



2024

O'pen Skiff North American "Un-Regatta"

Augusta Sailing Club, April 19-21, 2024
Augusta, Georgia USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The 2024 O'pen Skiff (formerly "O'pen BIC") North American Championship "Un-Regatta" will be held at the Augusta Sailing Club, April 19-21, 2024. The organizing Authority for this regatta is Augusta Sailing Club in association with the O'pen Skiff Class USA.

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, boat handling challenges, 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG0w6Foh9kM>

ELIGIBILITY

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

- U12 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2013 or after
- U15 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2010 or after
- Open Division (all ages welcome, 15 and above)

SCHEDULE – April 19th – 23th

Wednesday-Thursday, April 17-18	Charter boats available	
Thursday, April 18	Check-in at Augusta Sailing Clubhouse Welcome Party Cookout	4:00-7:00 pm 6:00 pm
Friday, April 19	Check-in at Augusta Sailing Clubhouse Skipper's meeting First possible start Dinner	8:00-9:00 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 20	First possible start Dinner & O'pen Skiff Party	10:00 am 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 21	First possible start Last possible warning signal Awards Party	9:30 am 2:00 pm 3:00 pm

The number of races and schedule for 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. No warning signal will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 21st.

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 & LIFE JACKETS

Protective helmets are required. And, of course, Coast Guard approved life jackets. 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.

ENTRY

For registration: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27128>

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$175 (USD) per sailor, which includes regatta shirt, nightly activities, and all meals-breakfast, lunch, & dinner- starting Thursday evening, April 18th through the Award's Party Sunday afternoon. Additional meals for family and friends may be pre-ordered online up until 12pm on Monday, April 15th.

Entry fee will increase to \$200 (USD) on April 1, 2024. Regatta shirts are only guaranteed to those who register before April 1st. Registration will close on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm.

CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of Charter Boats are available from O'pen Skiff USA on a 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 preliminary list. All boats come complete and ready to sail and have fun, with the One Design 4.5m sail. Charter reservations will have final confirmation only when charter fee is paid and the sailor is registered for the event. Here are the reservation options:

- Charter complete O'pen Skiff for North Americans (April 17-21) - \$195.
- Purchase brand new O'pen Skiff, delivered to Augusta Sailing Club for the event, for \$2,999. No shipping fee or additional charter fees. You take ownership of the boat on delivery. Must be registered for 2024 North Americans to take advantage of this special opportunity.

The charter boat deadline for North Americans is likely March 30, 2024, but we may run out well before then. Charter boats are available for sale at substantial discount following the event by advance reservation. Additional fleet discounts are available. Contact nsayre@aol.com.

MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS

Boats and components must be in conformity with the O'pen Skiff Class Rules. However, the O'pen Skiff (or "O'pen BIC") produced 4.5m One Design (mono film), 4.5m Dacron, 3.8m Dacron, or 3.5m sails are all welcome in any age group. This modifies O'pen Skiff Class Rule # C.2.3.

The Race Committee may inspect boats and crews before, during, and after races for compliance.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event at:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27128>

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/REFEREES

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 top five boats in the U12 and U15 age groups, and the top three boats in the "Open" age group. The top female will also be awarded in the U12 and U15 age groups. The "Un-Regatta" Freestyle competition will be scored and awarded separately.

IMPORTANTLY, the top male and female U15 Class sailors will receive complimentary boat charters at the O'pen Skiff World Championships, July 28 - Aug 2, 2024 in Arco, Lake Garda, Italy. <https://www.openskiff.org/> O'pen Skiff Worlds competitors *may* also qualify for travel grants directly from the US Sailing Foundation.

LIABILITIES

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

World Sailing RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race, will apply. The Organising Authority, Augusta Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents, Tahe Outdoors, O'pen Skiff Class, and the Race Management team and organization 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Augusta Sailing Club offers beautiful tent camping right along the lake. We encourage all families to bring a tent and camp on site. No need for reservations; just find the perfect spot along the lake or near the clubhouse. The weekend will be filled with fun, nightly events, so you'll definitely want to stay and enjoy the full ASC/O'pen Skiff Experience. Otherwise, a list of accommodation recommendations 20-30 minutes away is available at: <https://augustasailingclub.com>

FLYING TO AUGUSTA SAILING CLUB

There are thousands of flights to Atlanta International Airport (ATL), which is a two hour drive. You can also fly directly into Augusta Regional Airport (AGS).

CONTACTS

O'pen Skiff North Americans Regatta Organizer:

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O'pen Skiff Regatta Organizer and O'pen Skiff Class Representative who is in charge of charters boats and is the "Un-Regatta" on-the-water Principal Race Officer:

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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.

