



Atlanta Yacht Club Championship Regatta (Snipes)

Organizing Authority: Atlanta Yacht Club
September 14-15, 2024
7120 Yacht Club Drive, Acworth, GA 30102

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Atlanta Yacht Club Rulebook, Section IV. Championship Rules and Regulations, A. AYC Club Championship.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hail from the Signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Signal boat will display code flag L with one sound, and communicate the changes to each boat before the next warning signal.

3. Communication with Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board outside the clubhouse near the fish pond.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat alongside the dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Races

9/14 Competitors Meeting 0900, First Race Warning Signal 1000.
Lunch will be provided (at the Clubhouse for competitors and race committee ONLY) following the 1st or 2nd race as decided by the Race Committee. No warning signal will be made after 1600.
9/15 First Warning Signal 0900, No Warning Signal after 1600.
Awards following Racing.

6. Class Flags

Snipes will be the 2024 Championship class and the Snipe Class Flag will be used.

7. The Courses

- 7.1 The diagrams below show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the Signal Boat
- 7.3 The Snipe Fleet Class Placard will be displayed on the Signal Boat

8. Marks

- 8.1 Rounding Marks 1, 2 & 3 and Gate Marks will be yellow Tetrahedrons. Offset marks, if used, will be red balls. New Rounding Marks when used in accordance with SI 10.1, Change of Course, will be yellow Tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 8.2 In the absence of one gate mark, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat with an orange flag (for starts), blue flag (for finishes) and a nearby orange cylinder or orange ball.

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.4 A Boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 9.5 A next starting sequence will begin once all boats have completed their race and returned to the starting area.

10. Change of the next leg of the course

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee will lay a Black-banded Mark and remove the original Mark as soon as practicable. In the event that the windward mark is changed, there will not be an Offset mark. When in a subsequent change a black-banded mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder or orange ball.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

13. Time Limit

- 13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit is 40 minutes. The Race Time Limit is 90 minutes. The Finishing Window time is 15 minutes.
- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14. Hearing Requests

- 14.1 The time limit for requesting a hearing or bringing a protest is forty-five minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks, and the Signal Boat will make a sound signal to notify of the beginning of the time limit. A notice will also be promptly posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the official notice board, from the race committee at the race committee signal boat, and

online at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/race-officers/materials-for-race-officers/>

- 14.3 A Hearing Request shall be delivered to the Protest Committee at the AYC Clubhouse conference room within the protest time limit (45 minutes).
- 14.4 A Hearing Schedule will be posted on the official notice board within thirty minutes after the time limit expires, to inform boats, competitors, and other persons of hearings in which they are parties or have been named as witnesses, and constitutes notification required in Rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. Hearings will be

[DP] means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

held as soon as possible in approximately the order in which they were received. The Hearing Results may be posted in list form on the official notice board.

15. Scoring

15.1 Rule A5.3 applies.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 It is suggested All competitors wear, a U.S. Coast Guard Approved PFD.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

Course Diagrams

