The Class Rules adopted in 2018 introduced some changes in the identification of the boats when racing, which greatly simplify the matter.  

**Fist**, look at Rules C10.3 of the Snipe Class Rules: the number on the sail shall be any number (not only the hull number of the boat) providing that the number is of a boat current with the class. No numbers of fantasy; no numbers obtained detaching one digit from another number...  

Rule C10.4 is the **second** step: the identification is according to Appendix G of the WS RRS unless differently prescribed by the Class Rules.  

Given the above, according to the **Snipe Rules**:

- the position of the **class insignia** shall be above the top batten;  

Then, according to **Appendix G of the RRS**:

- **the class insignia** can be placed back to back;  
- no restriction about the **colour** provided it is clearly legible;  
- **national letters and sail numbers** shall be in capital letters and Arabic numerals, clearly legible and of the same colour;  
- the height shall be 300mm and the space between adjoining characters shall be 60mm;  
- **the typeface** shall be commercially available giving the same or better legibility than **Helvetica**;  
- the **position** of national letters and sail numbers shall be inside a radius of the 60% of the leech length centered on the head point of the sail with the right side uppermost, but the Class Rules specify that both national letters must be above the sail numbers (this changes the RRS).  

Finally, according to World Sailing Q&A 2018.004, **digital fonts** are not allowed.  

The Class Rules require in addition that the **nationality** will determine where the dues are paid by the skipper. If the skipper is, let’s say, Italian but is resident in Germany, he or she can choose either, but shall decide the membership nationality at the beginning of the year.  

Summarizing, the identification on the Snipe sail shall be:

- **above the top batten**, the emblem, every color is accepted (providing it is clearly legible);  
- **below the top batten**, the national letters, those on the right to be above those on the left side; colour to be the same as the numbers;  
- **straddling the mid batten**, the sail numbers, the right ones to be above the left ones; the number shall be those of a boat which dues are paid for the current year.  

**References:**

**SNIPE CLASS RULES:**

C.10.3  
C.10.4  

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**APPENDIX G**

**IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS**

G1.2 Specifications  
G1.3 Positioning