

**2021 SEASON (Nov 2020 thru Oct 2021)
SUNDAY SNIPE 2-HANDED DINGHY RACING
SPONSORED BY
SNIPE FLEET 001 and CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB
WHITE ROCK LAKE, DALLAS, TEXAS**

--SAILING INSTRUCTIONS--

Regular Short Course Races (March thru May on Saturday afternoons and June thru October on Saturday mornings): The afternoon schedule is rig at 1:00 and begin racing at 2:00. The morning schedule for June and October is rig at 9:00 and begin races at 10:00. The morning schedule for July through September is 60 minutes earlier (to beat the heat).

Regular Long Course Fleet Races (November through February) on Sunday afternoons: The first race starting at 1:30 PM and last race scheduled to be finished before 4:30 PM. This means that skippers and crews need to be at the dock at 12:00 PM to begin rigging the boats. (These races are sometimes started 15 – 20 min farther South so additional time is necessary to reach the starting line.) All long course races are run by a CSC race committee from the pontoon boat, along with one or two rescue boats. We will generally start with, and race against, the Flying Scots, although on any given Sunday, the Snipe sailors may decide to request a separate start. The notice board on the pontoon boat will designate the course to be sailed and whether or not the Snipe fleet has its own start or is racing with the Flying Scots.

Ad Hoc Short Course Races (November through February): For any given weekend, the Fleet Principal Race Officer (Jim Stillson) may schedule ad hoc short course races (with as much notice as possible) for an upcoming Saturday afternoon, depending upon weather conditions and/or anticipated participation.

Ad Hoc Long Course Participation in CSC Sunday Racing Program (March through October). Those participants who so choose may also race Sunday afternoon on the course(s) set up by the Corinthian Sailing Club in its regular Sunday afternoon program, starting with the Flying Scot fleet.

Gathering Location: Gazebo at the North entrance to Corinthian Sailing Club. If there is a lake event that closes off East Lawther drive on any given racing day, then the sailors will need to park in the neighborhood above the club and walk down. Hopefully, one or more people will be able to get a car through to the club early enough to be able to ferry sailors back to their cars after the racing.

Eligible Boats: Snipe, V-15, 420, Coronado 15 and any other small 2-handed, 2-sail sailboat (dinghy sloop) that doesn't use a spinnaker. *Please note that the boats that participated in past season were mostly all Snipes, with an occasional*

V-15 or 420. A number of sailors from other fleets chose to race in borrowed Snipes. We will make every effort to make a Snipe available for any qualified team desiring to race one.

Eligible Sailors: Skippers of boats regularly competing in this series shall be members in good standing of any of: (i) the Corinthian Sailing Club, (ii) the White Rock Boat Club, or (iii) Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA). Guests may race in series races on periodic occasions, and will be ranked as competitors for scoring purposes. Skippers must have more than beginner level boat handling skills, but need not have any prior racing experience or skills. Crews may be experienced or not. Inexperienced crews will be encouraged to take on-line basic sailing instruction courses in order to benefit from the program.

Boat Availability--Snipes: The Snipe Fleet has two fleet boats and two privately owned boats that may be used in the program, as well as loaners from other owners. Please contact Jim Stillson (stillson@mail.smu.edu) if you would like to make arrangements ahead of time to skipper or crew on a Snipe.

Boat Availability--General. Even if you have not made prior arrangements for a boat, you are encouraged to show up at the Gazebo any Race Day to sign up to crew or skipper (or either) that day. Members of the Snipe Fleet will make every effort to get every sailor showing up on a boat for at least a few races, especially those who show up early.

Course Location: Generally, the Short Course will be in the northern lobe of White Rock Lake and the long course will be south of the Clubhouse.

Short Courses: Modified windward leeward if the wind is under 15 mph and modified triangle if over 15 mph, with the start and finish line in the weather leg 3/4 of the way downwind from the weather mark and 1/4 upwind from the leeward mark. Generally, each race will be once around the course and the length of the course would be set for a 10-minute to 15-minute race. The racers in attendance could (by consensus) elect longer races or more times around the course. Setting of the course will be directed by the most experienced racer in attendance.

Long Courses: As determined by the CSC race committee and designated on the course board on the pontoon boat.

Short Course Starting sequence: Modified collegiate 3-minute, with one of the racing crew blowing a horn or whistle when there is no principal race officer (PRO) in the power boat. The horn blower will sound three blasts for the start, two for the two-minute signal, a long and short blast for 1-1/2 minutes, one for the one-minute signal, 3 short blasts for 30 seconds, and one long blast for the start. Timing for the three minute and two minute signals start on the first of the

multiple blasts. **Long Course Starting Sequence:** Standard 5 min sequence will be used, along with signal flags, according to the sailing instructions on the CSC website.

Racing Rules: Racing right of way rules will be observed and a copy of those rules pertaining to 2-handed dinghy racing will be in a three-ring binder kept in the sailing locker. Sailors are encouraged to download the rules (www.dalsail.com/racingrules.pdf) and print their own copies. Racers will be encouraged to learn the rules by reading them, discussing them onshore and asking questions of other sailors while on the water. Experienced racers will be expected to hail "Protest" whenever a rules infraction is observed, even if not involved in the incident. **The alternate 720° penalty for an accepted infraction is modified to a 360° single circle.** Boats over the line early have the option to return to the line to start correctly or complete a 360° turn on the initial leg of the course.

Scoring: For Short Course races finishes will not be recorded. Each sailor may keep his/her own record of finishes for purposes of gauging progress during the series. Records will be kept of the number of races sailed by each sailor and awards will be made at the end of the year to the most active sailors (see "**Short Course Trophy**", below). Skippers and crews will compete against each other for the single most active Short Course sailor. For Long Course races standard SCIRA fleet competition scoring will be used, and there is a separate competition for fleet champion skipper and fleet champion crew. See "**Fleet Championship Trophy**" below.

Safety: Whenever feasible, one of the CSC power boats will be made ready and tied to a dock nearest the race course. In the event a participant capsizes, the boat closest to the power boat will sail to it, tie up his sailboat, and take the power boat out to assist the capsized sailboat. When the winds are over 20 mph in the warmer weather and over 15 mph in the colder weather, two or more of the teams will rotate sailing and manning the rescue boat.

Changing Boats: Extra participants can gather at the CSC main clubhouse to view the races and be ready to swap positions in the boats when they finish a race. Depending on the number of extra people on the dock, we can race one, two or three back-to-back races before coming to the dock to swap positions. If we have someone piloting the power boat, then he/she can bring people to the course and change skippers and crews from the power boat.

Communications: Jim Stillson (Fleet Principal Race Officer) will remind everyone each week of the coming **Regular** activity (and any designated **Ad Hoc** activity). He will be the keeper of the records of who attended and how many Short Course races each attendee participated in as well as the actual finishes of

any Long Course race. If Jim is not in attendance at an event, he will designate the sailor responsible for providing the record for the event.

Principal Race Officer: Any sailor or club member can volunteer to be the person responsible for racing on a particular day. The volunteer would be the Principal Race Officer (PRO) of the day and could be a regular skipper, regular crew or simply a “Friend of Fleet 001”. If there is no PRO volunteer for a given racing day, then the most experienced of the attending skippers will assume the role. We would expect the PRO to participate in the racing, but there could be cases where we find someone who is not racing (due to injury or some other reason), but who wants to participate in our fleet activities. If the PRO is a club member, then the PRO can take out the power boat if he/she would like to be on the water. The principal duties of the PRO will be to:

- A. Get the four white buoys and horn (and whistle) out of the sail locker and into boats to be taken to the course.
- B. Make sure everyone’s name is on the activity sheet for the day and their races are logged.
- C. Put the gas tank in a power boat and tie the power boat at the clubhouse so it is immediately available if needed for rescue.
- D. Help rig any fleet boats that are scheduled to be used.
- F. Assign the starting responsibilities to someone.
- E. Put the buoys and power boat back at the end of the day.
- F. Make sure Gene Soltero gets a copy of the day’s activity sheet. Best way is to take a smart phone photo and text it to Gene, who will be keeping all the scores.

Seminars: If the racing gets blown out or canceled from lack of wind, then the most experienced sailor attending will conduct a racing seminar for those who show up, with the attendees suggesting the subject matters of most interest.

After Race Lunch: Once we have exited COVID protocols on race days when we have sailed in the morning, the active participants will contribute to a “lunch kitty” administered by Laura Dahl O’Leary, Fleet Social Chair. Laura generally brings or arranges enough lunch for everyone. Participants will be encouraged to sit around (currently in a socially distant manner) after the races to discuss rules and strategy. From time to time a more experienced racer will volunteer ahead of time to lead the discussion.

Short Course Trophy: The FLEET 001 SHORT COURSE CHAMPION perpetual trophy for 2021 will be awarded at the end of the season to the person who sails the most Short Course races, independent of whether that person sailed as a skipper or a crew. Anyone serving as PRO and racing at the same time will be credited an additional race for each day spent as PRO. Anyone serving as PRO who doesn’t race, but conducts the races from the power boat

will be credited with a race for each race so conducted, plus one additional race for the day. If only one boat shows up for regularly scheduled or ad hoc Short Course races, and rigs and goes out and practices, the skipper and crew will each be awarded two Short Course races for each hour of practice.

Fleet Champion Trophy: The regular Fleet 001 championships for 2021 will be awarded separately to the skipper and crew having the best SCIRA (Snipe Class International Racing Association) series individual scores on the Long Course, including regatta races held on White Rock Lake. The perpetual Fleet Championship Trophy (first awarded in 1932) will be awarded to the winning skipper. Anyone regularly sailing Snipes with the fleet and who has paid fleet dues for 2021 by the end of the season shall be counted as a fleet member independent of whether or not he/she is a member of SCIRA or the fleet at the time of the races. If only one boat shows up for regularly scheduled or ad hoc Long Course races, and rigs and goes out races against the Flying Scots, the race shall be counted and scored as a first place finish. SCiRA fleet scoring is based on the average score of all the races sailed with first place counting 1600 points, 2nd place 1521 points, 3rd place 1444 points,and so on with each successive place counting (41-finishing position) X (41-finishing position). To the average is added a 10-point bonus for each of the first 15 races completed.