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**O'PEN SUMMER CIRCUIT**



## 2017 Forward Sailing Wellington O'pen Cup

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March  
2017

### **Notice of Race**

The Organising Authority is the New Zealand O'pen BIC  
Association Inc.

The Host Club is the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club  
(EBYMB)

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#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part I shall apply.
- 1.3. The O'pen BIC Class 2015 World Sailing approved amended version of addendum Q allowing umpiring on the water for races may apply (see Attachment A).
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P may apply according with limitations provided in the Class Rules.
- 1.5. For protests where only a Rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

#### 2. Advertising

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted as per the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the O'pen BIC Class.
- 3.2. Competitors may enter for any of the following divisions:

U13 Division (under the age of 13 at 31 December 2017)

U16 Division (under the age of 16 at 31 December 2017)

U19 Division (under the age of 19 at 31 December 2017)

Proof of age may be required at the time of on-site registration (refer  
NOR 5)



3.3. Eligible skippers may enter by completing the online registration form:

1. visit [www.openbic.org.nz/whats-on](http://www.openbic.org.nz/whats-on)
2. select **Wellington O'pen Cup** link
3. complete online registration process
4. Pay entry fee online

by 1200hrs on Friday 10 March 2017.

3.4. All entries requiring a charter boat are subject to availability and will be allocated on a "first-served basis". When completing the online registration, the sail number used shall be "TBA". Entrants using Charter Boats will have sail numbers and boats allocated to them at the time of on-site registration.

3.5. Non-charter boats must use their designated O'pen BIC sail number at the time of online registration.

3.6. All confirmed entries will be displayed on the event website. Inclusion on this list is considered acceptance of an entry.

3.7. Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion until 1000hrs on Saturday 18 March 2017.

**4. Fees**

4.1. The entry fee is NZD\$30 and must be paid online by credit card at the time of registration.

4.2. Charter Boat Fees:

- (a) The fee for a complete boat will be NZD\$100 and must be paid online by credit card at the time of registration.
- (b) Charter boats and equipment will be allocated by Glide Industries NZ and will be available from 0800hrs on Saturday 18 March 2017.

4.3. Each entrant is also liable for the following on-line registration fees:

- (a) \$1.10 per entrant, and
- (b) 4% of the entrant's total transaction value.

**5. Schedule**

**5.1. On-Site Registration & Charter Boat Allocation and Collection**

Saturday 18 March                      0800 – 0945hrs                      EBYMBC

**5.2. Briefing & Sailing**

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 18 March	0945	Briefing
	1030	On water activities
	1230	Lunch
	1400	On water activities
	1800	BBQ at EBYMBC
Sunday 19 March	0930	Coaching Clinic
	1000	Briefing
	1030	On water activities



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	1230	Lunch
	1400	On water activities
	1700	Prize giving at EBYMBC

**6. Measurement**

- 6.1. All boats must comply with the rules of the O'pen BIC Class.
- 6.2. Only official O'pen BIC 3.8m or 4.5m sails shall be used in the regatta.
- 6.3. A safety check and/or equipment check may be made on any boat at any time during the event.

**7. Sailing Instructions**

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of On-site Registration. The Sailing Instructions may also be posted on [www.openbic.org.nz](http://www.openbic.org.nz) prior to the event.

**8. Venue**

- 8.1. The Regatta Venue is the Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club (EBYMBC). Refer to Attachment B.
- 8.2. The Racing area is the waters known as Evans Bay.

**9. Courses to be Sailed**

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed and course diagrams will be supplied with the Sailing Instructions.

**10. Penalty System**

- 10.1. Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the 'Two-Turns' penalty is replaced by the 'One-Turn' Penalty.

**11. Scoring**

- 11.1. 1 race is required to be completed to 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 from 4 to 8 races have been complete, 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 worst 2 scores.

**12. Launching**

- 12.1 Unless otherwise directed by the Host Club, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved at the direction of Club representatives from the ramps adjacent to the EBYMBC.

**13. Coaching and Support Boats**

- 13.1. All Coaching and Support boats shall complete the online registration via the entry portal (refer to NOR 3.3).
- 13.2. All boats must carry a VHF radio transceiver capable of receiving and transmitting VHF channel 62 and 77 and must assist the Race Committee as directed if required.
- 13.3. Further information will be provided to registered boats by the Organising Authority or Race Committee.

**14. Radio Communication**

- 14.1. 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.

**15. Prizes**

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15.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Gold Fleet:	- Age Group Categories:	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	- Overall	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Silver Fleet	- Overall	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>

15.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1. Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. Refer to RRS rule 4. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race.

16.2. Competitors accept that 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 agrees and acknowledges that:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 17. Insurance

17.1 Participants that are chartering boats from the Organising Authority do not require third party liability insurance as it is provided under a separate group policy

17.2 All other entrants shall have third party liability insurance cover of not less than NZD\$100,000. Proof of insurance must be provided if requested.

## 18. Rights to use name and Likeness

By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, Host Club, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

## 19. Further Information

For further information please contact:

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## Attachment A – Modified Version of Addendum Q

### ADDENDUM Q UMPIRED FLEET RACING

This addendum has been approved by World Sailing in accordance with rule 86.2 and World Sailing Regulation 28.1.3. Version: June 12, 2015 amended for the Open BIC Class. These sailing instructions change the definition Proper Course, and rules 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3 and B5.

**Q1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES** Additional changes to rules are made in instructions Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5. Q1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4 (a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.' (b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails: (1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and (2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward. Q1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration (a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while racing.' (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions Q2.1 and Q2.4.' (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted. (d) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of this addendum. (e) Rules P1 to P3 shall not apply.

#### Q2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

**Q2.1** While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' at the first reasonable opportunity.

**Q2.2** A boat that protests as provided in instruction Q2.1 is not entitled to a hearing. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction Q3.1.

**Q2.3** At the finishing line, when the last boat of a fleet finishes, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

**Q2.4** A boat intending to (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or (c) request redress shall hail the race committee before or during the display of flag B. The same time limit applies to protests under instructions Q5.4 and Q5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

**Q2.5** The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction Q2.4.

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## Q3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

**Q3.1** An umpire will signal a decision as follows: (a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty. (b) ) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat. (c) ) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified. Q3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction Q3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule 44.2. (b) A boat disqualified under instruction Q3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

## Q4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

**Q4.1** When a boat (a) breaks a Part 2 rule except rule 14. (b) breaks rule 42, (c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty, (d) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty, (e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or (f) fails to comply with instruction Q3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire, an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken as described in rule 44.2, each signalled in accordance with instruction Q3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction Q4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

**Q4.2** (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes. (b) When a boat breaks instruction Q4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction Q3.1(c). Q4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

## Q5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

**Q5.1** No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

**Q5.2** A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

**Q5.3** (a) Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. (b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. (c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

**Q5.4** The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

**Q5.5** The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction Q3.2 or Q4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction Q2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.



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## Attachment B – Location of Evans Bay Yacht & Motor Boat Club

