



2026 VIPER 640
New England Championship
NOTICE OF RACE
June 13-14, 2026



The Organizing Authority is the Lake Sunapee Yacht club
Lake Sunapee Yacht Club
34 Stone End Road
Sunapee, NH 03782 USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on or before June 1, 2026 on the event website at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50515>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Boats shall carry VHF radios suitable for use in the host venue for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 The race committee will monitor a designated VHF channel for fleet communications and emergency transmissions. This channel will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes RRS Race Signals.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All skippers must be members of V640ICA.
- 4.2. The event is open to all boats of the V640ICA that comply with the Class rules.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the event site listed above, entering their crew list, paying required fees, completing equipment and inspection and completing registration at the event.
- 4.4. Entry and payment can be completed online.
- 4.5 **Boats coming from a body of water other than Lake Sunapee MAY NOT launch until washed at the boat wash station provided by the club.**

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is offered at \$225 USD prior to April 25, for \$250 prior to June 3 and for \$300 up to and including June 11. After June 11 registration will be closed. Any entry requests after this time shall be at the discretion of the OA.

5.2 Entry Fee Includes:

- 5.2.1 Racing and use of the club.
- 5.2.2 Boat and trailer parking.



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5.2.3 Social events for Skipper & Crew including Saturday night dinner.

5.2.4 Sat & Sun coffee service.

5.3 While not included in the regatta fee, housing is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact the housing Chair listed below and plan early for best availability.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and Viper 640 Class rules will apply.

6.2. Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The Racing Schedule is weather dependent and may vary based on conditions. Competitors are advised to closely follow signals on shore and on the committee boat, and to be familiar with all code flags.

Friday, June 12

Boat Wash is Open for Visitors to Wash 1200

Facility available for arrival, rigging and practice.

Saturday, June 13

Competitors Briefing 0930

First Warning 1130

Dinner 1730

Sunday, June 14

First Warning 1030

No Start After 1530

Awards Reception immediately following racing

8.2. There is no specific limit to the number of races that will be run each day.

8.3 No more than 9 races will be conducted in the series.

9. [DP] [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1. The technical committee may perform a spot inspection and measure any boat, equipment, and sails at any time throughout the event. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boats comply with Class rules throughout the event. A signed measurement form does not exempt a boat from RRS 78 and the requirement to comply with all Class rules throughout the event.

9.2. Equipment shall only be replaced with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or Chief Judge.

10. VENUE

10.1 Racing will occur on Lake Sunapee in the area near the LSYC Clubhouse

11. THE COURSES

11.1 Courses will be a windward-leeward configuration. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.



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12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The penalty system will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
12.2 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification, for a violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
13.2. RRS A2.1 is changed so that:
a) When less than six (6) races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. HOISTING and TRAILER STORAGE

- 14.1 Trailer parking will be provided at the yacht club during the regatta.
14.2. Boats shall be kept in assigned places. Further details regarding assigned trailer parking, docking, launching, haul out rotation schedules, or haul-out restrictions will be posted on the official notice board. Boats may be left in the water on Saturday night if coordinated with the chairman of the event.
14.3. Special instructions regarding competitor car parking may be posted on the official notice board.

15. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 15.1. Support persons intending to use a boat shall register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period. All support person vessels will be required to comply with local law and event support regulations including she shall support any vessel in the fleet requesting assistance.
15.2. Private on the water coaching is not permitted at Class sanctioned events. See class rule 10.3.
15.3. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch), which shall remain attached to the support person who is operating the vessel at all times while the engine is running.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 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.

17. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INJURY

- 17.1 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.
17.2 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk and must sign the Waiver of Liability form at the event web site or in hardcopy at registration. 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. CONSENT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 18.1. By entering the Regatta, competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or video recorded participating in the Regatta and/or using club facilities, and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication, and republication of such images in any



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media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the:

VIPER 640 New England Champion – Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats overall.
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

20.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice.

20.2 Any amendment(s) will be posted on the official notice board at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50515> and/or emailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted.

21. EVENT MANAGEMENT

Lake Sunapee Yacht Club

General Manager: gm@lsyc.net

Regatta Leadership

Event Chair: Duane Delfosse duane.delfosse@comcast.net (603) 475-0351

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Food and Beverage Chair: Jane Wirch, Jane.Wirch@gmail.com 603-660-2256

Principle Race Officer: TBD

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