

# **2011 O'Pen BIC Mid-Winters**

## **"The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Un-Regatta"**

**Proud part of the Alex Caviglia  
Bluewater Classic**

Presented By



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Important Event Introduction:** The purpose of this event is to showcase a new format for Youth Sailing in a fun, unorthodox, and loosely competitive style. This "racing" format is still evolving, but it has already been proven popular at over 25 events throughout the world including the 2007-2010 U.S. O'Pen Cups at New Bedford Community Sailing and Sail Newport, at the "Un-Regatta" Mid Winters at Shake-A-Leg Miami 2008-2010, and the ongoing 2009-2011 US Winter Series. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. It is our goal that everyone learns a little bit, makes some friends and has a ton of fun. Don't expect conventional round the buoys racing or the normal 1-2-3 prizes. 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 just have fun and pioneer a new chapter in Youth Sailing..... game on!

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** Shake A Leg Miami, the Blue Water Caviglia Foundation, and BIC Sport North America

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The Purpose of this Notice of Race (NOR) and others like are not to bore you to tears but to try to give you some hints about the race you are entering. NOR's outline the how's, what's and who's of an event. They often contain specific information, local knowledge and special rules that will be important throughout the regatta. **OUR ADVICE? Take some time to read through this pile.**

### **1 Rule Number One:**

1.1 All sailors are required to participate in the spirit of fun at all times. Violators of Rule Number One may be publicly embarrassed.

2. **CLASS** – Boats will be charter O'pen BICs or BYOB O'pen BICs.

2.1 Charter boat quantities are limited. Charter O'pen BICs are guaranteed only for the first 20 entries received. Additional registrations will be accepted for anyone bringing their own O'Pen BIC.

2.2 All Charter boats must have been labeled with ID #s. All boats must have matching hulls, rigs, sails, booms and blades

2.3 Charter boats are available for sale. Please refer to RULE 14

### **3. CATEGORIES WITHIN THE 2010 O'PEN BIC MID-WINTERS**

3.1 – The 2010 O'Pen BIC Mid-Winters are made up of multiple mini events. They are different events within a larger event kinda like pizza has different slices.

3.2 - The O'pen BIC sailors will be divided into two fleets; Performance and Competitive, largely determined by age. If a sailor feels that he or she has been assigned to the wrong fleet he or she may speak to the Race Committee.

3.3 The Performance Fleet will be made up of the sailors that want to focus primarily on fun for the weekend. This fleet is for Youth Sailors that are relatively new to sailing, don't want to focus on racing too much, are interested in pushing the limits of freestyle, and want to have serious amounts fun.

3.4 The Competitive Fleet will be made up of sailors that want to focus primarily on competing and racing. This Fleet is for Sailors that are experienced sailors, are into organized speed, interested in pushing the limits of buoy racing, but also want to have fun.

### **4. GENERAL RULES**

4.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules outlined in the Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race and if necessary the RRS. In the spirit of education and fun we have tried to simplify and modify the traditional Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)(2009-2012) for the purpose of encouraging more Youth Sailors to participate in the fun. This competition format is meant to instill a basic set of rules, one in which the sailors can expand upon throughout their sailing careers.

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

4.2 Any sailors that try to use this simplified version of the rules for evil purposes will have broken rule number one. At no time can one sailor's "fun" harm property, other people, environment and/or make other sailors have less fun.

4.3 True Fun levels can only be obtained when everyone is having fun.

## 5 **SIMPLIFIED SAILING RULES**

- 5.1 LIFEJACKETS - All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD's at all times while on the water.
- 5.2 Starboard tack has right away over port tack.
- 5.3 When capsizes or freestyle moves are required, you must make sure you are clear of all other sailors when you make the maneuver, and don't interfere with or immediately obstruct other sailors.
- 5.4 Competitors shall remain on or near their vessels at all times.
- 5.5 Minor contact of the marks of the course is permitted. Contact that causes any damage, or the location of the mark to change or drag, is not permitted.
- 5.4 Hitting the Race Committee boat or start boat is strictly prohibited.
- 5.7 Pumping: Pumping is not allowed except when conditions exist for planing or surfing, and only then to promote that activity. The Race Committee will fly a flag (type to be described in Sailing Instructions) when such conditions exist.
- 5.8 This event will be decided on the water and not in the protest room. It is the responsibility of every competitor to sail in a manner that is fair and with due respect of their fellow competitor, so that the results are a valid reflection of true sailing ability. Absolutely no intentional contact is permitted. Protests will only be accepted in unusual or extreme circumstances.
- 5.9 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority that further enforcement of the rules will not be needed. However, if necessary or in doubt, the standard ISAF Racing Rules of sailing shall apply for anything not outlined above. The ISAF Rules are readily available on [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).

## 6 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 6.1 Charter boats will be available to at least the first 20 entries received. Additional registrations may be accepted depending on boat availability. Registration for anyone bringing their own O'Pen BIC will remain O'pen until the morning of Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 6.2 Participants will be divided into two groups loosely arranged by age and/or experience, sharing chartered boats.
- 6.3 Entry Fee: \$40 for sailors who bring their own boat and \$55 for sailors who choose to charter.
- 6.4 Entrance fee includes Sat continental breakfast, lunch, Sat dinner, Sun continental breakfast, Sun lunch, T-shirt and boat charter fee. After January 9th the Registration Fee is \$65 for people who bring their own boat and \$80 for those wishing to charter a boat. Entry fee scholarships are available based on need. (For more information on scholarships, e-mail [acbc.regatta@gmail.com](mailto:acbc.regatta@gmail.com))
- 6.5 Additional social tickets may be purchased IN ADVANCE for \$20 per person per day. Social Tickets include meal tickets and access to the spectator boats. Tickets not bought in advance are \$25 dollars per day.
- 6.6 O'pen BIC sailboats do not need sail numbers. Competitors sailing will be loaned custom O'pen BIC pennies that will substitute for traditional sail numbers. All O'pen BIC pennies must be returned to the event organizers at the completion of Sunday's racing.
- 6.8 Eligible sailors may enter by completing the **online registration** at: [www.cavigliafoundation.org](http://www.cavigliafoundation.org).

## **7 SCHEDULE**

7.1 Racing will take place January 15 & 16, 2011 of Martin Luther King weekend. So you have time to celebrate MLK (and/or travel) on Monday.

7.2 Pre-race check in will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup> between 6pm and 8pm @ Liquid Surf and Sail (2484 SW 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Miami FL 33145 (305) 860-0888)

7.3 Final Check In: will take place January 15<sup>th</sup> between 0745-0845

7.4 Welcoming Remarks and Skipper's Meetings at 0845 on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

7.5 The initial signal for the first race day will be 1000 hrs.

7.6 It is the intent of the Race Committee to run two fleets with each fleet getting a minimum of four races.

7.7 No warning signal will be made after 4:30pm hours on January 16.

7.8 Awards will be given on shore as soon as possible after the conclusion of the day's activities, January 16.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The Final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in. *(Please see check in times above)*

## **9 COURSES AND RACING AREA**

9.1 Courses will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and/or by verbal hail. Expect unconventional courses, required capsizes, stand up sailing, freestyle and slalom races.

9.2 Racing area will take place off the beaches of the Dinner Key Picnic Islands in the Biscayne Bay. It is the Race Committee's intention to sail in the waters North East of the Dinner Key Picnic Islands but final location is subject to wind and weather conditions.

10. **HOST CLUB:** Shake-A-Leg Miami located at 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL - (305) 858-5550

10.1 **Regatta Coordinator:** Meredith Bass [acbc.regatta@gmail.com](mailto:acbc.regatta@gmail.com).

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. There will be one score discarded with the completion of four or more scores.

11.2 Free style competition – All registered sailors that wish to compete in the freestyle portion of the event will be scored by an undistinguished panel of judges. Both Tandem and Solo freestyle sailors will be separated into heats and compete against other boats to advance to the next round. Each heat's time limit will be announced prior to that heat's start.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 Various positions in the regatta will be recognized.

12.2 **The grand prize will be for the sailor, subjectively selected by the undistinguished panel of judges, who in the spirit of the O'Pen BIC "Un-Regatta" performs the best at the regatta.**

12.3 There will be other prize categories.

13. **HOUSING** – Housing is not provided, there are many hotels within a short drive. Information about hotels offering discounted rates is available on the registration site.

#### 14 **CHARTER BOATS FOR SALE**

14.1 The fun doesn't have to stop on Sunday. Charter boats are available for sale directly after the U.S. O'Pen Cup on a first come/first serve basis. Contact [info@BicSportNA.com](mailto:info@BicSportNA.com) or [Jim@LiquidSurfandSail.com](mailto:Jim@LiquidSurfandSail.com) to get on the list in advance.

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**For more information on the O'Pen BIC please visit:**

[www.OpenBic.com](http://www.OpenBic.com)

[www.USO'penBIC.com](http://www.USO'penBIC.com)

#### **Want to see last year's Fun?**

2009 Mid Winter Un-Regatta at Shake-A-Leg visit:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMqtkjALQVg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMqtkjALQVg)

2008 Mid Winter Un-Regatta at Shake-A-Leg visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4l6wIzg3SKI>

Other videos:

O'pen BIC Speed Session - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcUPTHIupz0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcUPTHIupz0)

2009 US O'pen Cup - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5synxcPELAI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5synxcPELAI)

2008 U.S. O'pen Cup - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gCH4mvXIAI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gCH4mvXIAI)

2008 World O'pen Cup visit - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmNGxh4SzX8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmNGxh4SzX8)

**Still want more? Search "O'pen BIC Sailing" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)**

