



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
International Snipe Class **Pacific Coast Championships**

September 12-13, 2026
San Diego, CA, USA

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. San Diego Yacht Club, in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA) will be the Organizing Authority.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the notice board located on the east facing wall (facing the water) of the Burnham Sailing Center and posted on Clubspot.
- 3.2 There will be a Competitors' Meeting at 1000 on Saturday Sep12, 2026, at the Star Hoist at San Diego Yacht Club.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the San Diego Yacht Club Flagpole located on the Sailwash Lawn.
- 5.2 When the race signal AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP definition. This changes Race Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Towing at SDYC will begin each day at 1030 and will receive boats in the fairway just outside the B/C dock basin/launch ramp. Each tow will accommodate 6-8 boats max.
- 6.2 The scheduled warning for the first race of each day is 1200.
- 6.3 On the final scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.
- 6.4 The regatta shall consist of seven (7) scheduled races.

7 CLASS FLAG

The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag, a Snipe silhouette on a white background.

8 RACING AREAS

The Starting Area will be in the Coronado Roads approx. 2.0 nm southeast from the end of Zuniga Jetty.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be selected from the diagrams shown in Attachment 1- Courses, including the approximate angles between legs and 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(s) "W" or "W2" shall be hoisted at least one minute before the warning signal. It will remain displayed for not less than five minutes after the start.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 3s and 3p will be red cones.
- 10.2. The offset mark (1a) will be a green tetrahedron.
- 10.3. The pin end of the start line will be a white cylinder.
- 10.4. The finish mark will be either the course side of mark 1 or a pink tetrahedron.
- 10.5. New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.6. If one of the marks "gate 3s-3p" is not placed, or is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes the RRS 34.

11. CHECK-IN

- 11.1. Before the warning signal of the first race of each day all racing boats are required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of a Race Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag "L" in the designated starting area, and verbally check in with their sail number. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check-in has been officially noted.
- 11.2. Any boat failing to check in in accordance with instruction 11.1 will receive without a hearing a scoring penalty in the first race which that boat sails in that day equal to 10% of the number of entrants. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 & A5.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a white cylinder located on the port end.
- 12.2. Any boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Appendix A4 and A5.
- 12.3. [NP] To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2. If Mark 1 will be changed in courses "W" or "W2", Mark 1a (offset) will no longer be a course mark.
- 13.3. Any adjustment of any leg of the course, while boats are racing, by moving mark(s) +/- 010° in bearing and/or +/- 0.1 nm in length will not be considered a change of course and the requirements of RRS 33 will not apply. This changes RRS 33.

- 13.4. The number of legs of a Course can be shortened but only after two windward legs have been completed. The length of the legs may be changed as provided under RRS 33(b). The length of a leg, however, may not be shortened or lengthened by more than 30% of the original leg length. This changes RRS 32 & 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The races will be managed to last 50-60 minutes for the first boat to finish. A request for redress that is based on a different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will be invalid. This adds to rule 61.3. (RoC 5.1 mod)
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 40 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 40 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. (RoC 12)
- 15.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish the race shall be 1 hour, 30 minutes. (RoC 12.1)
- 15.4 Any boat still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or failing to finish within 2 hours from the start, whichever is shorter shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. (RoC 12.2)

16 SCORING

- 16.1 When five (5) or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.
- 16.2 When six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 A boat intending to retire and be scored "RET" shall report its intent in writing to the Jury.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Appendix T – ARBITRATION is in effect.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal vessel docks.
- 17.3 Request for Hearing forms are available at the physical Notice Board, or at the Dockside Room, or through the Official Notice Board. Requests for Hearing and Requests for Redress or Reopening shall be delivered to the Dockside Room within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.4 RRS 60.3 is modified to add the additional requirement: A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C at the finish of that race.
- 17.5 Hearings will be heard by an Arbitrator, and if necessary, a protest committee on Sunday afternoon only. The approximate order and time of hearings will be posted on event website and sent to individual emails provided on the Protest form and/or on regatta registration form. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with all parties and witnesses in order. The Arbitrator or Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.
- 17.6 [DP] Penalties for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification.
- 17.7 The Protest Committee will abandon the race if, during a redress hearing, they conclude that the Race Committee did not follow the SCIRA 2025 Rules of Conduct Amended 12 May, 2025. This changes the RRS 61.4(c).

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. Reference NoR 14 Risk Statement.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 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 Chairman. Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return for the balance of the series.
- 19.2 The same skipper shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he/she is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced the first race shall be the race dropped or scored DNC.
- 19.3 [DP] Substitution of hull, sails, appendages, and rig will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels in full compliance with NOR 12 will be designated as Race Committee approved spectator vessels and will be marked with numbered flags to be carried aboard and clearly displayed at all times on the course. (RoC #16)

21 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

22 [NP] [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL

A boat in the racing area that is not racing may place trash aboard support and Committee Vessels.

Attachment 1 – Courses

