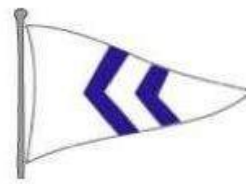
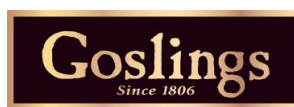


2020 VIPER 640 WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
September 26 –28 2020
Hosted by Noroton Yacht Club, 23 Baywater Drive, Darien CT 06820



LiveTiles



The Organizing Authority of The Regatta is Noroton Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing's *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017-2020 (RRS), and the International Viper 640 Class Association Rules
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions amend or add to the following rules in the RRS:
60.3 (b), 61.4, 63.2, 67, 76.1, and 82.
- 1.3 Appendix R of the US Sailing Prescriptions will apply
- 1.4 Rule V1 from Appendix V – Alternative Penalties from the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.5 The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in the NOR denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat but may be grounds for protest by the Organizing Authority. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2 Any advertising that conflicts with event sponsor advertising in the opinion of the Organizing Authority shall not be displayed. (DP)

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is an international regatta open to boats of the Viper 640 class helmed by a woman. The helm person must be female throughout the regatta. The remainder of the crew may be mixed gender.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form online, paying the required fee and completing registration at the event.
- 3.3 Entry and payment can be completed online until 4.00 pm September 26th. Onsite registration will be available between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm on September 26th and between 8 am and 9.30 am on September 27th.
- 3.4 Competitor Registration at the event will require:
- (i) Submission of a certificate of compliance of the International Viper 640 Class rules signed by the skipper and crew.
 - (ii) Signature of Waiver and Release forms.
 - (iii) Verification of Insurance in accordance with paragraph 16

4 FEES

- 4.1 The Entry fee shall be \$75 for boats that are entered for the LiveTiles 2020 North American Championship provided payment is received by July 15, 2020. The Entry fee for late registrants where payment is received after 12.00 am on July 16 shall be \$100 for boats entered in the LiveTiles 2020 North American Championship. The Entry fee for boats that are not entered in the LiveTiles North American Championship shall be \$125.
- 4.2 Before August 15, 2020, entry fees can be refunded after deducting \$25 for administration expenses.
- 4.3 Fees will include boat storage in the dry sailing area, launching and hauling of competing boats.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Saturday September 26th		Club available for rigging and practice
Day One -Sunday September 27th	11.am First Warning Signal	Women's North American Championship racing
Day Two - Monday September 28th	10.30 am Warning Signal	Women's North American Championship
Wednesday September 30	10.00 am – 6.00pm 6.00 pm	Measurement & Registration for LiveTiles 2020 North American Championship

- 5.2 The organizing authority is targeting 3 to 5 races per day dependent on weather conditions and best judgement of the Race Committee. There will be no more than 9 races sailed in total.
- 5.3 The Social Schedule will be announced in subsequent NOR amendments.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with class rules throughout the event. A signed inspection list does not exempt a boat from Rule 78 and the requirement to comply with all class rules throughout the event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on Yachtsoring. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board. Amendments to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the Noroton Yacht Club ground floor patio, immediately to the right of the Breezeway entrance.

8 VENUE

The racing area will be approximately 1- 1 ½ mile south of the Noroton Harbor entrance. Shore activities will take place at Noroton Yacht Club

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

10.1 Support boats are welcome to bring spectators to watch racing.

10.2 On race days, support boats may not communicate any information to competitor boats that could affect performance or racing, from the moment the boat leaves the dock or mooring until the end of racing for the day. Please also see Viper Class rule 10.5

10.3 Support boats may not provide provisions or equipment to competitors without express permission from the Race Committee (DP)

11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system will be the low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A 4 with the following amendment: Paragraph A4.2 is amended to read

A boat that did not start or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the regatta. A boat that started but did not finish or retired shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished the race. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

11.2 One or more completed races will constitute a championship. A maximum of 9 races may be sailed.

11.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 DRY SAILING AND PARKING

12.1 Boats shall be kept in assigned places in the Dry Sailing Area or on moorings. Further details regarding assigned docking and moorings will be announced in subsequent NOR amendments (NP)

12.2 Noroton Yacht Club is based in the Noroton Bay Association (NBA). Our neighbors in Noroton Bay are loyal supporters of Noroton Yacht Club however we ask that competitors and visitors ensure

that they only park cars and trailers on NYC property and do not park on NBA side streets. The speed limit in the NBA is 15 mph (NP)

12.3 Each competing team will be entitled to park one car in the NYC parking lot. There will be overflow parking available at the nearby Weed Beach parking lot for teams with more than one car. (NP)

12.4 During the event the Organizing Committee may require that trailers will be stored at Weed Beach Parking lot. (NP)

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall first through third place finishers.

13.2. There will be awards for the top all women teams

14 COMMUNICATION

14.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio. (DP)

14.2 The Sailing instructions will publish a VHF Channel that the RC may use to communicate to boats and will monitor for Emergency and other transmissions from boats.

14.3 The NYC dock monitors channel 72 for launch services and other communications. Boats that are retiring from racing will be asked to communicate their intentions to the Race on a VHF Channel which shall be announced in the Sailing Instructions. (DP)

15 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

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

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Authority shall be represented by the Organizing Committee

Nancy Pearson – Event Chair

Kiki Tsakalakis

Mary Ewenson

Justin Scott

Bob McHugh

Joe Healey

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Noroton2020@gmail.com