



2026
O'pen Skiff U.S.
Nationals & "Un-Regatta"
Mission Bay Yacht Club, March 20 - 22, 2026
San Diego, CA 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 2026 O'pen Skiff National Championship and "Un-Regatta" will be held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, March 20 - 22, 2026. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Mission Bay 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. The Race Committee does keep track of results, and we emphasize 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 unconventional "Un-Regatta" style courses and events. Capsizes, boat handling challenges, speed, and fun will be required.

To see what to expect at an "Un-Regatta", go to

<https://youtu.be/jG0w6Foh9kM?si=ZJjon7ExYIP4qNly>

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Protective helmets and Coast Guard approved life jackets are required.

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, 2015 or after.
 - 🕒 U15 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2012 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://theclubspot.com/regatta/9aVqREMCAv>



- 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 March 19th, 2026, 1200pm PST. Entries received after that day will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 Registration fees are: \$195 (\$20 late fee added after February 20th).
- 4.5 The entry fee includes regatta shirt, Saturday BBQ dinner and activity, and lunch Friday, Saturday, and pizza Sunday for registered sailors. Competitors registering after February 28th, 2026, may not receive an event shirt.
- 4.6 Family and friends may purchase a meal for the BBQ on Saturday. They can be pre-ordered online up until 12pm on Thursday, March 19th (there are on-site food options for purchase and local restaurants within walking distance).

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Time	Event
Thursday, March 19th	1030am	Boats/Sailors arrive at MBYC
	0100pm – 0300pm	On-water practice with safety support
	0400pm-0700pm	Check in at MBYC Clubhouse
Friday, March 20th	0800 – 0900am	Check in at MBYC Clubhouse
	0930am	Skipper’s Meeting
	1100am	First Possible Start
Saturday, March 21st	1000am	First Possible Start
	0600pm	Dinner & Group Activity (TBD)
Sunday, March 22nd	0930am	First possible start
	0200pm	Last Possible Start
	0300pm	Awards Party

- 5.1 The number of races and schedule for the day will be determined by the Race Committee and is subject to change.
- 5.2 Any changes to the scheduled race time will be posted on the Notice Board by 7:00pm of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 2:00pm on Sunday, March 22nd.

6. Measurement and Checks

- 6.1 Boats and components must be in conformity with the O’Pen Skiff Class Rules. However, 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.
- 6.2 The Race Committee may inspect boats and crews before, during, and after races for compliance.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/9aVqREMCAv>.

8. RACING FORMAT

- 8.1 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 event.



- 8.2 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.

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.3 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*).

10. JURY/REFEREES

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

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 11.1.1 Top three in the U12, U15, and Open age groups.
 - 11.1.2 The "Un-Regatta" Freestyle competition will be scored and awarded separately.
 - 11.1.3 The annual Nevin Sayre "Vibe" Award and other fun awards as applicable.
 - 11.1.4 Sustainability "Ocean Steward" Award for the competitor that displays sustainability practices throughout the event.

12. 2026 O'PEN SKIFF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 12.1 The 2026 O'pen Skiff Worlds will be held at Kepple Bay Sailing Club in Queensland, Australia, December 29, 2026 to January 4th, 2027. Charter boat availability will be limited. USA charter boat allocation in Australia for sailors with U.S. passports will be determined based on finishing position at the 2026 O'pen Skiff Nationals and sailing resume and ability. Final allocation will be determined by August 1, 2026.

Additionally, O'pen Skiff Worlds competitors may also qualify for travel grants from the US Sailing Foundation and managed by the O'pen Skiff One-Design Director.

13. LIABILITIES

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

13.3 All sailors are required to sign a liability waiver from Tahe Outdoors and the OA.

14. CLEAN REGATTA COMMITMENT

This event is designated as a Clean Regatta. We are committed to sustainability and ask all participants to help us reduce waste and protect our waters. Please bring reusable water bottles, minimize single-use plastics, and dispose of trash responsibly.

15. CONTACTS

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