



2008 Women's Snipe Challenge

February 23 & 24, 2008

Sailing Instructions



Organizing Authority

San Diego Yacht Club & Snipe Fleet 495

1. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008*, the Rules of Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA), Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. **Note USCG Navigational Rule 9 listed in the Notice of Race**

2. ADVERTISING

This regatta is classified as Category "A" in accordance with the SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

3. ENTRY

To be eligible to race, each boat must complete registration and pay the appropriate entry fee as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of the Notice of Race.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located on the Spinnaker Deck of the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC).

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board not later than 1000 on the day of the first race to which such changes apply. At the same time, Code Flag 'L', accompanied by one gun, will be displayed.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flag pole per RRS Racing Signals.
- 6.2 Code Flag "AP" with two guns (one gun when lowered) means that the racing is postponed. Consult the Official Regatta Notice Board regarding resumption of racing.

7. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

In accordance with RRS 89.2 (c), oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water. A change is in effect when the R/C signal boat displays code flag L over A with one sound signal. This means come within hail of the R/C boat to receive the oral changes to the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 Four races are scheduled for Saturday and two races are scheduled for Sunday for a total of six races. The Race Committee reserves the right to have more or less races each day.
- 8.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1155. Subsequent races will be started as soon as practical after completion of the prior race.

9. CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be the International Snipe Class Flag.

10. STARTING AREA

- 10.1 The starting area will be located in the Coronado Roads, 1.25 nm east of Zuniga Jetty.
- 10.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to move the racecourse to another location in San Diego Bay depending on weather conditions.

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11. CHECK IN

- 11.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in with, and be recognized by, the Race Committee (R/C) located on the primary signal boat in the start/finish area and displaying the Code Flag L. Each competitor shall pass close aboard on starboard tack and hail her sail number. When a boat has been recognized, the R/C will hail the boat's sail number.
- 11.2 Boats failing to check-in properly shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 10% of the starters in that race. For the purposes of this Section 11.2 a boat that checks in before the first race each day is automatically ranked as a starter for that race.

12. THE COURSE

- 12.1 The course will be selected from the attached Course Description. This illustration shows the course, the order in which the marks are to be rounded. Marks 1, OS, 2, and 3 shall be left to port.
- 12.2 In the event Mark 3 is replaced by leeward gate marks 3p and 3s, boats shall pass between mark 3p and 3s from the direction of the previous mark and leave the left hand gate mark to port OR the right hand gate mark to starboard, before proceeding on to the next leg of the course. In the event that Mark OS is not in place, boats shall proceed to the next mark of the course.
- 12.3 Course signals from the R/C vessel located at the starboard end of the starting line are as follows: The approximate bearing to Mark 1 will be signaled using placards. The number of the course to be sailed will be signaled using placards.
- 12.4 The mid-course Start / Finish line shall not be considered an obstruction while racing.

13. MARKS

- 13.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, will be yellow inflatable marks. When called for, Mark OS will be an 18" orange ball. Start Mark "S/F" will be an orange inflatable mark.
- 13.2 "New Marks" as provided in SI 16 will be yellow inflatable marks with black caps.

14. THE START

- 14.1 Races will start in accordance with RRS 26.
- 14.2 RRS 30.3 "Black Flag" will not be used.
- 14.3 The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag displayed on the R/C vessel at the starboard end of the start line and Mark S/F on the port end.

15. RECALLS

As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats On Course Side on the loudhailer. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the next leg of the course, the R/C will lay a "new mark" (or move the finishing line) and remove the "original mark" as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a "new mark" is replaced, it will be replaced by an "original mark."

17. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C vessel and Mark "S/F".

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18. PENALTIES

- 18.1 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.
- 18.2 Any competitor completing a penalty turn under RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 as modified by SI 19.1 shall report their completion of a penalty turn to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing.

19. PROTESTS

- 19.1 A boat intending to protest shall report her intentions and the boat(s) being protested to the R/C upon finishing or retiring and obtain R/C acknowledgment. *This changes RRS 61.1 (a).*
- 19.2 Written protests on US Sailing Protest Forms or Protest Forms provided at the Official Regatta Notice Board shall be lodged with the Protest Committee representative in the lobby of San Diego Yacht Club within one (1) hour of the docking time of the R/C finishing boat after the final race of the day. The docking time will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.
- 19.3 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The approximate order and time of hearings will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board identifying protesting and protested boats. It is the responsibility of each boat to check the schedule and attend the hearing in a timely manner with all parties and witnesses in order. The Protest Committee is not responsible for searching for parties or their witnesses.

20. SAFETY

A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify the R/C of her withdrawal before leaving the race area, and if not successful, shall notify the PRO via cell phone at (619) 985-3873 as quickly as possible. Competitors are encouraged to carry a cellular phone sealed in a plastic bag for emergency communication only. Any other electronic communication is subject to protest.

21. SCORING

- 21.1 If six races are completed, each boat's worst score shall be discarded, otherwise, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 21.2 Six races are scheduled, of which two completed races shall constitute a series.

22. TOWING

A tow to the race course will be available at approximately 1000 each day with pick up at the "Star Hoist". The R/C will not wait for stragglers and missing the tow shall not be grounds for redress. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to reach the starting area on time.

23. Prizes

A trophy presentation will be held on the Spinnaker Deck following the completion of racing.

Michael Foster, Principal Race Officer

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Course Chart

Course	Descriptions	Marks
1	W/L - 1 lap	S/F, 1, OS, 3, Finish
2	W/L - 2 laps	S/F, 1, OS, 3, 1, OS, 3, Finish
3	W/L - 3 laps	S/F, 1, OS, 3, 1, OS, 3, 1, OS, 3, Finish
4	Triangle - 1 lap	S/F, 1, 2, 3, Finish
5	Triangle - 2 laps	S/F, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
6	Triangle, W/L	S/F, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

