

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
St John's Tea Party
April 12-13, 2014
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

1) Management and Rules:

1.1 All races are under the jurisdiction of the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA) and under the management of the Race Committee of the Florida Yacht Club (FYC) and shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as specifically modified by the SCIRA Constitution, By-laws, the Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Regattas 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 Notice of Race. Any conflict arising between these documents shall be resolved by the application of, in order of precedence, the sailing instructions, and the Rules of Conduct.

A boat may not protest a boat for an alleged breach of RRS 75.2 with respect to ISAF Regulation 21.1(b). This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1.3 Advertising: This regatta is Classified Category "C" in accordance with the SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

2) Entry and Eligibility:

2.1 Eligible boats and Class Member skippers who possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or its SCIRA-issued equivalent, may enter by completing registration with the Florida Yacht Club.

2.2 All entrants shall be approved by the regatta chairman and FYC.

2.3 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Chairman of the Protest committee. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Protest committee, who shall post the change on the Official Notice Board.

2.4 Once a skipper and/or crew have been excused, they may not return for the balance of the series.

2.5 The Race Committee may inspect competitors or boats not racing at that time.

2.6 The Regatta Authority may randomly inspect boats during this regatta to ensure the boats comply with the measurement requirements as outlined by SCIRA.

3) Notice to Competitors:

3.1 Notices to the competitors will be posted on the "Official Regatta Notice Board" located on the patio of the Fleet Center of The Florida Yacht Club.

3.2 Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and signaled no later than one hour before the first scheduled warning signal, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1930 hours on the day before the change takes effect.

3.3 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall have the prior approval of the SCIRA Representative.

4) Competitor's Meeting:

4.1 There shall be a competitors meeting at 1000 hours on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Florida Yacht Club Fleet Center.

5) Signals Made Ashore:

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole on the East lawn of The Florida Yacht Club announced by sound signals per RRS Racing Signals.

5.2 Code flag "AP" (alternating red and white pennant) with two sound signals (one signal when lowered) means "the race is postponed". The time of the warning signal will be posted before the lowering of flag "AP".

6) Schedule of Races:

Saturday April 12, 2014:

The Warning Signal for the 1st Race shall be at 1100 hours. The warning signal for the subsequent races shall be as soon as possible after the completion of the preceding race of the day.

Sunday, April 13, 2014:

6.1 The Warning Signal for the 1st race of the day shall be at 0930 hours. The warning signal for subsequent races shall be as soon as possible after the completion of the preceding race of the day.

6.2 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete up to seven (7) races. One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races will be scored.

6.3 No races shall be started after 1300 hours on April 13, 2014.

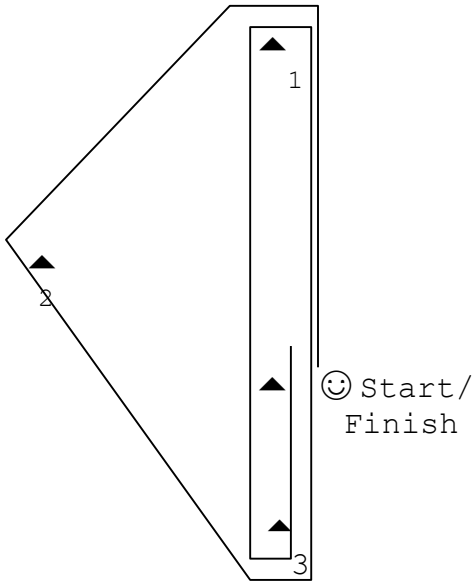
7) Racing Area:

The racing area will be on the St Johns River immediately east of The Florida Yacht Club.

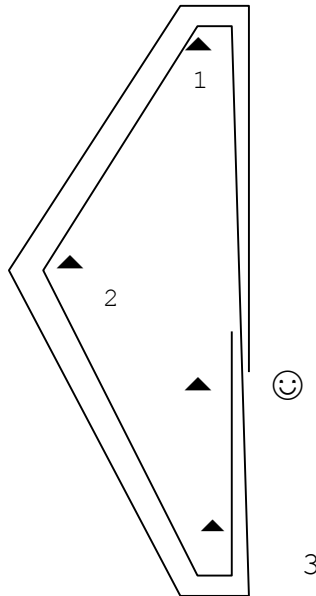
8) Courses:

8.1 Courses used shall be one or more of those shown in the Course Diagrams below and are described in detail herein. Sections 8.3 and 8.4 describe the use of offset marks. Note, the use of offset marks is at the discretion of the RC and thus they are not included in the course diagrams below.

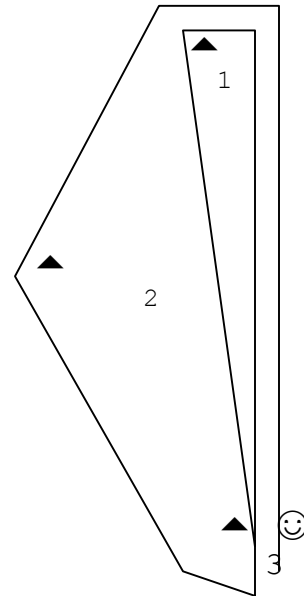
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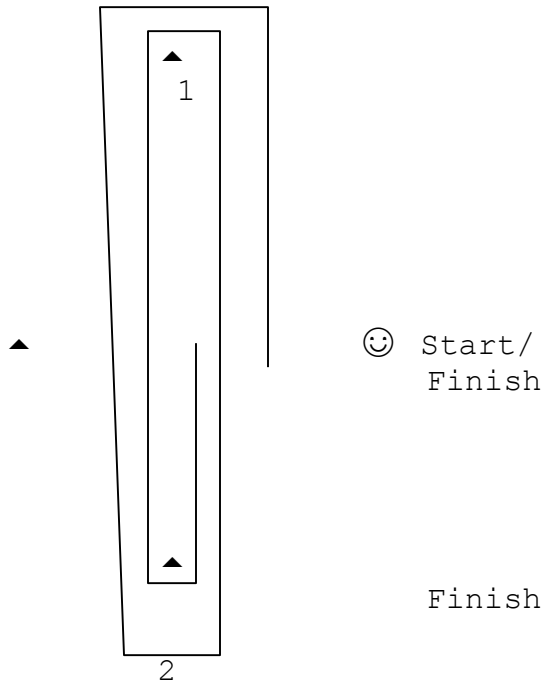
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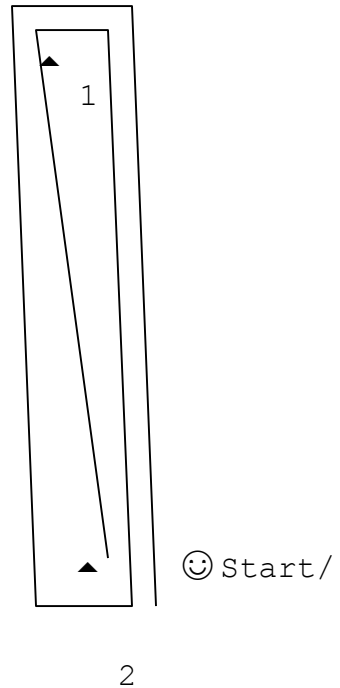
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Windward Leeward (Flag W)



Mod W/L (Flag M)



Modified Olympic Course: Start, mark 1, mark 2, mark 3, mark 1, mark 3, finish.

Gold Cup Course: Start, mark 1, mark 2, mark 3, mark 1, finish.

Triangle Course: Start-mark 1,mark 2,mark 3,mark 1,mark 2, mark 3, finish.

Windward Leeward Course: Start, mark 1, mark 2, mark 1, mark 2, finish.

Modified Windward Leeward Course: Start, mark 1, mark 2, mark 1, finish.

8.2 General conditions for all courses:

- All marks to port.
- The inside angle at mark 2 will be approximately 60 degrees.
- The Start/Finish Line is open.
- The following symbols are used on the diagrams:

☺ = Race Committee Boat

▲ = Tetrahedron

8.2 The approximate compass bearing from the signal boat to the first mark may be displayed prior to the warning signal from the Race Committee.

8.3 An offset mark may be set adjacent to Mark 1 (windward) beginning with leg(s) 5 of the Olympic Course and legs 2 and 4 of the Windward Leeward Course. The Race Committee may remove without signal an offset mark prior to the lead boat rounding the adjacent primary or new mark.

8.4 The use of an offset mark shall be indicted by the display of Flag "F" (red diamond on white field) under the Course Flag "O" or "W" before the warning signal.

9) Marks:

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 shall be four foot (4') yellow tetrahedrons.

9.2 New marks used in accordance with Change of Course after the Start will be 4' yellow tetrahedrons.

9.3 The starting mark will be a 4' yellow tetrahedron.

9.4 The offset mark will be a 2' yellow sphere.

10) The Start:

10.1 The starting line shall be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.2 A boat shall not start more than nine (9) minutes after her starting signal.

11) Check in at Starts:

11.1 Before starting **THE FIRST RACE OF EACH DAY, IN WHICH THE BOAT PARTICIPATES**, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on Starboard tack to verbally check in.

11.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check in has been officially noted.

11.3 Any boat failing to check in accordance with SI 11.1 and 11.2 shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 10% of the starters in that race in conformance with the SCIRA Scoring Table.

12) Recalls:

12.1 In the event of an individual recall an attempt to hail the On Course Side (OCS) competitors may be made, but the failure to be hailed, the timing of such hail, or the failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for redress under RRS 62.

12.2 "Z" Flag Rule: RRS 30.2 is modified such that, the Race Committee may display Flag "Z" (black, yellow, blue and red triangles) with one long air horn sound in lieu of the preparatory signal. Flag "Z" shall be lowered one minute before the starting signal and accompanied by one sound to indicate that the one minute infraction period has begun. Any part of a boat or crew identified as being within the triangle formed by the two ends of the starting line and mark 3 during the one minute period before the start shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of registered boats per the SCIRA Scoring Table, if she properly starts that race. RRS 36 is modified so as to penalize a boat by making her scoring penalty cumulative at 20% per infraction on subsequent restarts of a race, if that race is postponed or recalled. A boat infringing this rule may be hailed immediately.

13) Change of Course After the Start:

13.1 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new (changed) mark may be relocated to maintain the correct course configuration. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with a primary type of mark.

13.2 A triangular lap shall replace the leeward and windward laps if signaled close aboard mark 1 with Flag "T" (red, white and blue vertical stripes), accompanied with a periodic air horn sound and displaying the approximate compass bearing to the next mark on a board.

14) The Finish:

14.1 The finish line shall be between an orange flag on an adjacent Race Committee Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

15) Time Limit:

The time limit is 60 minutes. Any boat finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat or after the time limit, whichever is later shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). Should the first boat fail to complete the first lap within 40 minutes, the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this rule a "lap" shall mean the passing (rounding) of the mark 3 for the first time.

16) Withdrawing From a Race:

A boat which exits the course shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity. A competitor may notify any Race Committee boat for this purpose.

17) Protests:

17.1 A competitor's intent to protest shall be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a).

17.2 Protests shall be made in writing on forms available at the Fleet Center and filed with the Protest Committee within one hour of the protest filing time which shall be posted on the official regatta notice board prior to the commencement of the protest filing time.

17.3 RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening only if the request is received within one hour of receiving the protest decision."

18) Scoring:

The regatta shall be scored using SCIRA option 2 (low point), with all races counting in the scoring. In case of tie scores, the boat that beat the other more times shall win the tie. If the tie still persists, the boat that beat the other in the last race shall win the tie.

19) Penalties:

Any competitor using a 720-degrees turn penalty shall report that use to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race.

20) Team Racing:

The use of team racing tactics shall not be tolerated. If the Race Committee (acting under RRS 32(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, resailed excluding the participation of the infringing boat(s). This modifies RRS 36. If the race is not resailed the infringing boat(s) shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

21) Support Boats:

The Race Committee may initiate additional restrictions on team leaders, coaches and other support personnel by posting the on the Official Notice Board. Any boat associated with personnel determined to have violated this rule shall be subject to protest and assessment of a 20% scoring penalty for the race in which the violation occurred.

22) Disposal of Refuse:

The discharge of refuse into the St. Johns River is prohibited during this event. Any boat observed to be in violation is subject to protest and assessment of a 20% scoring penalty for the first race completed in by the infringing boat each day of the infraction.

23) Prizes;

Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew for the top three places.

24) Signatures:

Greg Griffin, Principal Race Officer Hal Gilreath, Regatta Chairman