



# Snipe, Finn & Laser Regatta 2024 (Great Lakes for Snipes & Finns)

*North Cape Yacht Club*

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

LaSalle, MI

July 6-7, 2024

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 ***Finn only:*** If as determined by vote prior to the start of a race pumping will be permitted.
- 1.3 A 5-minute sequence will be used.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the window glass next to the north (main) entrance to NCYC.
- 2.2 There shall be a competitors' meeting at North Cape Yacht Club on Saturday July 6th at 1030 hrs.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 2 hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 3.2 Any change to the location of the racing area shall be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will apply.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the club flagpole at NCYC.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first warning signal on each day of racing will be 1030 hrs.
- 5.2 Tentative starting order will be:
  - Finns
  - Snipes
  - ILCA 7
  - ILCA 6

5.3 Schedule of races:

Skippers Meeting	1030 hours
First Warning Saturday	1200 hours
Max number of races	5
First Warning Sunday	0955 hours
Max number of races	3

5.4 If the Race Committee (RC) is unable to complete the race(s) scheduled for a particular day, then that race(s) will be sailed on subsequent days.

5.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday, July 7th.

**6 CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The class flags will be displayed unless an alternative is announced at the skippers meeting

**7 RACING AREA**

In the open waters of Lake Erie, approximately ½ mile to one mile east of NCYC.

**8 THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses are as follows:

8.1.1 **Course 1:** Start - Mark #1 - Offset mark– Finish

8.1.2 **Course 2:** Start - Mark #1 - Offset mark - 2S/2P - Mark #1 - Offset mark - Finish

8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.

8.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

**9 MARKS**

9.1 Marks 1 and 2S and 2P (the gate) shall be **orange** inflatable marks.

9.2 The offset mark shall be an **orange** “hip-hop” style mark.

9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, shall be **yellow** inflatable marks.

9.4 The starting and finishing marks shall be inflatable marks, or an anchored boat displaying a staff with a blue flag.

**10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

[reserved]

**11 THE START**

11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in instruction 9.4.

- 11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A4 and A5.*
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the VHF channel for competitor communication as noted in instruction 20.8. Failure to make a broadcast, the order of sail numbers called, or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall 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 shall be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.

**13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying a blue flag as described in instruction 9.4.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 **Penalties at the time of the incident:** According to Appendix V; the first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Penalties within three (3) boat lengths of Mark 1 or on the leg from Mark 1 to Mark 1a may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. *This changes RRS 44.2 and V1.*
- 14.2 **Penalties after the race:** After a race a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

**15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 In accordance with RRS 35, Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Race Target Time
All	20 minutes	45 minutes	20-30 minutes

If no boat in a particular class has passed Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within the Mark 1 Time Limit the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.*

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board location. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered at either location within the appropriate time limit.

- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 90 minutes after the RC signals “No more racing today,” whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 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 at the location and times posted on the official notice board. All parties to Protest Meetings that do not have all Parties present at its start shall move to the end of scheduled Protest Meetings.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 16.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 One (1) race shall constitute a series.
- 17.2 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 Boats scored TLE in accordance with SI 15.2 will receive points equal to the number of boats in her class finishing within the Time Limit as described in SI 15.1 plus one (1) point.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 18.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in. [DP][NP]
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [D][NP]

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]**

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC or TC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, and sailing instructions.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Radio communications will be per class rules.
- 21.2 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors shall be on a VHF channel to be announced at the competitors’ meeting and posted on the official notice board.
- 21.3 Various race information, including notification of OCS boats after the start, may be provided by the RC as a courtesy to competitors. This does not in any way alter the competitor’s responsibility to observe the RC’s visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions regarding this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).* [NP]

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

**22 AWARDS**

22.1 Trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers overall.

22.2 Trophies will be awarded Sunday, July 9th at the conclusion of racing, pending the completion of all protests.

**23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Offset ○

○ Mark 1

2S ○

○ 2P

