



NOTICE OF RACE
SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
2026 US Snipe Women's National Championship
August 22-23, 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Mission Bay Yacht Club in cooperation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 SCIRA USA and Mission Bay Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC).
- 1.4 The SCIRA USA Women's Nationals Trophy Deed of Gift.
- 1.5 RRS 30.4 Black Flag Rule will not be used.
- 1.6 RRS 32.1 will be changed so that a sustained wind variation of 20 degrees or more from the posted bearing during the first leg of a race shall result in abandoning the race and re-sailing the race, if possible.
- 1.7 RRS 32.1 will be changed so that a sustained variation of 40 degrees or more off the posted bearing during the first lap shall result in that race being abandoned and re-sailed, if possible. For the purpose of this rule, a lap means rounding of downwind mark for the first time.
- 1.8 RRS 32.2 will be changed to require at least two windward legs before shortening course.
- 1.9 RRS 33 will be changed so that after completion of the first windward leg of the race the remaining legs may be increased or decreased by not more than 30% of the original length. Marks may be moved to reorient the course due to wind shifts without signaling as long as no boats have rounded the preceding mark.
- 1.10 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within **15** minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.11 RRS 61.2 is modified so the protest must be submitted within the protest time limit.
- 1.12 RRS 63.7 is modified so the time limit is reduced to 1 hour after being informed of the decision.
- 1.13 Per the Deed of Gift, preparatory signal shall not be displayed when the wind velocity exceeds a steady 18 knots.
- 1.14 In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ADVERTISING:

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be requested to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.



3 ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member female skippers and female crews who are in good standing for the current year.
- 3.2 Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing and approved at the discretion of the SCIRA representative.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fee shall be \$125 if paid on or before August 1 and \$150 if paid after.
- 4.2 Entry fee includes Saturday regatta dinner and regatta apparel for competitors. Guest dinner tickets may be purchased for \$40 at the event.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Check-in and Onsite Registration:
Friday August 21, 1300-1700
Saturday August 22, 0900-1030.
- 5.2 Practice Racing: Friday August 21, mid-afternoon.
- 5.3 Schedule of Races: Saturday August 22 and Sunday August 23. Six races are planned, three per day, 1200 warning. **Three (amended 8/18/2026)** races constitute a regatta. Six races are required for a throwout.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 No onsite measurement is planned. However, all boats may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate of hull or sails and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee.
- 6.2 All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed or **current registration is verifiable online via SCIRA boat lookup (amended 8/18/2026)**.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1000 Saturday August 22, posted on the Notice Board of the regatta website at <https://snipeusa.com/regatta/BJTaKL2Yf4>.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Races will be sailed on Mission Bay in San Diego, CA.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 RRS Appendix A Low Point Scoring System will apply.



11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each charter boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability and damage insurance.
- 11.2 Insurance for borrowed or chartered boats is available through SCIRA USA. Boats arranged via the Organizing Authority are required to purchase this insurance at <https://snipeusa.com/charter-boat-insurance> and provide confirmation at registration.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 12.2 This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Per RRS 3 Decision to Race, competitors in the regatta participate at their own risk. 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.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes shall be awarded for the top finishers and first under-30 (U30).



PRACTICAL INFORMATION (Not part of the Notice of Race)

VENUE

Mission Bay Yacht Club, 1215 El Carmel Place, San Diego CA 92109, 858-488-0501.
All races to be sailed on Mission Bay, typically sunny 75 degrees, sea breeze 5-10 mph.

ARRIVAL AND TRAILER PARKING

Competitor boats may arrive up to one week prior to the regatta and remain up to one week after. Upon arrival, please sign-in at the MBYC front office and obtain a trailer parking tag. Guest trailers are requested to park along the West and North fences.

NOTE: Dogs are not allowed on MBYC property. Tent camping or camper parking are not permissible at MBYC or Mission Bay parks.

PRE-REGATTA

Competitors and guests are invited to arrive early and participate in MBYC club activities:

Thursday, August 20 1800 TNT evening race on Mission Bay.

Friday, August 21 MBYC no-host dinner. Reservations required in the main dining room or open seating in the bar.

REGATTA SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 22, 1700 regatta dinner with 1800-2100 onsite entertainment. Guest dinner tickets may be purchased for \$40 at registration..

Sunday, August 21, mid-afternoon awards presentation.

CHARTER BOAT REQUESTS

A limited number of boats will be available for charter. Paid registration is required prior to charter boat assignment. Purchase of SCIRA charter boat insurance will be confirmed during onsite check-in. Chartering competitors are expected to supply their own sails.

HOUSING REQUESTS

A limited number of home or boat stays may be available from MBYC and Snipe fleet members.

REGATTA CONTACTS

Co-Chairs Grace Fang (gracedotfang@gmail.com) and Bob Bowden (bobbysue33@aol.com)

Principal Race Officer and SCIRA Representative Don Bedford

Jury Chairman Doug Hart

Charter Boat and Housing Requests Grace Fang (gracedotfang@gmail.com)

REGATTA WEBSITE <https://snipeusa.com/regatta/BJTaKL2Yf4>