



## Snipe Class International Racing Association USA

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Re: Authorization for alternative format for the 2026 US Nationals

March 23, 2026

Dear Devon,

The US Snipe Class Deeds of Gift for the US National Championships are very out of date. The US Class has not complied with the provisions of the Deeds of Gift for over five years due to a variety of circumstances such as class demographics and contemporary expectations by sailors for this event. During that time, in order to have the most robust participation, the US National Secretaries have authorized the event to be conducted as a four day, single fleet regatta, ie only the Heinzerling series. This has worked very well to boost participation. As a result, the US Board has embarked on the task of rewriting the Deeds of Gift around this model.

However, that exercise is still ongoing and to ensure you and your team in Fleet 532 at the Severn Sailing Association can hold a similarly robust event in 2026, I continue the precedent and authorize the following one time Deed of Gift changes:

1. The 2026 US National Championship shall consist of a single fleet Heinzerling Series for regardless of the number of boats registered (ie no Crosby or Wells series)
2. 10 races total to be scheduled with one drop race

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex P. Pline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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