
Happy New Year from the SCIRA US National Secretary

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Hello Snipe Sailors!

I want to wish everyone a happy new year and introduce myself to you all. First off, I am honored and humbled to have the privilege to serve as your National Secretary. I remain cautiously optimistic that 2021 will bring us more sailing and a world that is closer to normalcy.

A Bit About Me

As a lifelong Snipe sailor, I was introduced to the boat as a junior sailor in Mission Bay, San Diego and I continue to sail in events up and down the East Coast. Although I currently live in Richmond, VA, I consider myself a member of the Annapolis Fleet where I spend most of my summer weekends racing on the Chesapeake Bay. If you'd like to learn a bit more about me and my background in sailing the Snipe, I encourage you to check out this [interview](#) that was featured in SnipeToday, written by former SCIRA Commodore Pietro Fantoni. [Check out the article here.](#)

Why I'm Eager to Serve as Your National Secretary

In my opinion, Snipes are the premiere double-handed boats to sail in the United States and I believe that we are extremely well positioned to grow as a class when compared to other sailing options. I intend to help "move the needle" to ensure that the US Snipe Class remains a prominent figure in one design racing for many generations to come. I plan to enable the US Snipe class to sustain growth through active, demographically diverse sailors participating in local, regional and international Snipe class sailing activities, supported by a financially sound national organization.

To achieve this vision, I plan to implement a volunteer led strategy around three main initiatives:

1. Prioritize the **fiduciary and governance responsibilities** of the SCIRA US Board to enable long term support of Snipe sailors in the US and their eligibility for international competition by an increased focus on fundraising and financial efficiency.
2. Increase Snipe Class **sailing activities and participation** throughout the US by propagating what we've seen work in high-growth fleets to other fleets across the country.
3. Build a **sustainable membership base** around the US with enhanced focus on Women's and NextGen (post-collegiate, young professional, U30) snipe sailing by defining and communicating the value of SCIRA membership along with scheduling SCIRA USA backed Women's and NextGen challenges across the country.

Renew Your Membership Today!

SCIRA USA enables fair sailing (rules, equipment standards, etc.), schedules major regattas, maintains the website and communications, and so much more to make Snipe sailing possible in the United States. None of this would be possible without the income from your SCIRA membership. I encourage all of you to join or renew your membership to the Snipe class today to continue to support the sport that we all know and love! A portion of premium memberships are tax deductible and go towards the operations of the class. [Join or renew your membership here.](#)

Donate to Support SCIRA USA

In addition to renewing your membership, you can also support the class by making a tax-deductible donation to either the Annual Operations Fund or the Perpetual Fund. In short, the Annual Operations Fund goes towards supporting the operations of the class (website, membership management, regatta scheduling/support, etc.). The Perpetual Fund

supports the promotion of the snipe class to new snipe sailors as well as fleet development and U30 sailor initiatives. You can learn more detail about both of our [fundraising initiatives here](#).

Thank you again for your support of SCIRA USA and for continuing to make the Snipe the best boat to sail in the country! I welcome any questions and feedback you have for SCIRA USA and look forward to all of the new and old sailors and friends I'll have the chance to meet with along the way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan Hoffmann', written in a cursive style.

Evan Hoffmann

SCIRA US National Secretary

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