



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Includes Sailing Instructions change #1)

SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

**Senior World Championship of SCIRA
Commodore Hub E. Isaacks Trophy
21th to 28th of September 2013
Yacht Club de Rio de Janeiro
Rio de Janeiro - Brazil**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship and The trophy restrictions of **Commodore Hub E. Isaacks Trophy** will apply. Any conflict arising between Deed of Gift and the SCIRA Rules of Conduct shall be solved by the application of Rules of Conduct.
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the stairs to the Sailing Department.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **09.00** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **20.00** on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change or amendment to the Sailing Instructions shall be negotiated with the SCIRA Representative.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official mast in front of the restaurant.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **60** minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than **60** minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.'
- 4.4 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning</u>	
	<u>Signal</u>	
22/9	13:00	Practice race
23/9 to 28/9	13:00	Racing

- 5.2 The Race Committee shall attempt to complete 11 races.
- 5.3 No more than **three (3)** races shall be sailed per day.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after **15:30**.
- 5.6 There will be a competitors meeting at the Regatta Office on 21th September at **18:00** and announced by two bell rings. 6

6 CLASS FLAGS

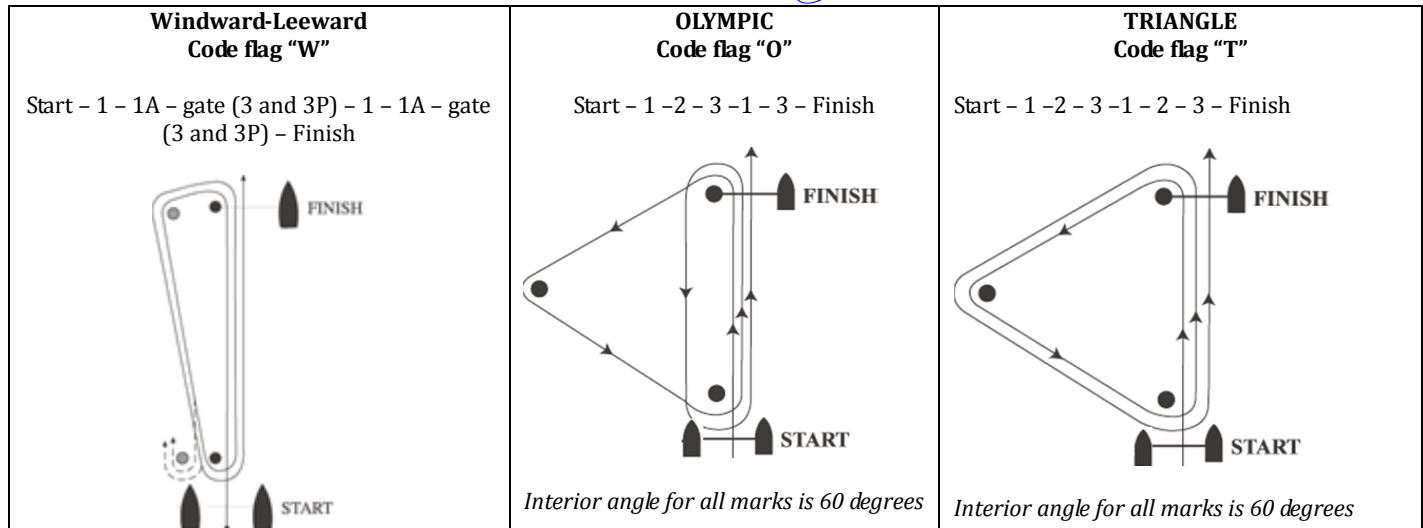
The official Class Flag shall be the Snipe Class flag, a red Snipe on a white background.

7 RACING AREAS

The Racing Area location is on the waters of Guanabara Bay, Navy School Race Area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed. All course marks (except gates) shall be left to port.



- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg
- 8.3 The number of legs in a race may be reduced (using the shorten course procedure, RRS code flag S) only after at least 2 (two) windward legs of the race are completed. This changes RRS 32.2.
- 8.4 The course signal flag ("O", "T" or "W") shall be hoisted one minute before the warning signal and accompanied by one horn signal. It shall remain displayed for ten minutes after the start. In case of a change of the type of course during the race (ROC 9.2) the change at any mark shall be signalled displaying the new appropriate flag and repetitive sounds before the leading boat has passed or rounded the mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3 and 3P will be orange pyramidal buoys.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a black band.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be race committee vessels with an orange flag.
- 9.4 The finishing mark will be mark 1.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 Not used

11 THE START

- 11.2 The starting line will be between two oranges flags on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the Race Committee boat at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.4 RRS 30.3 ('Black Flag Rule') shall not be used
- 11.5 The Race Committee, after the finish of a race and before the warning signal of a subsequent one, will do it's best to post on the Race Committee boat a list of OCS and/or ZPF boats. The failure of posting or an incomplete or wrong list will not be grounds for redress.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.
- 12.3 After the completion of first windward leg of the race the remaining legs may be increased or decreased (RRS 33) by not more than 30% of original length. This changes RRS 33).

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 The Alfa flag on the Race Committee boat at the finish means that there will be no more races for the day.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The races will be managed to last 60-75 minutes for the first boat to finish. A different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will not be ground for requesting redress.



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- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 40 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 40 minutes the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this Rule a lap means the rounding of Mark 3 for the first time.
- 15.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish the race shall be 1 hour 30 minutes. Any boat finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or failing to finish within 2 hours from the start, whichever is shorter, shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at **Sailing Department**. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at **Sailing Department**, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Within the protest time limit, a list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rule 42 or rule 29 and 30 will be posted. The time limit for a boat so notified to file a request for redress is **30 minutes** after that posting. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.6 Any boat intending to file a request for redress, alleging that an action or omission on the part of Race Committee has made her finishing position or series score significantly worse, shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing that race. This modifies RRS 62.2. This instruction does not apply to request for redress resulting from scoring penalties applied without a hearing by the Jury or Race Committee or to request for redress with respect to alleged scoring errors.
- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 18, 19.3, 20.1, 20.2 21, 23, 24 and NoR 3.4 (bow numbers) will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking instructions 23 may be less than disqualification or will result in denial of access of the coach boat, if the protest committee so decides. The penalty for breaking instructions 18, 21 and NoR 3.4 (bow numbers) shall be the 10% scoring penalty for the first race competed in by the infringing boat on the day of infraction. Penalties for breaking Class Rules (General Restrictions) or Sis 19.3, 20.1, 20.2 may be less than disqualification. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.10 An International Jury is constituted and is approved by SCIRA and shall have authority per RRS Appendix N. Their decision shall be final as provided in rule 70.5. Per rule N2.2, SCIRA reserves for itself the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. SCIRA may refer any issue to the International Jury for advice.
- 16.11 The use of team racing tactics shall not be tolerated. If the Race Committee (acting under RRS 32.1(e)) or Protest Committee determines that the use of team racing tactics may have significantly influenced the outcome of a race they shall order that race abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed excluding the participation of the infringing boat(s). This modifies RRS 36. If the race is not re-sailed the infringing boat(s) shall be subject to protest and disqualification.
- 16.12 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) RRS the "authority responsible" is the Measurer of the event.
- 16.13 The Jury shall abandon the race if, during a redress hearing, they conclude that the Race Committee did not follow SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 9.1 and 9.3. This changes rule 64.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2
- (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.3 A boat intending to retire and be scored "RET" shall report its intent in writing to the Jury

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All dollies shall be marked with the sail number of the boat. The dollies shall be storage in an area signalled by the dock master. The control of the boats in and out shall be made counting the dollies left on the signalled area.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman. Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return for the balance of the series.
- 19.2 The same skipper shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he/she is obviously incapacitated. If a skipper is replaced the first race shall be the race dropped, or scored DNC.
- 19.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.



20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20.2 All boats while not sailing shall remain on the Hangar 1 ramp.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority if required by the Race Committee instructions on the Notice Board.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

JURY: Yellow flag with the word "JURY" in black

SCIRA Representative: Black Flag

RACE COMMITTEE: Orange Flag with the letters CR in blue

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 At the warning signal, coaches must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line. After the starting signal coaches may follow the fleet, but only on the port side of the course and must stay 50 meters from any mark

23.2 Deleted.

23.3 Coaches shall credit to Regatta Office and all support boats shall be identified.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the skipper and crew for the top 10 places.

25.2 The Commodore Hub E. Isaacks trophy shall be awarded to the fleet of the winning skipper.

25.3 The O'Leary Perpetual trophy will be presented to the winning crew.

25.4 The Earl Elms Perpetual trophy will be presented to the winning skipper of the final race.

26 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$ 500.000,00 per incident or the equivalent.

Pedro Paulo Petersen - Race Committee Chairman

Don Bedford- SCIRA Representative