



NOTICE OF RACE

SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

North American Championship

Birney Mills Memorial Trophy, Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy, Chuck Loomis Trophy
August 14-16, 2009

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Erie Yacht Club, Erie Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Snipe Class International Racing Association USA

RULES: The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas, the Deed of Gift and the Sailing Instructions shall be in effect. The following US SAILING Prescriptions: RRS 64.1 and to RRS 68, 76.1 and 76.3 will apply. The full text of the US SAILING Prescriptions may be found at:

http://www.ussailing.org/rules/documents/2009-2012_US_Prescriptions.pdf

In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7. An International Jury, constituted in Accordance with Appendix N of the RRS, will be appointed. Right of Appeal from the decisions of the Jury shall be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

Appendix P is modified so existing Appendix P penalties apply as follows: P2.1 applies to the first and second penalty (two turns), P2.2 applies to the third and any subsequent penalties (retiring from race), and P2.3 will not be used (retiring from race with score of DND). Appendix P applies in its entirety and the only changes are the penalties for the First, Second, Third, and subsequent protests as noted.

ADVERTISING: This regatta is classified as Category "C" in accordance with the RRS and SCIRA Advertising Prescriptions.

ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY: 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 subject to any Deed of Gift trophy restrictions. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless they possess and can present a current SCIRA-issued proof of Class membership.

REGISTRATION: Paid entries must be received by 10am August 7, 2009. Entry fee is \$175 Adults, \$90 Juniors (under 22 yrs. in the membership year). Paid entries received before July 31st shall receive a \$25 discount for Adults and a \$10 discount for Juniors.

SCHEDULE: Three races shall constitute a series. No more than three races shall be sailed per day with up to EIGHT races possible for the series. No race shall start after 1400hrs on Sunday August 16. Detailed schedule below:

Thursday, August 13	1700-2000	Registration on Deck of Erie YC
	1700-2000	Boat Weighing & Sail Measurement
	1700-2000	Happy Hour & Welcome Social
Friday, August 14	0730-1000	Continental Breakfast
	0800-1000	Final Registration & Measurement
	1030	Competitor Meeting on Deck of Erie YC
	1200	First Warning Signal (Expecting 2-3 Races)
	1800	BBQ @ Erie YC Lighthouse (Cash Bar)
Saturday, August 15	0730-0930	Continental Breakfast
	1100	First Warning Signal (Expecting 2-3 Races)
	1800	Heavy Hors D'oeuvre & Jazz Trio (Cash Bar)
Sunday, August 16	0730-0930	Continental Breakfast
	1100	First Warning Signal (Expecting 1-2 Races)
	1400	No Warning Signal After
	1530	Awards & Pizza on Deck of Erie YC

MEASUREMENT: (1) all boats shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with SCIRA and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Organizing Authority or Race Committee. (2) all boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed. (3) All boats shall be weighed and conform to all class measurement and safety rules.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: printed Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1700 hrs Aug. 13, 2009 and will be posted to the event website listed below no later than August 9th, 2009.

COURSES: the courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Championship regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

BLACK FLAG: RRS Rule 30.3 will not be used.

SCORING: The SCIRA Low Point scoring system will be used. Each boat's worst score shall be excluded after six races.

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be covered by **adequate** third party liability insurance.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor the Hosting Club will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

PRIZES: A minimum of top five teams plus: 1) the Birney Mills Memorial Trophy to the winning Skipper, 2) the Chuck Loomis Trophy to the top Junior (skipper or crew no older than 22yrs. by Dec. 31, 2010. Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy to the top crew.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT: the Top two USA skippers, not already qualified, shall earn a berth to the 2010 Snipe Western Hemisphere Championship.

SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE: TBD

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