

DALLAS SNIPE FLEET 001
2024 SEASON (Nov 2023 thru Oct 2024)
SATURDAY SHORT COURSE AND SUNDAY LONG COURSE

--SAILING INSTRUCTIONS--

PART 1--GENERAL

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 seasons 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 in either series.*

Eligible Sailors: Skippers of boats regularly sailing in either this series shall be members in good standing of any of: (i) the Corinthian Sailing Club, (ii) the White Rock Boat Club, (iii) Dallas Snipe Fleet 001, or (iv) Snipe Class International Racing Association (SCIRA). Guests may race in series races on periodic occasions, and will be ranked as competitors for scoring purposes, if racing in a Snipe. Skippers must have boat handling experience level as determined by the Fleet Captain or a Principal Race Officer. Crews may be experienced or not. Inexperienced crews will be encouraged to take the Snipe Fleet's Thursday night training program as well as on-line basic sailing instruction courses in order to benefit from the program. Anyone participating in the program who wishes to sail in races on more than five days in the 2023 season must join the Snipe Fleet as a regular member and the Corinthian Sailing Club as a provisional member. Provisional membership in the CSC is good for six months after which the member must upgrade to at least associate membership.

Loaner Boat Availability--Snipes: As of March 2024, the Snipe Fleet owns eight fleet boats and manages two privately owned boats generally used in the Snipe loaner boat program, as well as eight regularly raced boats whose owners will lend out to the most skilled skippers from time to time. Skippers seeking to secure a boat for either or both days of an upcoming weekend may email a request to skipper@dalsail.com at any time after 8:00 AM on the Monday morning before such upcoming weekend. Allocations of the boats will be made by the Fleet Captain or his designee based upon a combination of the skipper's: (i) time of request, (ii) skill level, (iii) Fleet training program contributions, (iv) Fleet task program contributions, and (v) past participation.

Sailing in Loaner Snipes: All persons sailing in a loaner Snipe at any time shall have signed the Fleet's liability form. Persons sailing in a loaner Snipe between December 15 and February 15 shall wear an insulated wetsuit not less than a surfer's wetsuit.

Communications: One of the Fleet Principal Race Officers will remind everyone each week of the coming **Regular** activity (and any designated **Ad Hoc** activity). They 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 a Principal Race Officer is not in attendance at an event, the Fleet Captain will designate the sailor responsible for providing the record for the event. The Fleet Webmaster (Gene Soltero) will maintain and make available the status of competition in both series through regular postings at dalsail.com.

Racing Rules: Racing right of way rules will be observed and a copy of those rules will be in a three-ring binder kept in the sailing locker. Sailors are encouraged to download the essential rules (<https://dalsail.com/EssentialRacingRulesofSailing2021-24.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.

PART 2--SHORT COURSE RACES

Regular Short Course Saturday Races: Races are conducted on Saturdays all year round, except when a Fleet Principal Race Officer or Fleet Captain determines the forecast weather conditions too adverse for practice racing, and notifies the Fleet beforehand that racing for the day is canceled. For most of the year, rigging is at 10:00 AM. For July and August rigging begins at 8:30 AM to lessen the effect of the afternoon heat. Rigging is scheduled for one hour, with the more experienced sailors tasked with helping the beginners and novices learn to rig on their own. Racing is scheduled for two hours and consists of three to twelve races, depending upon wind conditions and length of course.

Ad Hoc Short Course Races For any given Sunday morning or holiday, a Principal Race Officer may schedule ad hoc short course races (with as much notice as possible), depending upon weather conditions and/or anticipated participation.

Short Course Boat Availability--General. Sailors and would-be sailors who have not made prior arrangements for a boat, are encouraged to show up at the Gazebo any Saturday 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.

Short Course Location: Northern lobe of White Rock Lake between the clubhouse and the Corinthian fleet mooring field.

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 an 8-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.

Short Course Starting Sequence: Modified collegiate 3-minute, with one of the racing crew blowing a horn or whistle when there is no short course race officer (SCRO) 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.

Short Course Racing Rules Modification: The alternate 720° penalty for an accepted infraction is modified to a 360° single circle, independent of where the infraction occurs. 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.

Short Course 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 Short Course Race Officer (SCRO) of the day and could be a regular skipper, regular crew or simply a "Friend of Fleet 001". If there is no SCRO volunteer for a given racing day, then the most experienced of the attending skippers will assume the role. If the SCRO is a CSC club member, then the SCRO can take out the power boat if he/she would like to be on the water. The principal duties of the SCRO 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 the Fleet Captain and Webmaster each get a copy of the day's activity sheet, preferably by texting a photo of it.

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: On most race days the active participants will contribute to a “lunch kitty” administered by the Fleet Social Chair. Participants will be encouraged to sit around 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 Scoring: Finish positions 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. Skippers and crews will compete against each other for the single most active short course sailor.

Short Course Trophy: The FLEET 001 SHORT COURSE CHAMPION perpetual trophy for 2024 will be awarded at the end of the season to the sailor who sails the most Short Course races, independent of whether that person sailed as a skipper or a crew. Anyone serving as SCRO and racing at the same time will be credited an additional race for each day spent as SCRO. Anyone serving as SCRO 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. Additional persons in the power boat assisting the SCRO will also be credited the same number of races. 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. Gene Soltero and Jim Stillson are not eligible for the perpetual trophy.

PART 3--LONG COURSE RACES

Regular Long Course Fleet Races on Sunday afternoons: The Snipe Fleet participates in CSC's Joint White Rock Lake Racing Program. The first race starts at 1:30 PM with the second race generally 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 have our own fleet start with at least five boats. With fewer boats, we may be designated to start with another fleet. 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 another fleet. Please make sure to read the currently effective CSC sailing instructions: https://dalsail.com/sunday_instructions_2021.pdf

Long Course Location: Generally, the Long Course will be between the clubhouse and the dam. Occasionally it will be in the northern lobe of the lake.

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

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

Long Course Racing Rules: The Snipes race on the same course and at the same time, generally, as other fleets. The racing rules apply to **all** the boats on the course independent of the fleet in which the boats may be racing.

Fleet Champion Trophy: The regular Fleet 001 championships for 2024 will be awarded separately to the skipper and crew having the best individual scores on the long course. Different from prior seasons, regatta races will not be included. 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 2024 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. Two points will be awarded to each of the skipper and crew for each race started, whether or not the boat finished, was disqualified, or capsized. One additional point will be awarded to each of the skipper and crew for each Snipe they finished ahead of, counting all of the starting Snipes, including those that did not finish, capsized and/or were disqualified. If only one boat shows up for regularly scheduled long course races, and rigs and goes out races with one of the other fleets the race shall be counted and scored as a first place finish. In addition, each person serving on a long course race committee will receive two points for each race conducted while serving. Persons who have both skippered and crewed in long course races may allocate the race committee points to either skipper or crew position.