



2022 Florida State Snipe Championship & Melges 15 Regatta  
St. Petersburg, FL, USA December 10-11, 2022

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

St. Petersburg Yacht Club in co-operation with the Snipe Class St. Petersburg Fleet #801

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and Snipe Class Rules.
- 1.2 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60 - 63.2 do not apply to these classes.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the sailing instructions and any other document governing the event, the sailing instructions shall prevail.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board is Yacht Scoring on the Main Menu and the unofficial notice board is located at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC).

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the SPSC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signals AP.

**5 SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 9, 2022	
All Day	Boat Rigging and Practice All Day
Saturday, December 10, 2022	
1030	Competitors Meeting
1300	First Warning Signal
1800	Dinner @ SPYC
Sunday, December 11, 2022	
1000	First Warning Signal
There will be <b>no warning after 1400</b>	
After racing	Awards at St. Petersburg Sailing Center

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The Snipe class flag will be a Snipe Class Flag. The M 15 will be a yellow flag.

**7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be east of the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

**8 COURSES**

- 8.1 See Diagram A
- 8.2 The race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed before the warning signal on a whiteboard on the stern of the Race Committee signal boat.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Original marks, (Leeward, Gybe, and Windward) will be yellow tetrahedrons.

**9.2** The Start/Finish marks will be orange spheres.

**9.3** Any new mark used in accordance with RRS 33 will be a large orange sphere.

## **10 STARTS**

**10.1** Before the warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee or she may be scored as DNS without hearing. Only the Race committee may protest a vessel not in compliance. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

**10.2** The starting line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the start mark.

**10.3** The race committee signal boat will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1, 30.1 or 30.2. The delay of such a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes rule 62.1a.

**10.4** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

**10.5** RRS 30.3 will not apply.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as possible.

**11.2** When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 FINISHES**

**12.1** The finish line will be between the staff from which an Blue flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 90 minutes.

**13.2** Any boat still competing and not finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive points equal to one more than the last boat finishing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS**

**14.1** A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes rule 61.

**14.2** Protests and requests for redress shall be made in writing. Forms will be available at the SPSC. Protests shall be filed with the race/protest committee within one hour of the race committee finish boat docking time which will be posted on the official regatta notice board.

**14.3** The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This changes Appendix A2.

**15.2** One (1) race shall constitute a Regatta.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee boat prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the Race Committee by phone or radio immediately upon arriving ashore.

## **17 PRIZES**

**17.1** Prizes will be awarded at discretion of the OA.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**18.1** The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 63 for **courtesy** communications from/to regatta participants, this will include hailing OCS vessels at the start. Nothing said over VHF Channel 63 for **courtesy** reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.

**18.2** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 18.1.

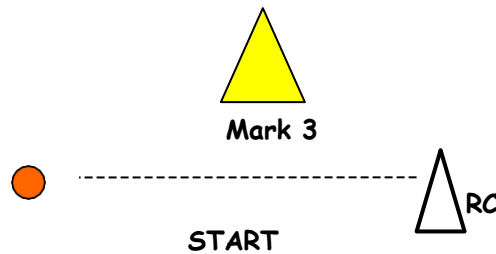
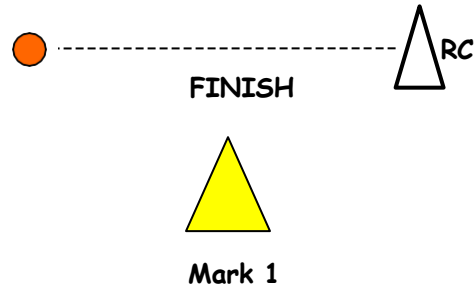
**18.3** The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 63 and 16 after the start.

### **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**19.1** Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, officers, and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this regatta.

**See Diagram A  
Courses and Course Configuration on the next page**

# Diagram A (not to scale)




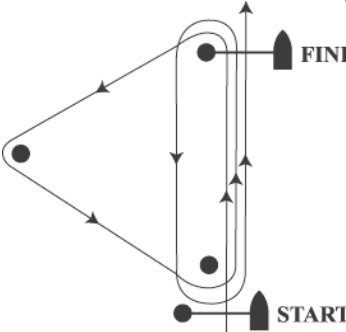
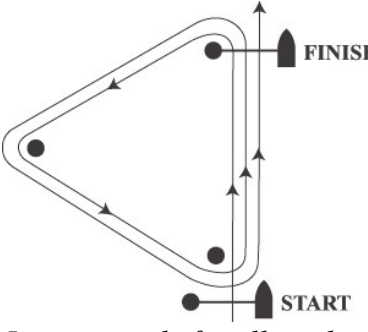
**All Marks shall be left to port**

**COURSE A:** Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish at "START"

**COURSE B:** Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - Finish at "START"

**COURSE C:** Start - 1 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish at "FINISH"

**OR**

Windward-Leeward Course "W"	OLYMPIC Course "O"	TRIANGLE Course "T"
<p>Start - 1 - 1A - gate (3 and 3P) - 1 - 1A - gate (3 and 3P) - Finish</p>	<p>Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish</p>	<p>Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish</p>
 <p>In the absence of a gate at Mark 3, the mark shall be rounded to port.</p>	 <p><i>Interior angle for all marks is 60 degrees</i></p>	 <p><i>Interior angle for all marks is 60 degrees</i></p>