

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2017 SCIRA USA National Championship**  
**Winchester Boat Club**  
**August 20-25, 2017**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Winchester Boat Club and Fleet 77 in co-operation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association USA.

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
  - a. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
  - b. The SCIRA Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas, revised Oct, 2012 (RoC).
  - c. SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta Rules for Conducting Event Deeds of Gift, revised April 2014 (USNatRoC).
  - d. The Deed of Gift.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.4. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.5. RRS 30.3 will not be used.
- 1.6. RRS 32.2 and 33 will be changed to limit course changes
- 1.7. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed to restrict protest from boats for specific items on the NOR and SI.
- 1.8. RRS 64.2 will be changed to compel the Jury/PC to abandon a race as required by RoC 18.
- 1.9. The total number of boats to race the Heinzerling Series shall be 32. Reigning US National Champion and District Champions qualify for the Heinzerling. The balance of boats will come from the Crosby Series. This modifies item 6 of "Specifics applying to all series and Deeds of Gift" of USNatRoC.
- 1.10. Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.11. By participating in this regatta, a competitor (or parent/guardian if under age 18) grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

**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. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year, subject to any Deed of Gift restrictions.
- 3.2. No skipper or crew shall be eligible to enter any Class championship race unless:
  - a. they possess and present a current Class Membership Card, or
  - b. SCIRA-issued equivalent, or
  - c. shows as current member in the SCIRA Official Online Database.
- 3.3. Bow numbers are assigned at registration and it shall be each competitor's sole responsibility to properly affix them in conformance with the instructions and to properly maintain them.
- 3.4. All SCIRA members are eligible to participate. However, only US-registered members are eligible for US Nationals trophies and championship status.

#### 4. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Entry for the regatta will be no greater than \$400 if registration is submitted by August 17, 2017. The registration fee will be no greater than \$200 if the skipper is younger than 25 years of age before the first day of the regatta. The late registration fee is \$55.00.
- 4.2. Registration website: <http://snipeusa.com/regattas/2017-us-nationals/>.
- 4.3. Entry fee covers registration, dinners for Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and light breakfasts Monday thru Friday.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

Saturday	August 19	1000-1600	Measurement
Sunday	August 20	1000-1800	Registration/Check-in
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		1800	Opening Ceremonies
Monday	August 21	800-930	Registration/Check-in
		900	Skippers Meeting
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Additional Races to Follow
Tuesday	August 22	After Sailing	Social
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Additional Races to Follow
Wednesday	August 23	After-sailing	Free to explore Boston
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Additional Races to Follow
Thursday	August 24	After-sailing	Social
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Additional Races to Follow
Friday	August 25	After-sailing	Free to explore Boston
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Additional Races to Follow
		1430	No races will start after this time
		1800	Dinner and Awards

Competitors should expect to compete in 3 races each day, but more races may be held depending upon the number of competitors and sailing conditions.

#### 6. MEASUREMENT

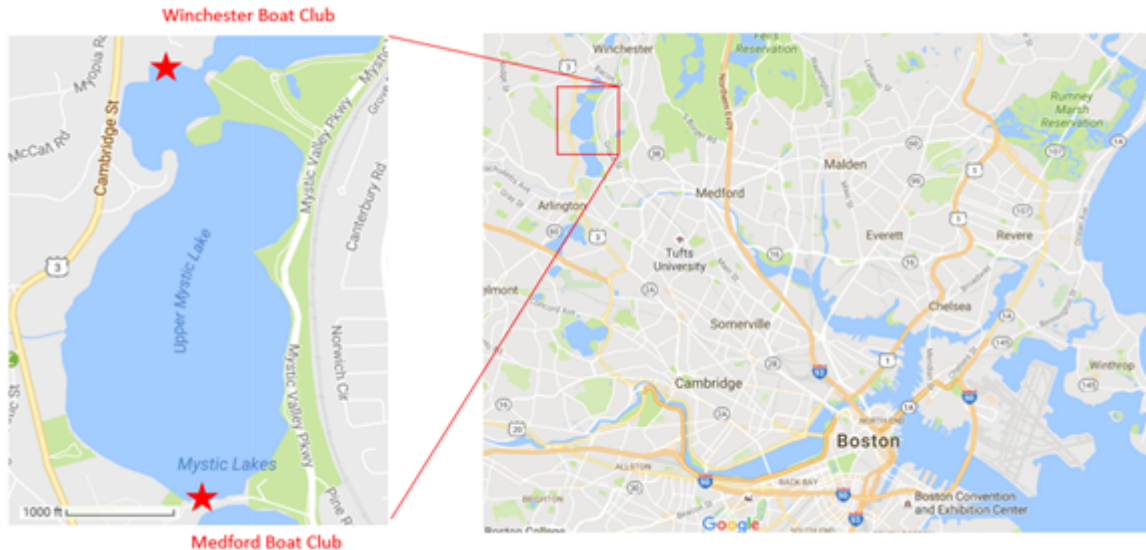
- 6.1. Measurement will take place at Winchester Boat Club and will include weighing of boats and measuring of sails. Sails that have been marked as previously measured will only need to be shown to measurer (i.e. are not required to be measured).
- 6.2. All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate on file at the SCIRA USA office and are subject to measurement at any time 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

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta website by August 20, 2017 and will be available at check-in.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. Races will be sailed on the Upper Mystic Lake (see map).



## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses shall be any of the following
- Windward Leeward
  - Olympic
  - Triangle
  - No-jibe (4-marks).

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified according to SCIRA Deed of Gift.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Due to local ordinances banning powerboats from Mystic Lake (other than registered club boats), support boats will be disallowed for this regatta.

## 12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1. 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 15. PRIZES

- 15.1. If at least 52 registered teams
- US National Championship Regatta, Crosby Series
    - Prizes will be awarded commensurate to the size of the fleet.
    - The winning skipper will be awarded the Crosby Memorial Trophy.
  - US National Championship Regatta, Wells Series
    - Prizes will be awarded commensurate to the size of the fleet.
    - The winning skipper will be awarded the Wells Trophy.

- 15.2. US National Championship Regatta, Heinzerling Series
- a. Prizes will be awarded commensurate to the size of the fleet.
  - b. The winning skipper will be awarded the Commodore Charles E. Heinzerling Trophy.
  - c. The winning crew will be awarded the Portage Lakes Yacht Club Trophy.
  - d. The second place team will be awarded the Slauson Memorial Trophy.
  - e. The highest placing woman (skipper or crew) in the Heinzerling Series will be awarded the Eleanor Williams Memorial Trophy.
- 15.3. Other Prizes
- a. Harold Griffith Trophy - Awarded to the skipper with the best total point score in the combined Crosby and Heinzerling Series.
  - b. Macklanburg-Duncan Trophy- Awarded to the Chairman of the Race Committee for the SCIRA USA National Championship.
  - c. National Secretary Trophy- Awarded to the SCIRA USA National Championship Regatta Chairperson.
  - d. Carolyn Nute Memorial Trophy- Awarded to the highest placing married couple.
  - e. Masters Trophy- Awarded to the highest placing Master skipper.
  - f. Masters Endurance Trophy- Awarded to the oldest skipper entered in the Heinzerling Series.

**16. QUALIFICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

- 16.1. The top 2 eligible US boats will qualify for the 2018 SCIRA Western Hemisphere Championship.

**17. HOUSING, LOANER & CHARTER BOATS**

- 17.1. Housing, Loaner & Charter boats may be available. Please email [us.snipe.nationals.2017@gmail.com](mailto:us.snipe.nationals.2017@gmail.com) or see the website for hotel information.

**18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 18.1. For additional information, housing, please visit the website, or email the regatta address below.

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website: <http://snipeusa.com/regattas/2017-us-nationals/>