

Western Australian O'pen BIC Cup 12th-13th December 2015

Hosted by

Mounts Bay Sailing Club

In conjunction with

Australian International O'pen BIC Association Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

O'pen BIC regattas run a little different to regular regattas, so for those used to racing, be prepared for some surprises, and for those new to racing, enjoy the experience and most of all, remember, O'pen BIC sailing is about FUN!

1. RULES

Gold and Silver Fleets

- 1.1.1. The regatta will be governed as defined in ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.1.2. The Yachting Australia Regulations Part 2 (for off the beach boats) shall apply (Attachment 2).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located outside the sailing office of MBSC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions ashore will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.



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4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff in front of the MBSC clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by not less than 20 minutes in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1

Date	Time	Event
Friday 11th December	17:00 18:00	Registration Open in MBSC Clubhouse Rules Session followed by BYO dinner (pizzas, BBQ)
Saturday 12th December	08:00 09:00 09:55 After sailing (17:00 approx.)	Registrations Open in MBSC Clubhouse Welcome and Information Session Warning Signal Sailing Day 1 (no invitation race) Subsequent races to follow Day Presentation
	When convenient	Adventure Sail Parents Sail (kids laugh)
Sunday 13th December	09:55 ASAP after sailing	Warning Signal Sailing Day 2. Subsequent races to follow Prize Giving and WA Team for World O'pen Cup presentation. Hamburgers available to purchase for dinner.



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- 5.2 The regatta will consist of up to 8 races.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 16:00 hrs on Sunday 13th December

6. SIGNING ON / OFF

- 6.1. All skippers shall sign on, upon the sheets provided in front of the sailing office prior to going afloat for racing in any session.
- 6.2. All skippers shall sign off within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat in its last race or the time the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is later.
- 6.3. Boats failing to comply with Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 shall be scored a 5 point penalty in the race held closest to the infringement without a hearing. This changes A4.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Gold fleet: O'pen Bic symbol on a white background.
- 7.2. Silver Fleet: O'pen Bic symbol on a pink background.
- 7.3. Silver fleet competitors will be required to attach a ribbon to the peak of their sail. This ribbon will be issued at registration.

8. RACING AREA

Racing will be conducted on the Swan River in the vicinity of Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Crawley, WA.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Course shall be Windward, Leeward, trapezoid configuration, in accordance with Attachment A.
- 9.2 A course board with the relevant course number will be displayed on the committee boat, no later than the warning signal.
- 9.3 The diagrams on Attachment A show the course, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange inflatable cylindrical buoys.



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11. THE START

Races will be started using RRS 26.

The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and a buoy carrying an orange flag at the port end.

To alert boats that a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the race committee vessel with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal will be displayed.

A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as "did not start". This changes rule A4.

If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle between the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule, and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes rule 26. The scoring abbreviation for a U flag penalty is "UFD". This changes rule 30 and A11. RRS 29.1 does not apply if U flag is used as a preparatory signal.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end, and a buoy at the starboard end.

13. PENALTIES

- a. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- b. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall notify the race office within the protest time.

14. TIME LIMIT

- a. All Gold Fleet boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored points according to Appendix A4.2
- b. Silver Fleet boats may have their race terminated at any time by the Race Officer. Boats will be awarded finishing positions equal to their



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position in the fleet at the time the race is terminated. This changes rule 28.1 and A4.1.

- c. The target time for each race is 40 minutes, and the time limit is 60 minutes for the first boats in gold and silver fleets.

15. PROTESTS AND REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race office within one hour of the finishing time of the last boat in its last race of the session, or the time the race committee signals "no more racing today", whichever is the later. This changes rule 63.1.

15.2 Notices of protests by the race committee shall be posted on the notice board within the protest time limit to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).

15.3 An arbitration hearing will be conducted for all protests lodged in accordance with rule 61 which allege an infringement of a rule of part 2, part 4, or rule 31. Such hearings will be held subsequent to the protest being lodged, and prior to the protest hearing.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When from five to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her worst score.

c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her series scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify a support boat upon leaving the course area and sign off as soon as practicable after returning to MBSC.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

Once the Preparatory Signal is displayed, all private spectator and coach boats shall keep clear and 50 metres outside the course area and to leeward of all competitors when racing. The course area is defined as the area a boat is likely to sail in.

Any official or race committee requested support boat providing assistance to a Silver Fleet competitor shall keep clear of other competitors where possible, and



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shall be considered part of the boat under rule 23 when assisting a boat capsized or not in control. Rule 41 will not apply to a Silver fleet competitor where they receive outside help from a race committee support boat and may continue to race without penalty.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows for the overall results:

- Gold Fleet:
 - Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
 - U13: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Silver Fleet:
 - Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

In addition, other encouragement prizes will be awarded

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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

22. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AU10 million per event or the equivalent. All competitors that complete the entry process are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.
- b. Third Party and Boat insurance can be purchased at www.nautilusinsurance.com.au

23. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authorities, the Coordinating Authorities and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.



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16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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