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The Cover: Masked prize-giving for the Gran Trofeo Valencia in Spain.

The Count: 22 new numbers have been issued: 1 ARG, 2 USA 1 BRA, 3 ESP, 1 ITA, 10 JPN and 4 to builders

Numbered Snipes: 31706
Chartered Fleets: 905

NEXT DEADLINE July 1



New web communication platform in planning!

Fluent and timely communication is very important for an active international community like the Snipe Class. Today we have two main web channels, snipe.org and SnipeToday.org, for keeping our members updated. In addition, SnipeToday is also active on Facebook.

Just recently the Snipe Board of Governors approached SnipeToday founders and editors, Pietro Fantoni and Carol Cronin, with a proposal to build a joint web platform for Snipe Class communication. The benefits of a new set-up were noted together and a project for planning and implementation was quickly started.

The objective for the new platform is to improve communication and make information available easier for the class members, potential new Snipe sailors and other stakeholders.

This is achieved by combining the best parts of current SnipeToday.org and snipe.org:

- **SnipeToday** is one of the best-known brands in sailing. SnipeToday.org is the #1 platform for news, articles and discussion with daily updates and dynamic look and friendly user interface.
- **snipe.org** is reliable source for official Class information from boat specs to Class Rules and organization.

The project is currently moving from planning stage to building the first prototypes. The launch of the new web platform is planned to happen during the 3rd quarter of 2021.

Stay tuned and stay healthy!



From The Commodore

Hello friends,

Despite our best wishes, at this time of the year it already seems that our 2021 is going to be tainted by Covid from start to finish as 2020 was.

If we are lucky, we will be able to do some of the events of the second semester, in countries where the summer is beginning, but we will be far from having a normal year.

Throughout this pandemic, nautical activity has survived thanks to the constant effort of those who step by step, and sometimes failure by failure, have tried time after time to organize local regattas. The immense value of this effort is difficult to measure, but it is valued by every sailor who has the possibility of crossing a finish line. Those of us who cannot do it, we just look at the photos and hope for better days.

This unfortunate situation that we have to live as a species, has greatly harmed us all, but it has also taught us. Not only to behave in the face of illness, but to appreciate the immense value of our freedom in general and of our activity in particular, things that perhaps we previously took for granted many times.

At SCIRA we have been working all these months looking for the best way to deal with this year's situation.

In 2020, when we were the first class to cancel the entire international calendar, we received a lot of criticism, public and private, but we were convinced that the situation required that for the protection of our members. It was not an easy decision, nor a hasty one, but an informed and painful one. The other classes ended up doing the same sooner or later. We were the first, and the one who goes through the glass first always gets hurt ...

2021 is different. With the vaccine being distributed in so many countries, it seemed hasty to cancel a complete international calendar without knowing the degree of immunity in the middle of the year and we have decided to analyze event by event. We have proposed a method and a structure to do it, and we are working on that. Unfortunately, the Master Worlds and the South American have been canceled, but several national championships have been raced and we still dream of the European, the WH&O and



many others.

But this is not all. At SCIRA we have carried out a very large cut in our expenses, and we had the support of our members, you, who in 2020 have paid their dues with a scope of 83% compared to 2019, despite having hardly sailed. This speaks of us as a class, you as members and SCIRA as a leadership. We as a family. I can only say: thank you!

At the same time, some proposals for the rules have been presented, authorities have been replaced, and we are carrying out a process of renovating the image of the class. Not only from our web page but possibly in the coming months we will have a big surprise for you. This is not the channel to report it. You will need to wait! Believe me it will be incredibly good

Both I and all the members of the Board are very excited about the changes to come and how they may impact the future of the class.

They will not be immediate, they will take some time, because we want to do them well. I will most likely not see them as your Commodore, but I will surely enjoy them as a member when they are finished.

Finally, and hoping not to be repetitive, I repeat my request to support the small businesses that live off the class, especially the small boat, rigging, and sail factories. They are not only ceasing to sail, but to work. If you can, help out by buying their products. Sooner rather than later you will use them.

I say goodbye wishing you a very good summer, and a not very cold winter, depending on where you are in the world.

Stay safe!

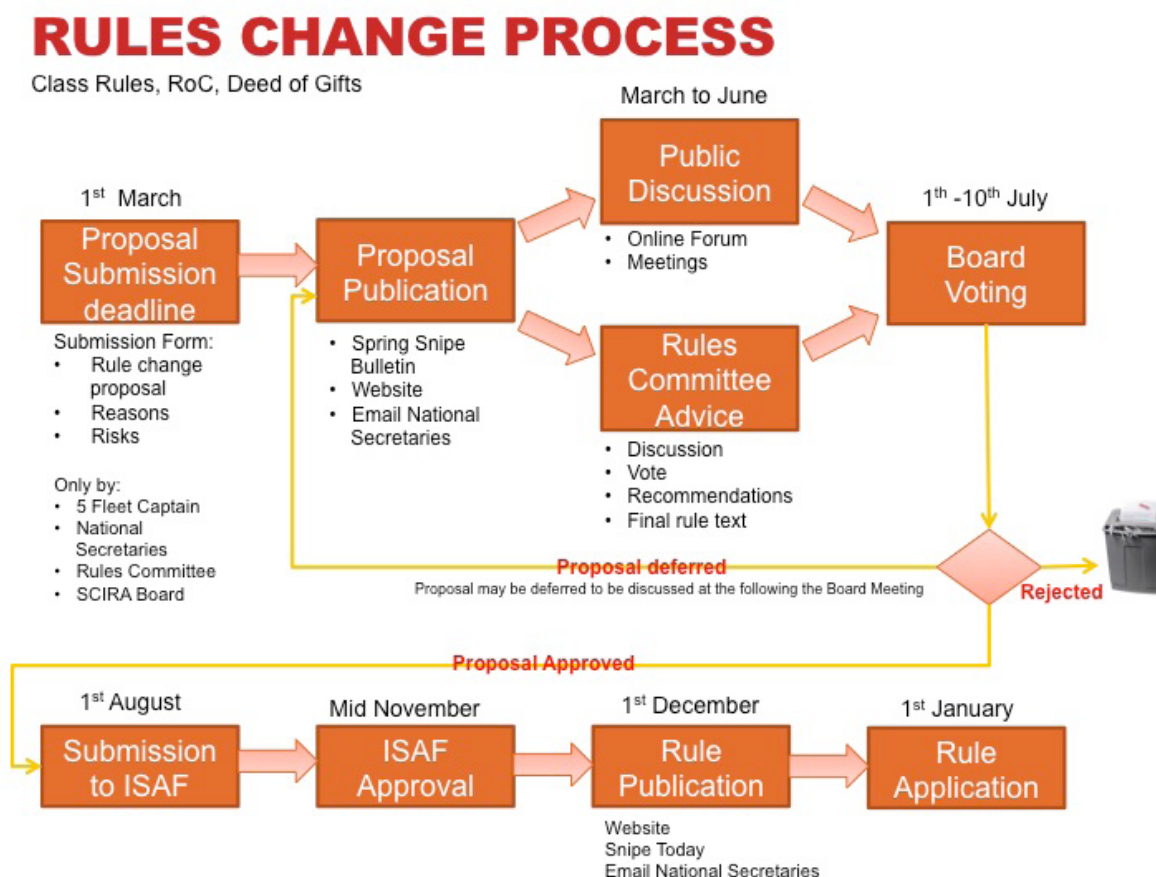
LUIS SOUBIE -
ARG 31701
Commodore

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Luis Soubie'.



Rule Proposals for Consideration

Five rules proposals were received by the SCIRA office by the deadline of March 1. All 5 are summarized below. The entirety of each proposal can also be found online on the Snipe website: <https://www.snipe.org/rules/2021-proposals>



#	Summary	text
21-1	Constitution change	housekeeping as well as update to allow electronic meetings/video conferencing
21-2	DoG change	addition of more races to the Sergio Michel So. European Championship
21-3	Knav/boomkicker	allowance of a gnav/knav/boomkicker
21-4	Junior age	consideration of skipper age only as Jr with combined 45 age for team
21-5	Dues	reduction or elimination of decal dues for boats 30-50 years old



SCIRA Hall of Fame - 2021

The Snipe Class has a long history of which very few other classes can be boast.

It is a history of people, sailors, champions, enthusiasts, promoters, sailmakers, builders and organizers.

The past is strongly linked to the present: all these

people have helped to promote and grow our Class in many countries and continents; many of these people are still strongly linked to the Class or have been, when they were alive, to form a large family, the Snipe Family, from great-grandparents to grandchildren. Past and present are strongly united in the Snipe Class.

Nominations are now being accepted for consideration to the SCIRA Hall of Fame. <https://www.snipe.org/members/hall-of-fame>

SCIRA is announcing that the 2021 Hall of Fame nominations are open. 5 people will be inducted for 2021 and anyone nominated in 2019 & 2020 will also be considered for 2021.

- Hall of Fame categories:
 - o Sailing: achievements on the water by a sailor
 - o Technical/Design: Significantly contributed to technical aspects as a builder, sailmaker
 - o Contributors: made significant contributions to the Snipe Class such as a coach, administrator, officer, promoter, organizer.

Documents attached include:

- Committee description
- Nomination form. Nominations can also be made online

Nominations are now being asked with a response by July 31.

Committee members for 2021:

Past Commodore – Pietro Fantoni - ITA

Past Commodore Ricardo Lobato - BRA

Carol Cronin - USA

Harri Palm – CAN

Jose Carlos Alegria Diaz – ESP

Shinichi Uchida - JPN

To view the inductees from 2020 - <https://www.snipe.org/members/hall-of-fame>

Please spread the word to your members. Only current SCIRA members may submit a nomination for consideration.

NOTE: any nominees submitted but not inducted remain on the consideration list for 5 years since their nomination



Report from Europe

Getting back?

In a normal year, sailing season would already have started strong in Europe. After the winter season the boats would be out again, and activity ramping up. But after a stressed year, we are still waiting for the health weather to improve. Some of our colleagues have been sick with the virus, even we all have been very careful obeying regulations and health measures.

Most countries are still under hard restrictions. On the positive side, we can also see activities for easing up the limitations as the vaccinations are expanding in the population.

European National Secretary team have been keeping contact with monthly video calls sharing experiences and views. Many countries have kept up virtual activities to educate and entertain the members. Only Spain has been able to run some events with restrictions in place.

This year the main events in Europe are Europeans, South, Europeans and Junior Europeans. Luckily all of these regattas are in the far end of the summer, so we all hope that the travelling will be eased by then.

If everything works out well, we can enjoy the hospitality of the Sailing Club Split in August/September by the beautiful Adriatic Sea. South Europeans will also be a big open event with Real Club Nautico Vigo having its 80 years celebration. European Juniors will gather the best junior teams together in Almeria in September.

As the sailors are eager to get back on the waves after a demanding period, I am sure that when the season is ready and allowed to start the activity will be on a very high level. Starting at the individual and fleet level and followed by the international regattas.

There is still time to get yourself and your snipe shipshape for the summer and also renew your SCIRA membership.

Looking forward to getting back to normal!

Reino Suonsilta
General Secretary - Europe





2021 SNIPE OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

August 29-September 4
Sailing Club Split

Registration is now open for the 2021 Open European Championship.
[www.2021.snipeeuropeans.org](https://2021.snipeeuropeans.org)

Early entry fee (until July 15, 2021): 325 USD to be paid by credit card through the <https://2021.snipeeuropeans.org>.

Late entry fee (from July 15, 2021 until the application closing date): 425 USD by bank card through the <https://2021.snipeeuropeans.org>

SCHEDULE:

August 30-31 - Registration & measurement from 900-1800

September 1 - 4; Racing with the warning signal at 1200

Depending on the current COVID situation, everyone must be flexible with the social events and prize-giving, but know we are anxious to all gather safely when permitted. If permitted, daily social events will be provided.



2021 SNIPE NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

September 10-12
Jubilee YC, Beverly, MA, USA

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/F6SqEwD7TN>



JUBILEE YACHT CLUB  BEVERLY, MA
SEPTEMBER 10 - 12



3 DAYS OF CHALLENGING RACING
3 DAYS OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

- Enjoy great food
- Sing & dance to fabulous music
- Participate in a Silent Auction with cool Snipe gear!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND JOIN US!





2021 SNIPE WH&O CHAMPIONSHIP September 21-25 Cottage Park YC, Winthrop, MA USA

The 2021 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship is a go!

We have high hopes that people will be able to travel come September 21-25 to the Boston area.

The website is: <https://2021.snipewho.org/>

Entry is open via the website.

The SCIRA Board has amended the schedule for registration & allocation of entries as we all are respectful of the pandemic and various travel restrictions. Please note:

Registration:

The following dates will be strictly followed per the Deed of Gift:

Initial Registration period: Opens March 20, 2021 or sooner – Ends: July 29, 2021.

Reallocation period: Opens July 29, 2021 - Ends: August 20, 2021.

Final period: Opens August 20, 2021 - Ends September 6, 2021.

5.2 Cottage Park Yacht Club will be open to arriving competitors Saturday September 18th and Sunday September 19th for practice.

5.3 On-site Registration:

Sunday September 19, 10:00 to 17:00 in the club ballroom.

Monday September 20, 10:00 to 15:00 in the club ballroom.

5.4 Measurement:

Sunday September 19, 10:00 to 17:00

Monday September 20, 10:00 to 15:00

5.5 Schedule of Races: Two races per day are planned. However, a three-race day may occur to make up any missed races.

Monday Sept 20

13:00 Start of Practice Race

Tuesday, Sept 21

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow.

Wednesday, September 22

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Thursday, September 23

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Friday September 24

12:00 Start of first race of the day; second race to follow

Saturday September 25

12:00 Start of only race of the day. Second race to follow if any earlier races were not completed

The full Notice of Race is published on the website –





2021 SNIPE WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP October 5-9 Sao Paolo, BRA

<https://2021womens.snipeworlds.org/>

At this writing, Brazil is wrestling with COVID, but we all are optimistic that come October, we'll be in a better place and the Women's Worlds can take place.

For those interested, please complete the General Information form found on the website as well as the boat availability form so the organizers can plan for your visit.

Paola Prada and fellow fleet members are anxious to make this a very memorable regatta, hosted at Yacht Club Paulista on Guarapiranga Lake, in Sao Paolo. For further information, contact Paola directly: paola@snipedivas.blog or visit the Women's World website at the link above.



DUES 2021 as of April 30

	2021	2021	2020	2020
Country	Members	Boats	Members	Boats
Argentina	60	39	61	47
Austria	1	1	2	1
Bahamas	0	0	17	7
Belgium	4	2	76	41
Brazil	123	109	238	179
Canada	1	0	13	15
Chile	0	0	51	24
Colombia	0	0	5	2
Croatia	0	0	7	6
Cuba	0	0	0	0
Denmark	5	5	6	3
Ecuador	0	0	0	0
Finland	0	0	74	34
France	0	0	26	20
Germany	5	4	7	5
Guatemala	0	0	1	3
Italy	94	58	225	109
Japan	577	297	312	206
Lithuania	0	0	0	
Mexico	0	0	0	0
Norway	19	11	27	15
Peru	3	1	4	9
Poland	4	3	30	13
Portugal	43	24	87	45
Puerto Rico	1	4	1	4
Spain	386	211	552	255
Sweden	0	0	15	9
Switzerland	3	2	3	2
United Kingdom	44	26	42	24
United States	295	245	348	307
Uruguay	3	2	17	9
Venezuela	0	0	0	
	1670	1044	2247	1394





Snipe Ranking Guidelines

SCIRA has an agreement with the SSL (Star Sailors League) whereby if we provide regatta results, they will calculate an international ranking system for us. In order to have a great ranking system, we need the cooperation of all regatta organizers and National Secretaries to encompass as many events and sailors as possible.

Read the guidelines to the right to help gather the information. Use this link to download the excel template (save as a csv file) and then send to the SnipeToday editor or the SCIRA office. It's that easy!

[Results Template](#)

Guidelines for sending regatta results for the International Ranking

The purpose of these guidelines is to facilitate the loading of results into the SSL database.

- It is necessary to fill in all fields in the attached file.
- In particular it is important to fill in the "Sailor ID" field.
- Sailor ID means SCIRA memberID number.
- The SCIRA member ID can be found by entering the name of the sailor and checking the corresponding number at this [link](#):
- The SCIRA member ID is used to avoid duplications or errors with the names of sailors (for example: Martin Bermudez or Martin Bermudez de la Puente or Martin Bermudez de la Puente Gallego).
- Using the SCIRA member ID also makes it possible for SCIRA to check that the sailor is a member in good standing.
- Fill in the number of races, correctly indicating the DNC or DNS boats in the individual races.
- Send the file to editor@snipetoday.org
- The file will then be forwarded to the SSL Team, which will upload it to the "machine", a complex excel file, on which the International Ranking regattas are loaded.
- Results in .jpeg format are absolutely to be avoided.

Thanks for your collaboration!

