NOTICE OF RACE

Miami Snipe Invitational North American WHO Youth Qualifier Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida January 5-8, 2012



Organizing Authority: Snipe Class International Racing Association

Venue & Host Fleet: Boats will sail from the US Sailing Center and Coral Reef Yacht Club. Miami Snipe Fleet 7 is the host fleet.

<u>Rules:</u> The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing, the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting Sanctioned Regattas, and the Sailing Instructions shall be in effect.

Advertising: In accordance with SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

<u>Entry and Eligibility:</u> This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats. Skippers and crews must be under the age of 36. Teams competing to qualify for the North American youth spot for the 2012 Western Hemisphere and Orient Championship (Buenos Aires) must not reach their 22nd birthdays in 2012, and both skipper and crew must be members of SCIRA in their respective North American country.

Registration: Entries may be may be made by completing the official entry form and emailing it to ktocke@hotmail.com or by registering on site at the US Sailing Center, Jan. 5th and Jan. 7th. An entry fee of \$60 can be paid in cash or by check. Post-race refreshments are included in the registration fee. Sailors may register with SCIRA USA at registration.

RSVP by Tuesday, December 20th to Kathleen Tocke (contact info below), to receive regatta commemorative items for skipper and crew.

Clinic Schedule:

Thursday January 5, 12:00 – 5:00 Friday, January 6, 12:00 – 5:00

Regatta Schedule:

Registration (US Sailing Center): Saturday January 7, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Competitors' Meeting (US Sailing Center): Sunday, January 7, 9:30 a.m.

Racing:

Saturday January 7, first warning signal 11:00 a.m. Sunday January 8, first warning signal 10:00 a.m.

The Race Committee will attempt to complete six races. No warning signal after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8.

<u>Measurement:</u> (1) All boats are required to have a current Class decal (2012) properly displayed or have verification and validation of same by SCIRA Officials. (2) All qualifying teams are required to be paid SCIRA members. (3) All boats are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class.

Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

Courses: As per Sailing Instructions.

"Black Flag": RRS Rule 30.3 shall not been used in this regatta.

Scoring: ISAF Low Point Scoring shall be used.

<u>Prizes:</u> Top three skippers and crews. Top team under the age of 21. The highest placing new team will win a charter for the Don Q International Regatta (Mar.-Miami) and the second highest placing team will win a charter boat for the Comodoro Rasco Regatta (Feb.-Miami).

<u>Charter Boats:</u> Are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A damage deposit of \$200 (cash or check) is required. The \$50 charter fee includes boat, sails (for new teams), and insurance. Charter deadline: December 28th.

<u>Airport Transportation:</u> Pick-ups from Miami Int'l must be pre-arranged with regatta organizers. Super Shuttle is available at Miami Int'l. The *Tri-Rail* link is easy from Fort Lauderdale Airport to Miami Airport Station. http://www.tri-rail.com/rider_info/station_location.htm

<u>Housing</u>: Local homestays are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Kathleen Tocke.

The following is a partial list of cheaper local area hotels:

Hampton Inn – Coconut Grove Residence Inn – Coconut Grove (suites with kitchen good for groups) Extended Stay America – Brickell Area (2.5 miles)

Hostels in Miami/South Beach (15 mins.) http://www.hostels.com/miami/usa

Budget hotels and hostels in Ft. Lauderdale (25 mins.) http://www.hostels.com/fort-lauderdale/usa

SCIRA Representative: TBD Regatta Contact: Kathleen Tocke, ktocke@hotmail.com