

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

Hemisphere Cup  
US Women's Snipe Nationals  
US Sailing Center Miami  
November 13 – 16, 2025



### **Rules:**

The regatta will be governed by the following rules found on the SCIRA website

- 1.1 US Women's Nationals Deed of Gift, modifies the SCIRA Rules of Conduct
- 1.2 Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions
- 1.4 SCIRA Rules of Conduct (RoC )
- 1.5 Protests will be handled according to RRS Part 5
- 1.6 In the case of conflict between languages, English shall take precedence

### **Eligibility and Registration**

- 2.1 Both the Hemisphere Cup and the US Women's Nationals are open to women of any nation, however the US Women's Champion shall be the highest placing team in which both the skipper and crew are either Citizens or Residents of the United States for at least one (1) year. Teams may be comprised of sailors from different nations.
- 2.2 Skippers and crews must be members of the Snipe Class for the year 2025
- 2.3 Teams registering for the two-day US Women's Nationals are eligible for the Hemisphere Cup, but will be scored DNC for any races held on the first day of the Cup, November 14.
- 2.4 Teams shall complete the online registration and pay the entry fee. Links for registration can be found at [www.snipewomen.com](http://www.snipewomen.com) and [www.miamisnipes.com](http://www.miamisnipes.com)
- 2.5 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the SCIRA representative.
- 2.6 Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the SCIRA Representative. Once a crew has been excused, they may not return for the balance of the series. Crew changes will be posted on the official notice board.

## Fees

- 3.1 The early entry fee for the three-day Hemisphere Cup & the US Women's Nationals is \$160. The entry fee for the two-day US Women's Nationals only is \$125. **The early entry deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>.** After October 30<sup>th</sup>, the late entry fee for the three-day event will be \$185 and the two-day event is \$150. No entries will be accepted after November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Schedule

### 4.1 Thursday, November 13

Charters Available, 10:30  
Afternoon Clinic & Practice Races, 2:00 - 5:30  
Registration, 6:00 - 7:00

### 4.2 Friday, November 14

Last Minute WHC Registration, 9:00 - 9:45  
Competitors' Meeting, 10:15  
First Signal for WHC, 12:00  
Opening Ceremonies, 7:00

### 4.3 Saturday, November 15

Registration for teams only sailing Nationals, 9:00 - 9:45  
Competitors Meeting, 10:15  
First Signal WHC & Women's Nationals, 12:00  
Regatta Dinner & Dancing, 7:30

### 4.4 Sunday, November 16

First Signal WHC & Women's Nationals, 11:00  
No starting signal after 3:00  
Awards

## Sailing Instructions and Communication

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions and all regatta documents will be posted on the event pages at [www.snipewomen.com](http://www.snipewomen.com), [www.miamisnipes.com](http://www.miamisnipes.com) and on the Official Notice Board at the US Sailing Center on the first floor. Sailing Instructions will be posted online no later than November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Measurement & Equipment Checks

- 6.1 There will be no measurement at this event, however, teams may be checked at any time for Class required safety equipment and proper placement of lead as per their MDS (measurement certificate).

## Race Format

- 7.1 Courses to be sailed are 2025 Class approved courses.
- 7.2 As per the Women's Nationals Deed of Gift, the Race Committee shall attempt to complete 2-4 races per day with a target time of 35 – 45 minutes, depending on sailing conditions.

## Scoring

- 8.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 Penalties for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 8.2 In all series, each boat's series score, subject to rule 90.3 (b), shall be the total of her races excluding her worst discardable result when six (6) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1
- 8.3 Three races shall constitute the National Championship.

## Venue & Race Course

- 9.1 The US Sailing Center at 2476 Bayshore Drive in Miami is the headquarters for the event. The racecourse will be on Biscayne Bay, about a 15-minute sail from the Sailing Center.

## Coaches & Support Vessels

- 10.1 Coaches and support boats are permitted, but they must register with event organizers during the onsite registration period and be willing to offer support, including moving marks and towing any participant in need.

## Advertising

- 11.1 Advertising is permitted as per by World Sailing and Snipe Class rules.



## Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 12.1 Competitors automatically grant to SCIRA, the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, video, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## Insurance

- 13.1 All teams borrowing or chartering a boat are required to purchase SCIRA USA borrowed boat insurance irrespective of the boat owner having their own insurance policy. The insurance can be purchased on the SCIRA USA website for \$40. Teams receiving charters through the event organizers, have the insurance included in their charter fee.

## Risk Statement

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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. The competitors acknowledge that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission. They are responsible for their boat being in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## Prizes

### 15.1 US Women's Nationals

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams from any nation
- A prize will be awarded to the top U19 team
- The US Women's Championship Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing team with both the skipper and crew who are either US citizens and/or residents of at least one year.

### 15.2 Hemisphere Cup

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams overall
- A prize will be awarded to the top U19 team



## **Additional Information not part of the NOR**

## **Charter Boats**

- The skipper of a team wishing to charter through the event organizers must have **previous Snipe sailing experience.**
- Sails are **NOT** provided with charters.
- Limited charters are available through the event organizers for a fee of \$100.
- This fee includes insurance. There is a \$250 deductible with the insurance.
- Charters for the Hemisphere Cup will be available on Thursday, November 13, unless arrangements are made in advance with the regatta organizers and the Sailing Center.
- US Nationals charters will be available the evening of Friday, November 14.
- Teams bringing their boats to the US Sailing Center before November 13, must notify the event organizers and **pay \$22 per day to keep their boat at the Sailing Center.**
- **The deadline for early charter requests is October 15. After October 15, the charter fee is increased to \$150.**
- **No charters will be granted after the early entry deadline of October 30.**

## Hotels, Apartments, Homestays

When searching for a hotel or apartment, **Coconut Grove** is the location of the Sailing Center. Other areas close to the Sailing Center are **Brickell** and **South Miami**, however, these locations will require transportation by car. Do not rent an apartment or stay in a hotel in South Beach, as it is too far from the Sailing Center and too much traffic during weekdays.

A limited number of homestays with local sailing families are available. Priority will go to U22 sailors and international teams. Teams staying with local families are responsible for their own transportation to and from the venue via their own car, Uber or bike.

Homestays are available for competitors only, **not** significant others or children.

## Airports, Transportation, & Ubers

Details about flights, transportation options and costs to and from airports and around the city of Miami can be found on the event pages at [www.miamisnipes.com](http://www.miamisnipes.com) [www.snipewomen.com](http://www.snipewomen.com).

The event organizers can help make special travel arrangements to and from the airport for juniors traveling unaccompanied by an adult.

## Event Officials

**Regatta Chair**, Kathleen Tocke - Miami & Newport, USA

**PRO**, Carol Ewing - Miami

**SCIRA Rep**, Alex Pline - Annapolis, USA

**Director of the US Sailing Center**, Pat Downey

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