



57th ANNUAL COMODORO MANUEL RASCO SNIPE REGATTA

January 31 - February 1, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) and Snipe Fleet #7
Miami, FL, USA



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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In the notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) for this event the following notations apply:-

- [NP] means a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 62.1(a).
- [SP] means for a breach of this rule a standard penalty will be applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current edition of the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the current SCIRA Class Rules, By-Laws, and the by the SCIRA 2025 Non-Championship Rules of Conduct ("ROC"), the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions (SI). The ROC are included as a race document on the Regatta Network event site
- 1.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2. These can be found as an additional race document on the official notice board.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the ROC and either the NoR or SI, the SI shall prevail.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The race committee (RC) will use the Vakaros RaceSense system, providing relevant information to all boats. Refer to **Addendum RS** and the official notice board for instructions, rules and details.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 150 minutes before the scheduled warning on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water. The RC signal vessel will display flag L and announce via megaphone in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the signal vessel and verbally receive the change while flag L is displayed.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30711#_newsroom.
- 3.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with support persons on VHF radio channel 73.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 On-shore, the Organizing Authority (OA), Protest Committee and RC will communicate to the fleet via the "Miami Snipe Fleet 7" WhatsApp chat group. It is the responsibility of each entry to have at least one person signed up for the WhatsApp notices.
- 3.5 Sailors can join the chat using link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C4MZoyTXe7wCxaidpjofOJ>

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CGSC flag hoist. Notification of signals made ashore will also be posted on the notice board and in the WhatsApp group.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Five (5) races are scheduled to be sailed. No more than three (3) races will be sailed on one day.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1200 on Saturday and 1000 on Sunday.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag is a white flag with the Snipe insignia/emblem.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay SE of Brennan Channel, just beyond Middle Ground Shoal and south of Dinner Key Channel.

8 WEATHER LIMITATION (Course and Starting)

- 8.1 [NP] The wind speed ranges in ROC 9 will apply on the choice of course, and decisions to start, change or abandon races.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, their designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 All courses will be designated on a black course board with yellow letters and numbers. Signal flags will NOT be used to designate the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 The course length will be based on sailing conditions. This changes ROC 5.
- 9.4 No later than one (1) minute prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. It will remain posted until at least five (5) minutes after the start. This changes RRS 27.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The starting marks will be RC vessels.
- 10.2 Marks 1, **1a**, 2, 3 and 3s/p (the gate) will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3 Offset mark 1a (courses W or W2) will be approximately 60 feet to port of mark 1.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be either mark 1 (courses with upwind finish) or a small orange cylinder (all other courses).

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and either staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel at the port end.
- 11.2 [NP] The RC may make repetitive sounds as an alert approximately 6 minutes before the start (i.e., 1 minute before the first warning signal).
- 11.3 RRS 30.4 (Black Flag), shall not be used unless more than 45 boats are entered and at least two general recalls have occurred in that race. This changes RRS 30.4.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE OR THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The length of a leg of the course may not be changed by more than 30% of the original leg length. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 A course may be shortened, but not until after the second windward leg has been completed. This changes RRS 32.
- 12.3 The RC may change course being sailed by displaying the new course flag(s) or placards, accompanied by repetitive sounds, before the first boat rounds the mark at which such a change is signaled. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.4 If mark 1 is moved, mark 1a (offset) will not be reset and will no longer be a mark of the course.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC vessel or the course side of the port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 When the finishing vessel displays flag A while boats are finishing, it means “No more racing for the day”.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that takes a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 or 44.2 (Penalties at the time of an incident) is requested to notify the RC promptly upon finishing that race and to inform the RC of the identity of the other boat involved.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix T1 (Post-Race Penalties) will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Target Time [NP]	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45	30	65	15

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 As a courtesy, a boat intending to protest should notify the RC immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal vessel docks, or 45 minutes after the RC ashore announces no more racing today. These times will be posted on the notice board and put in the WhatsApp group. Hearings will be held in the meeting room on the second floor at CGSC.
- 16.3 Scoring Inquiries and Starting Penalty Inquiries
 - (a) Forms for scoring inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a starting penalty, should be initiated by filling out the online scoring inquiry form at: <https://forms.gle/UtVpSLen9NhYGqjD7>.
 - (b) Alternatively, a completed scoring inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The RC will investigate and respond by email. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
- 16.4 Hearing Requests
 - (a) Protests and requests for hearings unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out the online hearing request form at: <https://forms.gle/kzBWoHzdMxarmfb9>.
 - (b) If a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.
 - (c) Alternatively, a completed hearing request form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted as soon as practical after a hearing request is filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been given penalties by the RC will be posted on the event site. If this list is posted prior to the protest time limit, then requests for redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.2(b).
- 16.7 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).
- 16.8 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the notice board, the WhatsApp group or their e-mail to see if they are cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.1(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 17.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores. No scores will be discarded. This changes RRS A2.1 and A4.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [SP] Before the start of their first race each day, a boat shall check-in by sailing past the stern of the RC signal vessel, hailing their sail number, and receiving a verbal acknowledgement from the RC. Failure to do so, will result in a scoring penalty as follows: points will be added to the boat's score in the first race they finish that day equal to 10% of the starters in that race. This changes RRS A10.
- 18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the RC. Once a skipper and/or crew have been excused, they may not return for the rest of the event.
- 19.2 Co-skippers are allowed subject to the restrictions of SI 20.1.
- 19.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized, in writing, by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.
- 19.4 All requests for replacement crew or equipment will be answered, in writing, and posted on the official notice board.

20 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 20.1 Support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall be attached to the helmsman at all times while the engine is running.
- 20.2 Support vessels shall display the flag provided by the OA at registration at all times while on the water. A support person will be charged \$80 USD if the flag is not returned at the end of the event.
- 20.3 Support vessels are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or Protest Committee.
- 20.4 Support vessels shall monitor the race committee VHF channel (see SI 3) during the race.
- 20.5 Support vessels shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 20.6 Drones operated by support persons shall stay 500 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

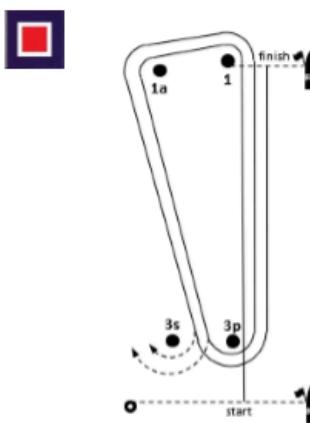
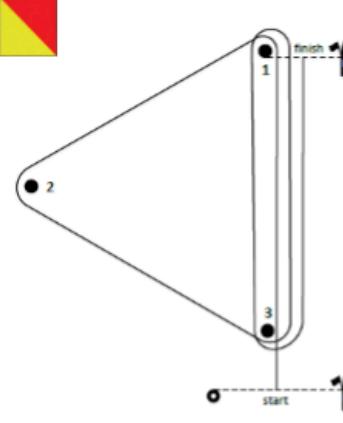
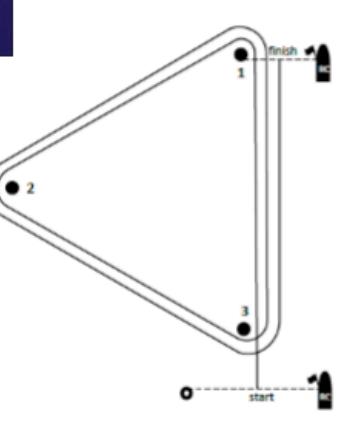
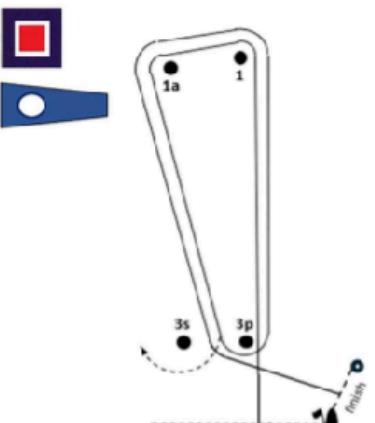
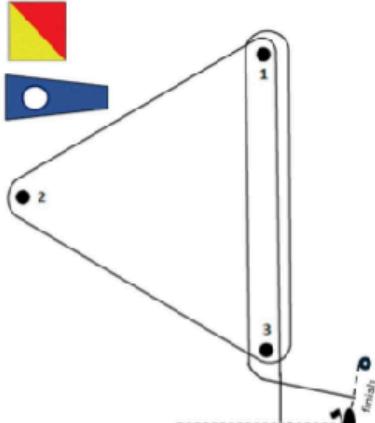
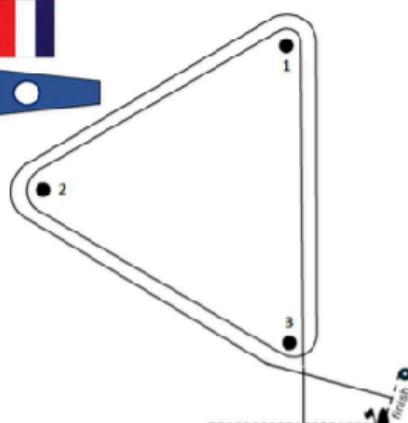
23 RISK STATEMENT

- 24.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

SI Addendum A – Courses

Notes:

- The course will be designated on a placard on the starboard side of the race committee signal vessel.
- At a leeward gate, if only one mark is set, then the mark shall be rounded to port.

<p>Code Flag "W" start – 1 – 1a – gate(3s/3p) – 1 – 1a – gate(3s/3p) – finish</p> 	<p>Code Flag "O" start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – finish</p> 	<p>Code Flag "T" start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – finish</p> 
<p>Code Flag "W2" start – 1 – 1a – gate(3s/3p) – 1 – 1a – 3p – finish</p> 	<p>Code Flag "O2" start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – finish</p> 	<p>Code Flag "T2" start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – finish</p> 

ADDENDUM RS

RaceSense RRS changes

[NP]Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. This shall be mounted as required by the OA or class at all times while racing.

RS.2 Competitors shall:

- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.
- b) Turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approx. 100 hours

RS.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.4 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#)

RS.5 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.6 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

RS.7 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

RS.8 Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 61.1(c).

RS.9 If the RC vessel displays flag Oscar (Old School) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 inclusive will not apply to that race.

RS.10 If the RC vessel displays flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.11 If there is an issue with a Vakaros unit during the starting sequence:

RS.11.1 The RC will display AP, followed by the display of code flag Lima (with one sound). Competitors shall come to the RC Signal vessel for further instructions.

RS.11.2 Per RS.11.1, the RC may additionally display either code flag Romeo (with one sound) indicating restart your Vakaros units, or code flag Oscar (with one sound) indicating the RC is turning off Vakaros for that start (RS.6 and RS.7, inclusive, will not apply to that race), or strike AP.

RS.11.3 Once any issues have been resolved, and the new start time has been programmed to the Vakaros units, one (1) minute prior to the warning signal, all signal flags will be removed.

RS.12 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and or the event WhatsApp Group.