



SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

Snipe North American Championship

Birney Mills Memorial Trophy, Kim Thompson Perpetual Trophy, Chuck Loomis Trophy

July 2 – 5, 2015

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Snipe Fleet 877 and SCIRA Canada

In co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA)

Event Host: Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Hamilton, ON

Version 1.4 – February 26, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship and the trophy restrictions of Birney Mills Memorial Trophy, Kim Thompson Perpetual Trophy, Chuck Loomis Trophy and Deed of Gift 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 Appendix P will apply. Other rules may be changed by the sailing instructions. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 and SCIRA rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all SCIRA registered boats and class member skippers and class member crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter on-line at www.2015snipena.com Registration forms will also be available at the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club (RHYC).

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are \$ 225 CDN (HST inclusive) per boat. Payable by PayPal to harripalm@hotmail.com (please specify "2015SnipeNAs")
- 4.2 Required fees are \$ 250 (HST inclusive) per boat after May 1st
- 4.3 Required fees are \$ 275 CDN (HST inclusive) per boat after June 1st
- 4.4 There is a \$25 CDN discount to Junior teams (both skipper and crew – 22 years of age or younger on December 31, 2015. Proof of age is required.

4.5 Payment can also be made in person at the regatta during registration at RHYC. Cheques shall be made out to "SCIRA Canada". (Canadian and US currencies shall be treated as par).

4.5 Entry fee includes Continental Breakfast all days, Bag Lunches (Friday and Saturday only), Saturday 'Cook Your Own Steak' dinner, Sunday Awards BBQ (immediately following racing and pack-up)

4.6 Other fees: Extra Saturday Dinner tickets: \$25 per person
Extra Sunday BBQ tickets: \$25 per person
Extra Breakfast tickets: \$10 per person per day

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and measurement are to take place:

Thursday July 2, 2015: 1100 – 1800

Friday, July 3, 2015: 0800 – 0900

5.2 Schedule of Races:

Three races are scheduled per day with the time of the warning signal for the first race each day at 1030. No warning signal after 1400 on Sunday July 5.

6 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Measurement will take place at the RHYC Dry Sail area.

6.2 Each boat is subject to measurement at any time during the event at the reasonable discretion of the Class or Race Committee.

6.3 All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available upon completion of registration.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will take place on Hamilton Harbour.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Championship regattas as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the protest desk within the protest time limit.

10.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 10.3.

10.3 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

11 SCORING

11.1 The low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified according to SCIRA Deed of Gift.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel intending to be on the water during the regatta, shall register with the organizing authority and display the numbered flag provided by the organizing authority.

12.2 Support boats will be assigned a berth or mooring area for the duration of the regatta. Such berth or mooring is subject to the terms and conditions for all boats using RHYC controlled facilities.

13 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1** Prizes will be awarded to the first five placing teams.
- 15.2** The Birney Mills Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper.
- 15.3** The Chuck Loomis Trophy will be awarded to the top Junior. Skipper and crew shall be under the age of 22 years on December 31, 2015.
- 15.4** Kim Thompson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the top crew.
- 15.5** An award will be presented to the top women's team.
- 15.6** An award will be presented to the top Master skipper. The skipper shall be age 60 years or greater as of July 3, 2015.
- 15.7** An award will be presented to the owner of the oldest Snipe competing at the event.
- 15.8** Other prizes may be awarded.

16 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.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 CAD per incident or the equivalent.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1** Regatta Information: www.2015snipena.com
- 18.2** Registration Information: www.2015snipena.com
Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Foot of MacNab Street North (555 Bay Street North),
Hamilton, Ontario L8L 1H1
Phone: (905) 528-8464 Fax: (905) 528-2622
www.rhyc.ca

PRACTICAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)

SOCIAL

Saturday night entertainment by TBA

ACCOMODATION

- ≈ **Visit Tourism Hamilton Where to Stay:** <http://www.tourismhamilton.com/where-to-stay> for a full listing of hotels and more.
- ≈ **Camping (tents only) will be available at the regatta site.**
Campers under the age of 19 must have an adult supervisor on site.
- ≈ **Limited lodging may be available on boats and private homes. Please contact the regatta organizers. See below.**

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