

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

MIAMI YACHT CLUB, March 20,21,22, 2015
1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami Fl 33132

NOTICE OF RACE

REVISED AS OF 3/6/15

DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, and O'PEN BIC ATTITUDE

The 2015 O'Pen BIC North American Championships will be held in Miami hosted by the Miami Yacht Club on March 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2015. The Organising Authority for the regatta is the Miami Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation in association with the North American O'pen BIC Class.

Important Event Introduction: The purpose of this event is to run a fun event for youth sailors in a more loosely competitive style in dynamic junior boats. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. It is our goal that the sailors improve their skills, make new friends, and have a ton of fun. This event will be a combination of "conventional" style race formats with unorthodox "Un-Regatta" style courses and events. Don't expect conventional round the buoys racing or upwind starts for all races. Capsizes, freestyle, speed and fun will be required. If you are a hard-core racer with rule book in hand, this event may not be for you. If you want to have fun, challenge your limits, and pioneer a new chapter in Youth Sailing..... game on!

ELEGIBILITY

The fleet will be split into two Divisions:

- U13 Division: Competitors born after Dec 31st, 2002
- Open Division

SCHEDULE –March 18th - 22nd

Wednesday 18th – Thursday 19th	Charter boats available	
Friday, March 20th	Skipper's meeting	9:30 am
	First race	11:00 am
Saturday, March 21st	Skipper's meeting	9:30 am
	Social Night Pasta Party & Show at MYC	6:00 pm
Sunday, March 22nd	First race briefing	9:00 am
	Last possible warning signal	2:00 pm
	Awards & Pizza Party	4:00 pm

The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee.

Any changes to the start time will be posted on the YSF Notice Board by 06.00 pm of the preceding day.

No warning signal will be given after 5:00 pm on Friday March 20th or Saturday March 21st and 2:00 pm on Sunday March 22nd.

RULES

The regatta rules will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions which may modify standard ISAF rules, and the OBCA's Class Rules where applicable.

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

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ENTRY

We have made the registration process easy! ONLINE registration <http://www.mycyouthsailing.org> go to calendar and scroll down to find event.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$150 per sailor, and includes a regatta shirt, opening party pasta dinner, lunch, Awards Pizza dinner. **Entry Fee will increase to \$175 on February 28th. Registration payments must be made at the time of registration. Any late payments will be received in form of CASH on March 20th**

CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of Charter boats are available from O'Pen BIC North America on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at nsayre@aol.com if you think you need a charter boat. The charter boat fee is \$190 plus a \$100 damage deposit is also required. Charter boat **deadline is Friday, February 20th but we may run out well before then.** All Charter boats come complete ready to sail and have fun.

MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS

Boats and sails must be in conformity with the O'Pen BIC Class Rules.
The Race Committee may check boats and crews before, during and after the races.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the regatta office at registration.

RACING FORMAT

The number of races for all the Divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
Three valid races are required to constitute the championship.
There will be separate rankings for each age group division.
Participants may be divided into fleets and/or division. The composition of the fleets will be made as described in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
There will be a discard race for every 5 races completed, i.e. one discard for 5 races, two discards for 10, 3 discards for fifteen, etc.

JURY

A jury may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Their decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted as per O'Pen BIC Class Rules.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats per division, and the top female in U13 & Open divisions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please contact Donna Bragassa, (305)582-0147 for apartments and efficiencies in the South Miami Beach Area. (Less than 5k from Miami Yacht Club/race venue). We will also have additional hotel options ASAP.

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LIABILITIES

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

ISAF RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race, will apply. The Organising Authority, the respective Host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents, BIC Sport and the Race Management team accept no responsibility with respect to loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the regatta or arising in connection with the regatta.

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