



2026 Last Chance & Viper Open Regatta
Hosted by: Milford Yacht Club
September 26th & 27th 2026
131 Trumbull Ave, Milford, CT 06460 (203)783-0060
Notice or Race (NOR)



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Milford Yacht Club (MYC) in conjunction with the Viper 640 International Class Association (V640ICA).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Viper 640 International Class Association Rules and Bylaws apply to boats racing in the viper class
- 1.3 For PHRF entries the rules of the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association, www.ecsa.net, apply:
2026 PHRF of Eastern Connecticut and 2026 Offshore Racing Circuit Regulations.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on Monday September 21, 2026 at www.yachtscoring.com. Copies of the Sailing Instructions will also be available at the RC boat while docked.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.yachtscoring.com. Additionally, all Notices to Competitors including the NOR and Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the notice board outside the MYC Dockmaster's office by 0900 Saturday and Sunday September 26 and 27, 2026.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a working VHF marine radio capable of communicating on channels 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF marine radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid 2026 PHRF-ECSA rating certificate. Viper 640 and J/22 one design classes may be started with a minimum of 3 entries per. All Vipers must be in compliance with V640ICA class rules and regulations.
- 4.2 Viper skippers must be current members of V640ICA.
- 4.3 Boats enter the event by registering online at www.yachtscoring.com, by completing the entry form including crew list and payment of all fees.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by Friday, Sept. 24, 2026 at 1700.
- 4.5 Late Entries may be considered at the discretion of the race committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for Vipers is \$150 the entry fee for one day PHRF is \$55 for entries received by Sept. 24, 2026 at 1700. There will be no charge for a party at MYC following the race on Saturday, September 26 and at the awards ceremony.

6.SCHEDULE

Viper 640

Friday, September 25,	Time	Dry sail area open to receive boats
Saturday September 26	Time	Check-in inspections
	1100	First warning signal Up to five races following
		Cocktails and dinner - Clubhouse
Sunday, September 27	1100	First warning signal Up to four races following
	1500	NO warning signal after this time
		Awards MYC front lawn

PHRF Classes

Sunday, September 27	1100	First warning signal
	1500	NO warning signal after this time
		Awards MYC front lawn

7. VENUE

7.1 The starting area will be in an area about 1.5 nm south of Harbor entrance, Milford, CT.

8.COURSES

8.1 Courses for the Viper class will be a windward-leeward configurations. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The course(s) for PHRF classes will consist of government marks and/or drop marks as identified in the Sailing Instructions. Course(s) will be round the buoys or windward/leeward determined by the Race Committee based on prevailing conditions.

Penalty System

RRS 44.1 Taking a penalty is changed so that the Two Turn Penalty is replaced by a One Turn Penalty.

9.SCORING,

9.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

9.2 For the Viper class when fewer than six (6) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1

9.3 All PHRF classes will be scored based on a Time-On-Time calculation using $650/(\text{PHRF} + 550)$ as the Time Correction Factor (TCF). When more than one race is sailed, a boat's series score shall be the combined total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.

10. RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather,

failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

11. INSURANCE

[NP]11.1 Each participating boat shall hold 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.

12. PRIZES 12.1 Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third place

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact MYC Fleet Captain Mike Lebov at fleetcaptain@milfordyachtclub.com

Dockage/Dry sail space, as available on Friday and Saturday nights, will be provided at no extra cost to competing yachts