

NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
HYTHE & SALTWOOD SC OPEN 6-7 SEPTEMBER 2014

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
UK Snipe Class International Racing Association and
Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club www.hssc.net,
Kent

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the SCIRA Rules, the rules of Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club, and the sailing instructions

2. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

The championship is open to SCIRA registered boats and each must display a 2014 decal

No helm or crew shall be eligible to enter unless they are fully paid members of SCIRA UK (temporary memberships are available for the event)

Entry forms will be available to download from snipe.org.uk

3. REGISTRATION, BRIEFING, RACES AND SOCIAL

Saturday 6th September, High Tide 08:55

Briefing: 1300

Race 1 start time 14:00 , race 2 and 3 back to back (target 45 minutes per race)

BBQ and social at the gibsons (Broadfields, CT4 6XX), all competitors and event helpers and their families invited..bring your own drinks

Sunday 7th September:

Race 4 start time 10.55am, race 5 after lunch.. last start 1430

Prize giving after racing is completed

Sunday racing will be run on the same course as club racing with a 5 minute gap between starts. A handicap trophy will be presented to the fastest boat on handicap from the two fleets.

if 5 races are sailed there will be one discard, if 4 races or less are completed then all races to count.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on 6th September

5. VENUE AND COURSES

Races will be sailed off Hythe and Saltwood Sailing Club, subject to sea conditions. In the event of excessive shore-break forecast the venue may be changed at short notice to Redoubt SC , an inland venue 1 mile away.

A clubhouse startline is envisaged for most wind directions , but club ribs may be used for some starts.

6. SCORING

The low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

7. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000

8. 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9. PRIZES: An entry fee of £30 is proposed. This may be increased to £50 if both days racing are relocated to Redoubt SC due to weather/seastate due to the lake landlord daysailing fee.

Prizes for this event will be those normally presented at Blue Circle Open Meeting which this event replaces for 2014

10. ACCOMMODATION

Free camping will be available in the Gibsons field, 15 minutes drive from the club, with limited spare beds for the eldest competitors/supporters by arrangement..

Hotel and B&B Accommodation is available local to the club in the town of Hythe, Kent.

Supplementary Information:

Hythe, Kent is located 5 minutes from the Channel Tunnel, 5 miles west of Folkestone on the English Channel. Sailing is within Hythe bay which provides some protection from the strong tides of the channel , but not from swell or shorebreak. The beach is a steep shingle bank with a club winch used to recover boats to the promenade. Launching and recovery is not easy , teamwork will be required to recover boats and to launch boats with fixed rudders if there is any Southerly element to the wind. Car access to the promenade will be permitted for dropping off boats and recovery after the vent ,with parking on the local roads.

HSSC was the venue for the 1986 snipe national championships.

A decision whether to relocate racing on either day to Redoubt SC will be made on Wednesday evening September 3rd . For this reason all competitors should register their intent to participate by confirming their mobile phone number

Thanks to Neal Gibson (www.gibsonsails.com) for agreeing to be Race Officer

