



2017 Forward Sailing Australian O'pen Cup
4th – 9th January 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

Australian International O'pen BIC Association
in conjunction with the Henley Sailing Club
1 Seaview Road, West Beach, SA, 5024



PREAMBLE

The organising authority is the Henley Sailing Club Incorporated in conjunction with the Australian International O'pen BIC Association Incorporated. The Regatta will be conducted from the 4th January 2017 to the 9th January 2017 on the waters of Gulf St Vincent at West Beach in South Australia.

1. RULES

1.1 Gold Fleet

1.1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020](#), the [Australian Sailing Prescriptions](#) and [Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats](#).

1.1.2. On water umpiring for races will apply, as described in the Sailing instructions.

1.2 Silver Fleet

1.2.1. The regatta will be governed by the [Introductory Rules for Racing](#) and the [Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats](#).

1.3 Green Fleet

1.3.1 Refer to Attachment 2.

1.4 The [class rules](#) of the O'pen BIC Class shall apply to Gold, Silver and Green fleets, with the acceptance to Class Rule C5.1 (i) which is amended to make the carrying of a tow rope mandatory. The tow rope shall be a minimum diameter of 7mm and 5 meters in length with a 150mm loop in the end. It is to be affixed to the mast and bow handle and stowed such that it is ready for towing.

1.5 Any rules and or regulations as altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will be as defined by [World Sailing regulation 20](#).

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2.3 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor when it is in conflict with an event sponsor or the laws of the South Australian or Australian Governments.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the O'pen BIC Class.

3.2 Competitors must be aged under 19 years of age prior to December 31st 2017. Proof of age may be required.

3.3 Competitors must be current members of their National Authority and respective O'pen BIC Class Association.

3.4 Eligible boats must enter by completing the online entry form available at <http://www.openbic.org.au/whats-on/> together with the required fee.

3.5 Late entries will be accepted up until 4th January 2017. Entries received after 30th November will incur a late fee.

3.6 Each entrant will also be charged the following additional fees to cover the costs of the on-line entry system.

(a) \$AUD 1.10 per entrant.

(b) 2.75% of the entrant's total transaction value.

4. FEES

4.1 Required fees are in \$AUD as follows:

4.2 Late Fee applies for entries received after Sunday 30th November 2016.

Class / DivisionFeeLate Fee

Gold Fleet.....\$175 \$195

Silver Fleet\$175 \$195

Green Fleet\$175 \$195

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Program of Events

Day / Date	Event	Time /Warning Signal
Wednesday 4 th January	Registration	0900 – 1200 hours
	Regatta briefing (Gold, Silver and Green)	1230 hours
	Invitation Race (Gold and Silver)	1400 hours
	Welcome Dinner	1800 hours
Thursday 5 th January	Briefing followed by on/off water activities (Green)	0900 - 1230 hours
	Briefing (Gold and Silver)	1130 hours
	Commence on water activities	1200 hours
	Coaching Clinic/Q&A's (Gold and Silver)	TBC
	Daily prize giving	ASAP after Q&A's
Friday 6 th January	Briefing followed by on/off water activities (Green)	0900 – 1230 hours
	Briefing (Gold and Silver)	1130 hours
	Commence on water activities	1200 hours
	Coaching Clinic/Q&A's (Gold and Silver)	TBC
	Daily prize giving	ASAP after Q&A's
Saturday 7 th January	Briefing followed by on/off water activities (Green)	0900 – 1230 hours
	Briefing (Gold and Silver)	1130
	Commence on water activities	1200 hours
	Coaching Clinic/Q&A's (Gold and Silver)	TBC
	Daily prize giving	ASAP after Q&A's
	Official event dinner (Free for competitors)	1900 hours
Sunday 8 th January	Briefing followed by on/off water activities (Green)	0900 - 1230 hours
	Briefing (Gold and Silver)	1130 hours
	Commence on water activities	1200 hours
	Coaching Clinic/Q&A's (Gold and Silver)	TBC
	Daily prize giving	ASAP after Q&A's
Monday 9 th January	Briefing followed by on/off water activities (Green)	0900 – 1230 hours
	Briefing (Gold and Silver)	1130 hours
	Commence on water activities	1200 hours
	Prize giving and Closing Ceremony	1830 hours

5.2 12 races are scheduled.

5.3 No more than 4 races will be sailed back to back.

5.4 No more than 6 races will be sailed on any one day.

5.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1400hours on Monday 9th January 2017.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

6.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a person nominated by the Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available after 1000hrs on the 4th January 2017 from the registration desk. Sailing Instructions may be posted on the regatta web site prior to the event.

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta will be conducted on the waters of Gulf St Vincent adjacent to Henley Sailing Club at West Beach in South Australia.
- 8.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta and the approximate location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be Trapezoid format.
- 9.2 Course diagrams, will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.3 The approximate race duration will be 30 minutes.

10. SCORING

- 11.1 3 completed races will constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When 4 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 [Rule 44.1](#) is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 10.2 Appendix T- Arbitration will apply.
- 10.3 A national jury will be appointed in accordance with rule 70.5.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device, in good condition and in accordance with the specifications which comply with paragraph 5.01.2 of the Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats.
- 12.2 Attention is drawn to Rule 1.2 and Rule 4
[Rule 1.2 - Life-saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices](#) which reads: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."
[Rule 4 - Decision to Race](#) which reads: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 12.3 [Rule 41](#) shall apply when an official safety boat crew assists a boat and/or returns her crews to their boat for safety reasons. The sail number of a boat which receives outside help will be reported to the race committee with details of the incident. The report may be submitted as evidence during a protest.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 13.1 Team managers, coaches and other support personnel shall register online at www.registernow.com.au. Approved Support Boats shall keep at least 100m clear of the course area during racing, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.
- 13.2 All support and coach boats will display an identification number which will be issued upon on-site registration.

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and the sponsors of the event, 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 film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio transmissions except for equipment provided by the organising authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

16.2 **Gold Fleet**

Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

U19 (as at 31st Dec. 2017): 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

U16 (as at 31st Dec. 2017): 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

U13 (as at 31st Dec. 2017): 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

16.3 **Silver Fleet**

Overall: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

16.4 **Green Fleet**

Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions.

16.5 **Other prizes** may be awarded by the Organising Authority.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See [rule 4](#), Decision to Race.

The organising 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5M or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

19. AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the event web site at:

URL = <http://www.openbic.org.au/whats-on/>

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

The Australian International O'pen BIC Association

Ph. 02 9949 1322 or Email: openbic@bicsport.com.au

21. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1 - Regatta Venue and Racing Area

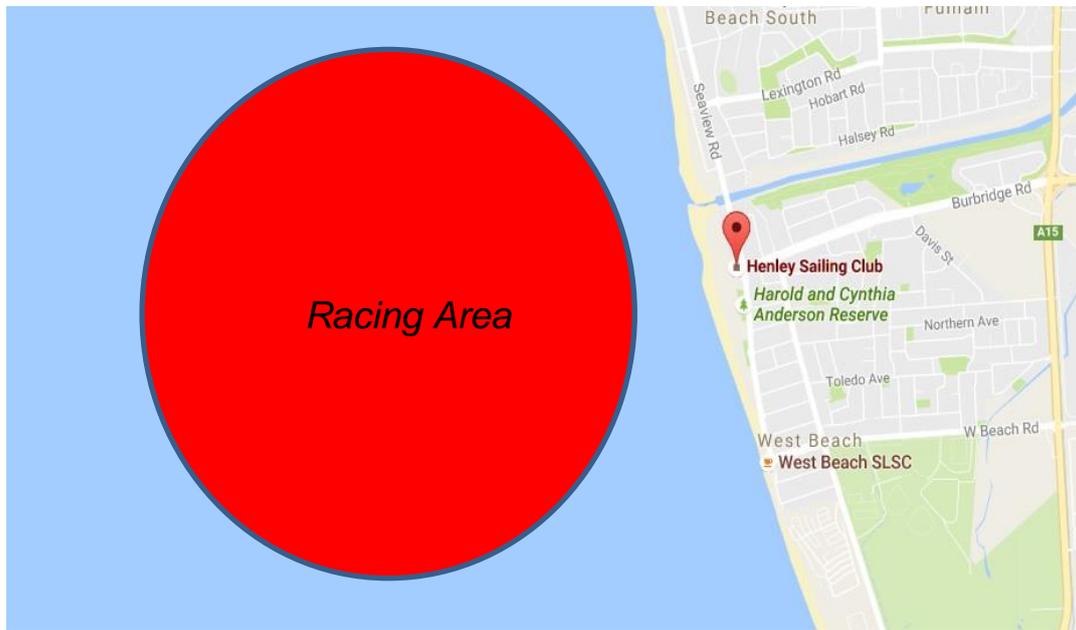
2 - Attachment 2 – Green fleet

3 - Introductory Rules of Sailing

Attachment 1:

Regatta Venue and Racing area

The following maps show the location of the regatta at Henley Sailing Club, West Beach and the approximate location of the racing area.



Attachment 2:

Green Fleet Guidelines

1. In the Green Fleet emphasis is on fun. The objective of this regatta is to offer younger and less experienced sailors the opportunity to sail and participate at the O'pen BIC events without feeling the need or burden to sail in the more competitive and arduous Gold and Silver Fleets.
2. Sailing will be a mixture of adventure sailing, racing, freestyle and any other form of sailing that the organisers deem fit.
3. Sailors will benefit from a high level of coaching throughout the event.
4. Sailors entering the Green Fleet should be of a level of sailing similar and/or equal to [Tackers 2](#).
5. Green Fleet racing is intended to be run dependent on weather forecasts and prevailing winds. Should the conditions be such that racing is an option this will be conducted on a separate course.
6. All Green Fleet participants shall comply with the 2016 International O'pen BIC Class Rules.
7. The Green Fleet will consist of a variety of activities, led by appropriately qualified activity leaders/rules advisors (in an approximate ratio of 1:10 on the water). These activities may include both, shore and on-water based skills, coaching and on-water games.
8. Prizes may be awarded for 'encouragement' and 'taking part' as well as placing for positions. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
9. Briefings for the Green fleet will take place at 0900hrs every day of the event. Sailors will be expected to stay at the event 0900hr – 1230hr each day.
10. Parents, guardians and friends are encouraged to come and spectate but please refrain from coaching/communicating with sailors and allow the qualified coaches to deal with any issues/circumstances that arise.

Attachment 3:

Introductory Rules for Racing



Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The *leeward* side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The *windward* side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on *port* or *starboard* tack according to your *windward* side.

Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

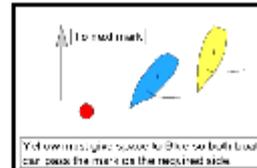
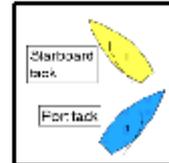
Basic Rules

1. You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. You must try not to collide with another boat.

Rules When Boats Meet

3. When you and the other boat are on opposite *tacks*, if you are on *port* tack you must avoid the boat on *starboard* tack.
4. When you and the other boat are on the same *tack*, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your *leeward* side.
5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite *tacks* at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
6. When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.

Wind direction



Other Rules

7. At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
9. You must not touch a mark of the course.
10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the *advisor* after the race. The *advisor* may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the *advisor* may add extra points to the boat's score.