

## **SCIRA International Events**

### **World Championship**

The Snipe World Championship is held every other year in odd numbered years. This is a qualifier event. Each Snipe Country, based on its memberships in SCIRA for the past two years, is allocated a certain amount of competitor positions (USA currently has eight slots). The Snipe World Championship is a great experience for the skilled sailor.

The representatives for Snipe USA are selected at designated events held in the year before the event. The rules for qualifying for these events are included on this web site under "Rules".

### **Western Hemisphere & Orient Championship**

The Snipe Class holds its World Championship event every other year in the odd numbered years. In the off years (the even years) the Class holds championships for the two subdivisions of the Class – the European Championships and the Western Hemisphere & Orient Championships (WH&O). The WH&O Division of the Snipe Class includes Nations in North America, South America and the Orient.

### **North American Championship**

The North American Championship is an annual event that is open to all current Members of the Snipe Class worldwide. It is a three day event (Friday-Sunday) and held in one of the North American Countries of the Snipe Class; USA, Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas, and Cuba. As this event consumes less time than the Nationals, it is very competitive, and is very popular with younger sailors who have limited vacation time. This event is often selected as a qualifying event for teams representing the USA in international events.

### **Women's World Championship**

The Women's World Championship is held every other year (even years). It is an "Open" event for all female teams from any Snipe Nation.

### **Junior World Championship**

The Snipe Junior World Championship is held every other year (odd years). Every Snipe Nation can send two junior teams to the event. The USA selects its representative junior teams at the Junior Nationals in the year prior to the event.

### **World Masters Championship**

The Snipe World Masters Championship is an "open" event for all members of SCIRA who are 45+ and their team age combined is 80+. The event is held every other year in even numbered years. It is an international gathering of the Snipe Family. You get to tour the World, make international friends and renew old friendships.