

NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
78TH MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB – CLEARWATER FLORIDA
MARCH 13, 14, 15, 2016

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
Snipe Class International Racing Association

HOSTING CLUB:
Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC), 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater, Florida 33767. Boat storage and launching will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1000 Gulf Blvd., Sand Key.

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
- 1.2 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC)
- 1.3 The Deed of Gift.
- 1.4 No national prescriptions will apply except as provided in the prescriptions to Rule 88.2.
- 1.5 Rule 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.
- 1.6 Rule 30.3 will not be used.
- 1.7 Rule 32.2 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes
- 1.8 Rule 60.1(a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NOR and SI.
- 1.9 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and SCIRA rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 3.2 No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
 - they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or
 - SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
 - shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.

4. FEES:

4.1 Entries are to be made online at www.clearwateryachtclub.org in the regattas tab under Snipes Midwinter Regatta or during on-site registration on Saturday at CYC.

4.2 The fee for entries before March 7, 2016 is \$125.00.

4.3 Entries made or received after 24:00 March 7, 2015 will be LATE entries subject to an additional late fee of \$25.00 or \$150.00 total.

4.4 Entry fee includes; regatta entry, boat storage at CCSC Friday through Wednesday (NOTE 4.5 below) , Monday night pizza and grapefruit cocktails at CYC after racing and Tuesday night Awards Banquet for two at CYC after racing.

4.5 Boats and trailers can be stored at CCSC, upon request. Contact CCSC at 727-517-7776. CCSC is located on Sand Key, on the South side of Clearwater Pass 0.75 mile south of Clearwater Yacht Club. Boats and trailers will be stored at CCSC for the event. Boats will beach launch from this location and sail in the Gulf of Mexico.

4.6 ENTRY DEADLINE IS 1700 ON SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2016.

4.7 On-site Registration will be held March 12th according to the following schedule at the Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Saturday March 12, 2016

0900 – 1700

Boat & Trailer Drop at CCSC (727-517-7776) Register Boat at Office – Arrange for additional days

1300 – 1800

Cookout available at CYC

1400 - 1700

On site Registration at CYC

5.2 Schedule of Races:

Sunday March 13, 2016

0930

Skippers Meeting @ CCSC

1000

Harbor start

1100

First warning signal. Races to follow

Monday March 14, 2016

0930

Harbor start

1030

First warning signal. Races to follow

1730

Grapefruit cocktails and pizza dinner

Tuesday March 15, 2016

0930

Harbor start

1030

First warning signal

No warning signal will be made later than 1400

1700

Cocktails at CYC

1800

Awards Banquet at CYC

6. MEASUREMENT:

6.1 All boats shall produce a valid measurement certificate and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee.

6.2 All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be available during the on-site registration period.

8. VENUE.

Races will be sailed in the Gulf of Mexico north and west of the Clearwater Pass

9. COURSES:

The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for sanctioned regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

10. SCORING:

10.1 The low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified according to SCIRA Deed of Gift.

10.2 Nine Races are scheduled (one race constitutes a regatta)

10.3 All scores will count toward the awarding of the Zimmerman Trophy after completion of this regatta, the Don Q in Miami, and the Bacardi and Gamblin in Nassau.

11. SUPPORT BOATS:

Support boats shall register, within the limits specified in 5.1 above, to the Organizing Committee that will assign an identification to be shown visible on the boat throughout the event.

12. INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100K per incident or the equivalent.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

13.2 This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 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.

15 PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded at the awards banquet at the Clearwater Yacht Club and they will comprise of:

- Prize to the skipper and crew for the top five (5) places.
- The Midwinter Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest total points.
- The Major Phillip Blair Masters Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the skipper, fifty years or older, with the lowest total points.
- The Frank Levinson, Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy will also be awarded by participant vote during this regatta.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION (Not part of the Notice of Race)

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