



South of Perth Yacht Club
(Organising Authority)



VIPER 640 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 & VX-One Exhibition Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6th & 7th December 2025

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.

RRS 60.1 (a) is changed so that NP denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following rules:
- Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
 - The Class Rules (except where any of these are altered by these SI's),
 - The Notice of Race & these Sailing Instructions (SI's)
 - RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Centreboard Clubhouse and emailed to competitors via their registration.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0730 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the Centreboard Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date | 1 st Warning | Activity |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Saturday 7 th Dec | 0900 | 1 st Warning signal |
| Sunday 8 th Dec | 0900 | 1 st Warning signal |
| | | Presentations ASAP after racing of the final session |

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of up to 8 races.
- 5.2 There shall be no more than 4 back-to-back races per day.
- 5.3 On each day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1200 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flags shall be as below:

Viper640



VX-One



7. RACING AREA

[Melville Water East \(MWE\)](#) (Click on link)

8. THE COURSES

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2s & 2p will be pink inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 Mark 1a will be a pink inflatable "witches' hat" buoy.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing mark will be a black and white chequered inflatable mark.
- 9.4 A new mark will be used when the race committee vessel signals the change in the leg of a course as described in SI 11. The new mark will be a green inflatable buoy.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. There may be no 'code flag' nor sound signal to indicate the change. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a black and white chequered inflatable buoy.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 13.2 The one-turn penalty for RRS31 (touching a mark) is changed to "if the hull touches a mark, she may take a one-turn penalty, if a sheet or sail touches the mark there shall be no penalty".

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 **[NP]** The target time for each race is 30-35 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the FIRST boat sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office & located at the Centreboard Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the OWG Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Viper 640 Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

16. SIGN ON AND SIGN OFF [DP]

- 16.1 A boat intending to race shall sign on by sailing on starboard tack past the transom of the Race Committee Vessel prior to the first warning signal of the day, hail her sail number, and receive acknowledgment from the Race Committee Vessel.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as practical.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee or the Viper 640 Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection to determine compliance with class rules and eligibility.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS [NP]

- 18.1 The 'Start Boat' will display the SoPYC burgee.
- 18.2 Support vessels will display a 'safety' flag.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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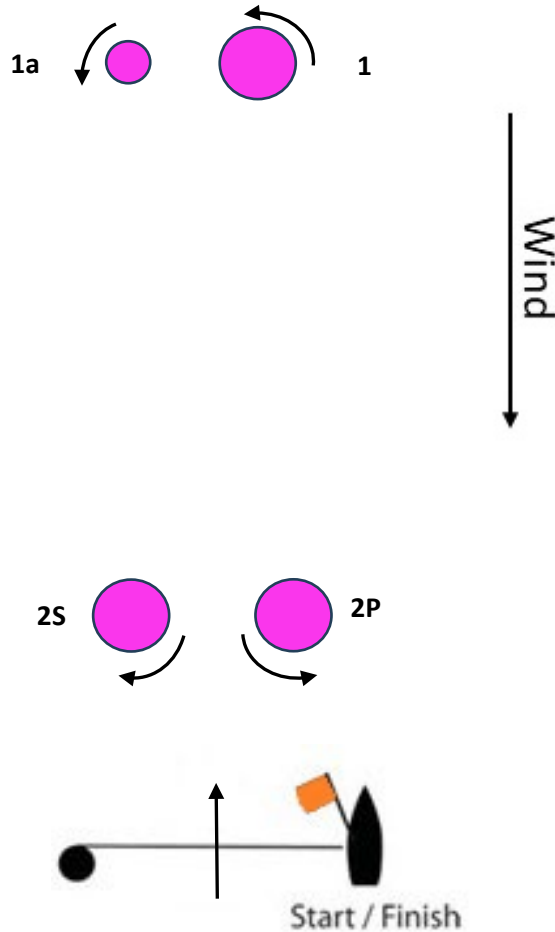





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Attachment A

Windward / Leeward

**Diagram is not to scale*



| Course | Mark Rounding Order |
|---|---|
| 1  | Start – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| 2  | Start – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – Finish |
| 3  | Start – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – 2P/2S – 1 – 1a – Finish |