

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

US SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

US Snipe Women's National Championship

The US Women's Nationals Trophy

Aug 22 – 23, 2026

Mission Bay Yacht Club
1215 El Carmel Place
San Diego, CA 92109

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee (Changes rule RRS 63.1, A4 and A5) without a hearing.

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

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/images/2021/SCIRA_2021_Rules_of_Conduct_final.pdf.

1.3 The Deed of Gift.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall be approved by the SCIRA Representative.

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3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board of the regatta website at <https://snipeusa.com/regatta/BJTaKL2Yf4>.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising, if provided, by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Main Clubhouse flagpole.

5.2 When the "AP" race signal is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes in the race signal "AP". This changes Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing:

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	
Aug 21, 2026	Afternoon	Practice Racing
Aug 22, 2026	1200	Racing
Aug 23, 2026	1200	Racing

6.2 Six races are planned, three per day. Three races constitute a regatta. Six races are required for a throwout.

6.3 There will be a competitor meeting 1030 on Saturday, Aug 22, 2026, at the MBYC flagpole.

6.4 There will be a mandatory coaches meeting immediately following the competitors meeting.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag.

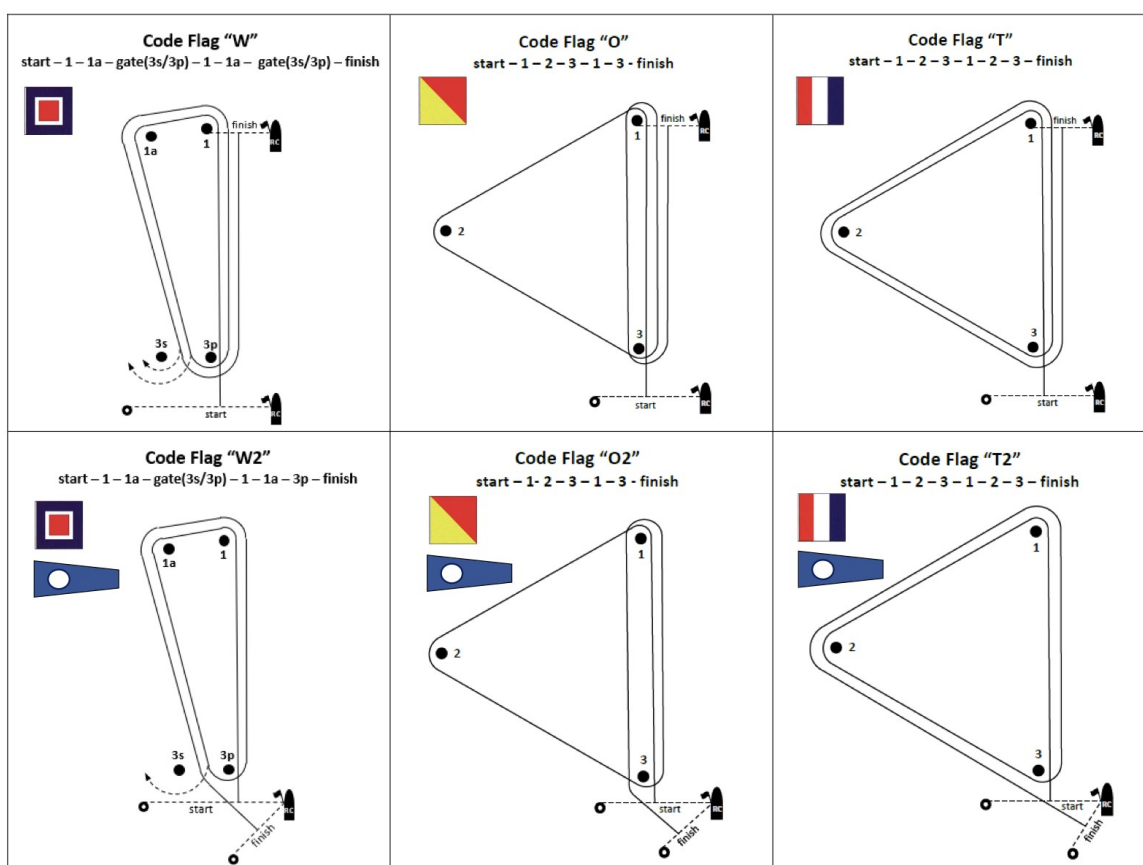
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8 RACING AREAS

8.1 The Racing Area location is Sail Bay on Mission Bay.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed. All course marks (except gates) shall be left to port.



9.2 The course signal (code flag "W", "T", "O", "W2", "T2" or "O2") shall be hoisted with one sound at last one minute before the warning signal. It will remain displayed for not less than five minutes after the start.

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9.3 If during a race the wind and/or wave action changes to the point where the selected course would be inadvisable (See Course Selection Diagram), the Race Committee shall change the course at any mark. A change of the type of course during the race shall be signaled displaying the new appropriate flag and accompanied by repetitive sounds before the leading boat has passed or rounded the mark.

9.4 A sustained wind variation of 20 degrees or more during the first leg of a race shall result in the race being abandoned and re-sailed. This changes the RRS 32.1.

9.5 A sustained wind variation of 40 degrees during the first lap shall result in the race being abandoned and re-sailed. For the purpose of this rule, a lap means the rounding of mark 3 (or passing the gate 3s-3p) for the first time. This changes the RRS 32.1.

9.6 The number of legs in a race may be reduced (RRS code flag S) but at least 2 (two) windward legs of the course shall be completed. This changes the RRS 32.2.

9.7 The wind speed ranges at a preparatory signal shall be no less than 5 knots and not exceed 18 knots or in accordance with the Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championships and the applicable Deed of Gift. This changes rule 32.1.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 3s and 3p will be orange buoys. Mark 1a will be a white buoy.

10.2 The port-end starting mark will be: an orange flag displayed on a staff.

10.3 The finishing mark will be:

- mark 1 for "W", "O", and "T" courses
- blue flag displayed on a staff for "W2", "O2", and "T2" courses.

10.4 If one of the marks "gate 3s-3p" is not placed, or is not replaced as per RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes the RRS 34.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag at the port end.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Appendices A4 and A5.

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12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 After the completion of first windward leg of the race the remaining legs may be increased or decreased by not more than 30% of the original length. This changes the RRS 33.

12.2 If Mark 1 is changed in courses "W" or "W2", then Mark 1a (offset) will no longer be a course mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The races will be managed to last 45-60 minutes for the first boat to finish. A different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (redress).

14.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 30 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 30 minutes the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this rule a lap means the rounding of Mark 3 (or passing the Gate 3s/3p) for the first time.

14.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish the race shall be 1 hour, 30 minutes. Any boat finishing more than 15 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.4 No race warning signals will be displayed after 1530 on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 Competitors shall notify the Race Committee of intent to file a protest after finishing the race.

15.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the race office, located at MBYC Junior Office. Hearings shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The filing time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks or signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the hearing time limit to inform competitors

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of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the MBYC Junior Clubhouse.

15.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Penalties for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification. This changes 64.2.

15.7 Per Appendix N2.2, SCIRA reserves for itself the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. SCIRA may refer any issue to the jury for advice.

15.8 For the purpose of RRS 64.4(b) the "authority responsible" is the Measurer of the event.

15.9 The Jury will abandon the race if, during a redress hearing, they conclude that the Race Committee did not follow Sailing Instructions 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, and 9.7. This changes the RRS 64.3.

15.10 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 29.1(OCS) or 30.1(OCS) or 30.2(ZPF) 30.3(UFD) will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

16 SCORING

16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. This complies with the Deed of Gift.

17 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the SCIRA Representative. Once a crew has been excused, she may not return for the balance of the series.

18.2 The same skipper shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if she is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced the first race shall be the race dropped or scored DNC.

18.3 [DP] Substitution of hull, sails, appendages, and rig will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the SCIRA Representative. Requests for substitution shall be made to the SCIRA Representative at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

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19 [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS

19.1 Coaches shall not communicate with competitors after the warning signal for any race until after the competitors have finished the race.

19.2 All coach and support boats shall have a radio and monitor channels 71 at all times while on the water.

19.3 Coaches and other competitors' support personnel shall not enter the racing area during the race. The Race Committee may initiate additional restrictions by posting on the Official Notice Board.

19.4 Penalties for breaking SI 19 maybe less than disqualification and may result in denial of access of the coach boat, if the protest committee so decides.

20 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 A boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that are not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee.

21 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee Vessels.

Don Bedford - Race Committee Chairman