

NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

2006 WESTERN HEMISPHERE & ORIENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy

October 22-26, 2006

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Snipe Class International Racing Association

2. HOSTING CLUB: Coconut Grove Sailing Club

3. RULES:

- a) The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b) The 2005-2008 prescriptions of US Sailing shall not apply except for their prescriptions to Racing Rules: 61.4(Fees for Protests), 68(Damages), 76.1 &76.3(Exclusion of Boats or Competitors) which shall apply. US SAILING Prescriptions can be found at:
http://www.ussailing.org/documents/2005-2008_US_Prescriptions.pdf
- c) The current SCIRA Rules for Conducting National & International Championships, the Deed of Gift, including the changes to the 2005-2008 SCIRA Official Rulebook, the Official Regatta Interpretations of the Deed of Gift for 2006 shall apply. If there is conflict between the Deed of Gift and the Notice of Race, the Notice of Race will take precedence. These documents can be found at: <http://www.snipe.org/scira/rules>, except for the Official Regatta Interpretations of the Deed of Gift for 2006 which is located on the Official Regatta Web Site at <http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/personal/kkilpatrick/>
- d) If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- e) All changes to the Sailing Instruction shall have the prior approval of the SCIRA Representative before such change shall be considered valid.

4. INTERNATIONAL JURY:

- a) An International Jury shall be appointed in conformance with Appendix N.
- b) Per N2.2 (a) & (b) the Organizing Authority reserves for itself the decisions on issues of eligibility, measurement and boat certification, substitution of competitors, boats, sails & equipment.
- c) SCIRA may refer issues to the Jury for advice or adjudication at its discretion.

5. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RRS 42:

- a) Appendix P (Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42) shall be in effect except that P2.3 (Third and Subsequent Protest) is changed such that, for any boat so protested by the Jury, the penalty shall be disqualification from that race without a hearing and that such disqualification shall not be eligible to be discarded (DNE).

6. LANGUAGE:

If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

7. ADVERTISING:

This regatta is classified as a Category "C" in accordance with current RRS and SCIRA Advertising prescriptions.

8. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- a) This regatta is open only to those SCIRA registered boats and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year at the time of their registration and entry is specifically limited by the current Deed of Gift and the Official Interpretation of the Deed of Gift for the 2006 Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship as posted on the Official Regatta Web Site. Both Skipper and crew must possess a current Class Membership Card or its SCIRA-issued equivalent.
- b) All competitors will be expected to show evidence of compliance with RRS 75.2.

9. REGISTRATION:

- a) Each eligible country is permitted to register up to five (5) teams of eligible skippers and crew on or before July 21, 2006 with the Organizing Authority regatta organizing committee as posted on the Official Regatta Web Page. Detailed information on Registration Fees, Charters and Housing is available on the Official Regatta Web Site.
- b) If total registration for the regatta at 1800 hours on July 21, 2006 does not exceed fifty (50) registered teams any unfilled national slots may be then be reallocated to a pool of qualified prospective entrants and then assigned to another country per the percentage of that country's registration to the total registration on July 21, 2006. The total of such reallocated slots shall not exceed the total of 50 teams and registration for those slots must be received no later than August 15, 2006.

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- c) Competitors are advised to read the Official Interpretations to the Deed of Gift for 2006 to help resolve any questions related to the Deed of Gift and refer their questions regarding eligibility and registration to the Official Regatta Web Site.
- d) Registration packets can be found on the Official Regatta Web Site, or from your National Secretary.

10. SCHEDULE:

Saturday October 21	Measurement commences at CGSC at 0900 hours.
Sunday October 22	Measurement continues at CGSC until 1700 hours. Orientation for Support Boat skippers at 1030 hours. Practice Race Warning Signal is at 1300 hours. Rule 42 work shop with Jury at 1700 hours
Monday October 23	3 races Warning for first race of day at 1130 hours
Tuesday October 24	3 races Warning for first race of day at 1130 hours
Wednesday October 25	3 races Warning for first race of day at 1130 hours
Thursday October 26	2 races Warning for first race of day at 1130 hours Plus any make up race
Friday October 27	Charter boats inspected and returned

Comment [MD1]: As races are numbered as they are sailed, I suggest that the number of races scheduled each day be substituted here to comply with the Deed of Gift.

11. MEASUREMENT: All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate and all boats and crews will be subject to measurement and equipment checks at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class and or the Race Committee. All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The regatta Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Regatta Web Site and available in hard copy no later than October 21 at the CGSC.

13. RACING VENUE: All regatta racing will be conducted on Biscayne Bay.

14. COURSES: The courses to be sailed will be the Class Approved for Championship regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Handbook and on the SCIRA web site.

15. BLACK FLAG: RRS 30.3 will not be used in this regatta.

16. SCORING:

- a) SCIRA Low Point scoring will be used for this regatta. If at least six (6) races are completed the worst race may be discarded and if nine (9) or more races are completed the two (2) worst races may be discarded.
- b) The score for a boat that is scored Does Not Finish (DNF) shall be one point more than the last boat to finish per the "Changes to the 2005-2008 SCIRA Official Rulebook".

17. SUPPORT BOATS:

In addition to the restrictions required by SCIRA as specified in the Sailing Instructions the following additional rules will be in effect:

- a) All support boats must register with the race committee prior to 1700 hours on Sunday, October 22, 2006 and shall display their country's flag while in the vicinity of the race course.
- b) All support boats shall immediately comply with any request made of them by either the Race Committee or the Jury. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of the course privilege for the remainder of the regatta.

19. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) Competitors participate in the regatta at their risk per RRS 4.
- b) Neither the Organizing Authority and the hosting club, nor their representatives, will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

20. PRIZES:

The Hayward Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the winning crew.

Prizes will be awarded to the top ten (10) skippers & crews

A prize will be awarded to the top junior skipper & crew.

A prize will be awarded to the top woman (skipper OR crew)

21. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

The winning skipper of the 2006 SCIRA Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship will automatically qualify for entry into the 2007 SCIRA World Championship.

22. SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE: to be determined

23. REGATTA CONTACT: Lynn Fitzpatrick at Regatta_Chair@Bellsouth.net