

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
2014 WESTERN HEMISPHERE & ORIENT CHAMPIONSHIP

For the

HAYWARD WESTERN HEMISPHERE TROPHY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 through SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

HOSTED BY: SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB and SAN DIEGO AREA FLEET 495

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA



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1 RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
 - 1.1.2. The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC)
 - 1.1.3. The Deed of Gift.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply except as provided in the prescription to rule 88.2. Those that will apply are reproduced in full as attachment "A".
- 1.3. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.4. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.5. RRS 30.3 will not be used.
- 1.6. RRS 32.2 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes according to RoC 5.3 and 5.4.
- 1.7. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NoR and SI.
- 1.8. RRS 64.2 will be changed to compel the Jury/PC to abandon a race as required by RoC 18.
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the east side, facing the water, of the Sailing Center at the San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC)..

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect, . At the same time, Code Flag 'L', accompanied by a sound signal, will be displayed.
- 3.2 Any change or amendments to the Sailing Instructions shall be negotiated with the SCIRA Representative.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SDYC flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.'
- 4.4 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.5 Flag T will be displayed with one horn at 1000 to signal that the tow vessels are accepting boats and preparing to leave.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Dates of events and racing:
 - 5.1.1 Registration/Check-in and Measurement
 - Friday September 5, 20140800-1200 & 1300 to 1700
 - Saturday, September 6, 20140800-1200 & 1300 to 1700
 - Sunday, September 7, 20140800-1300
 - 5.1.2 Competitors Meeting
 - Sunday, September 7, 20141730;
 - Each race day thereafteras required, time to be announced.





5.1.3 Schedule of Races:

- Sunday, September 7, 2014.....One Design Weekend - Practice Races at 1230
- Monday, September 8, 20142 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
- Tuesday, September 9, 20142 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
- Wednesday, September 10, 20142 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
- Thursday, September 11, 20142 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200
- Friday, September 12, 2014.....2 Races Scheduled, Warning Signal First Race 1200

- 5.2 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete 10 races.
- 5.3 No more than **three (3)** races shall be sailed per day.
- 5.4 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 5.6 There may be a competitors meeting prior to any sailing day, it shall be announced by 2 horn blasts and the display of flag "L". Such a meeting, if required, will take place on the sail drying lawn between the SDYC Club House & the Sailing Center.

6 CLASS FLAGS

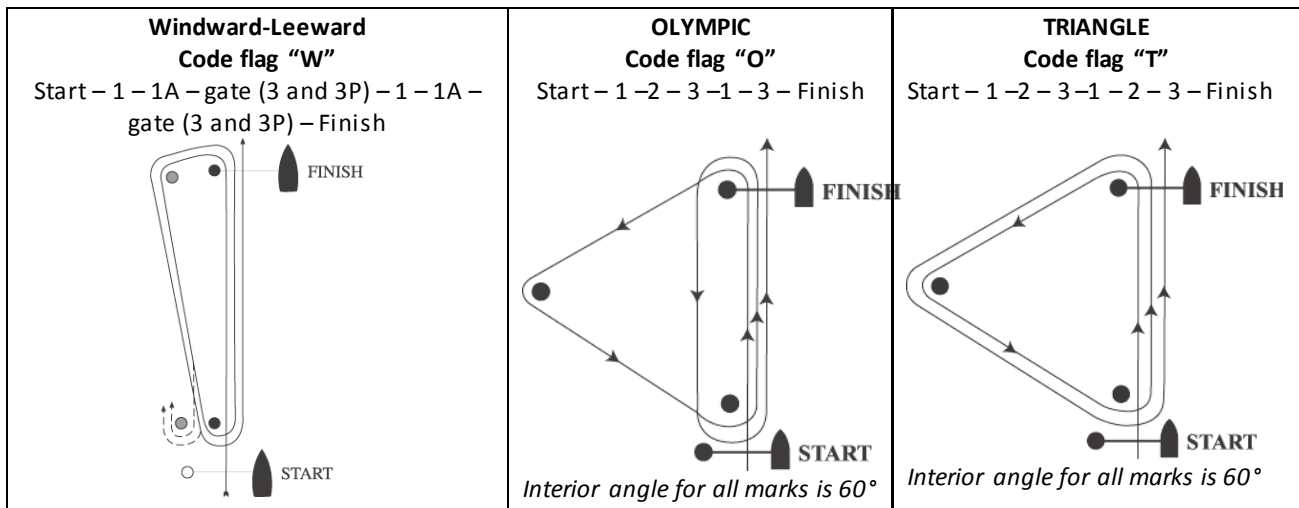
The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag, a red Snipe on a white background.

7 RACING AREAS

The Racing Area location charts shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams bellow show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed. All course marks (except gates) shall be left to port.



- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg
- 8.3 The number of legs in a race may be reduced (using the shorten course procedure, RRS code flag S) only after at least 2 (two) windward legs of the race are completed. This changes RRS 32.2
- 8.4 The course signal flag ("O", "T" or "W") shall be hoisted one minute before the warning signal and accompanied by one horn blast. It shall remain displayed for ten minutes after the start. In case of a change of the type of course during the race (ROC 9.2) the change at any mark shall be signalled by displaying the new appropriate flag with repetitive sounds before the leading boat has passed or rounded the mark.





9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, (3 and 3P) will be red inflatable cones, and may have white bands with sponsor logos attached.
- 9.2 Mark 1A will be an orange ball.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be a yellow cylinder or a staff flying an orange flag on a anchored RC boat.
- 9.5 The finishing mark will be mark 1.
- 9.6 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a staff bearing an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.3 RRS 30.3 ('Black Flag Rule') shall not be used.
- 10.4 The Race Committee, after the finish of a race and before the warning signal of a subsequent one, will do it's best to post on the Race Committee boat a list of OCS and/or ZPF boats. The failure of posting or an incomplete or wrong list will not be grounds for redress.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 11.3 After the completion of first windward leg of the race the remaining legs may be increased or decreased (RRS 33 + -) by not more than 30% of original length. This changes RRS 33

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 The Alpha flag on the Race Committee boat at the finish means that there will be no more races for the day.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2 Any competitor using a one/two turn(s) penalty shall report that use to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The races will be managed to last 60-75 minutes for the first boat to finish. A different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will not be ground for requesting redress.
- 14.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 40 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 40 minutes the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this Rule a lap means the rounding of Mark 3 (or 3P) for the first time.
- 14.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish the races shall be 1 hour, 30 minutes. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or failing to finish within 2 hours from the start, whichever is shorter, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.





15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury office, located at the Dockside Room located on the east side of the Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks. The docking time and the close of protest time shall be promptly posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Dockside Room, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 Within the protest time limit, a list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 or rule 29 and 30 will be posted. The time limit for a boat so notified to file a request for redress is 30 minutes after that posting. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.6 Any boat intending to file a request for redress, alleging that an action or omission on the part of Race Committee has made her finishing position or series score significantly worse, shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race. This modifies RRS 62.2. This instruction does not apply to request for redress resulting from scoring penalties applied without a hearing by the Jury or Race Committee or to request for redress with respect to alleged scoring errors.
- 15.7 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23, 24 and NOR 3.4 (bow numbers) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking instructions 23 may be less than disqualification or will result in denial of access of the coach boat, if the protest committee so decides. The penalty for breaking instructions 18, 21, 24 and NoR 3.4 (bow numbers) shall be the 10% scoring penalty for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of infraction. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
 This changes rule 66.
- 15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.10 An International Jury is constituted and is approved by SCIRA and shall have authority per RRS Appendix N. Their decision shall be final as provided in rule 70.5. Per rule N2.2, SCIRA reserves for itself the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. SCIRA may refer any issue to the International Jury for advice.
- 15.11 The use of team racing tactics shall not be tolerated. If the Race Committee (acting under RRS 32.1(e)) or Jury determines that the use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed excluding the participation of the infringing boat(s). This modifies RRS 36. If the race is not re-sailed the infringing boat(s) shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 15.12 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) RRS the “authority responsible” is the Measurer of the event.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2
 - (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.3 A boat intending to retire and be scored “RET” shall report its intent in writing to the Jury.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Before the warning signal of the first race of the day in which she competes each boat is required to sail past the stern of the a Race Committee boat, located in the starting area, on starboard tack and verbally check in. The check-in boat will fly code flag “L” while on station prior to the first warning signal. If no separate check-in boat is on station competitors will check in with the main Race Committee boat. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat’s sail or bow number, the check-in has been officially noted.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.





18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the RC. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the Committee. Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return for the balance of the series.
- 18.2 The same skipper shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he/she is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced the first race shall be the race dropped, or scored DNC.
- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

If available, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority in compliance with instructions supplied with the material.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows: Race Committee boats will have an “RC” flag. Jury boats will have a “J” flag w/ a red number, Photo boat will have a red “Press” flag. Coach boats shall be registered with the OA and display the flag issued to them (bright yellow/green w blue number).

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel who wish to go afloat in the racing area shall register at the registration desk and, while afloat, show identification as agreed to by the Race Committee.
- 22.2 Coach and support boats shall monitor VHF channel 69 while afloat and act as safety boats if requested by the Race Committee.
- 22.3 At the warning signal, coaches must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line. After the starting signal coaches may follow the fleet, but only on the port side of the course and must stay 50 meters from any mark.
- 22.4 Coaches may not communicate with competitors after the warning signal for any race until after the finish of the race.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24 PRIZES

The Hayward Western Hemisphere Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper. Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews and prizes will be awarded to the winning skipper and crew of each race.

25 QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The winning skipper automatically qualifies for the next World Championship regatta. The winning skipper automatically qualifies for the next Western Hemisphere Championship Regatta.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and host club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 US Dollars per incident or the equivalent. Insurance will be available for purchase at registration.





ATTACHMENT A

Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions (Rx) to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Rx to RRS 88.2 After RRS 88.2 add:

US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 67 or 76.1.

Rx RRS 61.4 Add RRS 61.4:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rx to RRS 67 After RRS 67 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- a. *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, but that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- b. *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- c. *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by these rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

Rx to RRS 76.1 After RRS 76.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

