

SNIPE FLEET 001
WHITE ROCK LAKE, DALLAS, TEXAS
Established 1932

FALL 2020 ACTIVITIES and QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW MEMBERS
(September 2, 2020)

2020 Season overview: As of the date above our fleet has attracted the interest of 83 members and prospective members during 2020 through emails to past participants and the Meetup App, of which 25 different sailors have raced in the 86 short course races we ran on sixteen different race days in June through August. Our 2020 season ends November 1, but the racing doesn't stop then as November 6 is the beginning of our 2021 season. We break our season at the last weekend in October or first weekend in November so that our Fleet awards for the season may be given out at the Corinthian Sailing Club (CSC) annual awards ceremony in early November.

Short course series racing day: Since early July we have been racing our short course series on Sunday mornings, rigging at 8:30, starting races at 9:30 and getting off the water between 11:30 and noon (to beat the heat). As some days in September can be as hot as August, we will continue that program for September 6, 13 and 20. Answers to the questions below will let us determine what changes we should make for October thru December.

Fleet series racing: Snipe skippers and crews who participate in the CSC Sunday afternoon racing program, as well as regattas on White Rock Lake, separately compete for the Annual Fleet Series Awards based on an archaic scoring system that has been in place for more than a half century. You are encouraged to read this year's sailing instructions to understand how it works.

State Fair Regatta: The CSC State Fair Regatta will be held Sep 26 at CSC. Registration is open and we might still have skipper and crew slots available for those who are interested and promptly fill out and return this questionnaire.

84th Snipe Southwestern Championship: This regatta will be held Oct 3-4 at CSC and is limited to 15 boats. Registration will be open soon and we might still have skipper and crew slots available for those who are interested and promptly fill out and return this questionnaire. *We are in dire need of race committee volunteers for this regatta. No experience necessary. There is a place in the questionnaire to indicate your interest in helping out.*

Monthly fleet meetings will resume this month. The regular date will be determined by questionnaire response. Meetings will be virtual via the Zoom app until social distancing is no longer needed. All members and newcomers will be invited to the September meeting. At some point thereafter (yet to be determined), only fleet members who have paid their annual \$20 dues will be invited.

Virtual instruction sessions will commence this month. We hope to have one or more weekly sessions available via Zoom covering a number of topics for beginners to experts, including rigging, basic crewing, sailing terms, basic rules, advanced rules, advanced crewing, wind forces, tactics and advanced tactics. The timing of such classes will depend upon questionnaire responses relating to the interest in attending and the availability of experienced fleet members to arrange and conduct the classes.

Fleet membership: Membership in the fleet is not required for those who join the Meetup group and participate in our activities and instruction sessions. Group members may attend virtual instruction sessions, fleet meetings and short course sailing races in order to learn more about the fleet and Snipe racing. Those who become more active are encouraged to join the fleet (\$20 per year) and the Snipe Class International Racing Association--SCIRA (\$30 per year) to have the opportunity to race in SCIRA sanctioned regattas.

Meetup group membership: We are now at the point in [Meetup](#) group membership where it makes sense to accept into the group only those sailors and potential sailors who are willing to make some effort to participate in the "Serious Sailing, Serious Fun" activities of the Snipe Class International and our local fleet (the first of more than 700 fleets in 50 countries around the world). Accordingly, we are asking all current members and any potential new members to fill out the questionnaire below as much as possible. This will help us prepare and conduct the best programs to help you learn to sail better and increase your sailboat racing and/or race management skills. Potential new members will be required to fill out the questionnaire before being accepted into the group and current members may be subject to being dropped from the group if the questionnaire is not filled out.

Filling out the questionnaire: Please copy and paste the questionnaire in an email, fill it out, send it to skipper@dalsail.comand we will consolidate all the answers get back to everyone with our Fall schedule.

Questionnaire:

Name:

Meetup name (if different):

Preferred email:

Phone:

City or neighborhood:

Age range:

Under 40

40-60

Over 60

Weight range:

Under 150

150-200

200-250

Over 250

Sailing experience:

None

Beginner crew

Beginner skipper

Novice crew

Novice skipper

Experienced crew with approximately ___ races over past ___ years

Experienced skipper with approximately ___ races over past ___ years

Participated (as skipper or crew) in any sailing national championship

Participated (as skipper or crew) in any sailing world championship

Instruction topics of most interest (please enter relative rank # for those chosen):

Rigging the boat

Basic boat handling

Basic race crewing

Race courses and race management

Names of all the sailboat parts

Sailing terms (including basic points of sailing)

Basic racing rules

Interpretations of racing rules

Advanced skipper/crew responsibilities while racing

Boat speed

Running a race committee (Principal Race Officer)

Wind forces and playing the shifts

Basic race tactics

Advanced race tactics

Preferred time to sail this Fall (please rank 1-5):

- Saturday mornings
- Saturday afternoons
- Sunday mornings
- Sunday afternoons separately from CSC program
- Sunday afternoons as part of the CSC program

Preferred time for virtual instruction sessions

- Week days
- Week evenings
- Weekends

Best evening of the week for the monthly fleet meeting:

I am available to help race committee for SW Championship:

- Saturday Oct 3, 8:30AM to 5:30PM
- Sunday Oct 4, 8:30AM to 12:30PM
- I have prior race committee experience
- I have no prior race committee experience (That's OK. We need you anyway.)

At the end of six months of participation, I would like to have accomplished the following:

I'd like to help grow the fleet and here's how I could contribute: