



# Bermuda O'pen BIC National Championships 2017

Presented by **Tidal Asset Management**

## Notice of Race

### DATE, VENUE AND ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Bermuda O'pen Bic National Championships 2017 will be held at The Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC), Bermuda on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Organising Authority for the regatta is the RHADC in association with the Bermuda O'pen BIC Class Association and The America's Cup Endeavour Program.

### 1. Rules

1.1 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.

## **2. Advertising**

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority

## **3. Eligibility & Entry**

3.1 All sailors must be members of their O'pen BIC National Class Association.

3.2 Eligible sailors may enter by completing the attached form and emailing or sending with the required fee to:

Nicolas Stefani RHADC - **Sailing Program**

25 Pomander Road

Paget Bermuda

+441 236 3077

E-mail - [sailing@rhadc.bm](mailto:sailing@rhadc.bm)

## **4 Fees**

4.1 Entry fee is fixed in \$25 per boat and includes prize giving dinner. **Entry deadline on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, after that the entry fees will be \$50.

## **5 Schedule**

5.1 Registration

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 From 16:00 to 19:00 at RHADC

## 5.2 Dates of Racing

Saturday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	First race briefing at RHADC 10.00 am
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	First race briefing at RHADC 10.00 am
Sunday May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner and Prize Giving at RHADC 5:00 pm

5.4 The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee.

5.5 Any changes to the briefing time will be posted on the clubhouse notice board by 06.00 pm of the preceding day.

5.6 No warning signal will be given after 5:00 pm

## 6 Measurement

6.1 No measurement certificate will be requested. Boats and sails must be in conformity with the Class Rules. The Race Committee may check yachts and crews before, during and after the races.

## 7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration or before.

## 8 Venue

8.1 The racing areas will be the waters of Hamilton Harbour, Granaway Deep and The Great Sound

## 9 Racing Format and Courses

9.1 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. Participants might be divided into fleets and/or division. The composition of the fleets will be made as described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10 SCORING SYSTEM

10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. There

will be a one discard for every 4 races completed.

## **11 CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of Charter boats are available in Bermuda from O'Pen BIC North America on first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at nsayre@aol.com as soon as possible to reserve a charter boat. The charter boat fee is \$75 plus and any costs for damage incurred. All Charter boats come complete ready to sail and have fun.

## **12 PRIZES**

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

- U13 Division: Competitors born after Dec 31st, 2004
- Open Division (all ages welcome)

Prizes for the top three competitors in each division will be awarded.

## **QUALIFICATION FOR AMERICA'S CUP ENDEAVOUR O'PEN, JUNE 15-18 2017**

**A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits 32 fortunate international O'Pen BIC sailors. The America's Cup Finals will be held in Bermuda June 17-27, 2017. As part of this premier sailing event, O'Pen BIC and the America's Cup Event Authority will be hosting an O'pen BIC Un-Regatta staged at the America's Cup Village in Bermuda, June 15-18. In addition, O'Pen BICs will be the Half Time Show between America's Cup Finals Race #1 and Race #2 on Saturday June 17, with world wide television coverage. Entry fee, boat charter, group semi-camping accommodations at the Messina House, and several meals will be provided by BIC Sport and the America's Cup Event Authority for sailors plus one parent/guardian for each sailor.**

**Six O'Pen BIC sailors representing Bermuda who meet the minimum requirements will be selected from the 2017 Bermuda O'Pen BIC Nationals as follows:**

- **The top male and top female O'pen BIC sailor overall.**
- **The top male and the top female who have been or are currently enrolled in the Endeavour program since October 2015, who are not otherwise qualified above.**
- **The top male and the top female who are or have been enrolled in a Bermuda O'pen BIC sailing program other than Endeavour during**

**2016 and/or 2017, who are not otherwise qualified above.**

**- If there are insufficient qualified males or females to fulfill the 3 male/3 female allotment, then the next spot goes to the next ranked sailor in each respective category (Overall, Endeavour, or Bermuda O'pen BIC sailing program).**

**Minimum requirements:**

**-Must be no more than 15 years old as of December 31, 2017. (Year of birth must be 2002 or later.)**

**-Must be a resident of Bermuda.**

**-Must exhibit sportsmanship and have the positive friendly O'Pen BIC attitude that is worthy of representing Bermuda and the O'Pen BIC Class at this very special event.**

### **13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and the respective Host Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of 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 howsoever arising in connection with the regatta.

### **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance valid for all skippers to a minimum of \$100,000.

