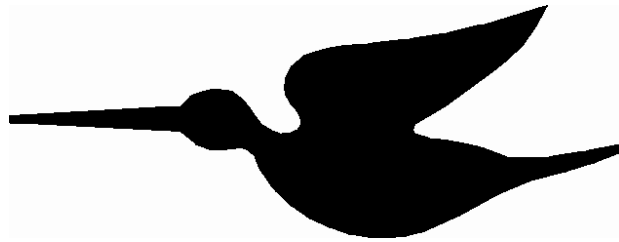


NOTICE OF RACE

Winchester Snipe (*and 420*) Invitational

July 25-26, 2026

Upper Mystic Lake - Winchester, MA



*"Serious Sailing,
Serious Fun!"*

Organizing Authority: Snipe Fleet 77

Hosting Club: Winchester Boat Club, 65 Cambridge St., Winchester, MA 01890

Rules: The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA), US Sailing RRS Appendix V (one-turn and post-race penalties), and the Sailing Instructions will apply. Courses will include dropped and/or fixed marks and starts will be 3-minute sound signals. In the event of a conflict among these, the Sailing Instructions shall supersede all others where permissible by the RRS.

Entry and Eligibility: ***FOR SNIPES:*** This regatta is open to SCIRA member boats and skippers, although non-members are encouraged to participate and join the class. Non-SCIRA-member boats and skippers are asked to join SCIRA before the event. Visit <https://snipeusa.com/> for details and to join. All boats are required to be registered with SCIRA and, if available, have a current Class decal (2026) properly displayed. Co-skipped boats are allowed.

FOR 420's: Racing for 420's is on Saturday only, and is open to sailors who do not own a Snipe. (Meaning, if you own a Snipe, please sail your Snipe and not a 420.) Off-lake 420's are asked to launch from the public ramp between the Mystic Lakes Dam and the Bacow/Tufts Sailing Pavilion, at the south end of the Upper Mystic Lake. Sailing will be on the same Saturday schedule and course as the Snipes, with separate starts. **Entry fee of \$50 per 420 team** includes breakfast and dinner on Saturday; see below for registration link.

Snipes for Loan: Looking to sail, but don't own a Snipe? A very limited number of privately-owned boats may be available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn about available options and borrowing logistics, please contact Art Rousmaniere at art.rousmaniere@gmail.com or 978-869-1689 (mobile/text), **before Monday, July 21st**.

420's for Loan: *For Winchester Boat Club members,* a limited number of Club-owned 420's are available to borrow on a first-come, first served basis. To reserve a WBC-owned 420 for the regatta, please contact Brian Murphy at brianmsailing@gmail.com or Kevin Hall at sailing@winchesterboatclub.com.

Registration and Meals: Regatta registration and extra dinners may be purchased through this ClubSpot link:

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For headcount purposes, please register on or before Tuesday, July 22nd (late registrants will be asked to make a \$25 donation to the Snipe U.S. Perpetual Fund). Please, no cash or checks: all payment transactions will be handled through ClubSpot, including late registrations and extra dinners purchased on-site. The \$100 Snipe entry fee includes breakfast (Saturday and Sunday) and dinner (Saturday only, BYOB) for skipper and crew. Lunch will not be provided for competitors, although Saturday dinner leftovers – if any – may be available after racing on Sunday.

Schedule:

Saturday, July 25 th :	9-11 AM: Check-in and late registration 11 AM: Competitors Meeting 12 NOON: First warning signal (Snipes, then 420's) As many races as the Race Committee chooses
Sunday July 26 th :	11:00 AM: First Race warning signal (Snipes only) As many races as the Race Committee chooses No starting sequence will be commenced after 2:30 PM

One Race shall constitute a series.

Visiting Snipes will be given priority at the boat ramp and hoists after racing on Sunday

Social:

Saturday, July 25th: 5 PM reception and 420 awards, 6 PM Dinner (BYOB) at WBC

Sunday, July 26th: Snipe awards at WBC as soon as possible following racing

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available no later than at registration.

Courses: At the discretion of the Race Committee using drop and/or and fixed marks.

Scoring: SCIRA Low Point Scoring as published in the SCIRA class Rules and same as RRS Appendix A4.

Winchester Boat Club: 65 Cambridge Street, Winchester, MA 01890

Principal Race Officer:

Ken Delpapa

Regatta Chair Contact:

John MacRae

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617-306-2394 (mobile/text)

Race area on Upper Mystic Lake showing original, lettered, fixed marks (some no longer in place, to be reviewed at Competitor's Meetings); drop marks also may be used.

Risk Statement: Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against the Organizing Authority, Winchester Boat Club, SCIRA USA, and all related officers, directors, members, committees, volunteers, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their negligence or any other misconduct, including without limitation breach of the Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision. A "Release and Indemnification" form must be signed and submitted at registration.

