

O'Pen BIC North American Champs 2016



James Island Yacht Club
April 22-24 2016
Charleston, SC USA



NOTICE OF RACE

DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, & O'PEN BIC ATTITUDE

The 2016 O'Pen BIC North American Championships will be held in Charleston, SC hosted by the James Island Yacht Club on April 22nd thru 24th, 2016. The Organising Authority for the regatta is the James Island Yacht Club in association with the North American O'Pen BIC 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 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.

ELEGIBILITY

The fleet will be split into two Divisions. This modifies Class Rule C.2.3

- U13 Division: Competitors born after Dec 31st, 2003
- Open Division (all ages welcome)



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SCHEDULE – April 22nd – 24th

Wednesday 20th Thursday 21st	Charter boats available	START TIME
Friday, April 22nd	Skipper's meeting	9:30 am
	First race	11:00 am
	Welcome Party	6:00 pm
Saturday, April 23rd	Skipper's meeting	9:30 am
	Social Night	6:00 pm
Sunday, April 24th	Skipper's meeting	9:00 am
	Last possible warning signal	2:00 pm
Awards Party		3:30 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 JIYC Notice Board by 6:00 pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 5:30 pm on Friday April 22nd or Saturday April 23rd and 2:00 pm on Sunday April 24th.

RULES

The regatta rules will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions which may modify standard ISAF 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 advised for wind speeds over 10mph.

ENTRY

Registration Go to

<http://regatta.jiyc.org>

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$150 per sailor, and includes regatta shirt, opening party, lunch, and Awards Pizza party. **Entry Fee will increase to \$175 on March 25th.**

CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of Charter boats are available from O'Pen BIC North America on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at

nsayre@aol.com

And reserve your charter boat.

The charter boat fee is **\$190** plus a **\$100 damage deposit** that is required.

Charter boat deadline is March 18, 2016 we anticipate a high demand so please reserve 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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at <http://regatta.jiyc.org>

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 race 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, 3 discards for fifteen, etc.

JURY

A jury may be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Their decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please see the list of recommendations at <http://regatta.jiyc.org>

HELMETS

Helmets are available many places.

Recommended

ZHIK - 410 Mill St, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Phone: [\(866\) 944-5872](tel:(866)944-5872)

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.

ISAF 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.

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