



2026 US Snipe Masters National Championship

Lake Norman Yacht Club
297 Yacht Road, Mooresville, NC 28117
September 25 – 27, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority for this event is Lake Norman Yacht Club in cooperation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association.

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 rule 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the SCIRA *Rules of Conduct for Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas* with the following exceptions of note:
- 1.2. The RRS are changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1. Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: “Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window.”
 - 1.2.2. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”.
 - 1.2.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B and rule 63.1 are deleted.
 - 1.2.4. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: “A boat that has not met the definition of *start* 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
 - 1.2.5. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident will be in effect.
- 1.3. SCIRA Rules of Conduct are changed as follows:



- 1.3.1. 4.2: Add the following: "A third race may be run on any day if less than 2 races were completed on any previous day or the forecast for subsequent days suggests completion of 2 races is unlikely."
- 1.3.2. 5.1: Add the following: "The length of the first leg of the course may be less than 0.5 miles. The race committee will target longer legs but reserves the right to use shorter courses as dictated by wind speed and direction."
- 1.3.3. 5.2: "60-75 minutes" is changed to "45-60 minutes".

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://lakenormanyc.org/regatta/LhLTOfvdKd> no later than September 23, 2026.
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions 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.

3. COMMUNICATION

The official notice board is located at the Race Management Center (RMC). Information will also be posted online at <https://lakenormanyc.org/regatta/LhLTOfvdKd>.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to SCIRA registered boats (i.e., with up-to-date SCIRA sticker) 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 teams may enter by registering at:
<https://lakenormanyc.org/regatta/LhLTOfvdKd>.
- 4.3. The skipper of the boat shall be at least 45 years of age as of December 31, 2025. The combined age of the skipper and crew shall be at least 80 years as of December 31, 2025.
- 4.4. The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the SCIRA Representative. A request 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.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees prior to 1000, Friday, September 25.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fee: \$200.
- 5.2. Registration Fees paid after September 1, 2026 will be assessed an additional \$50.



6. SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, September 24	1600	Check in	LNYC 2 nd Deck
Friday, September 25	1000	Competitors Meeting	LNYC 2 nd Deck
	1200	Warning Signal 1st race of day	Lake Norman
Saturday, September 26	1100	Warning Signal 1st race of day	Lake Norman
Sunday September 27	1100	Warning Signal 1st race of day	Lake Norman
	1400	No Races will start after 1400	Lake Norman
		Awards to follow	

7. VENUE

Racing will be in the vicinity of Lake Norman Yacht Club.

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed are the class approved courses as published in the SCIRA web site and described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. RACES AND SCORING

- 9.1. 6 races are scheduled.
- 9.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 9.3. 2 races per day of 45-60 minutes are anticipated. A third race may be run on any day if less than 2 races were completed on any previous day or the forecast for subsequent days suggests completion of 2 races is unlikely. Race times outside the 45-60 minute range are not considered grounds for redress.
- 9.4. The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply.
- 9.5. If fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the sum of her individual race scores. If 6 races are completed a boat's series score shall be the sum of her individual scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 9.6. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window.



10. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1. [NP]/[DP] All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed. In the event the owner has not received the 2026 decal, the boat must have a 2026 registration in the class database.
- 10.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the Organizing Authority for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

11. RISK STATEMENT

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.

12. INSURANCE

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. The US Masters Championship Trophy shall be awarded to the highest placing team in which both the skipper and crew are either citizens or residents of the United States for at least one (1) year. If a team with a skipper and/or crew from a country other than the United States wins the event, that team will be considered the event winner but would not be the US Masters Champions.
- 13.2. Prizes will be given to the following:
 - 13.2.1. Overall winner of the series
 - 13.2.2. Apprentice Master's Division (45-54 years)
 - 13.2.3. Masters Division (55-64 years)
 - 13.2.4. Grand Masters Division (65-74 years)
 - 13.2.5. Masters Legend Division (75+)



14. REGATTA CHAIRS

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. **ENTRY FEE INCLUDES** T shirt for skipper and crew, Thursday welcome reception, breakfast each morning, lunch each day, heavy appetizers with beer and wine on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please indicate shirt size(s) for skipper and crew. Those registering after September 1, 2026 may not get a regatta T shirt.

2. ONSHORE ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity	Location
Thursday, Sept 24	1600	Welcome Reception	LNYC 2 nd Deck
Friday, Sept 25	0800	Continental Breakfast	LNYC 2 nd Deck
	1700	Reception	LNYC 2 nd Deck
Saturday, Sept 26	0800	Continental Breakfast	LNYC 2 nd Deck
	1700	Reception	LNYC 2 nd Deck
Sunday, Sept 27	0800	Continental Breakfast	LNYC 2 nd Deck

3. LODGING TRANSPORTATION

- 3.1. **Lodging:** There are several chain hotel options at exits 33, 35 and 36 (Mooresville, NC) off I-77. These are approximately 8-9 miles from the club. There are also many short-term rentals available in the area.
- 3.2. **Camping:** Camping is welcome on the grounds of Lake Norman Yacht Club. Campers are invited to use the showers and restroom facilities. If coming by RV, there are no hook-ups and parking is at the main clubhouse parking lot only, in designated areas. Lake Norman requires adherence to the following:
 - 3.2.1. Non-members of LNYC are not allowed to bring dogs on club grounds
 - 3.2.2. Open fires are not permitted on the club grounds during club events or regatta weekends.
- 3.3. Limited Member-provided housing may be available upon request. Please contact the event chairs for further details.
- 3.4. Limited Member camper use may be available upon request. Please contact the event chairs for further details.



3.5. **Airports:** Charlotte International Airport (CLT) is located south of Lake Norman and is a 38-mile drive to Lake Norman Yacht Club (approximately 45-60 minutes). Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (JQF) is located south-east of Lake Norman and is a 32-mile drive to Lake Norman Yacht Club (approximately 45-50 minutes).

4. DIRECTIONS

4.1. **GPS:** 297 Yacht Road, Mooresville, NC

4.2. From I-77 (northbound or southbound), take exit 35, Brawley School Road. Go WEST on Brawley School Road approximately 7 miles to the roundabout/traffic circle. Take the second exit off the roundabout to remain on Brawley School Road. Go about 0.5 miles from the roundabout. Turn left on Yacht Road. The entrance to Lake Norman Yacht Club is 0.9 miles on the left.

5. STORAGE

Boats may be stored at LNYC until the Frigid Digit or the Halloween. Please complete the LNYC Boat Storage Waiver prior to leaving. The waiver form will be available in the Notice Board of the event registration page on Clubspot.