

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2021 Snipe US Masters National Championship



St. Petersburg, FL, USA  
December 11-12, 2021



### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

**St. Petersburg Yacht Club** in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association USA and St. Petersburg Fleet #801

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for National and International Championship Regattas (RoC) will apply.
- 1.3 The US Masters Championship Deed of Gift
- 1.4 The RRS as modified by the Rules for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (ROC) as specified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply are 60.3, 61.4, 67 and 76.1. See Attachment A
- 1.6 Each competitor must carry a personal flotation device (PFD), per Class rules.
- 1.7 If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be requested 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, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 3.2. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
  1. they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or
  2. SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
  3. shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database

3.3 Skipper to be at least 45 years of age in the year of the regatta. Combined age of skipper and crew must be at least 80 years in the year of the regatta

3.4 The payment of the entry fee shall be made directly to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club using the Yacht Scoring program on: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14797>

### 4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$225 until December 1, 2021. After December 1 the fee will increase by \$75 dollars as a late fee. No entries will be taken after December 6, 2021.
- 4.2 Entry fee includes social package consisting of daily Breakfast and Dinner for Skipper and Crew.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Competitors can arrive at St Petersburg Sailing Center December 9, 2021.
- 5.2 December 10 at 13:00 St Petersburg Yacht Club will set up a practice course and run some practice races for any competitors that wish to participate. The location and number of races will be determined by conditions and will be communicated to the competitors by the RC.
- 5.3 Registration will be held at St Petersburg Yacht club on December 10, 2021 at 18:00. Location will be announced online depending on available rooms at the club.
- 5.4 Skippers meeting will be held at SPYC December 11, 2021 at 10:00 at SPYC in a room to be announced.
- 5.5 The first race is planned to start at 13:00 on Saturday, December 11 and 12:00 on Sunday, December

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5.6. 2 races are planned for each day. No more than 2 races can be raced in a day.

5.7 One completed race will constitute a regatta

5.8 No race shall be started after 15:00 on Sunday December 12, 2021.

### **6. MEASUREMENT**

6.1 All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate or as seen on the SCIRA Database, and are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee

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

### **7. VENUE**

Races will be sailed in Tampa Bay just east of the St Petersburg Yacht Club Marina

### **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14797>

### **9. COURSES**

The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses as published in the SCIRA Rulebook or website.

### **10. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified according to SCIRA Rules of Conduct

### **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

11.1 All coach boats and support boats must register on-line or in-person.

11.2 All coach boats and support boats are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be available to assist with safety when requested.

### **12. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

### **13. COMMUNICATIONS**

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats.

13.2. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13.3 SPYC is recommending that all boats have a handheld VHF radio for emergencies and safety reasons

13.4 All notices will be posted on Yacht Scoring as the official bulletin board. It is recommended that all competitors shall have a way to access this website

### **14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC and SCIRA, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg

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Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

#### **15. TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

Participating in this event, automatically grants SCIRA, the organizing authority (SPYC) and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion any photography audio and video recording, and other productions of them made at the venue or on water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure without compensation.

#### **16. PRIZES**

16.1 The top three placing skippers and crews in the overall standings and 1<sup>st</sup> place in each age group.

16.2 The U.S. Masters Championship Trophy will be awarded to the top US Skipper as defined per Deed of Gift.

#### **17. GUEST CARDS**

SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a credit card. This can be done online [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org). On the Home Page click Regattas then click on "Guest Card". Fill out the information and select "Submit". The club requests you do this 48 hrs. in advance.

#### **18. CONTACTS**

**SPYC Regatta General and Event PRO-** George P. Pennington, III Cell phone: 727-580-5431 E-mail address: [epennin09@earthlink.net](mailto:epennin09@earthlink.net)

**Event Chair** – Jody Abrams - Cellphone: 941-807-1284 - E-mail – [jody\\_abrams@yahoo.com](mailto:jody_abrams@yahoo.com)

**SCIRA Representative** – Evan Hoffmann, US National Secretary

**Sailing Center Manager** – Shawn Macking - Phone 727-822-3113 E-mail – [waterfront-director@spyc.org](mailto:waterfront-director@spyc.org)

**All Competitors shall follow current SPYC, City, State and Federal requirements for Health and Safety**

#### **ATTACHMENT A - US Sailing Prescriptions**

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply:

**RRS 60.3** A protest committee may: After rule 60.3 add US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:  
(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

#### **61.4 FEES FOR PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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

#### **RRS 67 DAMAGES**

After RRS 67 add 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 appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

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(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:** 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.