

Certified Builders

A close relationship should exist between builders and sailors for such relationships are among the many strengths of the International Snipe Class. The intent of this **Builder Certification Rule** is to provide a workable structure for this relationship and to provide a measure of protection for both builders and sailors alike.

To be certified as a Class Builder by the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA), a builder must agree to and abide by the following requirements:

1. Certification by SCIRA will be required before hull numbers are sold to any new or established builders.
2. Certification will be renewable every two (2) years for new builders during the first four (4) years of certification, and every five (5) years thereafter. Certification of established builders will be renewable every five (5) years.
3. An International Snipe Class Measurer, or the measurer's designee, shall measure all new boat molds of new builders and the first five (5) boats manufactured by new builders, at the builder's expense. There will be an International Snipe Class Measurers selected for Japan (1), for Europe (1), for South America (1), and for North America (1).
4. An International Snipe Class Measurer shall measure all new molds of established builders and the first boats manufactured from all new molds of established builders, at the builder's expense.
5. Every certified Class Builder shall select a Builder's Measurer, who shall be satisfactory to the builder's national Snipe Class Measurer.
6. The Builder's Measurer shall completely measure all new boats manufactured by the builder, to include weighing and the Moment of Inertia (MOI) test, at the purchaser's expense. A Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) shall be completed in full by the Builder's Measurer for every new boat manufactured by the builder. The MDS shall then be mailed to the Executive Director of SCIRA, and a Measurement Certificate shall be given to the first purchaser. In the event that an MDS cannot be completed, for whatever reason, the MDS shall be mailed to the Executive Director of SCIRA with an explanation of the reasons why the MDS could not be completed. A copy of the MDS and the expla-

nation shall also be mailed to the builder's national International Snipe Class Measurer. The purchaser shall only be charged a prorated measurement fee corresponding to the percentage of the MDS that was completed.

7. Every certified Class Builder shall correct manufacturing defects in the boats the builder manufactured, whenever they are found.
8. Any certified Class Builder who repeatedly fails to comply with any of the foregoing requirements, or who breaches the requirements in a material way, shall forfeit certification as a Class Builder, after due notice, and may not be re-certified for a period of at least one (1) year
9. All builders who are actively manufacturing boats as of December 31, 1999 shall be certified by SCIRA as established Class Builders under the foregoing requirements.

