

WORLD O'PEN CUP 2012

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NOTICE OF RACE

WORLD O'PEN CUP 2012 – MIAMI BEACH, FL - USA *October 31st thru November 3rd*

The Miami Yacht Club - Youth Sailing Foundation and the International O'pen BIC Class Association (OBICA) are kindly inviting you to take part in the World O'pen Bic Cup 2012.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event is organized by MYC-YSF in conjunction with WindplayEvents

- Chairman of the Organizing Committee: Florencia Barletta
- Chairman of the Race Committee: Linda Evans
- Chairman of the Jury: TBD

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the OBICA's 2012 Event Rules, available to be downloaded from the OBICA Class Website prior to the event: <http://class.openbic.com>. If you are unable to download these rules, please contact us and we will send you a copy.

It should also be noted the rules USA Federal Law of Navigation:

ELIGIBILITY

- O'pen BIC / ISAF Eligibility according to ISAF's RRS is required for every person who takes part in the Regatta.
- All sailors must be a member of their O'pen BIC National Class Association, or National Sailing Federation (as relevant in your local country).
- The organizing authority may require that competitors wear/ carry a sponsor decal on the boat and/or sail during the races.
- Competitors must have at least Intermediate race experience. Experience in sailing on open water is recommended.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The maximum number of competitors will be limited to 150. Charter boats must be booked with the entry form. The first 50 charters will be allocated by the International Class Association for those travelling Internationally Europe/Asia/South America/Caribbean. Deadline is June 30th)

ENTRIES

All entries must register ONLINE: www.mycyouthsailing.org, or www.windplayevents.com

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE in order for registration to be valid.

All participants must name their coach at registration time.

COACHS – INCENTIVE SUPPORT PACKAGE REGISTRATION

Coach's MUST fill a registration under their name or team name to reserve 10 spots. (See registration named Coach/Team package)

This registration MUST be completed by February 29th, 2012. These 10 spots will need to be determined by April 30th 2012, at which time their individual registrations and completed payment must be finished. If racers fail to register and pay in time, coaches will lose the incentive package we offer. Racers must register and PAY on or before April 30th in order for COACHS to receive the "**Incentive Support Package**". NO EXCEPTIONS!

Incentive Support Package includes:

- Airline fare from **selected** Mayor cities in Europe/Asia/USA
- Lodging selected will be for the time from October 31st thru November 4th
- Coach Boat for team

Incentive Support Package restrictions:

- MUST have 10 competitors under 1 coach.
- Competitors must name their coach on the registration form.
- Coach must complete team registration & pay deposit (\$1000 by February 29th)
- MUST have 10 competitors with a completed registration on or before the deadline, April 30th 2012.

Note: All support received will be settled by organization authority in the form of services. NOT in a monetary cash form.

LODGING

Lodging details will be posted by November 10th 2012

ENTRY FEES – ONLY ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Early Bird Special – ONLINE Registration Fee US \$110.00 By February 29th/12
- Open Registration – ONLINE Registration Fee US \$160.00 By June 30st, /12
- Late Registration – ONLINE Registration Fee US \$210.00 By September 30th/12
- Last Minute– ONLINE Registration Fee US \$260.00 By October 30th/12

ONSITE REGISTRATION – CASH ONLY

ONSITE Registration Fee US \$310.00. Onsite registration will Open Wednesday October 31st at 4:00pm until November 1st, 2012 before first event briefing. All registrations payments as well as charter payments must be completed before first event briefing.

NOTE:

In order to receive the stated fees above you need to complete the payments on the date you register. Example: If you register a competitor, on or before the "early bird special" but you do not complete the payment until after the February 29th deadline for that fee, you WILL BE paying the next fee which is more.

PAYMENT

The entry fee & charter boat hire fees per competitor must be paid in full at the ONLINE REGISTRATION in order for registration to be VALID. No competitor will be able to participate in the event without payment of the entry and charter fee at time of registration.

CHARTER BOATS

- The first 50 International competitors coming from Europe/Asia/South America/Caribbean will have a confirmed charter at registration (deadline June 30th). MUST PAY CHARTER in full at registration.
- The North American competitors coming from USA/Canada that require a charter will be "waitlisted". Waitlist will be confirmed on July 15th. In order for competitors to be "waitlisted" they need to complete the correct registration for both event and charter. This fee must be paid in FULL at time of registration. (fully refundable only if charter is not available)

NO entries or charter boat hires will be confirmed without:

- The appropriate ONLINE payment.
- Proof of valid Sailing Licence / Membership Card from your National Sailing Federation or ISAF number.
- Valid 3rd Party Liability Insurance.

IMPORTANT: All Charter boat administration and responsibility falls solely and exclusively on **Bic Sports North America**.

Charters must be paid and therefore reserved during the registration process. All information will be forwarded to **Bic Sports North America**.

CHARTER FEES

- ONLINE Charter Fee US \$270.00 (until October 30th, 2012)
- ONSITE Charter Fee US \$280.00 (Wednesday October 31st onsite 1:00 pm)
Onsite charters are subject to availability. Event registration with/out charter fee payment will NOT guarantee availability.

PAYMENT

The entry fee & charter boat hire fees per competitor must be paid in full at the ONLINE REGISTRATION. No competitor will be able to participate in the event without payment of the entry fee at registration.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Registration will be set up ONLINE. **ONSITE** Registration and sailor check-in for the event will take place during the official training days prior to the event. All competitors must be registered before the first event briefing, on the first day of racing.

EVENT BASE

The first race briefings at the start of each day will take place at the WOC Event Site.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be delivered with registration at check-in.

SCHEDULE: Miami Beach 2012

- Wed., Oct 31st: Event Registration from 1:00 pm & Official Practice day.
- Thurs., Nov 1st: Opening Ceremony & Appetizers
- Thurs., Nov 1st: RACING - First briefing @ 11am
- Fri., Nov 2nd: RACING -First briefing @ 11am
- Sat., Nov 3rd: RACING -First briefing @ 11am/Last possible race start @ 4pm.
- Sat., Nov 3rd : Closing Ceremony / Prize Giving (time TBD)

The number of races per day will be defined as per the OBCA Standard Event Rules.

SCHEDULE: SOCIAL EVENTS

All Social events and times will be determined at a later date. Posted on Facebook, and added to registration package of each sailor.

- Thursday, Nov 1st 2012: Opening Ceremony
- Saturday, Nov 3rd 2012: Closing Ceremony / Prize Giving

PRE-EVENT TRAINING

For those hiring charter boats, these will be available for pre-event training from Wednesday October 31st, 2012 onwards. On-the-water security for any training o is the responsibility of the competitor and/or their coach.

Training prior to the race venue set up on October 31st, will be available upon request at Miami Yacht Club-Youth Sailing Foundation. Contact us to make this arrangement.

COURSES

A number of race courses will be used. These will be presented to all sailors and coaches during the various pre-race briefings held throughout the event.

ADVERTISING

As per the ISAF's Advertising Code, all kind of advertising on hull or/and sail is prohibited except as determined by the race organiser and/or sponsor of the event during registration.

SCORING

Please see the OBCA Standard Event Rules. As per the OBCA Class Rules there will be 4 divisions: U13 years - U15 years - Open - Girls

MEDALS

Medals will be presented for the winners of each category.

JURY

All decisions of the Jury are final. The Jury members will be presented to all sailors and coaches during the first race briefing.

Through participating in this event, all competitors and their supporters are also bound to follow any instructions given by organization authority. Failure to observe such instructions will be considered a serious offence and eviction from the event may result.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Neither the organising authority nor any other party involved in the organisation of the regatta will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Each participating boat **MUST** be insured with valid third-party liability Insurance. Proof of such insurance will be required during event registration.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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