



# O'PEN BIC "UN-REGatta"

Saturday, August 28, 2010  
Cascade Locks Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon

## NOTICE OF RACE

**INTRODUCTION:** The purpose of this event is to showcase a new format for Youth Sailing in a fun, unorthodox, and loosely competitive style. This format has already proven popular at many O'Pen Bic regattas around the world. Results are not nearly as important as everyone having a good time sailing. 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: Columbia Gorge Racing Association**

#### **1 RULE #1:**

1.1 All sailors are required to participate in the spirit of fun at all times. Violators of Rule #1 will be publicly embarrassed.

#### **2 OTHER RULES:**

- 2.1 Starboard tack has right away over port tack.
- 2.2 Absolutely no intentional contact is permitted. Hitting the Race Committee boat or other competitors is strictly prohibited.
- 2.3 Minor contact of the marks of the course is permitted. Contact that causes any damage, or the location of the mark to change or drag, is not permitted.
- 2.4 When capsizes or freestyle moves are required, you must make sure you are clear of all other sailors when you make the maneuver, and don't obstruct any other sailors.
- 2.5 Competitors shall attempt to remain on or near their vessels at all times.
- 2.6 This event will be decided on the water and not in the protest room. Protests will only be accepted in unusual or extreme circumstances. It is the responsibility of every competitor to sail in a manner that is fair and respectful to their fellow competitors, so that the results are a valid reflection of true sailing ability.
- 2.7 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority that further enforcement of the rules will not be needed. However, if necessary or in doubt, the standard ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply for anything not outlined above. These are readily available on [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).

#### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 This event is open to kids of all ages and skill levels (some sailing experience is required). Boats will be provided or sailors may bring their own boats.
- 3.2 Entry Fee: \$15 per sailor. Includes lunch, snacks, beverages, and a regatta souvenir.
- 3.3 Sailors may pre-register online at [www.cgra.org](http://www.cgra.org). Late entries will be accepted on site from 9-10 am the day of the event.

#### **4 RACING AREA**

- 4.1 Racing will take place off the beach at the northeast end of Cascade Locks Marine Park. Spectators will have a good view of the racing from the bleachers on the point.
- 4.2 Registration, lunch, and awards ceremony will take place in and around the CGRA clubhouse at the west end of the parking lot.

#### **5 FORMAT**

- 5.1 Courses and activities will be announced at the Skippers Meeting or by verbal hail. Expect unconventional courses, required capsizes, stand up sailing, and relay races.
- 5.2 Participants may be divided into age groups or teams, at the Race Committee's discretion, sharing provided boats.

#### **6 SCHEDULE**

- 9-10 am: Registration and check-in
- 10 am: Skippers Meeting
- 10:30 am: First Warning
- 3:30 pm: No races after

Lunch will be served on shore between races. Awards ceremony will take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.

#### **7 SCORING**

- 7.1 RRS A4 Low Point Scoring System (i.e., 1 point for first, 2 points for second, etc.) will apply. At least one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

#### **8 PRIZES**

- 8.1 Positions in the regatta will be recognized. The grand prize will be awarded to the sailor, subjectively judged by the undistinguished panel of judges, who has the most fun at the regatta.

#### **9 FOR MORE INFORMATION** contact Dave Collins at [sailingschool@vlsc.org](mailto:sailingschool@vlsc.org).

**WARNING:** Extreme levels of fun may be experienced during this event. Other craft may appear less exciting after experiencing the O'Pen BIC!

**For more information on the O'Pen BIC, visit:** [www.OpenBic.com](http://www.OpenBic.com)

**To see more O'Pen BIC fun, visit:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)