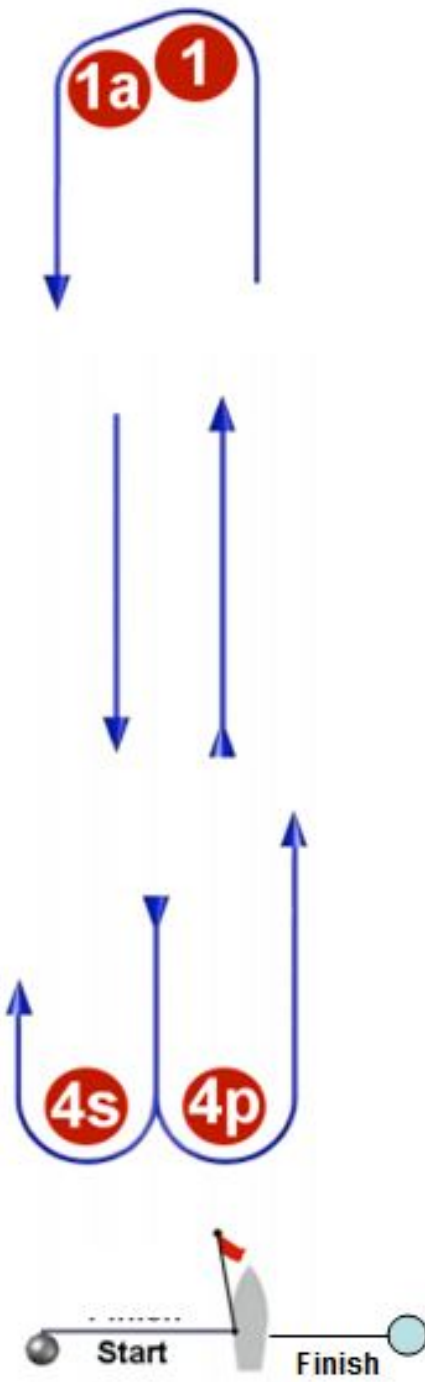
21.1 LCYC prizes will be given for first, second, and third place.

21.2 New England Championship recognition will be given (details not yet known).

21.3 Great Lakes Series will award their trophy for first and prizes for second and third places.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Lake Champlain Yacht Club 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. A signed waiver of liability is required of the owner of each competing boat.



COURSE DIAGRAM

