



NOTICE OF RACE

SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

North American Snipe Championship

Birney Mills Memorial Trophy

Kim Thompson Perpetual Trophy

Chuck Loomis Trophy

August 28–30, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Sail Newport, in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

Amendment No. 1 (issued 04 Aug 2026): additions are shown underlined in red and deletions are shown ~~struck through~~.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC), available at <https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RoC-0220251231-Clean-copy.pdf>
- 1.3 The Deed of Gift, available at <https://www.snipe.org/deed-of-gifts/>.
- 1.4 [NP][DP] No drones are allowed closer than 500 m from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This does not apply to OA drones.
- 1.5 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3(a).
- 1.6 The US Sailing national prescriptions that apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

- 1.7 Parts V1 and V2 of RRS Appendix V (a US Sailing prescription) will apply.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 If there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.10 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in and did not see the incident.”
- 1.11 For this event only, Snipe Class rule C.5.1 (a) is modified by adding a handheld VHF radio as permitted optional equipment. OCS calls will not be made over the radio.
- (a) The RC intends to broadcast safety information (as needed) via VHF radio. All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio for this event.
- (b) Pursuant to RRS 87, this change was approved by the SCIRA Technical Committee, 19 July 2026. Written permission of the change will be posted on the ONB.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 0900 on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FYlfBiev6U/#notice-board>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FYlfBiev6U/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 WhatsApp Group: The Organizing Authority and Race Committee will use a competitor WhatsApp group for event communications and updates; communications made on the group are official. It is strongly advised that one representative from each boat join using this link: [2026 Snipe North Americans - Competitor Announcements](#)

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/FYlfBiev6U/class>.
- (a) The entry deadline is Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 1700.
- (b) Entries may be accepted after the deadline only with approval by the OA on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.3 Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. Completed registration includes payment of the entry fee.
- 4.4 No skipper and crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they are shown as a member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 4.5 A helmsperson shall be designated in the entry form.
- 4.6 The designated helmsperson must be at the helm while racing except in the event of an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew.
- 4.7 All entrants shall be approved by the National Secretary affiliated with the skipper.

5 ~~[NP][SP]~~ ADVERTISING

5.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

5.2 Boats will be required to display bow numbers, to be supplied by the OA. Bow numbers will be installed by the TC (or designee).

6 FEES

6.1 The entry fee is \$390. Entries received after July 19, 2026 will be subject to a late entry fee of \$450.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Through July 19, 2026	100% less \$50 administrative fee (\$340 refunded)
July 20 – August 21, 2026	100% less \$100 administrative fee (\$290 refunded)
After August 21, 2026	No refund

7 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
August 26	By Appointment	Equipment Inspection
Thursday August 27	1300–1700	Registration
Friday August 28	0800–0930	Late registration and inspection
	1000 <u>0930</u>	Competitor's Meeting (<u>Jason Titunik Racing Education Center, 60 Fort Adams Dr.</u>)
	1200	First Warning Signal (2 races planned)
Saturday August 29	1100	First Warning Signal (3 races planned)
Sunday August 30	1100	First Warning Signal (2 races planned)
	1400	Latest warning signal
	1600	Awards Presentation

7.1 Registration: Thursday, August 27, 2026, 1300-1700. Late registration: Friday, August 28, 2026, 0800–0930 .One representative per boat is required to attend registration.

7.2 Initial Equipment Inspection: Thursday, August 27, 2026, 0900–1700, on-site.

7.3 The first warning signal is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2026 at 1200.

7.4 7 races are scheduled. No more than 3 races shall be sailed per day.

7.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 [DP] Initial Equipment Inspection: All boats and personal equipment shall be presented for inspection including sails and ~~personal flotation devices~~ safety equipment during the scheduled inspection. Boats shall be presented in a dry, clean, and salt-free condition. Sails shall be presented already certified. The Technical Committee or Race Committee may extend the Initial Equipment Inspection time.
- 8.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 8.3 [NP][DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 Races will be sailed in Narragansett Bay.
- 9.2 The regatta will be hosted at Sail Newport, 72 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI 02840.
- 9.3 [NP] [DP] Refer to Site Map for registration and inspection areas(s); authorized launching area; boat, dolly and trailer storage areas; and locations of meetings and social events.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses as published on the [SCIRA website](#).

11 SCORING

- 11.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 Between the preparatory signal and the starting signal, support person vessels must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line. After the starting signal, support person vessels ~~may follow the fleet, but~~ must remain outside of the racing course, and stay 50 meters from any mark or any boat racing, unless authorized by the RC to assist in an emergency.
- 12.2 Each support person vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, killcord, and a basic first aid kit.
- 12.3 Support persons shall register at the Regatta Office including the competitors related to him/her, and all support person vessels shall be identified using flags provided by the OA (which shall be returned at the end of the event).
- 12.4 **Minors**
- 12.4.1 All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition Support person).

- 12.4.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 12.4.3 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 12.4.4 Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative who will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 12.4.5 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on shore activities before, during, and after the races.

13 DATA PROTECTION AND RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 13.1 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.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
- 14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledge that:
 - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top ~~three-five (5)~~ teams, the top Junior team, and the top Master team. Additional prizes ~~will~~ may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.2 The following perpetual trophies, governed by their respective Deeds of Gift (snipe.org/deed-of-gifts), will be awarded: the Birney Mills Memorial Trophy and the Kim Thompson Perpetual Trophy to the North American Champion, and the Chuck Loomis Memorial Perpetual Trophy to the top Junior team.

16 QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- 16.1 ~~The top Woman skipper from North America (can be any gender crew) will qualify for the SCIRA Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship in Porto Alegre, Brazil, October 11–17, 2027. The top Woman and Junior skippers from North America will qualify for the SCIRA Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship; venue and dates to be determined at a later date.~~

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1 For further information please contact Diarmaid Desmond, Regatta Chair, Sail Newport — regattas@sailnewport.org

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

(Not part of the Notice of Race)

SOCIAL: **Friday evening** — Light social at Sail Newport. Heavy appetizers with bar service included.
Saturday evening — Hawaiian BBQ and Bar
Sunday — Pizza.

REGATTA WEBSITE: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FYlfBiev6U/>

SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE: Carol Cronin — cansail1@gmail.com

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sail Newport is committed to maximizing our sustainability practices and limiting our environmental impact. We work closely with sailors, regatta competitors, sponsors and partners to keep our ocean clean.



LEED-COMPLIANT HEADQUARTERS



SOLAR POWER



RAIN WATER HARVESTING



RECYCLE



GREEN TEAM



STRAW FREE CAMPUS



NO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES



COMPOSTIBLE FOODWARE



LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD



OCEAN CONSERVATION EDUCATION



PAPERLESS REGATTA MANAGEMENT



ELECTRIC GPS-CONTROLLED MARKS



PROVISION WITHOUT PLASTIC



REUSEABLE ICE PACKS



COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS