



2025

O'pen Skiff North American "Un-Regatta"

Pensacola Yacht Club, April 11-13, 2025

Pensacola, Florida USA

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, and O'PEN SKIFF ATTITUDE

The 2025 O'pen Skiff (formerly "O'pen BIC") North American Championship "Un-Regatta" will be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club, April 11-13, 2025. The organizing Authority for this regatta is Pensacola Yacht Club 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=X_nsN_CJBYg

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 **[NP][SP]** RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows:
 - 2.2.1 The first sentence of RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD) USCG approved properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 2.2.2 Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': "...except rule 40.1 as amended by NoR 2.2.1..."
- 2.3 Protective helmets are required. And, of course, Coast Guard approved life jackets. Forward WIP, cool O'pen Skiff sponsor, makes excellent sailing specific helmets.
- 2.4 Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.5 We call your attention to RR89.2 (b): "The Notice of Race may be changed provided adequate notice is given."

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CATEGORIES

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all sailors per 3.2.
- 3.2 The fleet is comprised of three Divisions.
 - ☛ U12 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2014 or after
 - ☛ U15 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2011 or after
 - ☛ Open Division (all ages welcome, 15 and above)



4. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 Event documents, current entries and registration are available on-line at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28814>
- 4.2 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3 On-line registration closes April 10th 2025 1200pm CST. Entries received after that day will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

4.4 Registration fees are:

Entry Fee	
Through April 1st	April 1 st to April 10 th
\$175	\$200

- 4.5 The entry fee includes regatta shirt, nightly activities, and all meals- breakfast, lunch, & dinner- starting Thursday evening, April 9th through the Award's Party Sunday. Competitors registering after April 1st 2025 may not receive an event shirt.
- 4.6 Additional meals for family and friends may be pre-ordered online up until 12pm on Thursday, April 10th.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, April 9th	1000am	Charter boats available
Thursday, April 10th	1000 am	Charter boats available
	0400pm - 0700 pm	Check-in at PYC Clubhouse
Friday, April 11th	0800 - 0900 am	Check-in at PYC Clubhouse
	0930 am	Skipper's meeting
	1100 am	First possible start
	0600 pm	Social Activity (TBD)
Saturday, April 12th	1000 am	First possible start
	0600 pm	Dinner & O'pen Skiff Party (TBD)
Sunday, April 13th	0930 am	First possible start
	0200 pm	Last possible warning signal
	0300 pm	Awards Party

- 5.1 The number of races and schedule for each day will be determined by the Race Committee.
- 5.2 Any changes to the scheduled race time will be posted on the Notice Board by 7:00 pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 13th.

6. CHARTER BOATS

- 6.1 A limited number of Charter Boats are available from O'pen Skiff USA on a first come/first serve basis. Please contact Nevin Sayre at nsayre@aol.com as soon as possible even if you think you may need a charter boat, and we'll get you on the preliminary list for planning purposes. 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 9-13) - \$195.
 - ☛ Purchase brand new O'pen Skiff, delivered to Pensacola Yacht Club for the event, for \$2,999.
- 6.2 No shipping fee or additional charter fees. You take ownership of the boat on delivery. Must be registered for 2025 North Americans to take advantage of this special opportunity.

- 6.3 **The charter boat deadline for North Americans is likely March 21, 2025, but we may run out well before then.** Charter boats are available for sale at substantial discount following the event by advance reservation. Additional group fleet discounts are available. Contact nsayre@aol.com.

7. MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS

- 7.1 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 Dacron, or 3.5m sails are all welcome in any age group. This modifies O'pen Skiff Class Rule # C.2.3.
- 7.2 The Race Committee may inspect boats and crews before, during, and after races for compliance.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event at:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28814>

9. RACING FORMAT

- 9.1 The number of races for all the Divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee but one (1) completed race is required to constitute the championship.
- 9.2 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.

10. SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 One race will be excluded for every four (4) races are completed. (*i.e. one discard for 4 races, two discards for 8, 3 discards for 12, etc*)

11. JURY/REFEREES

- 11.1 On-the-water referees will be appointed by the regatta organizers. Their decisions will be final.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 12.1.1 Top 5 U12 and U15 age groups
 - Top 3 Open age group
 - 12.1.2 The top female U12 and U15 age groups.
 - 12.1.3 The "Un-Regatta" Freestyle competition will be scored and awarded separately.

13. 2025 O'PEN SKIFF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 13.1 The 2025 O'pen Skiff Worlds will be held in Nishinomiya, Japan, July 16-23. Charter boat availability will be limited. USA charter boat allocation in Japan for sailors with U.S. passports *will likely be* determined based on finishing position in the U15 age group (and perhaps U12 also) at the 2025 O'pen Skiff North Americans, Pensacola YC, April 11-13, 2025. Final allocation criteria will be determined by March 1, 2025.
- Additionally, O'pen Skiff Worlds competitors *may* also qualify for travel grants directly from the US Sailing Foundation.

14. LIABILITIES

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

- 14.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

15. CONTACTS

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Attachment A

General Information

(Not part of the NoR)

A.1 CAMPING

A.1.1 There is tent camping available at this venue. Prior approval from the Organizing Authority is required.

Contact Greg Spitzer – Pensacola YC Dockmaster, dockmaster@pycfl.com – to coordinate

A.1.2 Other local campgrounds can be found at the following link: <https://www.visitpensacola.com/places-to-stay/campgrounds-and-rv-parks/>

A.2 HOTELS

A.2.1 There are no hotels within walking distance of the venue.

A.2.2 Use any of the following accommodation search sites or others to find suitable lodging to fit your budget:

www.expedia.com – for hotels and apartments www.hometogo.com – this site searches all vacation rental sites www.vrbo.com – vacation rental options www.airbnb.com - vacation rental options

A.3 NEAREST AIRPORT

A.3.1 Pensacola International Airport is the closest major airport and is located 7 miles from the venue.

A.4 PARKING

A.4.1. Parking is available on site next to the boat launch ramps and storage fields.