



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION  
2017 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP  
THE RON PAYNE MEMORIAL REGATTA

Deed(s) of Gift  
Birney Mills Trophy  
Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy  
Chuck Loomis Trophy

May 19, 20, & 21, 2017

#### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Races shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules: The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as specifically modified by the SCIRA Constitution and By-laws as published in the current Class Rulebook (including subsequent amendments published in the Snipe Bulletin and/or on the official Web site of SCIRA). The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (ROC)
- 1.2 The applicable Perpetual Trophy Deed of Gift(s) as follows:
  - SCIRA Deed of Gifts may be read on the class website at: <http://snipe.org/class/deeds-of-gift>
  - The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy
  - The Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy
  - The Chuck Loomis Trophy
- 1.3 The only US Sailing prescriptions that apply are the prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1. The text of these prescriptions are included in Attachment 2 of these SIs.
- 1.4 Any conflict arising between Deed of Gift and the SCIRA Rules of Conduct shall be solved by the application of the Rules of Conduct.  
In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### 2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.

#### 3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall be confirmed with the SCIRA Representative.

#### 4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' This changes Postponement Signals in RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat and signal flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

#### 5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing:

Date Time of Warning Signal

Friday May 19th 1100 Warning

Saturday May 20th 1100 Warning

Sunday May 21st 1100 Warning

- 5.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete eight (8) races.
- 5.2 No more than three (3) races shall be sailed per day.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the course flag will be displayed with multiple sounds before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.5 There shall be a competitors meeting prior to racing on May 19th at 0915 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center and announced by multiple sound signals.

#### 6.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag, a Snipe on a white background.

#### 7.0 RACING AREAS

7.1 The Racing Area is the Atlantic Ocean, approximately one mile south of Port Everglades Inlet and approximately 1/2 mile offshore.

#### 8.0 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The attached Diagrams show the courses, "W", "W2", "O", "O2", "T", "T2", the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg
- 8.3 The number of legs in a race may be reduced (using the shorten course procedure, RRS code flag S) only after at least 2 (two) windward legs of the race are completed. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 8.4 The course signal flag will be displayed no later than one minute before the warning signal and will remain displayed at least ten minutes after the start.
- 8.5 In case of a change of the type of course during the race (ROC 9.2) the change at any mark will be signaled displaying the new appropriate flag with repetitive sounds before the leading boat has passed or rounded the mark.

#### 9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Primary marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be orange. Gate marks, if used, shall be orange.
- 9.2 The offset mark, if used, will be yellow.
- 9.3 The start mark will be yellow.
- 9.4 The finish mark will be orange, either an orange mark of the course or an orange ball.

#### 10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

- 10.2 All registrants regardless of subdivision will start at the same time.
- 10.3 The starting line shall be between a Staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.5 RRS 30.3 ('Black Flag Rule') shall not be used.
- 10.6 The Race Committee, after the finish of a race and before the warning signal of a subsequent one, will do it's best to post on the Race Committee Signal Boat a list of OCS and/or ZPF boats. The failure of posting or an incomplete or wrong list will not be grounds for redress.

#### 11.0 RECALLS

- 11.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. An attempt to hail the On Course Side competitors shall be made, but failure to be hailed, the timing of such a hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under RRS 62. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).
- 11.2 The Race Committee may attempt to hail boats before the start which are on the course side of the starting line during the final minute of a starting sequence conducted under the "I" flag. This changes RRS Rule 30.1. Failure to be hailed, the timing of such a hail, or failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under RRS 62. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

#### 12.0 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark(s) to the new position. RRS 33 applies.

#### 13.0 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

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#### 15.0 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The races will be managed to last 60-75 minutes for the first boat to finish. A different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will not be grounds for requesting redress.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 40 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 40 minutes, the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this Rule a lap means the rounding of Mark 3 or the gate for the first time.
- 15.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 1 hour, 30 minutes. If the first boat fails to finish within one hour, thirty minutes, the Race Committee shall abandon the race.
- 15.4 Any boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or failing to finish within 2 hours from the start, whichever is shorter, shall be scored DNF.  
This changes RRS, A4 and A5.

#### 16.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the LYC Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the posted race committee dock time.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the Yacht "Reelentless", located on the east dock slip E-9 beginning at the time posted.

- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Within the protest time limit, a list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 29 and 30 will be posted. The time limit for a boat so notified to file a request for redress is 30 minutes after that posting. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.6 Any boat intending to file a request for redress, alleging that an action or omission on the part of Race Committee has made her finishing position or series score significantly worse, shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race. This modifies RRS 62.2. This instruction does not apply to request for redress resulting from scoring penalties applied without a hearing by the Jury or Race Committee or to request for redress with respect to alleged scoring errors.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 18, 19.3, 20.1, 21, 23, 24 and will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking instructions 23 may be less than disqualification or will result in denial of access of the coach boat, if the protest committee so decides. The penalty for breaking instructions 18, 21, and shall be the 10% scoring penalty for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of infraction. Penalties for breaking Class Rules, or SIs 9.3, 20.1, 20.2 may be less than disqualification. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2
- 16.10 The use of team racing tactics shall not be tolerated. If the Race Committee (acting under RRS 32.1(e)) or Protest Committee determines that the use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed excluding the participation of the infringing boat(s). This modifies RRS 36. If the race is not re-sailed the infringing boat(s) shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 16.11 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) RRS the “authority responsible” is the Measurer of the event.
- 16.12 The Jury shall abandon the race if, during a redress hearing, they conclude that the Race Committee did not follow SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 9.1, and 9.3. This changes rule 64.2.

## 17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall be in effect except that when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the sum of her individual race score.
- 17.3 A boat which starts but does not finish prior to the expiration of the Time Limit as described in SI 15 shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS Appendix A4 and A5.
- 17.4 A boat intending to retire and be scored “RET” shall report its intent in writing to the Jury
- 17.5 For the purposes of subdivision scoring:  
Junior subdivision will be scored from only entries registered in the Junior subdivision

## 18.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Before the warning signal of the first race of the day each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and verbally check in.
- 18.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check-in has been officially noted.
- 18.3 Any boat failing to properly check in accordance with instructions 18.1 shall receive without a hearing, a 10% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes on that day, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

#### 19.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee.

Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman. Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return for the balance of the series.

19.2 The same skipper shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he she is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced the first race shall be the race dropped, or scored DNC.

19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### 20.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

#### 21.0 EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 Boats shall display event advertising if supplied by the organizing authority.

#### 22.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

22.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the SCIRA, the organizing authority, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, 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.

#### 23.0 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Coaches and other competitor support personnel shall not enter the racing area during the race. The Race Committee may initiate additional restrictions by posting them on the Official Notice Board.

23.2 Coaches may not communicate with competitors after the warning signal for any race until after the finish of the race. At the warning signal, coaches must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line. After the starting signal coaches may observe the fleet, but only on the port side of the course and must stay 50 meters from any mark.

23.3 Coaches shall register with the Regatta Office.

#### 24.0 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 The discharge of refuse into the water is prohibited during the entirety of this event. Any boat observed to be in violation is subject to protest and assessment of a 10% penalty for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of the infraction. RRS 60 is changed so that only the Race or Protest Committees may protest under this Sailing Instruction.

24.2 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

#### 25.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the following:

- The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Skipper regardless of division
- The Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top crew
- The Chuck Loomis Trophy will be awarded to the top Junior as defined per Deed of Gift
- The top three (3) placing teams in the overall standings regardless of division

- The Ron Payne Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top placing team.
- Top placing skipper and crew registered in the Junior division

## 26.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 26.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Lauderdale Yacht Club and organizers will not be liable for material damage, loss, death, or personal injury in conjunction with the event.

## 27.0 INSURANCE

- 27.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 US per incident or the equivalent.

Signatures:

Tom Lihan – Principle Race Officer

Brainard Cooper - SCIRA Representative

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ATTACHMENT 1 — Intentionally left blank.

ATTACHMENT 2 -- US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS THAT APPLY

Rule 67 - After rule 67 add:

***US Sailing prescribes that:***

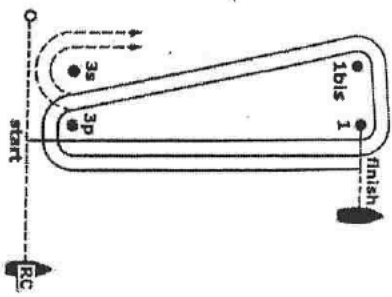
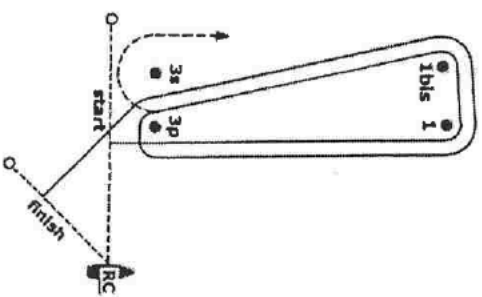
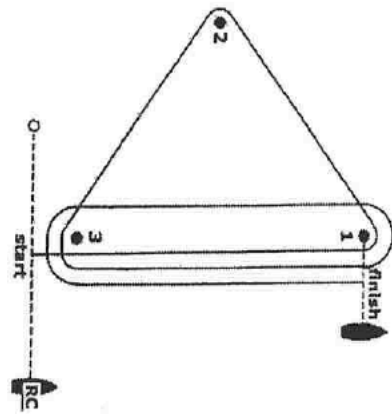
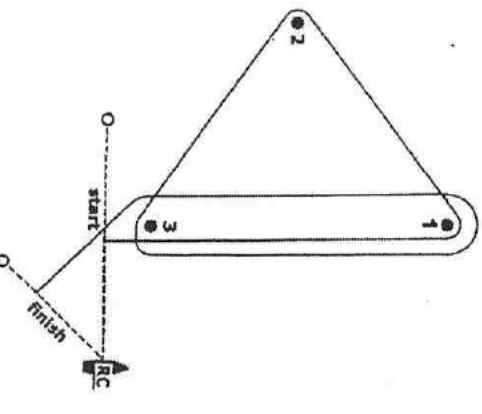
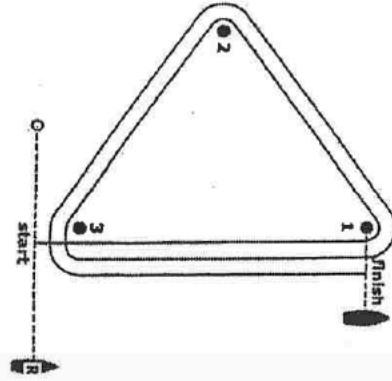
- (a) ***A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.***
- (b) ***A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.***
- (c) ***A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.***

Rule 76.1 - After rule 76.1 add:

***US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.***

## 2017 Snipe North American Championship Course Diagrams

For triangle courses the interior angle for all marks is 60 degrees.  
For "W" courses in the absence of a gate mark round mark 3 to port.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "W"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 1bis - gate(3s/3p) - 1 - 1bis - gate(3s/3p) - finish</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "W2"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 1bis - gate(3s/3p) - 1 - 1bis - 3p - finish</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "0"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - finish</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "02"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - finish</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "T"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - finish</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Code flag "T2"</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - finish</p> 