



**Miami Snipe Invitational
US Sailing Center Miami & Snipe Fleet #7
January 2-4, 2026
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 US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix R, The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1, 88.2. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 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 RRS 63.5(c) 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 63.5(c).

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta Notice Board on line at <https://www.miamisnipes.com/miami-snipe-invite> 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 0800 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 or a signal will be made with a verbal message.
- 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 2, 2026,**
Check-In 1800 - 1900

Saturday, January 3, 2026
Late registration, 0900 – 0945
Competitors Meeting 10;15
First Warning Signal 1200

Sunday, January 4, 2026
First Warning Signal 1100

- 5.2 Maximum of 5 races shall be sailed per day.
5.3 No warning signal shall be made after **1500** on Sunday, January 4, 2026
5.4 No more than seven (7) will be sailed.

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 US 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 No later than the warning signal the RC signal vessel may 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.

MARKS:

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be marks.
9.2 Start mark (Mark S) will be a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a mark boat at the pin end.
9.3 For course "W2D", a red ball will be set as an offset mark at Mark 1 (1 bis). In the event a single Mark 2 is established instead of a Gate (2s/2p) the single mark shall be left to port.
9.4 Mark 3 is a mark of the course when completing the second lap of course "T2D".

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 Mark Boat at the port end.
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 Mark 2 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 When changing the next leg of the course the Race Committee will move the original mark. The RC may make minor adjustments of 10 degrees or less in the course without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

11.2 If during a race the wind and/or wave action change to the point where the course would be inadvisable, the Race Committee can change the course to a "T2D" or "W2D" by displaying the appropriate course flag accompanied by repetitive sounds at any mark. This changes RRS 33. If the original course had a downwind finish, the changed course will have a downwind finish.

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.

11.4 The number of legs of the course shall not be reduced until after the second upwind leg. This changes RRS 32.

THE FINISH:

12.1 For courses "W2D" and "T2D" the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of mark on the port end.

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.

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, UFD and BFD 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 (20) twenty 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 2 or 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 is in effect (Arbitration).

SCORING:

16.1 One race will constitute a series.

16.2 The Low Point Scoring System will be used as amended by these SIs.

16.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the sum of her individual race scores.

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. When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the check-in has been officially noted. A boat failing to comply with the check-in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

REPLACEMENT OF CREW:

18.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the SCIRA Representative.

18.2 Requests for the replacement of any member of the crew shall be submitted in writing to the SCIRA Representative prior to 0900 on the day the change is to take place.

18.4 Co-skippers are 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. Regatta sanctioned Coaches may coach sailors during racing, providing only Snipe specific information, no tactical commentary.

PRIZES:

21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew for the first five places, first three women's teams, first three U19 teams, first team new to the Snipe, first new skipper.

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.

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ATTACHMENT A - COURSES

