



2020

O’pen Skiff North American “Un-Regatta”

*U.S. Sailing Center Martin County, March 27-29, 2020
Jensen Beach, Florida, USA*

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The 2020 O’pen BIC/O’pen Skiff North American Championship “Un-Regatta” will be held at the USSCMC, March 27-29, 2020. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is USSCMC in association with the North American O’pen Skiff 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 youth 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, exhibit first-class sportsmanship, 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 windward-leeward 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 the new chapter in Youth Sailing, we invite you to come join the fun.

To see what to expect at an “Un-Regatta”, go to <https://youtu.be/155-4sy5dM0>

ELEGIBILITY

The fleet is comprised of two Divisions. This modifies Class Rule C.2.3

- U13 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2008 or there after
- Open Division (all ages welcome)

SCHEDULE – March 25th – 29th

Wednesday March 25th	Charter boats available	
Friday, March 27th	Skipper’s meeting	9:30 am
	First race	11:00 am
	O’pen BIC social	6:00 pm
Saturday, March 28th	Skipper’s meeting	9:00 am
	O’pen BIC social	5:30 pm
Sunday, March 29th	Skipper’s meeting	9:00 am
	Last possible warning signal	2:00 pm
	Awards Party	3:00 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 USSCMC Notice Board by 7:00 pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 29th.

RULES

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

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

HELMETS

Protective helmets are required.

Forward WIP, cool O'pen Skiff sponsor, makes excellent sailing specific helmets.

<https://www.murrays.com/category/g-sh/> You can contact their distributor, Murrays Marine, directly at 805 684-8393 or info@murrays.com Tell them you're going to the North Americans and that may have some extra benefit.

Helmets are available for rent through the USSCMC for \$15 fee for the three-day regatta with a \$50 security deposit. Advanced reservations are required and may be done at the time of registration as an optional item.

ENTRY

Go to <https://www.usscmc.org/regattas> for registration.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$150 (USD) per sailor, and includes regatta shirt, special social event, and Awards party. **Entry Fee will increase to \$185 (USD) on March 6, 2020.**

CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of Charter boats are available from O'pen Skiff North America on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at nsayre@aol.com as soon as possible if you think you may need a charter boat and we'll get you on the list. All boats come complete and ready to sail and have fun with the One Design 4.5m sail. Here are the reservation options:

- Charter O'pen Skiff for North Americans - \$190.
- Purchase brand new O'pen Skiff, delivered to USSCMC for the event for \$2,600. No shipping fee or additional charter fees. You take ownership of the boat on delivery. Must be registered for 2020 North Americans to take advantage of this opportunity.

The charter boat deadline for North Americans is March 6, 2020, but we will likely run out well before then. Charter boats are available for sale at substantial discount following the event.

MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS

Boats, components, and sails must be in conformity with the O'pen Skiff 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 <https://www.usscmc.org/regattas> prior to the event.

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. At the discretion of the Race Committee, age groups may or may not be raced together as one fleet. At the discretion of the Race Committee, the fleets may be divided into smaller heats.

SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

There will be a discard race for every 4 races completed, i.e. one discard for 4 races, two discards for 8, 3 discards for 12, etc.

JURY

On-the-water referees will be appointed by the regatta organizers. Their decisions will be final.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted as per O'pen Skiff Class Rules.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first 5 boats per division, and the top female in U13 & Open divisions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A list of accommodation recommendations is available at <https://www.usscmc.org/regattas>

PRE NORTH AMERICANS WARM UP REGATTA

USSCMC also hosts O'pen BICs at their Junior Olympic Festival, December 7-8, 2019. This will be a great opportunity to acclimate to USSCMC and the Jensen waters. <https://www.usscmc.org/junior-olympic-sailing-festival-07-december-2019>

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.

World Sailing RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race, will apply. The Organising Authority, US Sailing Center Martin County, their officers, members, servants and agents, BIC Sport, Tahe Outdoors, O'pen Skiff Class, 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 participation or intended participation in the regatta, or arising in connection with the regatta.

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WARNING: Extreme levels of fun may be experienced during this event. Other sailing craft may appear less exciting after experiencing the O'pen Skiff.



SAME GREAT BOAT.....AWESOME NEW NAME

With universally accepted status as the International Youth Skiff, the O'pen BIC name is evolving to O'pen Skiff in 2019.

