NOTICE OF RACE
MIAMI SNIPE INVITE
US SAILING CENTER MIAMI
JANUARY 1 – 3, 2027

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the following rules found on the SCIRA website

1.2 Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions

1.4 Protests will be handled according to RRS Part 5

1.5 In the case of conflict between languages, English shall take precedence

Eligibility and Registration

2.1 The Miami Snipe Invite (MSI) is open to any sailor under 32 years of age during the 2026 calendar year. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by permission of the Regatta Chair.

2.2 Teams shall complete the online registration and pay the entry fee. Links for registration can be found at www.miamisnipes.com .

Fees

3.1 The early entry fee is $135. **The early entry deadline is December 7.** After December 7th, the late entry fee is $160. **No entries will be accepted after December 27th.**

Schedule

4.1 Friday,January 1

Charters Available,12:00

Practice Races, 3:00

Registration, 6:00- 7:00

4.2 Saturday,January 2

Last Minute Registration, 9:00 - 9:45

Competitors' Meeting, 10:15

First Warning Signal for Races,12:00

Regatta Dinner & Piñata

4.3 Sunday,January 4

First Warning Signal,11:00

No starting signal after 3:00

Awards

Sailing Instructions and Communication

5.1 Sailing Instructions and all regatta documents will be posted on the event pages at www.miamisnipes.com and on the Official Notice Board at the US Sailing Center on the first floor. Sailing Instructions will be posted online no later than January 2nd.

Measurement & Equipment Checks

6.1 There will be no measurement at this event, however, teams may be checked at any time for Class required safety equipment and proper placement of lead as per their MDS (measurement certificate).

Race Format

7.1 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete 2-4 races per day with a target time of 35-45 minutes, depending on sailing conditions.

Scoring

8.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.

8.2 Penalties for breaking Class Rules may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

8.3 In all series, each boat's series score, subject to rule 90.3 (b), shall be the total of her races excluding her worst discardable result when six (6) or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1

Venue & Racecourse

9.1 The US Sailing Center at 2476 Bayshore Drive in Miami is the headquarters for the event. The racecourse will be on Biscayne Bay, about a 15-minute sail from the Sailing Center.

Coaches & Support Vessels

10.1 Coaches and support boats are permitted, but they must register with event organizers during the onsite registration period and be willing to offer support, including moving marks and towing any participants in need.

Advertising

11.1 Advertising is permitted as per by World Sailing and Snipe Class rules.

Rights to Use Name and Likeness

12.1 Competitors automatically grant to SCIRA the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity, to make use and show, at their discretion, any photography, video, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure without compensation.

Insurance

13.1 All teams borrowing or chartering a boat are required to purchase SCIRA USA borrowed boat insurance irrespective of the boat owner having their own insurance policy. The insurance can be purchased on the SCIRA USA website for $40. The insurance has a $250 deductible. Teams receiving charters through the event organizers, have the insurance included in their charter fee.

Risk Statement

14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The

competitors acknowledge that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission. They are responsible for their boat being in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

Prizes & Distinctions

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams overall, the top women's team, and the top U19 team.

Additional Information

Charter Boats

- The skipper of a team wishing to charter through the event organizers **must have previous Snipe sailing experience or they must attend the Friday clinic.**
- Sails are **NOT** provided with charters.
- Limited charters are available through the event organizers for a fee of $100.
- This fee includes insurance. There is a $250 deductible with the insurance.
- Charters will be available on Friday, January 2nd at noon, unless arrangements are made in advance with the regatta organizers and the Sailing Center.
- Teams bringing their boats to the US Sailing Center prior to January 2nd, must notify the event organizers and **pay $22 per day to keep their boat at the Sailing Center.**
- **The deadline for early charter requests is December 1st. After December 1st, the charter fee is increased to $150.**
- **No charters will be granted after December 13th.**

Hotels, Apartments, Homestays

When searching for a hotel or apartment, Coconut **Grove** is the location of the Sailing Center. Other areas close to the Sailing Center are **Brickell** and **South Miami,** however, these locations will require transportation by car. Do not rent an apartment or stay in a hotel in South Beach, as it is too far from the Sailing Center and too much traffic during weekdays.

A limited number of homestays with local sailing families are available. Priority will go to U22 sailors and international teams. Teams staying with local families are responsible for their own transportation to and from the venue via their own car, Uber or bike.

Homestays are available for competitors only, not significant for others or children.

Airports, Transportation, & Ubers

Details about flights, transportation options and costs to and from airports and around the city of Miami can be found on the event pages at www.miamisnipes.com www.snipewomen.com.

The event organizers can help make special travel arrangements to and from the airport for juniors traveling unaccompanied by an adult.

Event Officials

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