



Snipe Class International Racing Association
2013 SCIRA USA National Championship
2013 SCIRA USA Junior National Championship
2013 SCIRA USA Special Junior National Championship

July 19-26, 2013
Buffalo Canoe Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The Organizing Authority is the Buffalo Canoe Club, in cooperation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association-USA (SCIRA USA).

RULES:

- The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the current SCIRA Class Rules, By-Laws, the Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Regattas (ROC), and the trophy restrictions of the Deeds of Gift.
- Any Conflict arising between the Deeds of Gift and the SCIRA Rules of Conduct shall be resolved by the application of the SCIRA Rules of Conduct, as interpreted by the Class Representative.
- Changes to the Racing Rules (RRS) and Rules of conduct will be as follows:
- No national prescriptions will apply.
- RRS Appendix P will apply.
- RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- RS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- RRS 30.3 will not be used.
- RRS 32.2 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes
- RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NOR and SI.
- RSS 64.2 will be changed to compel the Jury/PC to abandon a race as required by RoC 18.
- If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

ADVERTISING:

- Advertising is permitted as per ISAF Regulation 20 and Snipe Class Rules. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- At the discretion of the Organizing Authority or the Race Committee boats may be required to have further identification on their hulls which shall be provided by the Organizing Authority or the Race Committee.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

SCIRA USA Junior Championship Regatta: This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are USA citizens, or a USA resident of at least one year, who are in good standing with SCIRA-USA for the current year and will not be 22 years of age or older as of December 31, 2013. Crews not meeting citizenship or residency requirement may apply to the SCIRA USA National Secretary for a waiver.

SCIRA USA Special Junior Championship Regatta: This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are USA citizens, or a USA resident of at least one year, who are in good standing with SCIRA-USA for the current year and the skipper will not be 22 years of age or older as of December 31, 2013. The crew may be any age, but must be a current SCIRA Member and a USA citizen, or a USA resident of at least one year. Crews not meeting citizenship or residency requirement may apply to the SCIRA USA National Secretary for a waiver.

SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta (Crosby, Heinzerling and Wells Series):

This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year.

SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta (Wells Series only): This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year.

- Only participants that are US citizens or that have been residents of the US for at least one year and are members in good standing of SCIRA International and SCIRA USA are eligible to win any US Perpetual Trophies awarded at the 2013 US National Championship.
- Only participants that are US citizens or that have been residents of the US for at least one year and are members in good standing of SCIRA International and SCIRA USA are eligible to qualify to represent the United States at any international events for which the 2013 US National Championship is a qualifying event, subject to the restrictions on eligibility applicable to nonresident US citizens as set forth in SCIRA USA's Policy on Eligibility of Residents of US Territories Who Are US Citizens for US Qualifying Positions for International Events, as adopted by SCIRA USA on February 18, 2010.
- At the time of registration for any of the above events, both skipper and crew must be paid members in good standing with SCIRA, or SCIRA USA, the boat hull being used and the boat hull for the sail number being used must be currently registered with SCIRA, and must complete registration and pay all fees associated with the event(s) being sailed. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any of the above events unless their memberships and their boat hull and sail registrations are verified by the Organizing Authority.

FEES:

- SCIRA USA Junior National Championship Regatta: \$70 USD
- SCIRA USA Special Junior National Championship Regatta: \$70 USD
- USA National Championship Regatta (Crosby, Heinzerling and Wells Series): \$300 USD
- SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta (Wells Series only): \$250 USD

REGISTRATION:

Entries for the SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta (Crosby, Heinzerling and Wells Series) and the Wells Series received after June 20, 2013 shall be subject to a \$50 late fee in addition to the

stated Entry Fee. Entries for the SCIRA USA Junior and Special Junior National Championship Regattas received after June 19, 2013 shall be subject to a \$25 late fee in addition to the stated Entry Fee. Registration for the SCIRA USA Junior and Special Junior National Championships will close at 5:00pm on Friday, July 19, 2013. Registration for the SCIRA USA National Championship regattas will close 3:30pm on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

Registration for the events may be made:

1. **Online** by completing the Registration Form on the BCC website at: www.buffalocanoeclub.com and faxing or emailing the form to the club. The entry fee will be paid onsite at the Club during the registration period. Registrations received that are after June 20, 2013 will be subject to a \$50 late fee.
2. **On Site** by completing the registration form and making the required payment, including Late Fee, at the registration desk during the registration period.

All participants in the Events are required to report to the Host Club registration desk during the period registration is open to complete and confirm their registration for the event.

SCHEDULE:

Registration & Check-in: On-site registration and check-in will be located in the BCC Clubhouse.

Junior and Special Junior Events:

Friday, July 19th 10:00am to 1:00pm and 3:00 to 5:00pm
Saturday, July 20th 8:00am to 9:00am

USA National Championship Regatta (Crosby & Heinzerling)

Friday, July 19 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday, July 20 9:30am – 12:30pm and 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Sunday, July 21 10:00am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm - 3:30pm

USA National Championship Regatta (Wells Series):

Friday, July 19 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Saturday, July 20 9:30am – 12:30 and 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Sunday, July 21 10:00am - 12:30pm and 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday, July 23 **ONLY** by pre-appointment with Regatta Chair
Wednesday July 24 **ONLY** by pre-appointment with Regatta Chair

Measurement: Measurement will be conducted in accordance with the SCIRA Rules. Measurement will be located at the inner boat house, adjacent to the dry-sail area.

Measurement Schedule:

Junior and Special Junior Events:

Friday, July 19 10:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday, July 20 8:00am to 9:00am

USA National Championship Regatta (Crosby, Heinzerling & Wells Series):

Saturday, July 20 9:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30 pm - 4:00pm

Sunday, July 21 10:00am to 1:00pm and 2:00 - 3:30pm

SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta (Wells Series only):

Boats must be weighed before launch for the first race

Safety gear must be checked before launch for the first race

Competitors Meetings: All Competitors meetings will be held at the BCC.

Junior and Special Junior events: Saturday, July 20 at 9:30am

Crosby Series: Monday, July 22 at 9:30am

Heinzerling and Wells Series: Wednesday, June 24 at 9:30am

Racing: In the case for all Series, the Race Committee reserves the right to hold more or fewer races each day except that no more than three (3) races may be held each day.

Junior and Special Junior Events:

Saturday, July 20 – 11:00 First warning signal

Sunday, July 21 – 9:30 First warning Signal

The Race Committee will attempt to run three races each day.

Two completed races shall constitute a Series.

No warning signal will be made after 1:30 on Sunday, July 21 .

Crosby Series:

Monday and Tuesday July 22 and 23 . Two races each day with first race warning signal at 11:00am. If one or more races are completed on Monday and/or Tuesday July 22 and/or 23 the races completed shall constitute the Series, subject to the scoring provisions below. If no races have been completed on Monday or Tuesday, June 22 or 23, a third day on June 24 shall be utilized for the Series and the series shall be limited to races completed that day.

Heinzerling Series:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 24, 25, & 26.

Two races each day with first race warning signal at 11:00am.

Three completed races shall constitute a Series (including Crosby Series as one race).

No warning signal shall be made after 3:00 on Friday, July 26.

Wells Series:

If sailed, subject to the requirements of the current SCIRA USA National Championship Rules of Conduct, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 24, 25, & 26. Two races each day with first race Warning signal after Heinzerling Series start. Two completed races shall constitute a Series.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Available at registration.

VENUE:

Buffalo Canoe Club
4475 Erie Road, R.R. 1
Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada
Phone: (905) 894 - 2750

RACING AREA:

Abino Bay

COURSES: The courses to be sailed are those approved courses for championship regattas as published in the SCIRA rule book.

SCORING:

- Low Point System as publish in Appendix "A" of RRS shall be used.
- A boat's series score will be a total of her race scores. However a boat will be permitted to discard her worst score when the number of races indicated below have been completed and scored:
 - Junior and Special Junior after 5 races
 - Crosby after 4 races
 - Heinzerling after 6 races
 - Wells after 6 races

The Crosby finishing position of any competitor participating in the Wells Series will NOT be carried forward to the Wells Series only.

- In the event a Wells Series is not sailed:
 - all races sailed as part of the Crosby Series shall be scored, without any throw outs, for the purpose of determining the final place in the Crosby Series;
 - each race sailed as part of the Crosby Series shall be scored as a separate race finish in the Heinzerling Series;
 - if six or more but less than 9 races are scored in the Heinzerling Series, one finish shall be thrown out for the purpose of determining the final place in the Heinzerling Series;
 - if 9 or more races are scored in the Heinzerling Series, two finishes shall be thrown out for the purpose of determining the final place in the Heinzerling Series.

AWARDS:**SCIRA USA Junior National Championship Regatta:**

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishing teams.
- The winning skipper will be awarded the Commodore Owen E. Duffy Memorial Trophy.
- The winning crew will be awarded the Gilreath Trophy.

SCIRA USA Special Junior National Championship Regatta:

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishing skippers.
- The winning skipper will be awarded the "Old Man" Diaz Trophy

USA National Championship Regatta Crosby Series:

- Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing teams.
- The winning skipper will be awarded the Crosby Memorial Trophy.

USA National Championship Regatta Heinzerling Series:

- Prizes will be awarded to the top ten (10) finishing teams.
- The winning skipper will be awarded the Commodore Charles E. Heinzerling Trophy.
- The winning crew will be awarded the Portage Lakes Yacht Club Trophy.
- The second place team will be awarded the Slauson Memorial Trophy.

- The highest placing woman (skipper or crew) in the Heinzerling Series will be awarded the Eleanor Williams Memorial Trophy.

SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta Wells Series:

- Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing teams.
- The winning skipper will be awarded the Wells Trophy.

Other Prizes:

- Harold Griffith Trophy – Awarded to the skipper with the best total point score in the combined Crosby and Heinzerling Series.
- Macklanburg-Duncan Trophy – Awarded to the Chairman of the Race Committee for the SCIRA USA National Championship.
- National Secretary Trophy – Awarded to the USA National Championship Regatta Chair Person.
- Carolyn Nute Memorial Trophy – Awarded to the highest placing married couple.
- Masters Trophy – Awarded to the highest placing master skipper.
- Masters Endurance Trophy – Awarded to the oldest skipper entered in the Crosby and Heinzerling or Wells Series.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

The top three (3) USA teams from the Heinzerling series qualify to represent SCIRA USA at the 2014 Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship in San Diego. Qualification is subject to the eligibility restrictions as stated in the subsequent even Deeds of Gift. The team eligibility and selection process is outlined on the SCIRA USA website at *snipeus.org*

SOCIAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 20	Barbeque and beach bonfire with S'mores for Junior competitors
Sunday, July 21	Opening Ceremonies, Junior Awards, followed by ice cream social.
Monday, July 22	Evening Bus Trip to Niagara Falls
Wednesday, July 24	Cookout Dinner on East Lawn
Thursday, July 25	Cocktail Party at the Swanson's House
Friday, July 26	Awards Banquet and Dancing in the Outer Boathouse

SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE: Brainard Cooper, bcoop@vol.com, (423) 622-6081, (423) 400-7752 (cell).

REGATTA CONTACTS:

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Housing, Monica Jones	jonesim42@aol.com
Trip Planning Assistance, Mary Alice Tocke	JTocke@aol.com

Regatta Logistics & Area Information

PASSPORTS & BORDER CROSSING:

The Buffalo Canoe Club is located in Ontario, Canada, 15-20 minutes from the US border (Peace Bridge). **Everyone, regardless of age is required to present a valid passport or Nexus card to cross the border.** Minors not crossing the border with their parents should have a letter from their parents explaining the purpose of the trip and giving permission to their guardians to take them across the border.

Trailing of boats across the border is a common event. Ownership papers and trailer registration are rarely asked for, but it is advisable that you have these. Ownership papers can be an informal typed document with hull number, year built, builder, date purchased, from whom, and the owner's address and signature. It is important to tell the customs official that the boat and all its equipment will be returning to the USA after the regatta.

Rush-hour crossings of the border should be avoided as should crossing the border on weekends from 12:00 – 2:00. Only alcohol bought at Duty Free before crossing the border can be taken into Canada. Do not cross the border with tobacco or other substances.

AIRPORTS & SHUTTLE SERVICES:

The **Buffalo Niagara International Airport** (BUF) is located 15 minutes from the US/Canadian border. Most major airlines including Southwest, Air Tran, and Jet Blue fly to Buffalo. **The Toronto Pearson International Airport** (YYZ) is an hour and half drive from the BCC. Toronto offers more direct flights from major international cities. International competitors not wishing to have both a US and Canadian visa should consider flying into Toronto. The **Hamilton International Airport** (YHM) is located 45 minutes from the BCC. Canadian budget airline, **West Jet**, flies into Hamilton and Toronto and more than 80 US cities, as well as Nassau and Mexico.

The **Niagara Airbus** provides shuttle bus service from all the region's airports to Fort Erie (Canadian border town, 15 minutes from the club). For schedule & reservations: www.niagaraairbus.net .

CHILDCARE:

Abino Bay is safe family environment. Children will be well entertained on the club's grounds – beach & swimming docks, beach volleyball, playground, tennis courts, snack bar, and local bike path. Subsidized babysitting at the club for competitors' children (ages 3 – 11) will be offered from 9:30 – 4:00 on race days during the Crosby and Heinzerling Series. **Reservations must be made no later than June 10** – no exceptions. Contact: ktocke@hotmail.com for babysitting reservations.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Homestays:

Billeting with BCC families is on a limited first-come-first served basis and priority will be given first to juniors. Housing cannot be provided to families with children and not past Saturday, July 27. Contact Monica Jones: jonesim42@aol.com

Cottage Rentals:

Crystal Beach is a summer vacation community with many cottages to rent.

<http://www.vacationrentals.com/vacation-rentals/ontario/crystal-beach.html>

<http://www.cottagesincanada.com/cottage-rentals/ontario/southeastern-niagara/crystal-beach>

<http://www.dwhowardrealty.com/listings/ontario-ca-rentals.html>

Additional cottage listings & websites will be posted on the regatta website.

Motels & Hotels:

Limited rooms are available 2 miles from the club at the simple Crystal Beach Motel and Lakeside Suites. More upscale chain hotels are located within a 15 minute drive from the club in the town of Fort Erie: Clarion Hotel (closest), Comfort Inn, & the Econo Lodge.

Camping:

Camping is not allowed on club grounds, but available within an 8 minute drive from the club at Knights Hideaway Campground: www.knightsfamilycamping.com or a 12 minute drive from the club at the more picturesque Sherkston family resort: www.sherkston.com.

CURRENCY:

US and Canadian currencies are accepted at the toll at the Canadian Border as well as EZ Pass.

US currency is accepted at most stores and restaurants in the area, but usually not at par.

Both currencies are accepted at the BCC.

BOAT STORAGE & LAUNCHING:

All boats will be stored in the club drysail area. The BCC is located on a 2 mile sand beach. There is a large ramp that leads to the water's edge. It is **recommended that all boats use dollies** as there is no hoist and the water level of the lake can fluctuate drastically.

CHARTERS

Many charters are available for the Jr. Nationals, but are limited for the Nationals. Priority will be given to US residents traveling the furthest, juniors, and international teams. Contact: ktocke@hotmail.com.

SIGHT-SEEING & DAY TRIPS:

Social activities are being planned for family members and friends not competing. See the Regatta website for more information and itinerary suggestions. Suggested day trips: Niagara Falls (25 minutes), Niagara Gorge (35 minutes), Buffalo (20 minutes), Niagara-on-the Lake & Niagara Wine Region (35 minutes), Toronto (1 hour 30 minutes) Port Colborne & Welland Canal (20 minutes) Fort Erie (15 minutes), Fort George (45 minutes).

For more information on local and regional logistics, information and activities, contact:

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