NOTICE OF RACE
75th Annual Missouri Valley Championship
2026 District 2 Snipe Championship
September 12-13, 2026

hosted at Lake Manawa Sailing Association in Council Bluffs, Iowa

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Iowa Nebraska Sailing Association (Snipe Fleet #309), and SCIRA USA in cooperation with the Snipe Class International Racing Association.

1. VENUE: Races will be sailed at Lake Manawa, Iowa, hosted at the Lake Manawa Sailing Association. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Missouri Valley Championship at Lake Manawa! We appreciate all the support that our District 2 and national competitors have given this event over the many years and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.
Directions: From Interstates I-80 or I-29 turn south toward Lake Manawa at the Council Bluffs / S Expressway St. exit and turn south on South Expressway which turns into Piute Street Turn right at Council Bluffs Country Club Entrance Sign. Our site is about two blocks due west of the Council Bluffs Country Club. 812 Comanche Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 12

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Lakeside welcome and assistance with boat parking

Saturday, September 13

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM	Skippers' meeting for Junior races
9:00 AM	First Junior race, with more to follow
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:00 PM	Skippers Meeting
1:00 PM	First race start with more to follow
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Social hour, featuring Yacht Rock with DJ's Dark and Stormy
6:30 PM	Dinner at Lake, accompanied by Yacht Rock

Sunday, September 14

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM	Skippers' Meeting
9:15 AM	Races start
12:30 PM	Awards luncheon

3. FEES: The regatta registration fee of $120 per boat includes all meals for both skipper and crew. Guest meals (Sat-Sun) will be $20.00 adults and free for youth under 13. Payment by cash or check onsite at registration. Checks can be made out to INSA or Iowa Nebraska Sailing Association.

4. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY: This regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and SCIRA Member skippers who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year subject to any Deed of Gift trophy restrictions. Crews need not be members of SCIRA, but the races will not count towards the award of SCIRA's Minneford Trophy unless the boat is registered with SCIRA and both skipper and crew are SCIRA members.

5. RULES: The regatta will be governed by:
1.1 The SCIRA Rules of Conduct For Sanctioned or Club/Fleet Regattas will apply to this event.
1.2 The rules will be as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025 - 2028.
1.3 Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the event. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

6. COURSES: The courses to be sailed are the Class approved courses for National and Local regattas, or approved variants thereof, as published in the current SCIRA Official Rulebook and SCIRA web site and will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Such courses may be modified to take into account local conditions.

7. NUMBER OF RACES: One race makes the regatta. Race Committee (RC) will attempt to complete up to six races over two days. No race will be started after 12:00 PM on the second day of the series.

8. AWARDS:
District 2 Championship Trophies - Skipper and Crew first place:
The William K. Kilpatrick Trophy for the Championship Skipper of District 2 shall be awarded to the top placing skipper who is SCIRA registered in a District 2 Fleet. The Suzi Towles Trophy for the Championship Crew of District 2 shall be awarded to the top placing crew who is SCIRA registered in a District 2 Fleet.
Missouri Valley Championship - Skipper and Crew first 3 places
District 2 Commodore Hook Trophy - Top Junior-Junior Team competing in the Junior Races:
The Commodore Hooks Trophy for the District 2 Junior Championship shall be awarded to the top placing junior/junior team whose members are SCIRA registered in a District 2 fleet.
District 2 Junior Championship - Junior Skipper and Crew first 3 places, competing in the Junior Races

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

10. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS: By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to SCIRA, the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

11. ACCOMMODATIONS: There are numerous options for nearby hotels. Lake Manawa State Park has a campground for RVs. More information is available at
https://iowastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/lake-manawa-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=IA&parkId=610144

12. BOAT LAUNCHING AND BOAT/TRAILER ACCOMMODATIONS
Boats can be launched from the ramp or via the crane with a hoist. Boats can be left parked at the club overnight.

13. LOANER BOATS

We may be able to accommodate a few requests for loaner boats on a first come, first served basis. If interested in a loaner boat, please contact Drew Fossum.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS

Fleet captain and regatta organizer: Drew Fossum
Email: dfossum@tenaska.com
Cell: 402-253-6648

Patrick Leahy
Email: leahysailing@gmail.com
Cell: 402-682-2500

Missouri Valley Championship

75th Anniversary Edition

Featuring Yacht Rock with DJ's Dark and Stormy