



LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

QUALIFYING REGATTA FOR THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES (PAG) FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SNIPE CLASS

and

THE RON PAYNE MEMORIAL REGATTA

Racing April 5-7,
2019

Measurement April 4, 2019 (Subject to
Paragraph 6)

Registration Closes March 31, 2019 (Subject
to Paragraphs 3(a)(iv), 3(a)(v) and 5)

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that neither a boat nor a competitor may protest or seek redress for a breach of that rule and if the Race Committee or Technical Committee protests under that rule then the penalty may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The Organizing Authority is the Lauderdale Yacht Club ("LYC").
- c. National prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- d. Snipe Class documents titled as follows shall apply:
 - i. The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC)
 - ii. Snipe Plans and Specifications
 - iii. The Deed of Gift for the Ron Payne Memorial Regatta
- e. The sailing instructions may also change rules as necessary for the conditions and the venue where the event is held.
- f. The official event notice board will be located at the LYC Sailing Center.
- g. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- h. RRS 32 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes as follows:
 - i. RRS 32.1 will be changed so that a sustained wind variation of 20 degrees or more from the posted bearing during the first leg of a race shall result in that race to be abandoned and re-sailed, or abandoned.

- ii. RRS 32.1 will be changed so that a sustained variation of 40 degrees or more off the posted bearing during the first lap shall result in that race being abandoned and re-sailed or abandoned. For the purposes of this rule a lap means the rounding of downwind mark for the first time.
- iii. RRS 32.2 will be changed to require at least two windward legs before shortening the course.
- iv. RRS 33 will be changed so that after completion of the first windward leg of the race the remaining legs may be increased or decreased by not more than 30% of the original length.
- i. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- j. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- k. RRS30.3 will not be used.
- l. RRS 60.1 (a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NoR and SI.
- m. RRS 64.2 will be changed to compel the Jury/PC to abandon a race as required by RoC 18.
- n. This is a protected competition for the Snipe class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals). Details and various amendments of the Rules are included in this and are found in Appendix 1 of this NOR.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boat advertising will be restricted as per Snipe Class Documents. [DP]
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

a. For all Sailors (those Sailors competing for the Ron Payne Trophy and for PAG Qualifier Sailors):

- i. The regatta is open to all boats of the Snipe class with the following restrictions:
- ii. This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers (and crews for National and International Championships) who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- iii. 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.

- iv. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry forms at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17646> and pay the required registration fee by March 31, 2019.
- v. There will be no on-site registration, but late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the one of the two Race Committee Chairmen listed below.

b. For PAG Qualifier Sailors Only:

- i. Participants must be a national of the US at the time of nomination (and adhere to the latest version of the PASAF Qualifying document which currently says the names of athletes must be submitted by US Sailing to PASAF no later than June 30, 2019).
- ii. Participants must hold a valid US passport.
- iii. Athletes must be class members to sail in the PAG Trials.
- iv. Prior to nomination, athletes must also be members of US Sailing, sign the latest Code of Conduct (US Sailing and SafeSport) and hold a valid US passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the PAGs.
- v. Athletes must be 15 years old in 2019 (the year of the PAGs). Athletes must meet the Pan Am Games eligibility requirements. Athletes must qualify as a mixed team for mixed events.
- vi. PAG Trials will be treated as “Protected Competitions” under US Sailing Regulation 12.03. Note that entry must be “equitable for all potential entrants.”
- vii. The skipper and crew that sail this regatta and who qualify for the PAGs must stay together as a crew to be eligible unless permitted by US Sailing to change in very specific situations. The guidelines for such a change can be found at:
<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SAI-2019-PAG-Athlete-Selection-Procedures.pdf>

4. CLASSIFICATION

- a. Intentionally Blank

5. FEES

- a. Required fees are as follows; all fees include sales tax:
 - i. \$275 US dollars regatta entry fee if registration is completed on-line before March 21, 2019.
 - ii. Afterwards, the entry fee will be \$325 through close of registration March 31, 2019.
 - iii. For any registered team with a helmsperson under 30 years of age, the entry fee will be \$50 less than the above.
 - iv. For any junior team, as defined by SCIRA International, the entry fee will be \$75 less than the above.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Check-in and Assignment of Bow Numbers: Thursday, April 4, 2019, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- b. Boat and/or Equipment inspection and event measurement:
 - i. Thursday, April 4, 2019, 2:00 pm To 6:00 pm (no measurement after Thursday)
 - ii. Some measuring may be performed at the Don Q and Comodoro Rasco regattas or by appointment or availability prior to 2:00 pm, Thursday, April 4, 2019, subject to approval of and scheduling by one of the two Regatta Chairmen indicated below.
- c. Dates of racing: April 5-7, 2019

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEASUREMENT

- a. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. [DP]
- b. All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed. [DP]
- c. In addition, boats may be weighed, and sails may be measured, and any equipment may be inspected or measured at any time by the Regatta Committee. [DP]
- d. A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at the start of the first race to the end of the regatta. [DP]

8. NUMBER OF RACES:

- a. The maximum number of races to be sailed is 8.
- b. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race April 5-6 is 11:00 am.
- c. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race April 7 is 10:00 am.
- d. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 2:30 pm, unless less than 3 races have been completed for the total regatta at such time.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available online at no later than 12:00 am, April 4, 2019 at the regatta website indicated below. They also will be available at the check in desk on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

10. VENUE

- a. The regatta will be held at LYC.
- b. The racing area will be approximately one half mile South of Port Everglades.

11. THE COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for a National or International regatta, as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site, and as amended by the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- a. As per RRS and the Snipe Class.

13. SCORING

- a. The scoring system will be Appendix A as modified below;
- b. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- c. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- d. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be marked with clear identification satisfactory to the OA. [DP]. Moreover, they must register with the LYC Dockmaster on or before April 4, 2018, no later than 3:00 pm.
- b. Support boats without appropriate identification will not be allowed on the Racecourse or at LYC. While at LYC, support boats MUST be docked, moored or rafted in locations as directed by the LYC Marina Staff, Regatta Officials or other LYC employees. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the removal of any unauthorized or improperly moored support boat.
- c. All support boats must have a working VHF radio turned on at all times on the water and monitoring channel 16 and the race channel identified by the Race Committee.

15. BERTHING

- a. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. [DP]

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- a. None

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communication or transmissions and shall not receive voice or voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

18. PRIZES

- a. To be announced.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4,
- b. 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.

20. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 US dollars incident or the equivalent. [DP]

21. CONTACT INFORMATION (NOTE: Any call from a phone number not recognized by any of the below most likely will not be answered as a presumed solicitation. If your call is not answered, make sure to leave a message, or text and identify yourself in the text.)

- a. **Regatta Chairmen and Principal Contact Persons**
Peter Commette: pmcommette@aol.com or (954)610-9346
Ted Morley: ted@mptusa.com or (954)296-8994
- b. **PRO**
Tom Lihan: thomaslihan@comcast.net or (954) 993-4088
- c. **Chairman of the Jury**
Marty Ottenheimer: martin@ottenheimer.com or (785) 532-9903
- d. **SCIRA Representative**
TBD
- e. **LYC Sailing Director**
John Casey: john.casey@lyc.org; (407)443-0068
- f. **LYC Dockmaster**
Brandon Collura: Brandon.collura@LYC.org or (954) 818-1457
- g. **Social**
Connie Commette: cecommette@aol.com or (954) 647-3159
- h. **Charter Boats (limited boats available at \$350/boat, plus SCIRA Borrowed Boat Policy at \$40; request early) and Homestay Housing (limited Homestay Housing available, but there will be none available unless you request it at least by March 24, 2019)**
Peter Commette: pmcommette@aol.com or (954)610-9346
- i. **Regatta Website:** <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17646>
- j. **Lauderdale Yacht Club:** Website: <https://www.lyc.org/#> ; Address: 1725 SE 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316; Phone: (954) 524-5500. Directions: From I-95 north or south or I-75 south to I-595 east. Go east to US 1 north. US 1 north to SE 17th Street. Go right. SE 17th Street to the 2nd light, Cordova Road. Go left. Cordova Road to 12th Street. Go right. LYC is at end of street. The Sailing Center is immediately to the left of the Guard House.

APPENDIX 1

PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 1.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:
- (a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words “when practicable” in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - (b) Protest committees shall include 20% “sailor-athlete” representation. “Sailor-athlete” has the meaning of “athlete” set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
 - (c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
 - (d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
 - (e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor’s preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.
- 1.2 The following rule changes shall be made:
- (a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours,”.
 - (b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

- i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
- ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day
- iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

(c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

1.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. See:

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

FURTHER APPLICABLE TO THE APPEALS PROCEDURE:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

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R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- (a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,
- (b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and
- (c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any

additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is

72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.