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# Class Rules

- Several changes approved
- In force until 2025
- Minor amendments to clarify the rules are always possible

Effective date: 2024-01-01  
Status: Approved



## Class Rules

Snipe Class International  
Racing Association



The Snipe was designed in 1931 by William F. Crosby and was adopted as a World Sailing class in 1932. Photo taken by Matias Capizzano

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Class Association



# Class Rules - 1

- F.7.2 OPTIONAL
- (i) Any hiking straps or any kind of line or cord attached to the boat ~~within 203 mm of the top of the deck.~~ The location and number of hiking straps is free.



The limit where to fix or attach any line has been deleted.  
A single line looped around the daggerboard handle to facilitate hiking downwind is allowed



# Class Rules - 2

## C.8.4 DAGGERBOARD

### (a) LIMITATIONS

3(b) For boats built from 2001 onwards:

The daggerboard retracted position limit mark shall be:

- Perpendicular to the upper front edge of the daggerboard with the top of the limit mark measured from the bottom of the daggerboard at **no less than 615mm plus the distance from the forward top of the daggerboard case to the top of the deck at the centreline of the boat.**



The 305mm rule has been deleted for boats built from 2001.  
The daggerboard max height limiting mark is now in a fixed position



# Class Rules - 3

## C.6.2 CORRECTOR WEIGHTS

(a) Corrector weights shall be permanently fastened in a visible position. If located inside the watertight compartment they must be visible through the inspection ports. **Visible position is a position that permits viewing the weight of the corrector weight, if marked, or to calculate its dimensions. For hulls built after Jan 1st, 2024 corrector weights shall be in multiples of 0.5kg.**



Clarified what "visible position" means.  
For boats built from 2024 onwards corrector weights shall be multiple of 0.5kg.



The minimum amount of a corrector weight shall always be 0.5kg.  
No fractions are allowed.



# Class Rules - 4

## C.5.2 NOT FOR USE

### (a) MANDATORY

1) Any floating single towing line of minimum 15m long and not less than 8mm in diameter. It shall not be stored inside watertight compartments. **The towing line shall be secured to the boat.**



Added that the towing line must be secured to the boat.  
A towing line stored in a bag or similar, secured to the boat complies with this rule



# Class Rules - 5

## CC.9.3 CONDITIONS FOR USE, MAST

(g) Movements of the mast shall be restrained by fore and/or aft guys or mechanical restraint connected to the mast below the lower point, or blocks at deck level. **Shims of any material may be added to both sides of the mast spar hole to limit the side movement of the mast. The shims shall not be adjusted while racing.**



Added that non adjustable shims can be used.  
No other system can be used to adjust the mast sideways.  
Pulleys or blocks are not acceptable as side adjusters.



# Constitution

- Section 23.6 (Extraordinary circumstances) deleted





# Notice of Race

- Updated to comply with all the Class Rules and the RoC
- Updated according to the WS RRS 21-24 requirements and template

## Standard Notice of Race Template

Event Hosts (affiliated Clubs or organizations) shall use this Notice of Race and the Class Sailing Instructions for all Championships. The regatta chairman or his/her designee for the regatta shall fill in the appropriate information where requested by <\_> or delete it as appropriate. Additional comments and instructions are found in red, and they must be deleted. No additions or deletions to this Notice of Race shall be permitted to alter the intent of the Class rules or instructions. No additions or changes shall be made without the prior approval of the regatta SCIRA Representative.

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION**  
<name of the regatta>  
<name of deed of gift>  
<date>

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**  
<insert name of the affiliated club and National Authority>, in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. (Changes rule RRS 63.1, A4 and A5).

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. (Changes RRS 60.1(a))

## 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) available at [https://www.snipe.org/images/2021/SCIRA\\_2021\\_Rules\\_of\\_Conduct\\_final.pdf](https://www.snipe.org/images/2021/SCIRA_2021_Rules_of_Conduct_final.pdf)
- 1.3 The Deed of Gift, available at <http://www.snipe.org/class/deeds-of-gift>.
- 1.4 The RRS 30.4, 32.1, 32.2, 33, 35, 64.3, A4 and A5 are changed, as specified in the Sailing Instructions according with SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC).
- 1.5 **[\*Optional -- if pertinent\*]** The RoC sections <insert the appropriate section> modified as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6 **[\*Optional\*]** No national prescriptions will apply *(OR)* No national prescriptions will apply, except the following: <insert prescriptions>
- 1.7 No drones are allowed closer than 500 m from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This does not apply to OA drones.
- 1.8 **[\*For regattas employing an international jury according appendix N\*]** The decision of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 1.9 **[\*Optional\*]** RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.10 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.11 **[\*Optional\*]** Rule 40 Personal Flotation Device applies at all times while afloat. (This changes RRS Preamble of Part 4)
- 1.12 If there is a conflict between languages the English will take precedence.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after <time> on <date> at <location>.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <URL> *(OR)* <location>.
- 3.2 Except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



# Sailing Instructions

- Updated to comply with all the Class Rules and the RoC
- Updated according to the WS RRS 21-24 requirements and template
- A combined NoR and SI template is also available

Standard Sailing Instructions Template

In accordance with RRS Part 7, 89.1(d) the organizing authority for all Class Championships and Sanctioned Regattas is the Snipe Class International Racing Association. Event Hosts (affiliated clubs or organizations) shall use these Sailing Instructions for all Championship and Sanctioned regattas. The Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the regatta shall fill in the appropriate information where requested as indicated by < > or delete sections not relevant. Specific advice and directives are bracketed [ \* ]. No additions or deletions to these instructions shall be permitted to alter the intent of the Class rules. No additions or changes shall be made without the prior approval of the regatta SCIRA Representative.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
 SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

<Name of the Regatta>  
 <Name of Deed of Gift/Trophy>  
 <Date>  
 <Name of Yacht Club>  
 <Location>

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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) available at [https://www.snipe.org/images/2021/SCIRA\\_2021\\_Rules\\_of\\_Conduct\\_final.pdf](https://www.snipe.org/images/2021/SCIRA_2021_Rules_of_Conduct_final.pdf)  
 1.3 → The Deed of Gift, available at <http://www.snipe.org/class/deeds-of-gift>  
 1.4 → If there is a conflict between languages the English will take precedence.

**2 → CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 → Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before <insert time> on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by <insert time> on the day before it will take effect.  
 2.2 → Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall be approved with the SCIRA Representative.

**3 → COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 → Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at: <URL> (OR) <location>

**4 → CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1 → [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.  
 4.2 → [DP] Competitors and support persons shall <place advertising provided> by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

**5 → SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 → Signals made ashore will be displayed at <insert location>  
 5.2 → When the "AP" race signal is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than <insert number of minutes> minutes" in the race signal "AP". This changes Race Signals.  
 5.3 → [DP] Flag D with one sound means "Boats shall not leave the [harbour][shore] until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than <number> minutes after flag D is displayed."

**6 → SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 → Dates of racing:

Date	Time of Warning Signal	
		Practice race
		Racing
		Racing



# Measurers' corner

- **Laminates:** the list of the approved laminates is published only on [snipe.org](http://snipe.org), not in the Class Rules
- **Battens:** battens shall not be in place when measuring the main sail; this is according to WS guidelines
- **Weighing:** corrector weights shall be visible, which means that their amount shall be easily evaluable. For boats built from 2024 onwards the corrector weights shall be multiple of 0.5kg. No fractions allowed.
- **Jib wire:** the wire must be connected to the jib cloth. No system to adjust the jib height is allowed excluding the cunningham



# Measurer's handbook

- Updated to the 2024 Class Rules
- New photos added
- Several improvements to the instructions and the information
- Full coverage of the events with IHM guidelines added

Snipe Class International Racing Association



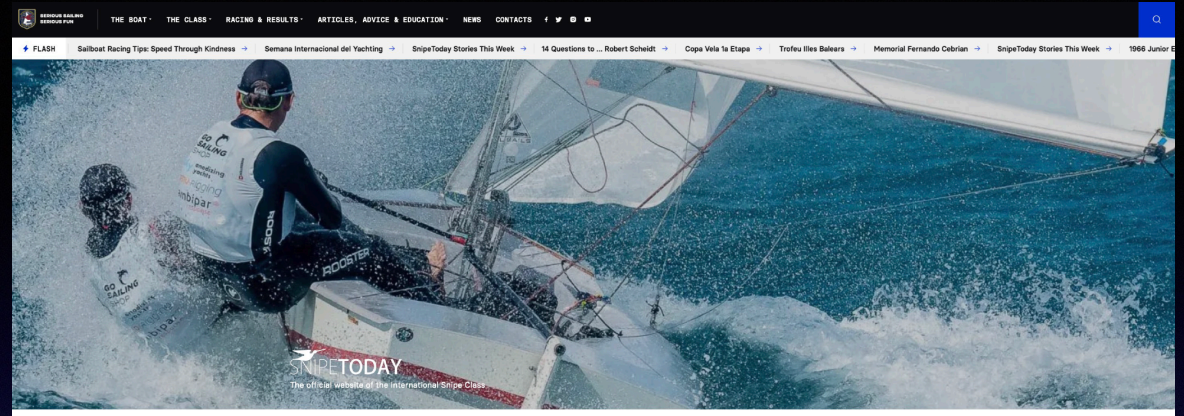
## 2024 Snipe Class comprehensive **Measurement Handbook**





# Finding info

snipe.org



sailing.org

A screenshot of the sailing.org website, specifically the page for the Snipe class. The header features the 'World Sailing' logo and navigation links for 'NEWS', 'EVENTS', 'OUR SPORT', 'SAILORS', 'INSIDE WORLD SAILING', 'AWARDS', 'PARIS 2024', and 'LOGIN'. The main content area is titled 'Boat Class Snipe'. On the left, there is a 'SPOTLIGHT' section with a silhouette of a bird and a 'DOCUMENTS' section with a document icon. The central 'DETAILS' section lists the following information:

DETAILS	
Class Code	<b>SNI</b>
Status	<b>International</b>
Hull Type	<b>Centreboard Boat</b>
No. of Crew	<b>2</b>
Class Designer	<b>William Crosby</b>
National Origins	<b>USA</b>
Hull Length	<b>4.7 m</b>
Beam Length	<b>1.52 m</b>

A pink arrow icon is located below the details table. To the right, the 'LINE DRAWING' section contains a technical line drawing of a Snipe sailboat.