NOTICE OF RACE
SNIPE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION
Under the patronage of the
Star Sailor League (SSL s.a.)
and
Sailing Athletes Foundation (SAF)

SSL SNIPE CHALLENGE

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 24-25, 2026
Marina da Gloria

Including Amendment #1 posted 11/11/2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
Iate Clube de Rio de Janeiro, in co-operation with CBVela and the Snipe Class International Racing Association

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:
1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS)
1.2 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas (RoC), excluding time limits, number of races, scoring, and other items specified in this N.o.R. and in the SIs., available at https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RoC-0220251231-Clean-copy.pdf
1.3 No national prescriptions will
1.4 [NP][DP] No drones are allowed closer than 500 m from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This does not apply to OA drones.
1.5 World Sailing RRS Appendix UF, Umpired Fleet Racing Rules will apply.
1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English will take precedence.
1.9 If there is a conflict between the NoR or the SIs, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 12pm on 23/11 on the online noticeboard.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The online official notice board is located at http:// www.regras.com.br.
3.2 Electronic devices (see NoR 13..3) will be used according to Class Rule C.5.1 as authorized by the Snipe Class Technical Committee.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats for the current year.
4.2 The regatta is an invitational event for an Open fleet and a Women's fleet.
4.3 [NP] Helmspersons will be invited by the Event's Committee (EC), composed of SCIRA Past Commodore Ricardo Lobato, on behalf of the OA, and SCIRA Past Commodore Pietro Fantoni, on

behalf of the SAF. The selection, the number, and any eventual replacement of invited helmspersons are at the sole discretion of the EC and shall not be grounds for protest or a request for redress. The Entry List for each fleet for the Event is determined by the EC on the basis of the widest possible representation of nations, the sailing career of each sailor, the SSL Snipe Ranking, and the participation of certain competitors in the SSL Gold Cup 2026 National teams, and the participation of certain competitors in the Snipe Women's Hemisphere Cup; this is intended to promote the SSL Snipe Challenge, the Snipe Class, and the SSL Gold Cup. At least one helmsperson will be selected through the Campeonato Carioca de Snipe. The final list of invited skippers is found in appendix A.

4.4 [DP] A Competitor shall confirm their intention to compete to the EC by email to ricardo@lobato.biz as soon as possible and anyway by no later than 1st November, 2026. Should a sailor or a team be unable to participate, the EC reserves the right, at any time, to invite a replacement.

4.5 No helmsperson or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
- shows as a member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.

4.6 The invited helmsperson shall designate a crew no later than the registration time limit (SI 7.1).

4.7 The designated helmsperson must be at the helm while racing except in the event of an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew.

4.8 A team may use their own boat and equipment. A limited number of boats are available and will be provided by the OA free of charge (however, a security deposit may be required by the owner). Priority will be given to international teams. These teams shall use their own sails and personal equipment.

5 ADVERTISING

5.1 [NP][SP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

5..2 [NP][SP] Boats may be required to display flags and name of the Competitors on the hull or on the sails.

5.3 [NP][SP] Competitors may be required to wear the official team uniforms provided by the OA during dock out and dock in, whilst racing and for interviews.

6 FEES

6.1 There is no entry fee

7 SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

7.1 Onsite final registration: November 23

7.2 Boats will be available to competitors according to the schedule and arrangements to be coordinated directly with the OA.

7.3 **Schedule of Races:**

A) Qualifying Series:

~~First warning signal Women's Fleet: Tuesday November 24, 2026, hrs 12:00. Maximum of 4 races back to back.~~

First warning signal Open Fleet: Tuesday November 24, 2026, hrs 12 (~~after the start of the Women's Fleet~~). Maximum of 4 races back to back.

B) Final Series:

~~Final races first warning signal Womens' Fleet: Wednesday November 25, 2026, hrs 12:00.~~

Repechage race: first warning signal Open Fleet: Wednesday November 25, 2026, hrs 11

Final races first warning signal Open Fleet: Wednesday November 25, 2026, 12hr ~~(after the start of the Women's Fleet).~~

7.4 Medals ceremony following the return of all boats and competitors to the shore.

7.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 17:00

7.6 **Format:**

7.6.1 The regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series (including a repechage race) and a Final Series ~~both for the Women's Fleet and the Open Fleet.~~

7.6.2 Qualifying Series: maximum 4 races ending on Tuesday November 24. The winner of the qualifying series qualifies directly for the final. The crew finishing 2nd in the qualifying series qualifies directly for the semi-final. The crews finishing the qualifying series from 3rd to 10th place qualify for the quarter-final. The crews finishing first and second in the repechage race on qualify for the quarter-final.

7.6.3 Quarter-final: One (1) race. The crews ranked 3rd to 10th in the qualifying round compete in the quarter-final. The top five (5) crews qualify for the semi-final.

7.6.4 Semi-final: One (1) race. The runner-up of the qualifying round and the top 5 crews of the quarter-final compete in the semi-final. The top three (3) crews qualify for the final.
7.6.5 Final: One (1) race. The winner of the qualifying round and the top 3 crews of the semi-final compete in the final. First crew to finish will be the winner of the event.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
8.4 [NP][DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

9 VENUE

9.1 Races will be sailed at Guanabara Bay

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses as published in the SCIRA web site https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SCIRA-Course-Chart-2025.pdf and https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SCIRA-COURSE-2026.pdf
10.2 The Race Target Time shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee and may vary from 20 minutes to 75 minutes. This changes RoC 6.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11 SCORING

11.1 1 (one) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
11.2 For the qualifying round, the Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than three (3) races are completed.
11.3 The final score in the regatta will be based on the last stage completed by each boat.

12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

12.1 Between the preparatory signal and the starting signal, Support Vessels must be positioned at least 50 meters below the starting line. After the starting signal Support Vessels may follow the fleet, but only on the starboard side of the course and must stay 50 meters from any mark or any boat racing.
12.2 Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area, keycord, and a basic first aid kit.
12.2 Support Persons shall register at the Regatta Office including the competitors related to him/her.

13 TELEVISION AND MEDIA

13.1 Competitors grant to the SCIRA, Star Sailors League S.A. (“SSL”), the Sailing Athletes Foundation (“SAF”), other sub-licensee(s), the Organising Authority and club and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to utilise their names, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording and other reproductions of them made during training sessions and the Event, at the venue or on the water, from the time of their arrival until the time of their departure, without compensation, and waive all moral and legal rights in and to any use of their names, recordings or video or sound made or images taken.
13.2 [NP] Competitors shall be at the disposal of the OA for interviews, media conferences, press releases and promotional initiatives.
13.3 [DP] Boats, athletes and team officials may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA. Information from any such equipment shall not be used by a boat in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.5(a).

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat is responsible to have an appropriate third-party liability insurance.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact Ricardo Lobato, ricardo@lobato.biz and/or Pietro Fantoni, pietro.fantoni@starsailors.com

Appendix A

List of invited teams

Alejandro Triggiano	Mariana Safar Exeni	Argentina
Alexandre Paradeda	Melissa Paradeda	Brazil
Alfredo González	Cristian Sánchez	Spain
Augie Diaz	Ciara Rodriguez Horan	United States
Ayaka Yamazaki	Aina Hokuto	Japan
Bernardo Pereira	Caio Nogueira	Brazil
Bruno Bethlem	Daniel Claro	Brazil
Ernesto Rodriguez	Diego Mini	United States
Esteban Echavarria	Juan Esteban Restrepo	Colombia
Felipe Rondina	Pedro Rosa	Brazil
Gustavo del Castillo	Gustavo del Castillo Galayo	Spain
Henrique Haddad	Gabriel Kieling	Brazil
Ian Ainslie	Olivia Purchase	South Africa
João Pedro Oliveira	Fernando Tovar Gioia	Brazil
Juliana Duque	Rafael Martins	Brazil
Julio Alsogaray	Malena Sciarra	Argentina
Juninho Jesus	Anderson Brandão	Brazil
Manu Hens	Akexandre Tinoco	Belgium
Marcia Pellicano	Renata Pellicano	Brazil
Mário Tinoco	Catarina Glashester	Brazil
Martha Rocha	Larissa Juk	Brazil
Martín Bermúdez	Beatriz Díaz Norris	Spain
Mateus Tavares	Flavio Castro	Brazil
Nelido Manso Lopez	Sanlay Castro De La Cruz	Cuba
Nick Pellicano Grael	Rafaela Salles	Brazil
Nicolas Garcia	Mariela Salermo	Argentina
Ramon Gonzalez	Sebastian Medina	Puerto Rico
Ricky Fabini	Popi Fabini	Uruguay
Stefano Peschiera	TBC	Peru
Robert Sheidt	TBC	Brazil
Torben Grael	TBC	Brazil
Martine Grael	TBC	Brazil

Four entries from Carioca Championship 2026