



# 2021 Texas Youth Race Week O’pen Skiff “Un-Regatta”

*Houston Yacht Club, July 8-11, 2021  
Houston, TX, USA*

## NOTICE OF RACE

### DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, and O’PEN Skiff ATTITUDE

The 2021 O’pen BIC/O’pen Skiff Texas Youth Race week “Un-Regatta” will be held at Houston Yacht Club, July 8-11, 2021. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Houston Yacht Club.

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, 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 open to all youth sailors.

### SCHEDULE – July 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday July 7th	Charter boats available	
Thursday, July 8th	Skipper’s meeting	10:00 am
	First race	11:00 am
	O’pen Skiff social	6:00 pm
Friday July 9 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Skipper’s meeting	10:00 am
	O’pen BIC social	5:30 pm
Sunday, July 11th	Skipper’s meeting	10:00 am
	Last possible warning signal	3:00 pm
	Awards Party	To follow

The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee. Any changes to the start time will be posted on the Houston Yacht Club Notice Board by 7:00 pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 11th.

### 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.

### ENTRY

Go to <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22776> to register.

### ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$200 (USD) per sailor and includes regatta shirt, dinner, and awards party. **There will be no late fees this year.**

## **CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of Charter boats are available from Houston Yacht Club on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Charles Barclay at [sailing@houstonyachtclub.com](mailto:sailing@houstonyachtclub.com) and/or Tre Banks at [ttbanks@icloud.com](mailto:ttbanks@icloud.com) as soon as possible if you think you may need a charter boat and we will get you on the list. All boats come complete and ready to sail and have fun with the One Design 4.5m sail.

- Charter O'pen Skiff for \$25 per day.

## **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 for Top Three positions and the top female. There may be a Freestyle Expression Session that will be scored separately.

## **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, Houston Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents. 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.

## **CONTACTS**

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**WARNING: Extreme levels of fun may be experienced during this event.**