

By-Laws

Section 1. *Racing Season*

The official racing season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Section 2. *Hull Numbers and Registration*

New boats presumed to be built to the Class rules may be registered and have racing numbers assigned at any time after being completely constructed, by application to the National Secretary, and paying the fee applicable to the country. The owner's full name and correct address must be supplied. Upon registration, the Executive Director shall assign the hull number. No number shall ever be withdrawn; even though a boat is built outside the rules and restrictions, it must retain its registration number for identification. No number will be reassigned except to an old hull that has lost its original identification. Then an old, inactive number from the same period as the age of the boat may be assigned at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Section 3. *Change of Address*

Owners of registered boats are requested to keep the Executive Director informed of any changes in address in order to keep the Association's records correct.

Section 4. *Reregistration*

Boats that change hands through sale or other means, shall be reregistered at the earliest possible moment by the new owner who shall notify the National Secretary of such change of ownership with full information as to the new owner's name, address and where the boat will be located. If the boat's name is changed, such information should be included. The letters on the mainsail shall reflect those of a skipper's country of which he is a citizen or bonafide resident for at least one year at the moment of registration to SCIRA for the current year

Section 5. *Measurement*

Each boat, to be eligible to race, must hold a Certificate of Measurement recommended by the Measurer and approved by the Rules Committee of the Association. To obtain such a Certificate the boat must be examined by the Measurer who shall report his findings on a Snipe Class Measurement Data Sheet currently approved by the Rules Committee. If the boat complies in all respects the Measurer shall fill out a Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) and send one copy of the same to the National Secretary with the owner's current dues and the original to SCIRA Office. The owner then becomes a member of the Association.

Section 6. *Measurer's Duties*

It shall be the duty of a Measurer to call to the attention of the Association any and all discrepancies not found to be within the tolerances shown on the current Measurement Data Sheets. Any discrepancy found on a professionally built boat shall be corrected before a certificate is issued. In case there are discrepancies on a home built boat, and if (in his opinion) the discrepancies are of minor importance of the boats sailing qualities, the Measurer may give a Limited Measurement Certificate good only for Club or Fleet races provided such discrepancies are clearly indicated on the Data Sheet. However, final decision shall rest with the Chief Measurer. Boats holding a Limited Measurement Certificate shall not race in any Sanctioned regatta or Major Championship.

When the Fleet Measurer is the owner of a Snipe, he should be the chairman of a committee for measuring boats and recommending issuance of Measurement Certificates. No person may take or record the measurements of a Snipe in which he is financially or otherwise interested. The Association may refuse to accept further recommendations for Measurement Certificates from any Measurer or committee that is found guilty of negligence or misrepresentation regarding measurement.

Section 7. *Measurement Fee*

Measurement fees are fixed by the Fleet or by the Measurer with the approval of the Fleet. Of this fee the amount specified for each country shall go to the National Secretary, together with Measurement Data Sheet, which sum will be considered as the owners' dues for the ensuing year.

Section 8. *Measuring Unattached Boats*

Boats may be owned in localities where no fleet is in existence. The owners of such boats may, upon application to the National Secretary, receive a Measurement Data Sheet to be filled in relative to the boat and sails. Upon returning this to the National Secretary, together with Class dues, a Provisional measurement Certificate will be issued provided the boat and sails are found to be within the limits of the

Class. This Provisional Measurement Certificate shall be subject to ratification by an accredited Measurer who shall re-measure the boat and who shall be empowered to recommend a full Certificate of Measurement. Provisional Measurement Certificates will not permit a boat to take part in any qualifying regatta or Major Championship.

Section 9. *Lost Measurement Certificate*

If an owner should lose the Measurement Certificate for his boat, application should be made to the Fleet Measurer or SCIRA office for a new one.

Section 10. *Racing Rules*

All races shall be run in accordance with the racing rules of sailing of World Sailing (WS) as adopted by the national authority.

Section 11. *Definition of Skippers*

The term “skipper” where used herein or in deeds of gift shall be construed to mean the person who steers the boat. The same skipper must sail the boat throughout a regatta.

Section 12. *Crew Required*

2 persons must be aboard each Snipe in all races, including the skipper.

Section 14. *Snipe Events*

Snipe events are divided into:

- Club or Fleet regattas
- Sanctioned regattas
- Major Championships

A Club or Fleet regatta is a local regatta within the members of a single fleet or Yacht Club. Those regattas may be run using the Rules for Conducting non-Championship regattas and may not have a PRO present.

A Sanctioned regatta is a regatta that is listed in each Nation’s calendar. Annually each National Secretary presents the list of regattas to be sanctioned to the SCIRA office. Any regatta qualifying for a subsequent Major Championship must be a sanctioned regatta.

Recognition of a sanctioned regatta means that at least:

1. All competitors are current members of SCIRA (both skipper and crew)
2. The boat is properly registered with SCIRA for the year with a decal displayed on the hull
3. The boat has a current MDS on file
4. A PRO is present

A Major Championship is a regatta assigning a World, an area title or is a Regional Game. To be recognized as a Major Championship the regatta must comply with the requirements of the Sanctioned regattas, the Rules for Conducting national and International Championships, the applicable Deed of Gift and the World Sailing regulations, if any.

Section 16. *Sail Markings*

Snipe insignia, racing number and country identification shall be displaced on sails. Chevron awards may be displayed on sails.

Section 18. *Sail Numbers*

During all races the number on the sails shall correspond to a measured hull on which dues for the current year have been paid. If an owner owns more than one boat, he may use numbers corresponding to either boat. In no event may two or more boats regatta have the same sail number.

Section 19. *Fleet Charter Fee*

To be considered active each chartered fleet shall pay to the Association a charter fee annually at the start of each season. This is over and above regular dues of members.

Section 20. *Publicity Committee*

Each Fleet holding sanctioned regattas must have a publicity committee, usually comprising one person, whose sole duty it shall be to see that the regatta is amply covered by the press. For sanctioned regattas, the publicity committee shall work to get complete press coverage not only locally, but also to the press associations, SCIRA office and social media.