

2019 LAKE CHAMPLAIN VIPER 640 REGATTA
2019 GREAT LAKES SERIES EVENT
Saturday Sept 21 & Sunday Sept 22
Lake Champlain Yacht Club
2790 Harbor Road
Shelburne VT 05482

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

09/04/19

(This supersedes all prior versions)

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* For 2017-2020 (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0915 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the change 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 45 minutes." This changes Signal Flag AP.

5 RACING SCHEDULE

5.1	Saturday	21 Sept	0730	Bagel breakfast at clubhouse On-site registration / Rig / Launch
			0830	Competitors Briefing
			0930	Harbor start
			1030	Warning signal for first race
			1730-ish	Casual-dress buffet dinner at clubhouse
	Sunday	22 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 than posted in 4.2 or 5.1.

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 in Shelburne Bay where LCYC is located, or Burlington Bay to the north of the Bay, or west of Shelburne Point. An attached page shows all areas and the location of LCYC.

7.2 In transiting to, from, or around racing areas, note the shallow areas between RN 2 and Shelburne Point, around Proctor Shoal (RGN 'PS'), S & SW of Rock Dunder, and N & SW of Queneska Island. Do not enter the marked triangular reef on the east side of the mooring area.

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

8.0 CHECK-IN AND RETIRING

8.1 Prior to a 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 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), 'W' (West), 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 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the windward side of a port-end starting mark or the staff of an orange flag on a port-end mark boat.

11.2 There may be an alert consisting of five short blasts beginning one minute before the first warning signal.

11.3 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 72. The failure of the race committee to make any announcement, or a boat's failure to receive channel 72, or the timing and order of such hails, or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

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 windward side of an adjacent finishing mark unless the course is shortened.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

14.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. The score will be 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5. This rule will not apply to the last started race of a day.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15.2 RRS Appendix T in its entirety (Post-Race Penalties and Arbitration) will apply.

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 One completed race will constitute a series.

17.2 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 VHF 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.

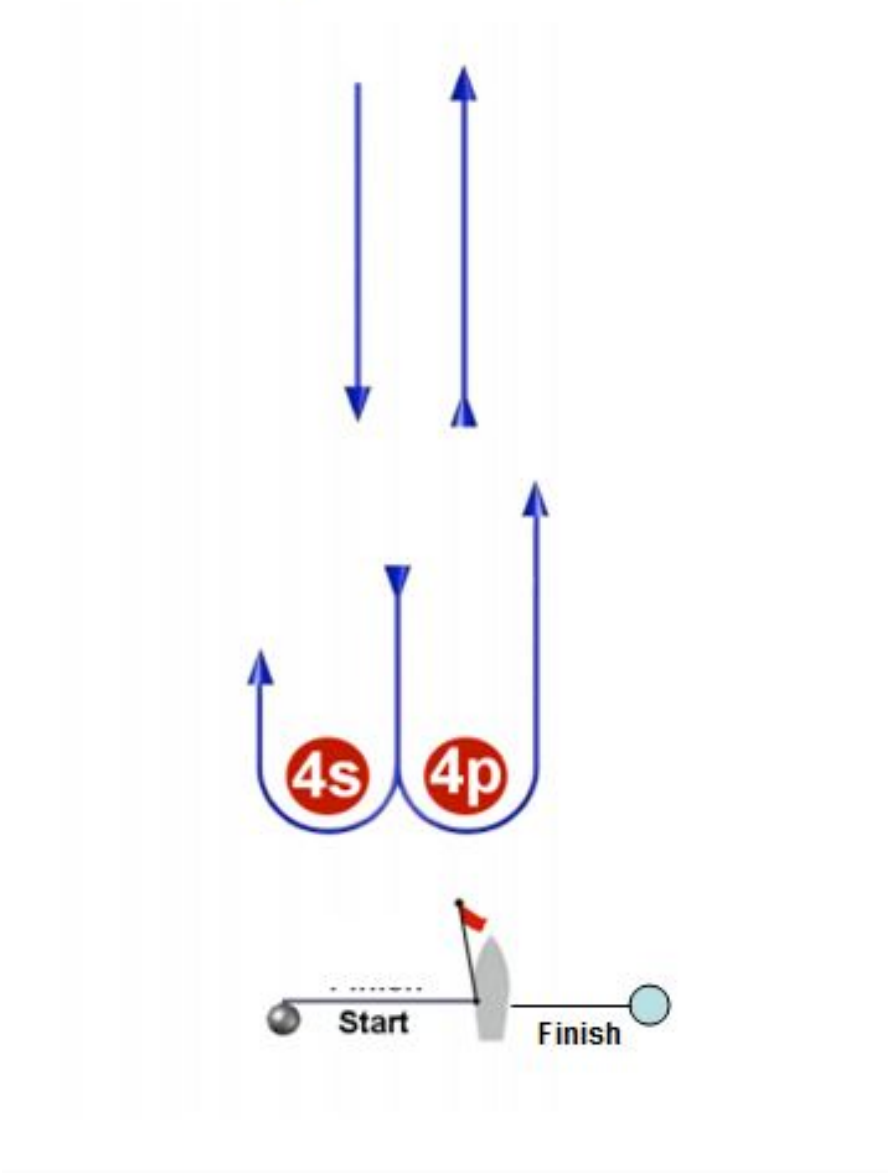
21.2 Recognition will be given to the competitor team that came the farthest distance.

22 LAUNCHING & BERTHING

LCYC does not have a hoist, so all boats will be launched at the club's launch ramp, with on-site storage of vehicle and trailer. When not racing, boats will be tied up at the club's docks or put on members' moorings, unless unruly weather warrants hauling them out. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the permission of, or advisement by, the race committee.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.



COURSE DIAGRAM

