

U.S. O'pen Cup ***"The Un-Regatta"***

Presented By



Community Boating Center of New Bedford



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 format has already proven popular at the U.S. O'Pen Cup at Sail Newport in 2007, and at the "Un-Regatta Mid Winters at Shake-A-Leg Miami in 2008. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. Don't expect conventional round the buoys racing or normal 1-2-3 prizes. Capsizes and freestyle 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: Community Boating Center of New Bedford & BIC Sport North America, Inc.

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 will be publicly embarrassed.

2 Other Rules:

- 2.1 Starboard tack has right away over port tack.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Competitors shall remain on or near their vessels at all times.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 Hitting the Race Committee boat or start boat is prohibited.
- 2.6 Pumping: Pumping is not allowed except when conditions exist for planning 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.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 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.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Charter boats will be available to the first 40 entries received. Additional registrations will be accepted for anyone bringing their own O'Pen BIC. Participants will be divided into two age groups, sharing chartered boats.

3.2 Entry Fee: is \$85 which includes cook-out lunch, T-shirt, goodie bag, and boat charter fee. Entry fee if you bring your own boat or purchase an O'Pen BIC at the U.S. O'pen Cup is \$45. Entry fee scholarships are available based on need. (For more information on scholarships, e-mail cbc@communityboating.org) Registration will be open by May 24, 2008.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Early check-in and charter boats will be available for practice at 1pm on August 15.

4.2 Registration:

Race Day Check In: will take place August 16th between 0830 and 0900 hours at Community Boating of New Bedford.

4.3 The Skipper's Meeting August 16 will take place at 0930.

4.4 The first possible start will be 1030 hrs.

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

4.6 No warning signal will be made after 1700 hours.

4.7 Awards will be given on shore as soon as possible after the conclusion of the day's activities.

4.8 **Important:** In the event that conditions are unsuitable to hold the event Aug 16, the event will be held Aug 17. A notice will be put up at www.communityboating.org if we have postponed until August 17.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The Final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in. (*See check in times above*)

6 COURSES AND RACING AREA

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

7 SCORING

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

8 PRIZES

8.1 Positions in the regatta will be recognized. **The grand prize will be for the sailor, subjectively judged by the undistinguished panel of judges, who has the most fun at the regatta.**

9 CHARTER BOATS FOR SALE

9.1 Charter boats are available for sale directly after the U.S. O'Pen Cup on a first come/first serve basis. Contact Kevin.Broome@BicWorld.com to get on the list in advance.

WARNING: Extreme levels of fun may be experienced during this event. Other craft may appear less exciting after experiencing the O'Pen BIC.

For more information on the O'Pen BIC, visit:

www.OpenBic.com

For viewing the fun at the 2008 Mid Winter Champs visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4l6wlzg3SKI>

For viewing the fun at the 2007 EurO'pen cup visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysy0edAmFA8>

For viewing the fun at the 2007 U.S. O'pen Cup visit:

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

For viewing more O'Pen BIC fun visit:

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