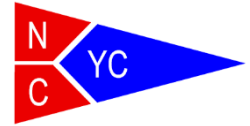




SNIFE U.S. MASTERS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Organizing Authority: North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC)
in cooperation with the
Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA) USA
September 8 – 10, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The 01/2017 SCIRA Rules of Conduct for National and International Championship Regattas (RoC) shall apply.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs will prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the window glass next to the north (main) entrance to NCYC.
- 2.2 There shall be a competitors' meeting at North Cape Yacht Club on Friday, September 8 at 1100 hrs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the club flagpole at NCYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first warning signal on Friday, September 8 will be **1300 hrs. (NOTE: This changes the NOR.)**
- 5.2 The first warning signal on Saturday (9/9) will be **1100 hrs.**
- 5.3 The first warning signal on Sunday (9/10) will be **1000 hrs.**
- 5.4 Two (2) races are scheduled each day for Friday (9/8) and Sunday (9/10). Three (3) races are scheduled for Saturday (9/9) for a maximum of seven (7) races.
- 5.5 If the Race Committee (RC) is unable to complete the race(s) scheduled for a particular day, then that race(s) will be sailed on subsequent days. In no event shall there be more than three (3) races per day nor will races be conducted before their scheduled day.
- 5.6 No warning signal shall be made after 1300 hrs on Sunday, September 10.
- 5.7 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the Snipe Class insignia on a white background.

7 RACING AREA

In the open waters of Lake Erie, approximately one mile east of NCYC.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course designation.
- 8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the course designation on placards and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 3S and 3P (the gate) shall be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The offset mark shall be an **orange** “hip-hop” style mark.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, shall be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

[reserved]

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.4.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.4.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 **Time limits and target times are as follows:**

Class	Lap 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Race Target Time
Snipe	40 minutes	90 minutes	60 minutes

If no boat has rounded Mark 3 (the initial leeward mark) within the Lap 1 Time Limit the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

- 14.2 Boats 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 Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board location. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered at either location within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals “No more racing today,” whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 15.3 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 at the location and times posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS or ZFP on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three (3) races shall constitute a series.
- 16.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after four (4) races have been completed.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 17.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]

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 member of the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 AWARDS

- 20.1 Trophies will be awarded for the top three (3) finishers overall and for the first-place teams in all three age groups; Apprentice Masters 45-54, Masters 55-64 and Grand Masters 65 and up.
- 20.2 Trophies will be awarded Sunday, September 10th at the conclusion of racing, pending the resolution of all protests and requests for redress.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

