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Sailing Instructions (SI)

Swedish Class Championship 2026 & Snipe European Trophy Sailing Circuit

Dates: August 7th to 9th 2026

Location: Vänersborg

Class: Snipe, open

Organizing authority: Vänersborgs segelsällskap

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. Changes to the sailing instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at [SM 505 och KLM Snipe - Sailarena](#) before 08:00 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Signals made ashore

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole outside the regatta office.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals.

4. The start

- 4.1 First warning signal of the day will be at 10:55 on Saturday and at 09:55 on Sunday. 505 are planned to start first. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:55.





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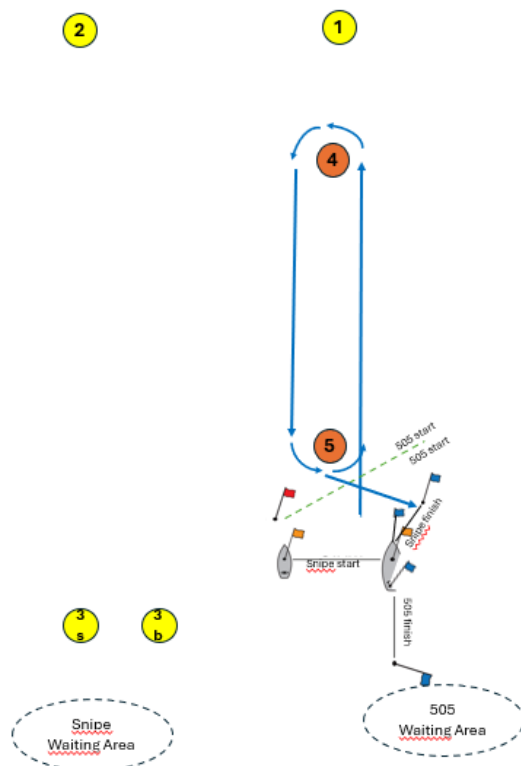
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- 4.2 Class flag for Snipe is a flag with the Snipe symbol.
- 4.3 To alert boats that a new starting sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed five minutes before an warning signal is made.
- 4.4 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

5. The course

- 5.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 5.2 The course is a windward/leeward course to be sailed Start – mark 4 – mark 5 – mark 4 – mark 5 – finish. The rounding marks are orange cylinders. The marks are to be left to port.



Please note that there will be other marks belonging to the course for the 505 class in the area as shown in the diagram. Those are not marks of the course for the Snipe class. For more information see the sailing instructions for the 505 class on the notice board.





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Boats are recommended to stay in the waiting area shown in the diagram until their starting procedure begins. This will keep classes apart for smooth and safe launch of the classes.

- 5.3 The finishing line is the same as the starting line.
- 5.4 The race committee will try to set the course so that a race will take approximately 45 min for the first boat.
- 5.5 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course is 90 min.
- 5.6 A boat that does not finish within 20 min after the first boat has finished, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

6. Protests and hearing requests

- 6.1 The protest time limit is 30 min after the last boat arrives at port after the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This changes RRS App S 13.2.
- 6.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the Race Committee vessel or judge at the finish that they intend to protest and against which boat the protest is directed.
- 6.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, including time and place for the hearing. Calls for hearings may also be sent as text messages (SMS) or e-mailed to the parties.

7. Safety

- 7.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, and in any case before the end of the protest time limit.
- 7.2 The area between Bastungen and Hallesnipen, marked 'Förbjudet område' on the map in the Notice of Race, shall not be entered. When sailing out to the racing area and back to the harbour, boats must follow the fairway — it is very shallow in places outside it.

Date: 2026-08-07 h 09.00 / Per Söderström

