



1ST VIPER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
19 - 25 JULY 2014
CLUB DE VOILE DE LA BAIE D'ERQUY
CAROUAL BEACH - ERQUY - FRANCE



1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The VIPER World Championship 2014 will be organised by the Club de Voile de la Baie d'Erquy on behalf of the International VIPER Catamaran Association, under the authority of FFVoile and ISAF.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 2.2 The prescriptions of FFVoile are available on the ISAF website at <http://www.sailing.org/35782.php> and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3 ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS & TRACKING

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority, as well tracking devices.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the requirements of ISAF Regulation 19, Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be members of their National VIPER association, and their current year membership fees shall have been fully paid and verified.
- 4.3 Any competitor under the age of 18 years will be required to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to commencement of the Championship.

5 ENTRY

- 5.1 The regatta is open to boats complying with VIPER class rules.
- 5.2 Boats shall affix ISAF plaques on both hulls.
- 5.3 Eligible boats shall enter by:
 - 5.3.1 Completing, from 15th April 2014 to 30th June 2014 deadline, the official form downloadable on CVBE website at: www.cvberquy.org/regates/inscriptions/en.xml and, after receiving the validation email, paying the registration fees by check or by any card affiliated to CB or VISA or Mastercard
 - 5.3.2 To access the payment form, go to www.cvberquy.org and follow the instructions. Do not use any link received by email.
- 5.4 After 30th June 2014 deadline, late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers. Late entries will be charged with an extra fee.
- 5.5 Final registration will close on July 18th at 00:00 UTC deadline.
- 5.6 No classification requirements will apply.

6 FEES

- 6.1 The required fee is fixed at 275 Euros per boat.
 - 6.1.1 Entries paid before 1st June will be granted a 25 Euros discount.
 - 6.1.2 Late entries accepted or received after 1st July 2014 will be charged 350 Euros.
- 6.2 To cover possible damage on tracking devices, including tracking unit, charger and waterproof pocket, a damage deposit is required in addition to the entry fee as follows:
 - 6.2.1 An initial damage deposit of 50 € shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA.
 - 6.2.2 Damaged or lost equipment will be charged to the skipper at cost price.
 - 6.2.3 In case of total loss of the tracking device, the OA may require the skipper to lodge a 150 Euros damage fee before the boat is permitted to continue in the event.
 - 6.2.4 Any remaining deposit will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- 6.3 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:
 - 6.3.1 Until 30 June 2014: 100% *
 - 6.3.2 From 1st July to 14th July 2014: 50%
 - 6.3.3 After 14th July 2014: 0%

* Entry fee will be refunded, except administrative fee of 25 € that will be retained.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration:
Saturday 19 July and Sunday 20 July 2014, from 09:00 to 19:00
- 7.2 Opening Ceremony:
18:00 on Sunday 20 July 2014
- 7.3 Dates of racing:
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| Sunday 20 July | Practice Race |
| Monday 21 July | Racing |
| Tuesday 22 July | Racing |
| Wednesday 23 July | Racing |
| Thursday 24 July | Racing |
| Friday 25 July | Racing |
- 7.4 Number of races:
15 races are scheduled, and up to 4 races may be sailed on any one day.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is 15:00 on Sunday 20 July
- 7.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each racing day is 11:00
- 7.7 The Prize giving ceremony is scheduled at 18:00 on Friday 25 July 2014. No first warning signal will be made after 15:00 on that day.

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Boats shall be available for inspection and sail stamping prior to final registration. Inspections will be carried out from Saturday 19th July 2014 09:00 to Sunday 20th July 2014 18:00.
- 8.2 Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event.
- 8.3 The procedures for inspections will be specified in the sailing instructions or event measurement regulations.
- 8.4 All boats shall carry national letters on their sails.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after final registration on Saturday 19th July and Sunday 20th July 2014 at the registration desk.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The CVBE website at www.cvberquy.org shows the location of the regatta harbour and the location of the racing areas.

11 THE COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward - leeward.
- 11.2 The approximate course length will be from 1.2 to 1.5 Nautical Miles, aiming a target time of 45 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 11.3 Failure to achieve target time is not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Arbitration and a scoring penalty will be available for deciding protests under part 2 rules and rule 31.
- 12.3 Decisions of the Jury approved by the FFVoile in accordance with rule 91(b) will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 Three valid races are needed to validate the Championship.
- 13.3 When fewer than 4 valid races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her races scores.
- 13.4 When 4 to 7 valid races have been completed, a boat's final score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.5 When 8 or more valid races have been completed a boat's final score will be the total of her scores excluding her two worst scores.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall register and shall display the pennant provided by the organisers at all times in or near the racing area.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park on the beach.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 16.2 This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any internet capable devices.
- 16.3 The restriction doesn't apply to tracking or data logging applications operated without any human intervention while sailing.
- 16.4 In any case, it is forbidden to gain knowledge from our website or social networks while sailing.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 17.1 Trophies will be awarded to helmsman and crew of the top 3 finishing boats.
- 17.2 A special prize will be awarded to the first finishing Mixed team.
- 17.3 A special prize will be awarded to the first finishing "Female" boat – both skipper and crew shall be female.

- 17.4 A special prize will be awarded to the first finishing “Masters” boat – the skipper shall be 50 years of age or over at the first day of the event.
- 17.5 A special prize will be awarded to the first finishing “Junior” boat – both skipper and crew shall be under 23 years of age at the first day of the event.

PRIZES WILL BE REWARDED ONLY TO TEAMS WHO ATTEND THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY, AND REPRESENTED BY THEMSELVES.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see Fundamental Rule 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall provide at registration a valid third-party liability insurance policy, including cover when racing at the venue of the Championship, with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 Euros per event or the equivalent. This document shall be in French or English language. “Licence Club FFVoile” provides such coverage.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 By sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of The World Championship VIPER Catamaran 2014 in which the competitor competes and in all material related to the World Championship VIPER Catamaran 2014 without any compensation.
- 20.2 Boats may be required to carry positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 For further information please contact vipers2014@cvberquy.org or visit our website www.cvberquy.org.
- 21.2 Competitors shall make their own accommodation arrangements. The following link to the Erquy Tourist Office gives access to hotels, apartments and camping sites:
http://www.erquy-tourisme.com/Locations-de-vacances-gites-erquy_9.html
- 21.3 A dedicated area for camping cars is located next to the 2014 VIPER Worlds Village. Please inform us if you would you like to reserve a space.

We wish you a pleasant 2014 VIPER World Championship!