



# Notice of Race

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**  
Clube Náutico de Tavira with  
the Snipe Class International Racing Association.

## 2026 MIXED EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SNIPE CLASS

June 5th to 7th, 2026

### 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/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RoC-0220251231-Clean-copy.pdf>
- 1.3. The Deed of Gift available at: <https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/EMIC-DoG121925.pdf>
- 1.4. The RRS 30.4, 32.1, 32.2, 33, 35, 60.5(c), 61.4(b)(1) 61.4(c), 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. The national prescription will apply. See Addendum 1.
- 1.6. The decision of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.3.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix T will apply
- 1.8. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.9. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.10. Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Device applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.11. [NP][DP] 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.
- 1.12. If there is a conflict between languages the English will take precedence.
- 1.13. If there is a conflict between the NoR or the SIs, the SIs will take precedence (this changes RRS 63.5(c)).

### 2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located at:  
[https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/14305/event\\_links?name=2026-mixed-european-championship-snipe-class](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/14305/event_links?name=2026-mixed-european-championship-snipe-class)
- 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.

### 4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1. This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year.
- 4.2. Eligible skippers must enter by completing the online registration <https://forms.gle/SN136HSrRmECPxxm6>
- 4.3. Eligible skipper and crew shall enter by doing one of the following:
  - 4.3.1. Present a current Class Membership Card, or SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
  - 4.3.2. Shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 4.4. Crews using borrowed or chartered boats must comply with Snipe class rule C.10.3 (b) to be considered a valid entry: Crews may use the sail number of any hull for which dues for the current year have been paid. In the case of a duplicate number, the owner of said number takes preference over the borrower/charterer.
- 4.5. An entry will become valid after the online registration form has been completed (which validates skipper and crew SCIRA membership), the entry fee has been paid, the measurement sheet has been completed and signed by the organizing authority, charter/borrowed boat insurance verified (if appropriate), and the skipper has completed onsite check-in.
- 4.6. A skipper should be designated in the entry form.
- 4.7. The designated skipper must be at the helm while racing except in the event of an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew.
- 4.8. [DP] The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee.



4.9. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee. Once a crew has been excused, they may not return for the balance of the series. Crew changes will be posted on the official notice board.

## 5. FEES:

5.1. Registration fees include social events for skipper and crew.  
Senior Teams  
€120 if paid before May 5, 2026  
€170 if paid on May 6, 2026 through the close of registration.

5.2. All payments shall be made by bank transfer:  
**Clube Náutico de Tavira**  
IBAN - PT50 0033 0000 0014 0235 1320 5  
BIC/SWIFT: BCOMPTPL

The payment proof must be sent to [secgeralcnt@gmail.com](mailto:secgeralcnt@gmail.com) until may 5, 2026 (please make reference to sail number and team names)

5.3. Refund policy:  
100% before May 5, 2026 for any reason. No refunds will be given after this date.  
Competitors must notify the Organizing Authority by email by the above deadlines to receive a refund.

## 6. SCHEDULE

Wednesday	June 3rd	0930 – 1230 133 – 1700	Registration/Check-in	
Thursday	June 4th	0930 – 1230 1330 – 1700	Registration/Check-in	
Friday	June 5th	1000 1200	Competitors meeting Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> Race	2 races scheduled
Saturday	June 6th	TBA	Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> Race	2 races scheduled
Sunday	June 7th	TBA	Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> Race Prize giving ceremony	2 races scheduled

6.1. The maximum number of races to be sailed per day is 3.  
6.2. 6 races are scheduled.  
6.3. No Warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the final day of competition.  
6.4. When the entrants exceed 80 boats, the fleet may be split and the regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION:

7.1. [NP][DP] All boats shall produce a valid measurement certificate and are subject to Equipment Inspection at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Technical Committee.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than Sunday, June 4 on the official notice board.  
8.2. Any change to the Sailing Instructions or this Notice of Race will be posted before 9:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 9. VENUE.

9.1. Races will be sailed in Tavira waters. See Addendum 2

## 10. COURSES

10.1. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses as published in the SCIRA web site  
<https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SCIRA-Course-Chart-2025.pdf> or  
<https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SCIRA-COURSE-2026.pdf>



## 11. SCORING:

- 11.1. 2 races shall be completed to award the title.
- 11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## 12. SUPPORT VESSELS:

- 12.1. All Support vessels shall be registered during registrations days with the Organizing Authority.
- 12.2. At the warning signal, support vessels must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line and its extensions. After the starting signal, support vessels may follow the fleet but must remain on the sides of the course outside the racing area and must stay 50 meters from any mark.
- 12.3. Competitors shall not receive advice, instruction or any type of outside assistance from support vessels from the time of her warning signal until she has finished the race.
- 12.4. Support boats must have a working VHF radio always turned on while on the water and monitoring the race channel identified by the Race Committee.
- 12.5. Minors
  - 12.5.1. All coaches, parents, guardians and 'designated adults' are support persons (See RRS definition *Support person*).
  - 12.5.2. In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, an adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to decide if their competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
  - 12.5.3. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
  - 12.5.4. Each competitor shall indicate in writing at Registration the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
  - 12.5.5. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on shore activities before, during, and after the races.

## 13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 teams plus best junior and master teams.  
The Mixed European trophy is a perpetual trophy and will be awarded to the winner of the Overall Standing.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, 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.
- 14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
  - a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
  - b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
  - c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
  - d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
  - e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
  - f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €350.000,00 per incident or the equivalent.
- 15.2. The completed form and proof of payment must be presented at registration.

## 16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to SCIRA, the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.



## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:  
Clube Náutico de Tavira  
Sítio das 4 Águas, 8800 - 602 Tavira, Portugal  
secgeralcnt@gmail.com

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION (Not part of the Notice of Race)

**Note:** This information will be updated.

**Social:** Friday and Saturday, the organizing authority invites all competitors to dinner/snack after races.  
Prize giving Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2026.

#### HOUSING:

##### **Pedras Del Rei**

[https://www.pedrasdelrei.com/  
reservas@pedrasdelrei.com](https://www.pedrasdelrei.com/reservas@pedrasdelrei.com)

##### **Pedras da Rainha**

[https://www.pedrasdarainha.com/  
reservas@pedrasdarainha.com](https://www.pedrasdarainha.com/reservas@pedrasdarainha.com)

(Special price for the European Mixed Snipe participants. You must inform that you will participate in this event.)



## Addendum 1 - NATIONAL AUTHORITY PRESCRIPTONS



### CONSELHO DE ARBITRAGEM *Race Officials and Racing Rules Committee*

## Prescriptions of the Portuguese Sailing Federation

### For events taking place in Portugal (RRS 88)

**60.1** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that, in any event under its jurisdiction, Protest Fees are forbidden.

**63.4(d)** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that at any internationalevent to be held in Portugal and any other event that can assign national or regional titles or can be a national or regional qualification regatta, rule 63.4(b) does not apply and a person who has a conflict of interest shall not be a member of the protest committee.

**67** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes,

- a) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a Rule.
- b) Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a Protest Committee or Appeals Committee.

**86.3** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that at any event under it's jurisdiction, if the Race Committee intends to test or develop a Rule, this shall only be allowed if prior written authorization is given by the Race Officials Committee from the Portuguese Sailing Federation and with the obligation of reporting, by writing, any result.

**88.2** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that **a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will not change it's prescriptions**. However, when an International Jury is approved to one event, only the prescriptions to the Rules 60.1, 63.4(d), 67, 86.3, 88.2 and 91(b) will apply.

**91(b)** - The Portuguese Sailing Federation prescribes that, at any event under it's jurisdiction, **an International Jury has to be approved by the Race Officials Committee of the Portuguese Sailing Federation**, with the exception of the events described on this Rule.

APPROVED BY WORLD SAILING  
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## Addendum 2 - RACING AREA

