



SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
2023 Snipe North American Championship
October 20-22, 2023

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club in cooperation with
the US Snipe Class International Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and (b).

All times are US Eastern Daylight Time.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and as modified by the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC) specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC)
- 1.3. The Deeds of Gift as revised by the SCIRA International Board:
<https://www.snipe.org/70-the-class/312-scira-deeds-of-gift>
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T will apply

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 2.2. Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. COMMUNICATION

The official online notice board is located on the regatta website
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/B2jGD66b2W/#notice-board>

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 4.2. Eligible skippers must enter by completing the online registration at
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/B2jGD66b2W/class>
- 4.3. Skipper and crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship by doing one of the following:
 - 4.3.1. Present a current Class Membership Card, or SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
 - 4.3.2. Shows as a current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 4.4. Crews using borrowed or chartered boats must comply with Snipe class rule C.10.3 (b) to be considered a valid entry: Crews may use the sail number of any hull for which dues for the current year have been paid. In the case of a duplicate number, the owner of said number takes preference over the borrower/charterer.
- 4.5. An entry will become valid after the online registration form has been completed (which validates skipper and crew SCIRA membership), the entry fee has been paid, the measurement sheet has been completed and signed by the organizing authority, charter/borrowed boat insurance verified (if appropriate), and the skipper has completed onsite check-in.
- 4.6. [DP] The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the SCIRA representative.
- 4.7. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the SCIRA Representative. Once a crew has been excused, they may not return for the balance of the series. Crew changes will be posted on the official notice board.



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5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$275 USD. Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, October 18, at midnight.
- 5.2. There is a \$75 USD discount to Junior Teams (both skipper and crew 22 years of age or younger on December 31, 2023. Proof of age is required.
- 5.3. Entry fee includes a light breakfast each day, Saturday dinner, and Sunday Awards BBQ (immediately following racing and pack-up).
- 5.4. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee may be applied.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration and measurement, Thursday, October 19 – 1800 Arrival and measurement (by appointment only)
- 6.2. Racing Schedule:
- 6.3. Friday, October 20- 0900 Competitors' meeting
- 6.4. Friday, October 20, 1100, Warning Signal for first race of the day
- 6.5. Saturday, October 21, 1030, Warning Signal for first race of the day
- 6.6. Sunday, October 22, 1030, Warning Signal for first race of the day
- 6.7. Awards to Follow Racing
- 6.8. Maximum number of races to be sailed per day is 2
- 6.9. Six(6) races total are scheduled.

7. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 7.1. Measurement will take place adjacent to the sailing center hoists and sail measurement inside the pavillion
- 7.2. All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with SCIRA or produce a valid measurement certificate and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Organizing Authority.
- 7.3. All boats shall be presented for inspection during the scheduled measurement to include at a minimum the following: sails (2 mainsails and 2 jibs maximum), paddle, 15m long/8mm diameter towline, personal flotation devices, corrector weight location, mast step, daggerboard safety line/retaining system and rudder retaining system.
- 7.4. Boats and equipment shall be presented in a dry, clean and salt-free condition for inspection and weigh-in.
- 7.5. All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than October 18, 2023 on the official notice board. A copy will be available at registration.
- 8.2. Any change to the sailing instructions or this Notice of Race will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Races will be sailed on the Lafayette River.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses as published in the SCIRA Rulebook or web site.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her races excluding her worst score when six (6) or more scored races have been completed. *This changes RRS A2.1*



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12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats and personnel shall register on the Clubspot website, within the limits specified in NOR 4.1, to the Organizing Authority that will assign an identification to be visible on the boat throughout the event.
- 12.2. Support personnel wishing to dock support boats at SSC must contact the Organizing Authority to arrange for storage.
- 12.3. At the warning signal, support boats must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions. After the starting signal, support boats may follow the fleet, but must remain on the sides of the course outside the racing area and must stay 50 meters from any mark.
- 12.4. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction or any type of outside assistance from support boats from the time of her warning signal until she has finished the race.
- 12.5. Support boats must have a working VHF radio turned on at all times while on the water and monitoring the race channel identified by the Race Committee.
- 12.6. Competitors, coaches and support personnel shall not operate drones within 500m of the racing area.

13. PORTABLE EQUIPMENT & RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 A boat may carry a handheld VHF radio for emergency purposes. This changes Class Rules C 5.1 (a).
- 13.2 Except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication. This includes mobile phones.

14. PRIZES

At a minimum, prizes will be awarded to:

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the first five placing teams.
- 14.2. The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper. 16.3 Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top crew.
- 14.3. The Chuck Loomis Trophy will be awarded to the top Junior team. 16.6 An award will be presented to the top women's team.
- 14.4. An award will be presented to the top Master skippers. Master's categories as follows:
- 14.5. Master Junior Division (50-60 years)
- 14.6. Master Senior Division (61-70 years)
- 14.7. Grand Master Division (71-80 years)
- 14.8. Master Legends Division (81 years old and onwards)
- 14.9. An award will be presented to the owner of the oldest Snipe competing at the event. 16.8 Other prizes may be awarded.
- 14.10. Daily prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. All competitors competing in borrowed or chartered boats, regardless of whether a fee is charged, shall purchase SCIRA US Charter Boat Insurance for \$40 as described on the event website charter boat section. Borrowed boat insurance can be purchased on <http://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/BlnCBkBbXa/class>
- 16.2. The completed form and proof of payment must be presented at registration.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to SCIRA, the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- 18.1. At least the top two eligible US boats will qualify for the 2024 Snipe Worlds
- 18.2. Additional boats may qualify as prescribed by the SCIRA USA procedures for qualification for international events.



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19. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

19.1. Regatta Chair: Duffy Danish

19.2. PRO Jay Kehoe

19.3. Duffy Danish, OA Representative

19.4. Evan Hoffmann, US National Sec. & SCIRA Representative (760) 201-7531, nextgensnipesailing@gmail.com