



Open Belgian Championship SNIPE
August 19 & 20, 2017
organised by Royal Yacht Club van België
at the facilities of Watersport Vereniging Scharendijke
Grevelingen Lake, The Netherlands



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Belgian Royal Yachting Federation (K.B.Y.V/F.R.Y.B.) will apply. The Rule Book of the Snipe Class International Racing Association (S.C.I.R.A.) will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix P will apply
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board located near the Regatta Office in the W.V. Scharendijke Clubhouse

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Race Committee notices or changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted and signalled no later than 90 minutes before hoisting code flag "G" (ref. Sailing Instruction items 4.1 & 4.3). Any change in the schedule of races will be posted at the latest at 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the flagstaff near the Clubhouse and announced with a sound signal.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals (one signal when lowered) means the race is postponed. The next warning signal shall be made not less than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 4.3 Code flag "G" means "Boats may proceed to the Racing Area"

5 SCHEDULES

5.1 Registration:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opening hrs of the Race Office</u>
Saturday, August 19 th	08:30 hrs. until 09:45 hrs.

5.2 Dates of racing & Scheduled time of the warning signal:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of First Warning Signal of the day</u>
Saturday, August 19 th	11:25 hrs.
Sunday, August 20 th	10:25 hrs.

- 5.3 When more than one (1) race will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, an ORANGE flag will be displayed for at least five (5) minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed.
- 5.4 There will be no Warning Signal made after 15:00 on Sunday, August 20 2017.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class Flag will be code flag "E".



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7 RACING AREA

The Racing Area location chart is attached as Addendum 1 to these Sailing Instructions.

8 COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Addendum 2 show the course, the order in which Marks are to be passed, and the side on which each Mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the Warning Signal the Race Committee will display the Course to be sailed using code flag "O" for Olympic course, code flag "W" for Windward Leeward course and code flag "T" for Triangular course

8.3 The approximate Compass Bearing to Mark 1 shall be displayed the Race Committee boat before the Preparatory Signal.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 shall be Orange inflatable marks with a blue line on top.

9.2 Orange inflatable marks without a blue line will be used for Change of Course (ref.S.I. item 12)

10 SPARE

11 THE START

11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the flagstaff on a boat displaying an orange flag or the course side of a yellow spar buoy at the port end.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes RRS A4.1.

11.4 RC boats may hold position by using engines; any effects shall not be grounds for granting redress. (Alters RRS 62.1).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Change of Course will be executed in accordance with RRS 33

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the flagstaff on a boat displaying a blue flag or the course side of a yellow spar buoy at the port end.

After boats have finished, they shall promptly return to the starting area, except when signal AP-over-Alfa is shown on the finishing vessel."

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The time limit 90 minutes. Target time will be 50 minutes.

14.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit of 40 minutes the race will be abandoned.

14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.



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15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Office and lodged before the end of Protest Time. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Finish committee vessel has moored in the harbour after the last race of the day. The end of protest time will be posted at the official notice board.
- 15.2 The jury will hear protest as soon as possible approximately in the order of receipt. Parties involved in protests (including witnesses) shall remain in the vicinity of the Jury room until the protest has been heard.
- 15.3 After the final race on Sunday, August 20, protests which may affect the awarding of a prize will be heard as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests which do not affect the awarding of a prize may be heard after the prize giving ceremony, at the discretion of the Jury.
- 15.4 For the purpose of RRS 66, the time limit will be 30 minutes after the hearing of the last protest of the series concerned on Sunday, August 20.
- 15.5 A notice, posted on the official notice board before the end of protest time shall be deemed to comply with RRS 61.1(b). By display of such notice, competitors shall be considered adequately informed of a protest by the Race Committee or the Jury.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 3 (three) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or entrant racing the yacht.
- 17.2 ALL PARTICIPANTS SHALL WEAR AN ADEQUATE PERSONAL FLOATING DEVICE ALL TIMES WHILE AFLOAT. WET SUITS OR DRY SUITS ARE RECOMMENDED BUT DO NOT CONSTITUTE ADEQUATE PERSONAL BUOYANCY, changing RRS 40
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race, or that does not start a race although on the water, shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.4 All participants will follow instructions of the Race Committee Safety Team, all times while afloat.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated location for inspection.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

For the purposes of these sailing instructions, a support boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete during the entire event, all times when afloat, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.



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All boats concerned have to be reported to the race office during the hours of registration as indicated in art.5.1. These boats will consequently fill out a form and waiver at that time.

It is the sole responsibility of the person that controls or directs the support boat to comply with all and any laws, rules, regulations and registration for the boat as well as all persons aboard. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of 3,000,000 € (or equivalent) per incident. It shall be their sole responsibility to have such insurance.

Support boats have to be identifiable.

The registered driver(s) of a support boat will be responsible for the control of the boat at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition. Support boats shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken. Support boats should take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the course area.

Boats of Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 metre outside areas where boats may be racing from the time of the preparatory signal to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	Event Flag or "RC"
Rescue/Marshalls	Red Flag with 'R'
Jury/Judges	Flags with 'Jury'

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Title of Belgian Champion for the first (1st) place of the final results.

Overall prizes for the places one (1), two (2) and three (3) of the final results

All competitors will receive a souvenir.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Two Hundred and Forty Thousand (240.000) Euro (EUR) per event (or the equivalent value in the currency of the country of registration of the boat).

It shall be the sole responsibility of each competitor to have such insurance and to be able to provide the written proof thereof at any time during the event.



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ADDENDUM 1 Racing Area



ADDENDUM 2 Courses

