



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2009 US Women's Snipe Nationals**  
**June 1-2, 2009**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

**Organizing Authorities:** Snipe Class International Racing Association & Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532  
**Hosting Club:** Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis MD

**1. Rules**

1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing, the SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National & International Championship Regattas as modified or superseded by the Deed of Gift for The US Women's Nationals Trophy, and the Sailing Instructions shall be in effect.

**2. Advertising** This regatta is classified as Category C in accordance with the SCIRA Advertising Prescription.

**3. Eligibility**

- 3.1. The event is open to any female skipper and female crew, who are both current SCIRA class members, from any Country that is in good standing with SCIRA. However, the US Women's Champion shall be the highest placing team in which both the skipper and crew are either Citizens or Residents of the United States for at least one (1) year. If a team with a skipper or crew from a country other than the United States wins the event, that team will be considered the event winner and eligible to compete in any event for which the US Women's National Championship is a qualifying regatta, but would not be the USA Women's Champion.
- 3.2. Boats shall be deemed eligible to sail in the USA Women's National Championship when they have been registered with the class and display a valid SCIRA decal on the hull. This shall supersede the SCIRA Rules for Running Championship Regattas.

**4. Entry, Fees, & Registration**

- 4.1. Eligible boats may enter **by mail** by completing the entry form located at [www.obyc.com/wmsnipe09](http://www.obyc.com/wmsnipe09) and mailing, with the required entry fee, to Brian Hetherington, 2041 Puritan Terr, Annapolis, MD 21401. Entries must be post-marked no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 4.2. **Onsite** registration will be available on Saturday, May 30 between 8-9:00 am and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> between 12-5:00 pm at Severn Sailing Association, 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- 4.3. The entry fee for the US Women's Snipe Nationals is \$80 payable by check for mail-in registration or by cash or check for onsite registration. Please make checks payable to "Annapolis Snipe Fleet 532". Entry fee includes regatta and social events listed on this NOR.

## 5. **Schedule**

5.1. Registration: Saturday May 30, 8-9:00 am and Sunday May 31, 12:00-5:00 pm

5.2. Skipper's Meeting: Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am

5.3. Racing:

5.3.1. Saturday-Sunday, May 30-31 – Colonial Cup (This is a separate event from the US Women's Nationals. Participation in the Colonial Cup is not required in order to participate in the Women's Nationals, but is open to Women's Nationals competitors. See Colonial Cup NOR for information)

5.3.2. Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, First Race Start 11:00am

5.3.3. Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Race Start 10:00am

5.3.4. The race committee will run as many races as eight races if conditions permit. No race to start after 2:30pm on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

5.4. Social:

5.4.1. Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm – “See-the-Course Cruise”

5.4.2. Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm – Regatta Dinner By-the-Bay

5.5. Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, post-race – Appetizers and drinks immediately following regatta during clean-up and awards presentation

## 6. **Measurement**

6.1. All boats are required to have a Measurement Data Sheet (MDS) on file at the SCIRA office and must have a current Class decal (2009) properly displayed.

6.2. All Skippers and crew are required to be paid SCIRA members. All boats are subject to measurement at any time at the reasonable discretion of the Class.

## 7. **Sailing Instructions**

7.1. The regatta Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

## 8. **Courses**

8.1. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Sanctioned regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Handbook or variants thereof.

## 9. **Scoring**

9.1. SCIRA Low Point Scoring shall be used.

9.2. Three races shall constitute a regatta.

9.3. At the completion of six (6) races, there will be one drop which includes DSQ.

## 10. **Prizes**

10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 placing skippers and crews.

## 11. **Charter Boats**

11.1. Charter boats will be available on a first come, first serve basis and must be requested by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

11.2. Charter boats requested through the regatta organizers will be required to obtain Charter Boat Insurance through SCIRA US and will be required to complete the SCIRA US Charter Boat Agreement. Insurance premium will be \$40. There is also a required \$250 damage deposit. A separate check shall be written for the damage deposit which will be returned at the end of the regatta if not used.

11.3. Participants using chartered boats must complete all forms and pay all required fees by the close of registration on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

12. **Social**

- 12.1. The See-the-Course cocktail cruise, Monday evening Regatta Dinner, & post-race snacks on Tuesday are included for skipper and crew with registration fee.

13. **SCIRA Representative:** Alex Pline - [alex@teampline.org](mailto:alex@teampline.org)

14. **Regatta Contact:** Brian Hetherington - [snipe@severnsailing.org](mailto:snipe@severnsailing.org), (240) 372-5515 (cell), (410) 266-6111 (home)

15. **Housing**

- 15.1. Local homestays are available on a first come first served basis. Please contact Brian Hetherington.

**Directions to Severn Sailing Association:** Directions: From Points North take I-97 South to US 50 East. Take Exit 24, Rowe Blvd (MD 70). Bear right onto Rowe Blvd. Cross Weems Creek and College Creek. Continue on Rowe Blvd as it bears right at the 3rd light. At Church Circle go about 180 degrees to Duke of Gloucester Street. The Maryland Inn is on the corner. Follow Duke of Gloucester Street and turn right at end. Cross Spa Creek and take the first left onto Severn Ave. Go the last street and turn left onto First Street. SSA is at the end of the street on the right. The address is 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

**Boat Boys** – In the tradition of the US Women’s Snipe National Championships, boat boys will be on hand to assist with rigging, launching, retrieving, & refreshments.

**Website** – Please check regatta website at [www.obyc.com/wmsnipe09](http://www.obyc.com/wmsnipe09) for updated information.