

NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
70th MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
MARCH 30, 31 - APRIL 1, 2008

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY - Snipe Class International Racing Association

HOSTING CLUB: Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater, Florida 33767

RULES: The current *Racing Rules of Sailing*

ADVERTISING: The Regatta is designated Category C.

ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats & Class Member skippers in good standing with SCIRA for the current year,

REGISTRATION:

Advanced entries are requested and can to be made on line or mailed to Yachting, Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, Florida 33767. Entry forms are available on line from Clearwater Yacht Club at www.clwyc.org.

On-site Registration will be held March 29 & 30 per the following schedule at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, Florida, 33767. CCSC is located on Sand Key, on the South side of Clearwater Pass about 1 mile south of Clearwater Yacht Club. Boats and trailers will be stored here for the event. Boats will beach launch from this location and sail in the Gulf of Mexico. Registration is \$90 per boat. Limited hosted housing is available (if requested) for pre-registered crews.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday	March 29, 2008	0900 - 1700	Registration and Measurement
Sunday	March 30, 2008	0800 - 1000	Late Registration
		1030	Skippers Meeting
		1200	First warning signal. Races to follow.
Monday	March 30, 2008	1000	First warning signal. Races to follow.
Tuesday	April 1, 2008	1000	First warning signal. Races to follow.
	No warning signal will be made later than 1400.		

MEASUREMENT: All boats are subject to measurement at any time at the discretion of the Class or Race Committee. All boats shall produce a valid measurement certificate and are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be available during the on-site registration period.

COURSES: The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Sanctioned regattas as published in the current *SCIRA Official Handbook and SCIRA Website*.

BLACK FLAG - RRS 30.3 – will not be used during this Regatta.

SCORING: The SCIRA Low Point scoring system will be used. Seven races are scheduled. One completed race constitutes a regatta. A drop race will be permitted upon completion of five (5) races. Ties will be broken as described in the *SCIRA Official Rulebook*.

SUPPORT BOATS: Identified with Race Committee or Official flags

INSURANCE: Each participating boat shall be insured with a minimum of \$300,000 valid third party liability insurance.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all of his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: The Clearwater Yacht Club dining room, grill, tiki hut, dry dock room and patio are available to the participants starting Friday March 28. There will be a cookout available on Sunday afternoon. Please obtain a Regatta Membership Card (credit card required) at the Office or at Registration as no cash sales are permitted.

Registration includes the Bowchasers' sponsored Grapefruit Grog Party and Pizza Party on Monday night and the Awards Dinner on Tuesday night at the Clearwater Yacht Club. Coffee, donuts and bottled water will be provided Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew for the top five (5) places. The Midwinter Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the lowest total points. The Major Phillip Blair Masters Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the skipper, fifty years or older, with the lowest total points. The Frank Levinson, Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy will also be awarded by participant vote during this regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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