

The 52nd Annual Mystic Lake Open Snipe Regatta
At the Medford Boat Club Sept 19-20, 2026
Sailing Instructions

- The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including “Alternate Penalties’, appendix V.
- RRS Rule 60.4(a)(2) is replaced by the following: if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- Notice to competitors is posted on the MBC notice board.
- Signals made ashore will be on the Signal Boat.
- Race warning signal after postponement no less than 30 minutes after end of postponement made ashore.
- Race committee will attempt to notify boats who are OCS.
- Check-in is required for the first race of each day.
- Sailors must notify the Race Committee if not racing or if retiring.
- Starting line is an orange flag on committee boat and ball or buoy at end of line.
- 5-minute flag starts with horn.
- Courses will be posted on committee boat.
- Turning marks will be either fixed buoys or round floating marks, identified by color.
- Windward/leeward; Triangle; Olympic courses, with port rounding, unless otherwise announced.
- Finish line is flag on RC powerboat and ball or buoy.
- Course changes at leeward mark made from the Queen; C flag and horns with new windward mark posted.
- 1 race minimum; 9 race maximum.
- 1 throw-out awarded if 6 or more races are completed.
- Life jackets recommended; must be worn with flying of Y flag from Signal Boat.
- Race committee to be notified of intent to protest after each race and written protest submitted within 30 minutes of race committee finish boat docking.
- Sailing instructions may be changed on the water by verbally notifying all sailors and will be accompanied by an L flag and 1 horn.
- No race will start after 1400 hrs on Sunday.
- AWARDS:
 - First Place boat is awarded the Commodore James Hugh Fraser Trophy
 - Top 5 teams receive individual awards

- Fixed Buoys:
 - W – Winchester
 - B – Boulevard
 - R – Raphael
 - M – Medford
 - F – Fraser
 - A – Arlington
 - S – Swanson
 - L – Lally

