

SCIRA USA National Events

National Championship

The National Championship is open to all Members of SCIRA USA. The event is held annually in July or August and lasts about a week. It is held in conjunction with the Junior National Championships (below). The Nationals represents the annual gathering of the Snipe Family; it attracts sailors and sailing families from around the country, and is always full of **Serious Sailing, Serious Fun®**.

The Nationals starts on Monday with the Crosby qualification series. It consists of four races on Monday and Tuesday. Based on the results of the Crosby, the Fleet is split into two parts: the Heinzerling Championship Series and the Wells Consolation Series. The six race Championship and Consolation events run Wednesday thru Friday. The traditional Awards Banquet is held on Friday evening.

People from their early teens into their late 70's participate in this event. Many the teams are family combinations, and some families compete against each other. Many have been attending the Nationals for decades. It is an event that all your family members can participate in over their entire lifetimes.

Master's National Championship

The Snipe USA Masters National Championship is held annually, usually in early fall. Traditionally, it is held over a three day period during the week on a "sailor friendly" body of water. No more than two races per day are sailed, there are no early starts, and if the wind gets above 12 knots there is no racing. Social activities are the focal point.

To participate in the Masters, the skipper must be 45 or older and the team age must total 80 or more years. Awards are given by age group; 45-54, 55-65 and 65+. There is also an award for the overall Champion, who frequently is not under 55.

Women's National Championship

The Snipe USA Women's National Championship is held annually, and is open to all current women members of SCIRA USA. You don't need a boat to participate. There are many boats available to borrow for the event. In some cases "boat boys" have been provided to manage the equipment for the women during the event. It's an event that is lots of fun and is very competitive.

Junior National Championship

The Snipe USA Junior National Championship is held every year in conjunction with the Open Nationals. It is open to all current Junior members of the Snipe Class in the USA (a "Junior" is a member who will not yet have reached his or her 20th birthday in the year of the event).

The Junior Nationals has two subdivisions: Junior teams, where both skipper and crew are juniors, and Special Juniors, where the skipper is a Junior and the crew is an adult. Every other year the junior/junior event is a qualifier for 2 teams to represent the USA at the Snipe Junior Worlds.