



NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION USA



**North American Championship
and
Annapolis Colonial Cup Regatta**

June 3-5, 2016

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Severn Sailing Association and Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532
in co-operation with
Snipe Class International Racing Association USA.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by 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) will apply.
- 1.3. The following North American Championship perpetual trophy Deed of Gift(s) will apply (available online at <http://snipe.org/class/deeds-of-gift>):
 - a. The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy
 - b. The Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy
 - c. The Chuck Loomis Trophy
- 1.4. The Annapolis Colonial Cup trophy deed of gift will apply.
- 1.5. The only US Sailing prescriptions that apply are the prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1. The text of these prescriptions can be found in Addendum A of this Notice of Race.
- 1.6. The decision of the international jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 1.7. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, as modified by the sailing instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and SCIRA rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
 - they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or
 - SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
 - show as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 3.3. Bow numbers will be provided at registration and it shall be each competitor's sole responsibility to properly affix them in conformance with the instructions and to properly maintain them
- 3.4. To be entered in the regatta, a boat shall pay the registration fee, and successfully complete online registration, onsite registration, and a completed and signed measurement

4. FEES

- 4.1. Registration fees received prior to May 7th, 2016:
 - a. Adult registration team fees will be \$195.00
 - b. Junior registration team fees will be \$175 (skipper and/or crew to be 21 or under as of December 31, 2015 – proof of age is required).
- 4.2. Registration fees received after May 7th, 2016 :
 - a. Adult registration team fees will be \$220.00 after May 7th, 2016
 - b. Junior registration team fees will be \$200 after May 7th, 2016 (skipper and/or crew to be 21 or under as of December 31, 2015 – proof of age is required).

5. REGISTRATION

5.1. Online registration

Online registration must be completed through the Severn Sailing Association website site at:

<http://severnsailing.org> using the Racing and Event Calendar and locating the Snipe North American Championship event entry

5.2. On-Site Registration

- a. Check-in at Severn Sailing Association must be completed on-site at the registration tables.
- b. Kiosks will be available at on-site registration for boats that have not completed online registration in advance.

5.3. Registration for a Silver subdivision, and Junior subdivision will be available

- a. All boats will start and race as one Overall division
- b. Silver and Junior subdivisions will be scored separately against only boats entered in their subdivision
- c. Competing in the Silver subdivision is optional and is intended for less experienced sailors and/or older boats that are not JibeTech or Persson (i.e., McLaughlin, Eclipse, Mueller, Skipper etc).
- d. Competing in the Junior subdivision requires skipper and/or crew to be 21 or under as of December 31, 2015 as per SCIRA definitions and the Chuck Loomis Deed of Gift. Proof of age will be required.

6. EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 2

0800-2000	Measurement and On-site Registration
1300 – 1700	Pre Racing Clinic (Tuning discussion and on the water starts, and short practice race(s))
1700-2000	Happy Hour & Welcome Social

Friday, June 3

0800-0900	Final On-site Registration
0900-0930	Competitors Meeting
1100	First Warning Signal (up to 3 races)
1800	Dinner at SSA

Saturday, June 4

1100	First Warning Signal (up to 3 races)
1800	Dinner at SSA

Sunday, June 5

1000	First Warning Signal (up to 3 races)
1430	No Warning Signal After
1530	Awards Ceremony and Closing Remarks

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1. Measurement will take place at Severn Sailing Association

7.2. All sails and boat measurements shall be completed on Thursday, June 2nd by 20:00 or the organizing authority extends the time limit.

- a. Sail Measurement – sails that have not been measured previously must be measured for compliance with class rules including jib cloth weight. Sails that have a valid measurement stamp from a previous regatta will not be required to re-measure but must be checked in by the regatta measurer as already measured
- b. 2 mains and 2 jibs may be measured
- c. Boat Measurement – All boats will be weighed during measurement to ensure compliance with class rule 37

7.3. All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee.

7.4. All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Sailing instructions will be available online on the event website listed below no later than May 29th, 2016.

8.2. A printed copy of the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board at Severn Sailing Association.

9. VENUE

9.1. Races will be sailed on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River

10. COURSES:

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for National and International Championship regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Up to a maximum of eight (8) races will be sailed
11.2. A minimum of three (3) races are required to constitute a North American Championship. A minimum of one (1) race is required to constitute the Colonial Cup regatta.
11.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
11.4. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
11.5. Regatta scoring will include:
a. Colonial Cup/North Americans Perpetual Trophies scored as a single division
b. Silver division will be scored from only entries entered in the Silver subdivision
c. Junior division will be scored from only entries entered in the Junior subdivision

12. PRIZES

Prizes, at a minimum, will be awarded to the following:

- 12.1. The Colonial Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to top placing skipper/crew
12.2. The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning Skipper
12.3. The Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top crew
12.4. The Chuck Loomis Trophy will be awarded to the top Junior as defined per Deed of Gift
12.5. The top five (5) placing teams in the overall standings
12.6. The top three placing skippers and crews in the Silver subdivision
12.7. The top three placing skippers and crews in the Junior subdivision

13. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1. Support boats shall register, within the limits specified in section 6 - Event Schedule, to the organizing authority that will assign an identification to be shown visible on the boat throughout the event.
13.2. In an emergency situation, all support boats will be used as safety boats

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
14.2. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 US Dollars or equivalent per incident or the equivalent.

17. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

The top three (3) finishing US skippers in the North American Championship, not already qualified, shall earn the right to represent SCIRA USA at the 2017 Snipe World Championship.

NoR ADDENDUM A - US Sailing Prescriptions

The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply at the regatta include:

RRS 68 DAMAGES

US SAILING prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by 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 appeals 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 the 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.

RRS 76.1 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

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.

OTHER EVENT INFORMATION

SOCIAL EVENT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 2, 1700-2000 – Welcome Reception

Friday, June 3, 1800-2000 – Dinner at SSA – Chesapeake crab based menu, beer truck, wine, sodas

Saturday, June 4, 1800-2000 – Dinner at SSA – Taco bar (fish, chicken, steak), beer truck, wine, sodas

Sunday, June 5, immediately after racing – Awards Ceremony – cash bar

Breakfast and Lunch Options:

Pre-order Lunches available for pickup onsite each morning through our new SSA food vendor Crabtown Catering.

Pre-order Breakfast sandwiches also available for pickup each morning on site through Crabtown Catering.

To register ahead and pre-order to pickup at SSA before launching contact:

Cindy Russell

Catering Manager

www.crabtowncurbs.com

443-699-6628

Regatta Merchandise:

Regatta merchandise will be available for pre-order through StoutGear. Only a very limited number of items may be available at the event so to ensure you can get the gear you want please order online at:

<https://stoutgearsailing.myshopify.com/collections/snipe-north-americans>

The deadline to order product for pickup at the event is May 15th.

Principle Race Officer:

Steve Podlich

Email: stevepodlich@gmail.com

International Jury Chair:

TBD

Email: TBD

SCIRA REPRESENTATIVE:

TBD

Email: TBD

REGATTA CONTACT:

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Mobile: 410-703-8935

REGATTA WEBSITES:

<http://snipeusa.com/regattas/2016-scira-north-american-championship/>

<http://severnsailing.org/> see Racing and Event Calendar for regatta registration and documents

CHARTER BOATS:

A limited number of charter boats may be available. Please contact Chris Ryan if you would like to arrange for charter.

HOUSING:

Local housing stays may available on a first come first served basis. Please contact Sandy Westphal at slwestphal@verizon.net if you would like to arrange for housing.

Annapolis has many hotels and inns that can support visitors. A few options are listed below however other options do exist and can be found through travel web sites or internet search engines.

Annapolis Waterfront Hotel

<http://annapoliswaterfront.com>

(410) 268-7555

Lowes Hotel

<https://www.loewshotels.com/annapolis/>

(410) 263-7777

Westin

<http://www.westinannapolis.com/>

(410) 972-4300

Holiday Inn Express	http://www.annapolismdhotel.com/	(410) 224-4317
Hampton Inn	http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com	(410) 571-0200
Residence Inn	http://www.marriott.com	(410) 573-0300
Spring Hill Suites	http://www.marriott.com	(443) 321-2500

Directions to Severn Sailing Association:

Severn Sailing is located at 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403