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5th Annual Dinghy Challenge Cup

Viper 640 Gulf Coast Championship

September 15-16, 2018

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NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), this notice of race, the sailing instructions, and the following rules for the respective participating classes.

- Viper 640 International Class Association
- Club 420 Association
- International Laser Class Association
- International Sunfish Class Association
- International Finn Association
- RS Aero Class Association
- International Optimist Dinghy Association

2. Eligibility

2.1 Classes: Viper 640 – Gulf Coast Championship Event, Finn – GYA Finn Circuit #4, Laser & Laser Radial – GYA Circuit Event #5, Aero, Sunfish, Optimist (red, white, blue, and green fleets) – GYA Circuit Event #4, Club 420 (with spinnaker and trapeze), and/or any other class with three or more boats. There will be a Portsmouth class for boats of all classes less than 3 boats.

2.2 Dinghy Challenge Cup: Each competing team is limited to one boat in each of the following classes: Optimist, Club 420 (with spinnaker), Viper 640, and singlehanded dinghy. A team may enter one of the following classes as a singlehanded dinghy: Finn, RS Aero, Sunfish, Laser full rig, Laser radial. Dinghy Challenge Cup scoring counts the best 3 in each race. Teams need only have three of the above classes to enter the Dinghy Challenge Cup and teams with 4 will discard their highest score for each race..

3. Entry:

3.1 Registration will be held online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17336> by 2000 on September 14, 2018, or at Pontchartrain Yacht Club on September 15, 2018 beginning at 0900, in the Regatta Room.

3.2 For Dinghy Challenge Cup classes of boats participating on a team, unlimited substitution of skipper and/or crew is allowed between individual races.

4. Entry Fees:

4.1 Optimist and Optimist Green: \$35.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$40.00.

4.1 Viper 640: **Before 9/1/2018:** \$85.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$90.00.

9/1/2018 and later: \$100 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$105.

4.3 All other entries: \$45.00 US Sailing Membership number required, otherwise \$50.00.

4.4 Fees may be paid online using a credit card, or in the Regatta Room Saturday, September 10, by credit card, cash, or check payable to Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

5. Schedule of Events:

Saturday September 15, 2018

0900 - 1030 Registration

1030 Skipper's Meeting - At the meeting the Optimist PRO will announce a time and meeting place for the Opti sailors to have another meeting before going on the water.

1125 Warning signal for all classes.

1700 Dinner (included in registration for participants) and music by the Ched Reeves Trio.

Sunday September 16, 2018

1025 Warning Signal for all classes, additional races to follow. No warning signal after 1400.

Awards ceremony will be as soon as possible following the conclusion of all races.

6. Number of Races:

The race committee will attempt as many races as possible each day.

6.1 Dinghy Challenge Cup

The first 5 races of the Dinghy Challenge Cup fleets will count towards Dinghy Challenge Cup scoring.

7. Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration desk.

8. Venue: The sailing area will be in Lake Pontchartrain east of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway and south of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club, in the vicinity of mark M-1.

9. Penalty System: For all classes, Appendix V applies.

10. Scoring:

10.1 One (1) completed race will constitute a regatta.

10.2 Fleet Scoring

When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

10.3 Dinghy Challenge Cup Scoring

The first five fleet races shall count towards the Dinghy Challenge Cup with no discard. Each team's score for each race shall be the sum of the finishing scores of the best three team boats in the race.

10.4 The Portsmouth and singlehanded Dinghy Challenge Cup fleets will use the DP-N rating as published at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/portsmouth-precalculated-classes/> where applicable.

There will be no correction for wind speed.

11. Disclaimer 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.

12. Contact:

Pontchartrain Yacht Club General Manager: 985-626-3192 office@pontyc.org

13. Lodging:

Area Hotels

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| Comfort Inn & Suites | Covington, LA 985-809-1234 |
| Courtyard Marriot | Covington, LA 985-871-0244 |
| Hampton Inn | Covington, LA 985-809-0019 |
| Holiday Inn & Suites | Covington, LA 985-893-3580 |
| Homewood Suites | Covington, LA 985-809-6144 |
| La Quinta Inn & Suites | Covington, LA 985-871-0356 |
| Super 8 | Covington, LA 985-892-4470 |

Bed & Breakfast

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| Mar Villa Guest House | Mandeville, LA 985-626-5975 http://www.marvilla.com |
| Pontchartrain Winds | Mandeville, LA 985-727-2444 http://www.pontchartrainwinds.com |
| Blue Heron B & B | Mandeville, LA 985-373-8902 http://www.blueheronmandevillela.com |

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