

# ***The U.S. O'Pen BIC CUP***

***"The Un-Regatta"***

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 format. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. To set the tone, a BBQ will be going on during the event. 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:** Sail Newport & BIC Sport North America, Inc.

### **Rule Number One:**

1.1 All sailors are required to participate in the spirit of fun at all times.

### **2 OTHER RULES**

2.1 The U.S. O'Pen BIC CUP will otherwise be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 – 2008.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 Supplied boats will be available to the first 40 entries received. Additional registrations will be accepted for anyone bringing their own O'Pen Bic.

3.2 Eligible sailors may enter by completing the online registration at: [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org).

3.3 Entries will be divided into two, approximately equal age groups.

#### **4 FEES**

4.1 BYOB: \$15 and Supplied Boat: \$40

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

5.1 Race day is August 18<sup>th</sup>. If racing is canceled due to inclement weather the Race day will become August 19<sup>th</sup>.

5.2 Final check in at registration is 0900-0930 hrs.

5.3 The initial signal for each race day will be 1030 hrs.

5.4 It is the intent of the Race Committee to run two fleets with each fleet getting at least four races.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1700 on the day of the race.

5.6 Awards will be given on shore as soon as possible after the conclusion of the day's activities. The grand prize will be for the sailor, subjectively judged by the panel of judges, who has the most fun at the regatta.

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in the morning of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

#### **7 COURSES AND RACING AREA**

7.1 Courses will be announced at the skipper's meeting and by verbal hail.

7.2 The racing area(s) will be in Newport Harbor and/or the area south of Newport Bridge between Rose and Goat Island.

#### **8 SCORING**

8.1 RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. RRS Appendix A4 is changed such that a boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores.

#### **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

9.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for infringements of Part 2 that occur within two boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

9.2 All infringing boats that take a penalty in accordance with SI 14.1 shall inform the race committee of having taken a penalty immediately upon finishing.

9.3 Failure to comply with the above requirement will be regarded as not having accepted the penalty.

#### **10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

10.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee once the RC arrives back on shore. Completed protest forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

10.2 The protest time limit is twenty (20) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat dockage time.

10.3 The end of protest time will be posted on the online Notice Board and at the regatta desk as soon as possible.

10.4 Notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform

competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible, approximately in the order received.

10.5 The penalty, if any, for breaking a rule (including the Class Rules) other than RRS Part 2 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

## **11 PRIZES**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of racing.

## **12 OTHER**

12.1 Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay is a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right-of way over a vessel under power that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.

12.2 Only the Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a competitor that breaches the Preamble of Part 2. This changes rule 60.1(a).

## **13 CHARTER BOATS FOR SALE**

13.1 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](mailto:Kevin.Broome@BicWorld.com) to get on the list in advance.