SNIPE WOMEN'S HEMISPHERE CUP

NITERÓI – RJ – BRASIL

26th to 29th November 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLUBE NAVAL CHARITAS

[NP] Denotes that the breach of that rule will not be grounds for a protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 61.1

[DP] Rules for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

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) available at https://www.snipe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RoC-0220251231-Clean-copy.pdf.
1.3. The RRS 30.4, 32.1, 32.2, 33, 35, 60.5(c), 61.4(b)(1) 61.4(c), A4 and A5 are changed, as specified in the Sailing Instructions according with SCIRA (RoC).
1.4. No National Prescriptions will apply.
1.5. The decision of the Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.3.
1.6. Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Device applies at all times while afloat.
1.7. RRS Appendix-P will aply
1.8. If there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence (this changes RRS 63.5(c)

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) which will be located at: sailscore.com.br
2.2. As courtesy all the information will also be published on the Official Regatta WhatsApp group: 2026 Snipe Women's Hemisphere Cup as soon as possible. Failure to post notices on the WhatsApp group shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
2.3. For any requirement related to the time of publication of a document, the official publication time will be the time the document was first published at the Official notice board.
2.4. The race office will be located at the wooden counter at the entrance to the nautical area.
2.5. Except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the Race Committee, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats
2.6. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons on VHF radio channel 74

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than two (2) hours before the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located next to the ramp
4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than <30> minutes' in Race Signals AP

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

5.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

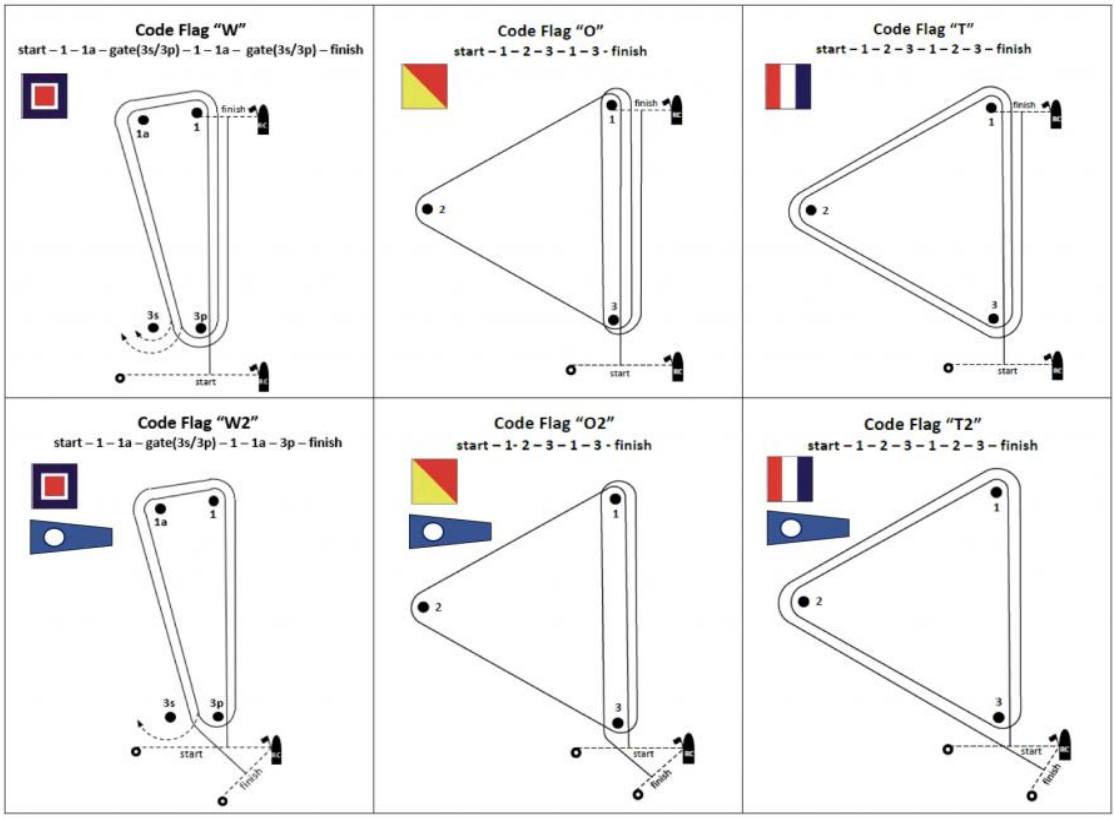
Date	Time	Activity
November 25th	14:00 – 18:00	Registration
November 26th	09:00 – 12:00 10:00 14:30	Registration Welcome Breakfast Pratice Race
November 27th	09:30 10:30 11:15 13:00	Breakfast Competitos meeting Opening Ceremony 3 Races
November 28th	13:00h 19:00	3 Races Live Music & Dancing
November 29th	13:00 18:00	3 Races Prize Giving Ceremony

6.2. 9 Races are scheduled.

6.3. No warning signal will be made after 16:00 on November 29th

7. COURSES

7.1. The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed. All course marks (except gates) shall be left to port.



7.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

7.3. The course signal shall be hoisted with one sound at least one minute before the warning signal. It will remain displayed for no less than five minutes after the start.

8. MARKS

8.1. Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3s and 3p will be inflatable orange.
8.2. Changing marks, will be inflatable yellow.
8.3. The starting marks will be RC signal vessel and pin end vessel or an inflatable yellow with black band mark.
8.4. The finishing mark will be: Race Committee vessel with blue flag and another vessel with blue flag or an inflatable yellow with black band mark.

9. THE START

9.1. The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee vessel displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end of the starting line.
9.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
9.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

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 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 will be replaced by an original mark.
10.2 If Mark 1 will be changed in courses "W" or "W2", Mark 1A (offset) will no longer be a course mark.
10.3 Any adjustment of any leg of the course, while boats are racing, by moving mark(s) up to 010° in bearing and/ or 0.1 nm in length will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the marks described in SI 8.4.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

12.1 The races will be managed to last 40 minutes for the first boat to sail the course. A different time (shorter or longer) used to complete the race will not be ground for requesting redress. This changes 61.1(a).
12.2 The time limit for the first boat to complete the first lap is 35 minutes from the start. If the first boat fails to complete the first lap within 35 minutes the Race Committee shall abandon the race. For the purpose of this rule a lap means rounding Mark 3 (or passing the Gate 3s/3p) for the first time. This changes RRS 32.1.
12.3 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course shall be 80 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Hearing Requests or reopenings shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit by filling in the Hearing Request form online at: Sailscore.com.br .
13.2 The protest time limit for incidents observed in the racing area is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals on the water no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee displays ashore AP over A.
13.3 On the last day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

(i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 63.7.

13.4 Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Sala de Vela Comandante Érico, beginning at the time posted.

13.5 Notice of protests by the Race Committee, the Technical Committee or the International Jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform competitors under RRS 60.2(a)(2)

13.6 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

13.7 Per Appendix N2.2, SCIRA reserves for itself the right and responsibility to decide issues of eligibility, measurement and equipment. SCIRA may refer any issue to the International Jury for advice.

14. [NP][DP] SAFETY AND SUPPORT PERSON / VESSEL REGULATIONS

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by any way as soon as possible.

14.2 A boat and its crew shall always keep clear of all commercials, passengers or transportation vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause the vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their navigation in a normal and safe manner.

14.3 The OA strongly recommends that each support vessel have a working VHF radio and monitor the radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area and a kill-cord attached to the driver at all times while on the water.

14.4 No drones are allowed closer than 200 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the International Jury may impose a discretionary penalty to all boats associated with the owner / operator of the drone. This rule does not apply to the OA drones.

14.5 Support person and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats to which they are attached. Support persons and support vessels shall comply with local laws and regulations regarding their operation.

14.6 Under all circumstances support vessels are expected to assist any boat in danger

14.7 Team leaders and other support personnel / spectator vessels shall be outside of the racing area, defined as a surface which borders are over 100 meters from the layline, from the Warning Signal until the last boat finishes the race or the RC displays a postponement, general recall or abandonment signal, unless they are helping a boat in danger

15. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1 The same crew shall race in all races, except for reasons satisfactory to the Race Committee. Requests for a change of crew shall be submitted in writing to Race Committee. Once a crew has been excused, he/she may not return to sail again. Crew substitutions shall be requested by filling in the form at Sailscore.com.br.

15.2 The same helmsperson shall sail all races and can be replaced after the first race only, and then only if he/she is obviously incapacitated. If a helmsperson is replaced the first race shall be the race excluded or scored DNC.

15.3 Substitution of any equipment will not be allowed unless authorized in writing by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race, by filling in the form at Sailscore.com.br.

16. OFFICIAL VESSELS

16.1 Official vessels shall be identified as follows.

- Jury vessels shall display a black flag with a white letter "J"
- Support vessels shall display a green flag with white number
- Race Committee vessels shall display a yellow flag with "RC"

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

17.1 Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee Vessels.