



2013 O'Pen BIC Hi-Wind Slalom The AC Open "Un-Regatta"

Presented By

The America's Cup Organizing Authority

And



Notice of Race & Preliminary Sailing Instructions

Important Event Introduction: The purpose of this event is to showcase at the America's Cup a new format for Youth Sailing in a fun, unorthodox, and 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 everyone improves their skills, makes some new friends, and has a ton of fun. Don't expect conventional round the buoys racing or upwind starts. 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!

1 Rule Number One:

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

2 Other Rules:

- 2.1 Starboard tack has right of way over port tack. Leeward has right of way over windward. Inside boats have right away when approaching a turning mark.
- 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. Capsizing or freestyling into another boat is NOT ok.
- 2.3 Competitors shall remain on or near their vessels at all times. In other words, no "boarding" other boats unless required.
- 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 always 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 (likely a green flag) 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. In the case of infractions, a competitor may exonerate themselves with one 360 degree penalty turn. If the Judges witness an infraction, they may direct a competitor to perform a penalty turn or turns. 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 Decision to Race & Disclaimer of Liability

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone (RR4). Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. BIC Sport, the O'Pen BIC Class, the America's Cup Event Authority (ACEA) and/or America's Cup Race Management (ACRM) and other organizers of this event will not accept in any case any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Before the practice time August 16, a signed waiver will be required prior to entering the event as well as publicity/media releases.

4 Equipment:

Boats will be provided O'pen BICs and/or BYOB O'pen BICs which must comply with the O'Pen BIC Class Rules. If conditions warrant, smaller (3.8m) sails will be provided to all competitors. All competitors are required to wear full neoprene wetsuits, US Coast Guard approved life jackets, and suitable crash helmets. AC Open racing jerseys will be provided and are required to be worn over wetsuit and life jacket.

5 SCHEDULE

August 16

12 noon – 1PM Meet at the America's Cup Village at the Marina Green.

<http://www.americascup.com/sanfrancisco/getting-here>

2PM – 4PM Group practice and filming

August 17

10AM reporting time

11AM launching

11:30AM-12:30PM First round of races for O'Pen BICs

1:15PM-2:45PM AC72 Louis Vuitton Cup Finals Racing

2:45PM – 4:00PM Second round of races for O'Pen BICs

August 18

10AM reporting time

11AM launching

11:30AM-12:30PM Third round of races for O'Pen BICs

1:15PM-2:45PM AC72 Louis Vuitton Cup Finals Racing

2:45PM – 4:00PM Fourth round of races for O'Pen BICs

4:15-4:45 O'Pen BIC prize giving at the Marina Green podium

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Final Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

7 COURSES AND RACING AREA

7.1 The Racing will be staged directly off the sea wall in front of the Marina Green viewing.

7.2 Courses will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting and may be changed or altered by verbal hail. Expect unconventional courses like those below. On different legs of the course there may be required moves signaled by loudhailer from the Judges. Depending on the conditions, these may include stand-up sailing, required capsizes (mast tip must hit the water), 360 degree turns, or other freestyle moves.

8 START & FINISH

8.1 Unless otherwise announced, the starting line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Boat and a buoy to be described.

8.2 The start will use a standard three minute dinghy starting sequence. A blue flag will be flying when a start sequence is in process.

8.3 The finish line will be described in the skipper's meeting or by verbal hail.

9 SCORING

9.1 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 for every five races completed (one throw out for five races, two for ten, etc.)

9.2 There may be a Freestyle Expression Session that will be scored separately. Sailors will compete in three-minute heats that will be subjectively judged by the Panel of Undistinguished Judges. Be creative and have fun with it.

10 PRIZES

10.1 The top finishers in the regatta will be recognized.

10.2 There will also be a prize for the sailor, subjectively selected by the Panel of Undistinguished Judges, who does the best job of capturing the true spirit of the O'Pen BIC "Un-Regatta" and has the most fun.

11 WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS

When all else fails, refer to Rule Number 1.

12 Other

Spectating:

There is spectator viewing on the shore/seawall open to the public.

Alternatively, elevated Grand Stand tickets may be purchased thru

<http://www.americascup.com/en/experience/spectator-tickets/shoreline-viewing>.

These areas are THE DECK, and EAST and WEST GRANDSTANDS (the Race Course Bleachers are not well sited for the Open Bic racing).

Sustenance:

There is no current plan for providing food/beverages during the AC Open.

There should be plenty of time for lunch between the morning and afternoon racing on August 17 or 18.

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

To view other previous "Un-Regattas" go to:

<http://youtu.be/Gc1hrIFCywQ>

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

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc8qifouEPU>

