

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
SNIPE INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
SNIPE WOMEN'S HEMISPHERE CUP
US WOMEN'S SNIPE NATIONALS

US SAILING CENTER
MIAMI NOVEMBER 13 – 16, 2025

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents that govern the event under RRS Definition Rule (g) are listed in Notice of Race.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix R, The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1, 88.2. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 The following Racing Rules are being amended in these Sailing Instructions: 27.1; 30.4; 32; 33; 35; 44.3(c); 61; 62.2; 63.7; Appendix A4; Appendix A5; Appendix A11; and Race Signals. 1.4 RRS 63.5(c) shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the first day of racing and by 0900 on the second day of racing, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions will have the prior approval of the PRO and the SCIRA Representative.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITOR

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta Notice Board or by phone to the number that was submitted on the competitors' registration form.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be notified verbally at the US Sailing Center proceeded by the audible signal (horn or whistle).
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than sixty (60) minutes.” This changes Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time of Warning Signal</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Thursday, November 13 | 18.00 - 19.00 | Registration |
| Friday, November 14 | 9.00-9.45 | Late Registration |
| | 10.15 | Competitor's Meeting |
| | 12.00 | First Signal for WHC |
| | 19.00 | Opening Party |
| Saturday November 15 | 9.00 – 9.45 | Registration for Nationals only teams |
| | 10.15 | Competitor's Meeting |
| | 12.00 | First Signal for WHC & US Nationals Races |
| | 19.30 | Regatta Dinner |
| Sunday, November 16 | 11.00 | First Signal for WHC & US Nationals Races |

5.2 Maximum of 4 races shall be sailed per day.

5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday, January 5, 2025

5.4 No more than seven (12) races are scheduled.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The Class Flag will be a white flag with the Snipe insignia/emblem.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The Racing Area location is on Biscayne Bay, northeast of the US Sailing Center.

8 MARKS

8.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be marks.

8.2 Start mark (Mark S) will be a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a mark boat at the pin end.

8.3 For course "W2D", a red ball will be set as an offset mark at Mark 1 (1 bis). In the event a single Mark 2 is established instead of a Gate (2s/2p) the single mark shall be left to port.

8.4 Mark 3 is a mark of the course when completing the second lap of course "T2D".

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and mark boat or buoy at the port end.

- 9.2 Boats starting later than five (5) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 Changing the next leg of the course will be in accordance with RRS 33 and the Race Committee will move the original mark.
- 10.2 If during a race the wind and/or wave action change to the point where the course would be inadvisable, the Race Committee can change the course to a “T2D” or “W2D” by displaying the appropriate course flag accompanied by repetitive sounds at any mark. This changes RRS 33. If the original course had a downwind finish, the changed course will have a downwind finish.
- 10.3 Shortening or lengthening the next leg of the course shall not be by more than 30% of the original leg length. This changes RRS 33.
- 10.4 The number of legs of the course shall not be reduced until after the second upwind leg. This changes RRS 32.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 For courses “W2D” and “T2D” the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of mark on the port end.

12 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be one (1) hour. Should the first boat fail to finish within the aforementioned time, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

- 12.2 Should the first boat fail to complete the first windward leg in 20 minutes, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.

- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4, and RRS Appendix A5.

13 PENALTIES

- 13.1 Any competitor taking a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 or 44.2 should notify the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race and should also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved.
- 13.2 A boat that did not finish shall be scored DNF by the Race Committee without a hearing and shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of finishers. This changes RRS Appendix A4.
- 13.3 The Race Committee Signal Boat will attempt to post the sail numbers of boats identified as OCS, UFD and BFD during the previous start. Failure to post will not be grounds for redress.

14 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, a competitor's intent to protest should be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.2 Protest forms will be available on the official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Appendix T is in effect (Arbitration).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Three races will constitute a series for the US Women's Nationals. One race shall constitute a series for the Hemisphere Cup.
- 15.2 The Low Point Scoring System will be used as amended by these SIs.
- 15.3 When fewer than five (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the sum of her individual race scores.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Each day, before the start of a competitor's first race of the day, each boat is required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat and verbally check in. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check-in has been officially noted. A boat failing to comply with the check-in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW:

- 17.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the SCIRA Representative.
- 17.2 Requests for the replacement of any member of the crew shall be submitted in writing to the SCIRA Representative prior to 0900 on the day the change is to take place. 18.4 Co-skippers are allowed subject to the restrictions of 18.1 and 18.2

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 The Race Committee may inspect competitors or boats at any time before or after racing. Equipment inspections may be initiated at the finish of any race.

19 COACH & SUPPORT BOATS:

- 19.1 Coach boats must register with the regatta organizers. Support boats must be willing to assist any boats at the request of the Race Committee.

20 PRIZES:

- 20.1 As per the Notice of Race

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta