



2023

# O’pen Skiff North American “Un-Regatta”

Mission Bay YC, April 21-23, 2023  
San Diego, CA, USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, and O’PEN SKIFF ATTITUDE

The 2023 O’pen Skiff (formerly “O’pen BIC”) North American Championship “Un-Regatta” will be held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, April 21-23, 2023. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Mission Bay YC 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=FI0mPCgWNX8>

### ELEGIBILITY

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

- U12 Division: Competitors born January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 or after
- U15 Division: Competitors born January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 or after
- Open Division (all ages welcome)

### SCHEDULE – April 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday-Thursday, April 19-20	Charter boats available	
Friday, April 21	Skipper’s meeting	9:30 am
	First possible start	11:00 am
Saturday, April 22	First possible start	11:00 am
	O’pen Skiff “extra curricular activity”	5:30 pm
Sunday, April 23	First possible start	11:00 am
	Last possible warning signal	2:00 pm
	Awards Party	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 MBYC Notice Board by 7:00 pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 23th.

## 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.

**Please note that MBYC is a dog free facility. Please plan accordingly.**

## HELMETS

Protective helmets are required.

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](mailto:info@murrays.com) Tell them you're going to the North Americans and that may have some extra benefit.

## ENTRY

Go to [www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna](http://www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna) for registration.

## ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$150 (USD) per sailor, and includes regatta shirt, special social event, and Awards party. **Entry Fee will increase to \$185 (USD) on April 1, 2023.** Registration will close at noon on Thursday, April 20.

## CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of Charter Boats are available from O'pen Skiff USA on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at [nsayre@aol.com](mailto: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 19-23) - \$195.
- Purchase brand new O'pen Skiff, delivered to Mission Bay YC for the event, for \$2,850. No shipping fee or additional charter fees. You take ownership of the boat on delivery. Must be registered for 2023 North Americans to take advantage of this special opportunity.

**The charter boat deadline for North Americans is likely March 30, 2023, but we will likely 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](mailto: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, or 3.5m sails are all welcome.

The Race Committee may check boats and crews before, during, and after the races.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event at [www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna](http://www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna).

## 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 first 5 boats, and the top female in U12 & U15 divisions. Top 3 for Open age group. The "Un-Regatta" Freestyle competition will be scored and awarded separately.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

A list of accommodation recommendations is available at [www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna](http://www.juniors.mbyc.org/2023openskiffna)

### **PRE NORTH AMERICANS WARM UP REGATTA**

The O'pen Skiff Mid Winter West Regatta will be held at Mission Bay YC, February 18-19, 2023.

### **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 4, Decision to Race, will apply. The Organising Authority, Mission Bay Yacht 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.

### **CONTACTS**

**O'pen Skiff North Americans Regatta Organizer:**

**Chris Wright**

**for Mission Bay YC**

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

**Nevin Sayre**

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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.**

