



**Miami Snipe Invitational  
US Sailing Center Miami & Snipe Fleet #7  
January 1-3, 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**RULES:**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 61.4, 63.2, 67 and 76.1.
- 1.3 The following Racing Rules are being amended in these Sailing Instructions: 27.1; 30.4; 32; 33; 35; 44.3(c); 61; 62.2; 63.7; Appendix A4; Appendix A5; Appendix A11; and Race Signals.
- 1.4 Black Flag shall not be used. This deletes RRS 30.4.
- 1.5 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7.

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta Notice Board at the U.S. Sailing Center or by phone to the number that was submitted on the competitors' registration form.

**CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1100 on the first day of racing and by 0900 on the second day of racing, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions will have the prior approval of the PRO and the SCIRA Representative.

**SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the US Sailing Center flag hoist.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than sixty (60) minutes.” This changes Race Signals.

**SCHEDULE:**

- 5.1 Friday, January 1, 2021, Practice Races, Warning Signal 1430  
Saturday, January 2, 2021, Warning Signal 1400  
Sunday, January 3, 2021, Warning Signal 1030
- 5.2 Maximum of 5 races shall be sailed per day.
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1515 on Sunday, January 3, 2021
- 5.4 No more than seven (7) races are scheduled.

#### CLASS FLAG:

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be a white flag with the Snipe insignia/emblem.

#### RACING AREA:

- 7.1 The Racing Area location is on Biscayne Bay, northeast of the U.S. Sailing Center.

#### COURSES:

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment "A" shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be based on the sailing conditions.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed include "O" for the Olympic course, "T" for the Triangle course, and "W" for the Windward Leeward course with all of the aforementioned courses finishing to windward. Courses to be sailed finishing downwind will include "OD" for the Olympic course, "TD" for the Triangle course, and "WD" for the Windward Leeward course.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the RC signal vessel will display the appropriate course letter(s), bearing and distance to the first mark from the signal vessel by placard to indicate the course to be sailed.
- 8.4 The posting of the placard will be accompanied by one horn signal when raised and will remain displayed for ten minutes after the start. Timely removal of the placard shall not be grounds for redress. This adds to RRS 27.1.

#### MARKS:

- 9.1 Marks 1 will be green, 2 and 3 will be orange.
- 9.2 Start/finish mark (Mark S) shall be a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on a Race Committee boat.
- 9.3 For the Windward/Leeward course(s) (course "W" or "WD"), a red ball will be set as an offset mark and a leeward gate will replace Mark 3 (leeward). In the event a single Mark 3 is established instead of a Gate (3s/3p) the single mark shall be left to port.
- 9.4. Mark 3 is not a mark of the course when completing the second lap of courses "WD", "TD", or "OD".

#### THE START:

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end start/finish mark.
- 10.2 Boats starting later than five (5) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 10.3 The starting line shall be set downwind of Mark 3 (leeward). Mark 3 is not a mark of the course for the first leg of the race.

#### CHANGE OF COURSE OR NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that terminates it. The RC may attempt to notify the competitors of a course change, using a white board indicating the change by using + (lengthen) - (shortened) Red (moved Left) Green (moved Right) and repeated sound signals.
- 11.3 Shortening or lengthening the next leg of the course shall not be by more than 30% of the original leg length. This changes RRS 33.

- 11.3 The number of legs of the course shall not be reduced until after the second upwind leg. This changes RRS 32.
- 11.4 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the Race Committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to starboard.
- 11.5 If during a race the wind and/or wave action change to the point where the course would be inadvisable (See Course Selection Diagram), the Race Committee can change the course to a "T", or "W" by displaying the appropriate course flag accompanied by repetitive sounds at any mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.6 When a change of course according to SI 11.5 is displayed the finish line will continue to be the same as the original course finish line. The Committee will not display code flag "D" when indicating a change of course which originally had a downwind finish.

#### THE FINISH:

- 12.1 For courses "W", "T", and "O", the finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of Mark "1" at the port-end.
- 12.2 For courses "WD", "TD", and "OD", the finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end and the course side of a starboard-end start/finish mark.

#### PENALTIES:

- 13.1 Any competitor taking a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 or 44.2 should notify the Race Committee promptly upon finishing that race and should also inform the Race Committee of the identity of the other boat involved.
- 13.2 The Race Committee will post a list of Race Committee Actions prior to the end of the protest time limit (See SI 15.2, below.)
- 13.3 A boat that did not finish shall be scored DNF by the Race Committee without a hearing and shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of finishers. This changes RRS Appendix A4.
- 13.4 The Race Committee Signal Boat will attempt to post the sail numbers of boats identified as OCS and ZFP during the previous start. Failure to post will not be grounds for redress.

#### TIME LIMIT:

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be one (1) hour (5) five minutes. Should the first boat fail to finish within the aforementioned time the Race Committee shall abandon the race.
- 14.2 Should the first boat fail to complete the first lap within 30 minutes, the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this Rule a lap shall mean the rounding of mark 3 for the first time.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored a DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A4, and RRS Appendix A5.

#### PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

- 15.1 In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, a competitor's intent to protest should be reported to the Race Committee promptly upon finishing the race in which the incident occurred. This changes RRS 61.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available on the official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Appendix T shall be in effect (Arbitration).

#### SCORING:

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 The Low Point Scoring System shall be used as amended by these SI's.

- 16.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores when three or less races have been completed. Once four or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her races excluding her worst race.

#### SAFETY REGULATIONS:

- 17.1 Each day, before the start of a competitor's first race of the day, each boat is required to sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Signal boat and verbally check in.
- 17.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check-in has been officially noted.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

#### REPLACEMENT OF CREW:

- 18.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Requests for the replacement of any member of the crew shall be submitted in writing to the PRO prior to 1200 on the day first day of racing and prior to 0900 on the second day of racing.
- 18.3 The request for replacement of any member of the crew requires the approval of the PRO.
- 18.4 Co-skippers shall be allowed subject to the restrictions of 18.1 and 18.2.

#### EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:

- 19.1 The Race Committee may inspect competitors or boats at any time before or after racing. Equipment inspections may be initiated at the finish of any race.

#### COACH & SUPPORT BOATS:

- 20.1 Only regatta sanctioned coaches are permitted to coach competitors. Coaches may coach sailors during racing, providing only Snipe specific information, no tactical commentary.

#### PRIZES:

- 21.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew for first through third places, Top Women's Team, Top Junior team, and the Top New Team (both skipper and crew not having sailed a previous Snipe event)

#### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Principal Race Officer: Carol Ewing

SCIRA Representative: Kathleen Tocke

# ATTACHMENT "A"

