



**2007 UNITED STATES
PAN AMERICAN GAMES TRIALS
FOR SNIPE**

Organizing Authority – US SAILING

**Host
CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
MARCH 10 to 13, 2007**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of U.S.SAILING will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be restricted to Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising code, and the relevant Class rules

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 NATIONALITY

Only individuals (skipper and crew) eligible to represent the United States (US citizens) in the Pan American Games are allowed to participate in the Trials and are governed by the USSA Selection Procedure for the 2007 Pan AM Games (<http://www.ussailing.org/olympics/Pan>)

3.2 USSAILING MEMBERSHIP

Membership in US SAILING is required for each skipper and crew. Members are reminded to bring their membership card. Competitors may sign in at registration or join online at <http://www.ussailing.org/membership>.

3.3 SCIRA MEMBERSHIP

Both skipper and crew must be members of the Snipe Class. Sailors are encouraged to apply for membership in advance. They may also pay dues at registration.

3.4 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

3.5 QUESTIONS

If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete in the Pan Am Trials that are not answered by US Sailing, you may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger, by telephone at (888) ATHLETE, or by e-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org

4. **ENTRY**

Entry deadline is 1700 Saturday March 10, 2007. Advanced entries are requested and can be made on line or mailed to Yachting, Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, Florida 33767. Entry forms are available from US Sailing at ussailing.org/olympics/PanAm, from Clearwater Yacht Club and on line at <http://www.clwyc.org/>.

5. **FEES**

There is no entry fee. A required social and launch fee of \$60 per boat will be charged at registration. This fee is waived if registered for the Snipe Midwinter Championship.

6. **REGISTRATION**

On-site registration will be held Saturday March 10, 2007, 0900 to 1700 at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, Florida, 33767. CCSC is located on Sand Key on the south side of Clearwater Pass. Boats and trailers will be stored here for the event.

7. **MEASUREMENT**

Measurement will be held Saturday March 10, 2007, 0900 to 1700. All boats are subject to measurement at any time at the discretion of the Class or U.S.SAILING. All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.

8. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday	March 10, 2007	0900	Measurement & Registration
Sunday	March 11, 2007	0900	Skippers meeting
		1030	First warning signal. Subsequent races to follow.
Monday	March 12, 2007	1000	First warning signal. Subsequent races to follow.
Tuesday	March 13, 2007	1000	First warning signal. Subsequent races to follow.
			No warning signal will be made later than 1400.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available on-line 30 days prior to the event and during the on-site registration period.

10. **COURSES AND RACING AREA**

The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for Sanctioned regattas as published in the current *SCIRA Official Rulebook*.

11. **SCORING**

The SCIRA Low Point scoring system will be used. Eight races are scheduled. Three races constitute a regatta. A drop race will be permitted upon completion of six (6) or more races. Ties will be broken as described in the *SCIRA Official Rulebook*.

12. **PENALTIES**

Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for breaking Rule 42 will apply. Rule 2.1 will be in effect for every protest with P2.2 and P2.3 deleted

13. SUPPORT BOATS/PERSONNEL

Coaches and other support personnel shall not enter in the racing area during the races. They must register and use the provided numbered identification flag.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving radio transmissions, except for equipment provided by the organizing authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. DRUG TESTING

The US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) may conduct doping control. However, all Pan Am Team Members will be subject to doping control within 120 days of the start of the Games. Information on drugs and medications and about doping control may be obtained by calling the USADA Drug Reference Line at 1-800-233-0393, or the USADA web site <http://www.usantidoping.org/>.

16. PRIZES

US SAILING medals will be awarded to competitors placing first through third in the regatta.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in the U.S. Pan American Trials an athlete automatically grants to US SAILING and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television or other reproductions of him or her during the period of competition without compensation.

19. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

An informal Cookout and Welcome Party (optional-cash ticket) is scheduled Sunday night. Monday night is the Bowchasers grapefruit, snacks, pizza and beer party. The Awards Dinner will be held Tuesday evening at the Clearwater Yacht Club. Coffee and donuts will be provided Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Water will be provided. Lunches may be ordered at on-site registration and will be delivered to the Finish Boat each day. Participants will be provided Regatta Membership and may use the Clearwater Yacht Club facilities at any time.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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