



Earl Elms Memorial Regatta



March 14-15, 2026
Mission Bay Yacht Club
San Diego, CA

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the SCIRA Rules and the INSA Rules.
- 1.2. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. Other changes to rules may appear in the relevant sailing instructions (SI).
- 1.4. Racing Rules 26, 35, 44.1, 44.2, 60.3, 62.2, A4 and A5 have been changed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located outside the south wall of the MBYC clubhouse.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Junior Naples Sabot Class and Snipe Class.
- 3.2. All Snipe Skippers must be current class members. Membership will be verified on online registration. If you are not current class members, you will be able to join on the registration page.
- 3.3. Fees: the registration fee shall be \$45 for Sabots and \$65 for Snipes. Fees cover sailing, regatta t-shirt, after race snacks and trophies. T-Shirts cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after Saturday, March 7th.
 - 3.3.1. If registering on or after Sunday, March 8th, the fee will be \$55 for Sabots and \$75 for Snipes.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by submitting the entry form and paying the entry fee online www.mbyc.org, on or before Friday, 3/14/26 by 5pm. An entry is not considered complete until the entry fee has been paid. All entry fees are non-refundable.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Date	Time	Activity
Saturday, March 14	9-10:30am	Registration/Check-In @ Notice Board.
	11am	Competitors Meeting @ Flag Pole.
	12pm	First Warning Signal for subsequent races.
Sunday, March 15	12pm	First Warning Signal for subsequent races.
	3:30pm	No start after this time. Trophy presentation will follow the last race.

5.2. Six or more races will be attempted.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1. The Class Flags will be a red flag with a Snipe insignia for the Snipes. The Sabot flags will be: Sabot A - code flag 1; Sabot B - code flag 2; Sabot C1 - code flag 3; Sabot C2 - code flag 4; Sabot C3 - code flag 5

6. RACING AREA

6.1. The racing area for Snipes and Sabot A, B and C1 will be the Sail Bay part of Mission Bay. Sabot C2 and C3 will be in Chicken Cove.

7. STARTS

7.1. The races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U as modifying RRS 26.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The course chart will be provided with the Sailing Instructions and will use drop marks.

8.2. Note: If the weather mark is moved during a race, the offset mark will no longer be a mark of the course.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. **For SABOTS ONLY** 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1. The time limit for each race is one hour.

10.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee Finish Boat immediately after finishing that race of her intention, including the sail number(s) [or otherwise identify] of the boat(s) being protested.

11.2. The deadline to file a protest is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat

docks. Docking time will be posted in the official Notice Board. This changes RRS 60.3.

- 11.3. Protest forms will be available at the Junior Office and turned in there within one hour of the posted docking time of the Race Committee signal boat.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats shall be required to monitor the appropriate Race Committee VHF channel and respond as requested.
- 12.2. Coaching is not allowed while competitors are racing, except in the C3 division for competitors that are substantially behind in the fleet.
- 12.3. Competitors that are well behind in the fleet may be given a finish score while they are on the course.
- 12.4. We ask that all PARENTS enjoy the club and viewing, but please stay OFF the water and docks. Please let the kids and coaches enjoy the weekend of learning, making new friends and enjoying healthy competition.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Six or more races will be attempted. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. When fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 teams in Snipes and top 3 in Sabot A – C3 Fleets.

16. DISCLAIMER

- 16.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Host Club, Sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. Club Rules

- 17.1. MBYC is a dog free club. Please plan accordingly.
- 17.2. Parking at MBYC is limited; therefore, carpooling and the use of parking spaces along El Carmel Place are strongly encouraged.

18. Trailers

- 18.1. All trailers shall be stored along the North & West fenceline inside the yacht club.

Any trailer parked in the main area of the parking lot may be moved at the discretion of the yacht club.

- 18.2.** Competitors must provide their own dollies, and all boats must be clear of the fire lanes.
- 18.3.** Support boats may be stored in the CC & DD rigging docks, provided they remain clear of the designated fire lanes. No boats may be tied up in private slips.

Megan Lansdale, Regatta Chair

Bill Kenney, PRO