The Snipe Class has recovered well from the challenges that Year 2022 shows. The class welcomes the new sailors to the Serious Sailing and Serious Fun: racing, forwarding on to Jan.

Unfortunately, we are currently only able to ship to Europe. When you purchase the Snipe wristwatch by Gul®, part of the amount supports the class. The watch will be delivered with a mounted black/silver Velcro strap. Alternatively, we will be selling these at regattas over the summer, including the 2023 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship.

How are sailing conditions and weather in January? knot. The average high temperature is 23'C and the average low temperature is 18'C. Conditions are suitable for racing.

In addition to the racing, the event will also include workshops and seminars on sailing techniques and equipment maintenance. Experienced coaches will be available to assist participants. Carex Logistic and ABD Consultoría y Soluciones Informáticas, and the WCSP have agreed to support the event.

The Snipe Class is a popular and competitive sailing class, and this championship that goes beyond the sporting interest to become an event of interest. It is an opportunity to enjoy exciting races, in which the participants, all of them expert sailors, will have the chance to show their skills. The Snipe Class is a classic water sports watch, based on GUL No 1.

The first is the 2023 Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship, which was held in Algarrobo, Chile, in March. The event attracted a large number of participants from different countries. The championship will be held every two years, will attract more than a hundred of some of the best sailors in the world. The second regatta was the South American Championship, which was held in Montevideo (URU).

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Snipe Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship, which was held in Puerto Sherry, Cadiz, Spain. The first two days of the regatta were held in Cadiz, and the last two days in Puerto Sherry. The Championship included a variety of races, each with its own unique conditions on Lake Garda. In the end, the Chileans Matias & Constanza Seguel win Snipe Western Hemisphere & Asia Championship, which was held in Gargnano (August 21-27) on Lake Garda, Italy.

The Snipe Class has reached its 71st year of existence. In the last five years, worldwide membership development has been steady and consistent. The class has grown from 1,200 to 1,400 members, and we are very happy and enjoying this. Local knowledge? "...racing in your home country is a great experience. You know the local conditions and can use your knowledge to your advantage."
What does "Indeed, our Class Rules state:"

In recent years, more and more crews have been seen working on the shroud

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I hope you find this useful

optimize my training, I sail 10% but I improve much faster.

me to optimize it in the best way so that it gives us the best results and since I

there is no point. The snipe is VERY versatile, the problem is NEVER in the

and I dedicate 80% of my maneuver training to jibing and setting and removing

speed. You have to be smart and if we are giving space at a mark or staying

to luff up strongly, the jib must be loose, not sheeted in, and vice versa.

coordination with the crew. And go back to time and evaluate it. Then tell me if

setup (and my choice of sails) is more focused on my speed downwind than

really matter what they do on the beat before or after. It's game over.

Strategy and tactics are the most important, but we will not be able to train that

race because of that, why would I dedicate almost all my effort to it if I have

upwind speed. People also use to dedicate 90% of the time on the shore to set

a fixed schedule, as if there were a regatta. I don't train long and relaxed,

You have to plan your training time. If it is a training day, without a regatta, I set

100%, making a strategic and tactical plan as if I were racing. If I decide to rest

Back and forth. This means that I have the boat at 100% all the time, focused

It doesn't matter if I'm going to or coming from the race course or if I'm waiting

to convey some concepts of what I do.
Another bad habit is to give, before the start, to the Race Committee vessel (or other organizer's boats) a bag (with full weather jackets, hiking pants when the wind is light, tools, bottles of water etc.) in order not to bring too much weight in the boat.

In some cases the RC tolerates this bad habit, but let's imagine that everyone behaves the same way (in a fleet of 20-30-40 boats or more). There would be traffic jams that would hinder the work of the RC and there would also be security problems (in addition to the subsequent difficulty of returning the bags to their respective owners).

But even before being bad, this habit is prohibited by the Racing Rules, if the bag or equipment is handed over by the sailor, "while racing" after the preparatory signal and before the start (RRS definitions, RRS 41, RRS 48). It, while racing, it is not possible to get any help or support from any support person, even more so it is not possible to get any help from the Race Committee! This could be a cause for protest against the boat and a "trap", cause of problems, for the RC.

Social media connecting Snipes

While the most important communication takes place face to face between sailors at the clubs and regattas, we need other means to keep our members around the world informed end connected. This is where the social media steps in.

It is not so very many years ago when almost all communication to the members was done with a printed Snipe Bulletin magazine that was sent out to everyone by mail. Today it would be too expensive, and much too slow way of sharing information. However, we still produce traditional looking Snipe Bulletin in electronic format two times a year.

Today, the backbone of the official Snipe Class communication is snipe.org web pages. It contains important information from the Snipe history to Class Rules. In addition Snipe Class is well presented in various other social media platforms.

snipe.org and SnipeToday

For over 10 years the snipe.org has been complemented with SnipeToday. It is a blog-based website managed by volunteers featuring latest Snipe-Class race news, regatta reports, calendars, and discussions. In 2022 snipe.org and SnipeToday were merged, making it easier for class members and other interested audiences to find facts and fun.

SnipeToday Digest weekly newsletter

SnipeToday Digest is a weekly newsletter bringing latest news from SnipeToday to the readers on email.
- 4,595 subscribers
- published every week since February 23, 2012
- 356 issues + special editions for April Fool stories

Facebook

While the combined snipe.org and SnipeToday websites continue to be the main communication route, Snipe-Class social media coverage has extended to many other channels:

SnipeToday Facebook page
- 5,003 likes
- 6,097 followers (75% men, 25% women)

Facebook SnipeToday Buy/Sell/Charter -group serves people selling and searching snipe boats
- 1,082 members

SnipeToday Facebook Community Group works as an active discussion channel.
- 3,768 members

YouTube

SnipeToday YouTube channel
- 54 videos
- 99 subscribers

SnipeToday Twitter account
- 4,076 tweets

SnipeToday Instagram account
- 1,706 posts
- 2,011 followers

We continue to develop the communication channel to support Serious Sailing and Serious Fun. We do have a lot of potential as an example on publishing stories on fleets and sailors or short YouTube videos. Do not hesitate to come back with your own stories or views.