



# OPEN BIC MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Carolina Yacht Club  
Charleston, SC  
November 18-19, 2017

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

The 2017 O'Pen BIC Midwinters will be held in Charleston, South Carolina hosted by the Carolina Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority for this regatta the Carolina Yacht Club in association with the North American O'Pen BIC Class. The regatta will be governed by *the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

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, we invite you to come join the fun.

Class representative **Nevin Sayre** will be on the water to instruct any "Un-Regatta" style courses and events!

## ELEGIBILITY

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

- U13 Division: Competitors born after Dec 31st, 2004
- Open Division (all ages welcome)

## SCHEDULE

Friday, November 17th	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration/Check-In
	6:00 PM	Welcome Party
Saturday, November 18th	8:30 – 10:00 AM	Registration/Check-In
	10:30 AM	Skipper's meeting
	12:00 PM	First Warning
	6:00 PM	Social Night
Sunday, November 18th	11:00 AM	First Warning
	2:00 PM	No racing starting after 2:00 PM
	3:00 PM	Awards

The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee. Any changes to the start time will be posted on the Notice Board by 7:00 pm of the preceding day.



## **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 chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## **HELMETS**

Protective helmets are recommended.

## **ENTRY**

Go to <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15527> for registration.

## **ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee is \$75 per sailor, and includes regatta shirt, Friday welcome party, lunches, Saturday night party, and Awards Pizza party. Entry Fee will increase to \$100 on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## **CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of Charter boats are available from Carolina Yacht Club on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Naomi Van den Bergh ([sailingdirector@carolinayachtclub.com](mailto:sailingdirector@carolinayachtclub.com)) as soon as possible if you think you may need a charter boat and we'll get you on the list. The charter boat fee is \$125 plus damage deposit. Charter boat deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 but we will likely 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. Both Racing Sails and Dacron Sails will be accepted.

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event on the event's website and will be given to each participant at check-in.

## **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.

## **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, three discards for 15, etc.

## **JURY**

On the water umpires may be appointed by the regatta organizers. Their decisions will be final.



## **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.

## **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 Organizing 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.

## **CONTACTS**

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