

Sailing Instructions

In accordance with ISAF Part. 7, 87.1 (d) the organizing authority for all Class Championships and Sanctioned Regattas is the Snipe Class International Racing Association. Event Hosts (affiliated clubs or organizations) shall use these Sailing Instructions for all Championship and Sanctioned regattas. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the regatta shall fill in the appropriate information where requested as indicated by parenthesis and underline (___) or delete sections not relevant. Specific advice and directives are bracketed [—*]. No additions or deletions to these instructions shall be permitted to alter the intent of the Class rules. No additions or changes shall be made without the prior approval of the regatta SCIRA Representative.*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

(Name of the Regatta)

(Name of Deed of Gift Trophy)

(Date)

(Name of Yacht Club)

(Location)

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 (insert name of the host club) and shall be conducted in accordance with the following rules:
- 1.2 **(For Sanctioned Regattas only)**

The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (If applicable, insert the phrase, “and the prescriptions of...”) (insert the name of the governing national authority) shall govern except as specifically modified by the SCIRA Constitution, By-laws, the Rules of Conduct for Conducting Sanctioned 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, these Sailing Instructions, and the trophy restrictions of the (fill-in or delete) Deed of Gift. Any conflict arising between the Deed of Gift and the SCIRA Rules of Conduct shall be resolved by the application of the Rules of Conduct.

(Or)

1.2 (For National and International Championships)

The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (If applicable, insert the phrase: “and the prescriptions of...” (insert the name of the governing national authority) [*The use of national authority prescriptions is not recommended for use in international Class championship regattas (Worlds, etc).*]) shall govern except as specifically modified by the SCIRA Constitution, By-laws, 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, these Sailing Instructions, and the trophy restrictions of the (fill-in) Deed of Gift. Any conflict arising between the Deed of Gift and the SCIRA Rules of Conduct shall be resolved by the application of the Rules of Conduct.

1.3 Advertising

This regatta is classified as Category (Insert “A” or “C”) in accordance with the SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

1.4 International Jury (For regattas employing an international jury)

An International Jury is constituted and is approved by SCIRA and shall have authority per RRS Appendix M Per rule M2.2, SCIRA reserves for itself the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. SCIRA may refer any issue to the International Jury for advice.

Entry and Eligibility:

2.1 Eligible boats and Class member skippers (and crew for championships and sanctioned regattas) may enter by completing registration with (insert host club or SCIRA [as appropriate]).

2.2 The penalty breaking rule 75.2 with reference to Appendix 2 Regulation 21.1 (b) shall be a warning

2.3 (For Championship Regattas requiring qualification ONLY)

All entrants shall be approved by the (insert the country of the appropriate National Secretary) National Secretary.

(Or)

2.3 (For major International Championship Regattas that require qualification ONLY)

Competitors shall establish with SCIRA their entry approval through their own National Secretary.

2.4 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.

2.5 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.

2.6 Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return for the balance of the series.

2.7 (Optional for Sanctioned Regattas)

Co-skippers shall be allowed subject to the restrictions of 2.3, but shall not be permitted to use this regatta to qualify for further representation.

2.8 The Race Committee (if appropriate insert 'and Jury') may inspect competitors or boats not racing at that time.

2.9 (Suggested if bow numbers are used)

Bow numbers are assigned at registration and it shall be each competitor's sole responsibility to properly affix them in conformance with the instructions and to properly maintain them. Any boat that is determined by the race committee to have violated this rule shall be assessed a 10% penalty for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of infraction. Replacement numbers shall be available from the Race Committee. [*The use of bow numbers is not required, but if they are used, this instruction should be used*]

Notices to Competitors:

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located (insert location).

3.2 Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall

be posted and signaled no later than (insert amount of time) before the departure of the main Race Committee boat, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by (insert time) hours on the day before it will take effect.

(Or)

- 3.2 Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and signaled no later than (insert number) minutes before the next warning signal, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by (insert time) hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall have the prior approval of the SCIRA Representative.

Competitor's Meeting:

4. There shall be a competitors meeting at (before each series, insert time and location) and announced by two (insert type of sound signals).

Signals Made Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at (insert location) and announced by (insert type of sound signal) per RRS Racing Signals.
- 5.2 Code Flag "AP" with two (insert type of sound) signals (one signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The next warning signal shall be made not less than (insert number) minutes (or hours) after the "AP" is lowered.

Schedule of Races:

(insert race schedule here)

<u>Race</u>	<u>Day and Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal</u>
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- 6.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete (insert number) races. (insert number)[*per SCIRA Rules, Deed of Gift, etc.*] race(s) shall constitute a Regatta.
- 6.2 No races shall be started after (insert time) hours on (insert date).

Racing Area:

7. The Racing Area location is as indicated by the attached chart.

(Or)

The Racing Area location chart is posted on the Official Notice board.

(Or)

The Racing Area location is (describe location).

Courses:

8.1 Courses used shall be one or more of those shown in the Course Diagram in the SCIRA Official Rulebook and shall be described in detail as in the following examples:

An ‘Olympic Course’, signaled by Flag “O” consisting of a triangle followed by windward, leeward and windward legs and finishing at Mark 1.

A Triangular Course, signaled by Flag “T” consisting of TWO triangles followed by a windward leg and finishing at Mark 1.

A Windward and Leeward Course, signaled by Flag “W” consisting of windward and leeward legs, twice around, followed by a windward leg and finishing at Mark 1.

(Optional for Sanctioned Regattas)

A Variant Course not conforming to a course shown in the Course Diagram in the SCIRA Official Rulebook [describe in detail]. [*The first leg must be to windward. Please see Rules for Sanctioned Regattas 5.3*]

8.2 The course diagram shall indicate the order in which marks are to be passed or rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.3 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 shall be displayed by numerical posting on a board on the Race Committee signal boat before the preparatory signal.

(Insert course diagrams here or in an addendum)

8.4 (Optional)

Numeral Pennant “9” (white, red, black and yellow quadrants) shall be displayed with the Course Signal “O” or “T” to indicate that the interior angle of mark 2 (jibe mark) is approximately 90 degree (right triangle). [*The Class standard of a 60 degree interior angle (equilateral triangle) at mark 2 need not be so displayed*]

8.5 (For regattas with divisional starts)

The course signal flag (“O”, “T” or “W”) shall be hoisted one minute before the warning signal of the first division to start and accompanied by one (insert sound). For subsequent divisions the course signal flag shall be displayed no later than with the (insert warning or preparatory signal).

(Or)

8.5 (For regattas without divisional starts)

The course signal flag (“O”, “T” or “W”) shall be hoisted one minute before the warning signal and accompanied by one (insert sound). It shall remain displayed for ten minutes after the start.

8.6 (Required for all Championship Regattas)

Course marks shall be left or passed to port.

8.7 (For National and International Championship Regattas ONLY)

Courses will not be shortened in number of legs, but the length of the course may be modified per RRS 33. This changes RRS 32.

[*The SCIRA Representative should be consulted on any change of course which affects its length.*]

Marks:

9.1 Primary marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be (insert description).

9.2 New marks used in accordance with Change of Course after the Start shall be (insert description).

9.3 The starting mark shall be (insert description).

9.4 (Optional, for use with Large Fleets)

Offset marks shall be (insert description).

9.5 If Gates are to be used, describe where and when they will be used.

The Start:

10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 Divisions shall start at (insert time) minute intervals in the order of (insert order).[*Delete divisions if not a multi-fleet regatta*]

10.2 The starting line shall be between an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.3 The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag, a red Snipe on a white background.

10.4 (Optional and not for use in multi-fleet regattas)

If a postponement or a general recall is signaled the next

warning signal shall be made one minute after the lowering of the postponement or general recall signal, unless a course selection change is signaled.

10.5 A boat shall not start more than (insert number of minutes) minutes after her starting signal.

10.6(Optional)

If the starting line is to be set to leeward (below) mark 3, then mark 3 is not a mark of the course on the first leg of the race.

10.7(Multi-fleet racing only)

After a Division's preparatory signal, all boats not in that Division shall keep clear of the starting line until their Division's warning [*or preparatory if using a 5 minute sequence*] signal.

Reporting at Starts:

11.1 Before starting EACH RACE each boat is required to sail past the stern of the (insert description) Race Committee boat on starboard tack and verbally check in. The check-in boat shall display a (insert flag description) while on station prior to the first warning signal. If no separate check-in boat is on station competitors shall check in with the main Race Committee boat.

11.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's (insert sail or bow) number, the check-in has been officially noted.

11.3 Any boat failing to check in accordance with instructions 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.

Recalls:

12.1 Individual recalls shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 and indicated by the hoisting of Code Flag "X", and accompanied with one (insert sound).

12.2 A general recall shall be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.3 and indicated by the hoisting of Code Flag "First Substitute", and accompanied with two (insert sounds). A new warning signal shall be made one minute after the lowering of the Code Flag "First Substitute" which shall be accompanied by one long (insert sound).

12.3 "Z" Flag Rule

RRS 30.2 is modified such that on any restart following a general

recall, the Race Committee may display Code Flag “Z” with one long sound before or with the preparatory signal. Code 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 (insert mark 1 or 3)[*use mark 3 if the starting line is below the course*] during the one minute 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. Code Flag “Z” may also be displayed over Code Flag “I” to indicate that an infringing boat must return to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting. A boat infringing this rule may be hailed immediately.

12.4(Required for all Championships that are qualifying regattas and recommended for all regattas)

RRS 30.3(‘Black Flag Rule’) shall not be used.

[* The use of RRS 30.3 (“Black Flag Rule”) is strongly discouraged and shall not be used in any SCIRA Championship that requires participation for further qualification. Prior written approval of the SCIRA Representative is required for any use and such use shall have been published in the Notice of Race prior to the event. Unauthorized or improperly authorized use is grounds to de-sanction the regatta by the Class and/or the loss of any status by the regatta as a qualifier. *]

Change of Course After the Start:

13.1 A change of course shall be signaled near the mark beginning the leg so changed by a Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag “C”, displaying the approximate numerical compass bearing to the new mark on a board and sounding a (insert sound) periodically before the leading boat has begun the leg so changed. The new mark may not be in position at that time.

13.2 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.

13.3 A triangular lap shall replace a leeward and windward lap if signaled close aboard mark 1 with Code Flag “T”, accompanied with a periodic (insert sound) and displaying the approximate numerical compass bearing to the next mark on a board.

13.4 (Required for Championships and recommended for Sanctioned Regattas)

RRS 33 (Changing the Course After the Start) is modified so that any leg shortening or lengthening shall not be by more than 30% of the original leg length.

The Finish:

14.1 The finish line shall be between orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2 (Optional)

Code Flag (fill-in) displayed by a Race Committee boat at the finish means that the Race Committee shall attempt to have another race immediately after that last boat is recorded in the present race.

Time Limit:

15. The time limit is 2 (two) hours for the first boat to finish. 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 1 (one) hour, the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this Rule a lap shall mean the passing of Mark 3 for the second time.

Withdrawing From the Race:

16. A boat that exits the course shall notify the Race Committee at the first opportunity.

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 (insert location) within (insert time) of the commencement 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 Protest notices and hearing schedules specifying the protester and

protestee shall be posted no later than one-half hour after the expiration of the protest filing time limit.

- 17.4RRS 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.’

Scoring:

18.1The regatta shall be scored using SCIRA (insert Olympic or Low Point) [*Low point is preferred*] of the SCIRA Official Scoring as published in the Class Rulebook or ISAF scoring.

18.2(Optional - for use in drop race regattas)

A drop race shall be permitted upon completion of (insert number) races subject to the Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE) options of SCIRA Scoring. In case of tie scores, the score of the drop race shall first be included to break the tie. If the tie persists, 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. [*use this if all the DNE restrictions of the Official Rule Book apply*].

(Or)

Penalties:

19.1Any competitor using a 720-degree turns penalty shall report that use to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race.

Team Racing:

20. The use of team racing tactics shall not be tolerated. If the Race Committee (acting under RRS 32(e)) or Protest Committee determine 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.

Support Boats: (Championships only)

21. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the racing area during the racing except upon Race Committee designated spectator boats. The Race Committee may initiate additional restrictions by posting them on the Official Notice Board. Any competitor associated with personnel determined to have violated this rule shall be subject to protest and

assessed a 10% penalty equal to a Check in Failure (CNF) for the race in which the violation occurred.

- 21.1 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 follow the fleet, but only on the port side of the course and must stay 50 meters from any mark. Failure to comply with these stipulations, at the discretion of the Race Committee, will result in denial in access of the coach boats.

Disposal of Refuse:

22. 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 shall be assessed the same 10% percentage penalty as a Check-In Failure (CNF) would receive for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of the infraction.

Prizes:

- 23.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew for the top (insert number) places.

23.2 (Optional)

The (insert Deed of Gift trophy) shall be awarded to (insert award criteria).

23.3 (Optional)

Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew for the top (insert number) places in the Silver Fleet.

23.4 (Optional)

A prize shall be awarded to the top Master skipper.

23.5 (Optional)

A prize shall be awarded to the top Woman skipper.

23.6 (Optional)

A prize shall be awarded to the top Junior skipper.

Signatures: [* The Sailing Instruction must be signed by the Race Committee Chairman or Principal Race Officer and also the SCIRA Representative*]

(insert name)- Race Committee Chairman

(insert name)- SCIRA Representative

Optional Addendum (Large Fleets)

[*any or all of these options may be used*]

The Course:

8.8a In case of Windward-Leeward course (code flag W) offset mark(s) shall be set adjacent to Mark 1 (windward) and/or Mark 3 (leeward). The race committee may remove without signal any offset mark prior to the lead boat rounding the adjacent primary or new mark.

8.8b The use of offset mark(s) shall be indicated by the display of Code Flag “F” displayed under the Course code flag “W” before the warning signal.

The Start:

10.7 Mid-line boat

10.7a The starting line shall be between an orange flag or shape on the Race Committee boat on the starboard line end and passing through an orange flag or shape on the mid-line boat and ending at the line flag or the course side of the port end starting mark. The mid-line boat is a starting mark surrounded by navigable water. Should the mid-line boat be removed, the line shall be defined by the previously described line ends.

10.7b For the purpose of RRS 28.1 and 30.1, the extensions of the starting line are beyond the port and starboard line ends.

10.7c RRS 31.2 is modified such that when a boat touches the mid-line boat and infringes RRS 30.1, she shall exonerate herself by completing one rounding of either line end and restarting.

10.8 The Race Committee may set a guidance marker on or below the starting line. If set, such a marker is neither a part of the starting line, nor a mark of the course.

Scoring:

18.3 (Optional for drop race regattas)

RRS 62 is modified such that a violation of RRS 29.1 (OCS) may not be dropped if unsuccessfully contested by the infringing competitor and shall be scored DNE.