



NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
2014 WESTERN HEMISPHERE & ORIENT CHAMPIONSHIP
HAYWARD WESTERN HEMISPHERE TROPHY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 through SEPTEMBER 12, 2014
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA



1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. San Diego Yacht Club ("SDYC") in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association ("SCIRA").

2. HOST CLUB AND FLEET

- 2.1. San Diego Yacht Club and the San Diego Area Fleet 495.

3. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 3.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 3.2. The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas ("RoC")
- 3.3. The Deed of Gift for the Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy
- 3.4. The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, do not apply except as provided in their prescription to RRS 88.2. Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions are stated fully in Attachment 1.
- 3.5. The decision of the jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 3.6. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 3.7. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 3.8. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the request that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 3.9. RRS 30.3 will not be used.
- 3.10. RRS 32.2 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes
- 3.11. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NoR and SI.
- 3.12. RRS 64.2 will be changed to compel the Jury/PC to abandon a race as required by RoC 18.
- 3.13. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 4.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

5. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 5.2. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
 - they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or
 - SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
 - shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 5.3. Competitors shall establish with SCIRA their entry approval through their own National Secretary.
- 5.4. 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

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6. FEES

- 6.1. Registration opens no later than March 6, 2014, six (6) months prior to the official start of the Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship and closes at 1700 Pacific Daylight Time (“PDT”) on August 7, 2014, one (1) month prior to the official start of the Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship.
- 6.2. Eligible competitors may enter by completing an online entry form and submitting it electronically together with the required entry fee to 2014 Snipe Western Hemisphere website at <http://SnipeWHO.org>
- 6.3. The entry fee is \$500 US Dollars, due by July 7, 2014.
- 6.4. A late fee of \$100 US Dollars additional applies to entries received between July 8 and August 7, 2014.
- 6.5. Entries must be received no later than 1700 PDT on August 7, 2014, as provided in the Class Rules, 2013-2016 edition. No entries will be accepted after said date and time.
- 6.6. All entrants are required to complete onsite registration/check-in and measurement by 1300 PDT, Sunday, September 7, 2014.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration/Check-in and Measurement
 - Friday September 5, 2014 0800 to 1200 & 1300 to 1700
 - Saturday, September 6, 2014 0800 to 1200 & 1300 to 1700
 - Sunday, September 7, 2014 0800 to 1300
- 7.2. Competitors Meeting
 - Sunday, September 7, 2014 1730;
 - Each race day thereafter time and location TBD.
- 7.3. Schedule of Races:
 - Sunday, September 7, 2014 One Design Wknd - Practice Races at 1130
 - Monday, September 8, 2014 2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
 - Tuesday, September 9, 2014 2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
 - Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
 - Thursday, September 11, 2014 2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
 - Friday, September 12, 2014 2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Measurement will take place at the Malin Burnham Sailing Center.
- 8.2. All boats shall conform to the following requirements:
 - all boats shall produce a valid measurement certificate;
 - all boats shall have a moment of inertia measurement certificate and a completed measurement data sheet on file with the SCIRA Office no later than close of onsite registration/check-in;
 - all boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed;
 - all boats are to be measured during the registration/check-in and measurement time period set forth in Paragraph 6.5 above, this measurement includes, but is not limited to, measurement of each boat's spars, blades, sails, weight, and a check of its safety equipment;
 - all boats are otherwise subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available onsite at registration/check-in set forth in paragraph 7.1.

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10. VENUE

- 10.1. The racing venue will either be the area known as the “Coronado Roads” in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego or South San Diego Bay.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Championship regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified according to SCIRA Deed of Gift and to allow for a scoring penalty for failure to check in prior to the start. (Amends RRS A4).
- 12.2. Eleven (11) races are scheduled and three (3) races constitute a regatta.
- 12.3. When five (5) or fewer races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.
- 12.4. When more than five (5) and fewer than nine (9) races are completed a boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5. When nine (9) or more races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores).

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall register, within the limits specified in Section 6 above, to the Organizing Committee that will assign an identification to be shown visible on the boat throughout the event. Further, all such support boats will carry on board a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channels 16, 69 and 72.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 US Dollars per incident or the equivalent. Insurance will be available for purchase at registration.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 15.2. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper. Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews and prizes will be awarded to the winning skipper and crew of each race.

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18. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT

- 18.1. The winning skipper automatically qualifies for the next World Championship regatta. The winning skipper automatically qualifies for the next Western Hemisphere Championship Regatta.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE: The SCIRA Representative will be SCIRA General Secretary of the Western Hemisphere & Orient Alex Juk or his designee.

REGATTA CONTACT: Joanne O’Dea - jmodea@gmail.com - 619-347-9407

REGATTA WEBSITE: www.snipewho.org

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER: Bruce Greene - bgpa@sbcglobal.net

CHAIRMAN OF THE JURY: Francisco Jauregui - sattara@guruarjan.com

CHARTER BOATS: Don Bedford - don@bedfords.org

HOUSING: Lynn Sinks – lynnsinks@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT 1

Applicable US SAILING Prescriptions (Rx) to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Rx to 88.2 After rule 88.2 add:

US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 68 or 76.1.

Rx to rule 61.4 Add rule 61.4:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rx to rule 68 After rule 68 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- a. *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, but that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- b. *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- c. *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by these rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

Rx to rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.