



## 2023 Indian O'pen Nationals

Mandwa Beach, 26-28 Jan, 2024  
Mandwa, Maharashtra, India

### **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.**

#### **DATE, VENUE, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, and O'PEN SKIFF ATTITUDE**

The 2024 O'pen Skiff (formerly "O'pen BIC") Indian O'pen Nationals will be held at the Mandwa Beach, 26-28 Jan, 2024. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is O'pen Skiff Sailing, India. The host clubs are Bombay Sailing Association and 24Seven Sailing.

Important Event Introduction: The objective of this event is to organise an enjoyable gathering for young sailors, focusing less on intense competition and more on a relaxed and dynamic sailing experience. The emphasis is not solely on achieving impressive results, but rather on ensuring that everyone has a great time on the water. Our primary aim is to help the sailors enhance their skills, forge new friendships, demonstrate exceptional sportsmanship, and thoroughly enjoy themselves. This event will blend traditional race formats with innovative "Un-Regatta" style courses and activities. Anticipate a departure from the conventional windward-leeward racing and upwind starts in all races. Instead, expect challenges such as capsizing, navigating tricky boat handling situations, and prioritizing both speed and fun. If you are a dedicated racer who strictly adheres to the rule book, this event might not align with your preferences.

However, if you seek an enjoyable experience that pushes your boundaries and contributes to the pioneering of a new era in Youth Sailing, we warmly welcome you to join us and be part of the excitement.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The fleet comprises three Divisions. This modifies Class Rule C.2.3

- U12 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2012 or after
- U15 Division: Competitors born January 1st, 2009 or after
- Open Division (all ages welcome)

Keeping safety in mind, minimum competency on the O'pen Skiff will be required to be demonstrated to the organizers before the event in order to be eligible to compete.

## **SCHEDULE**

20 Jan, 2024	Charter Boats available	
26 Jan, 2024	Skipper's meeting	9 am
	Day 1 - First possible start (upto 6 races)	11 am
27 Jan, 2024	Day 2 - First possible start (upto 6 races)	8 am
28 Jan, 2024	Day 3 - Last possible start (upto 4 races)	3 pm
	Awards evening	5 pm - 6 pm

The number of races and schedule for each day will be determined by the Race Committee.

During the races, there might be special activities which would increase your chances of winning.

## **RULES**

The regatta rules will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions which may modify standard World Sailing rules, and the OBCA's Class Rules where applicable.

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.

## **ENTRY**

Fill this form <https://forms.gle/Pa3maumSD8XfQwSr7> for registration.

## **ENTRY FEES**

The entry fee is Rs.5000 per sailor, and includes a regatta shirt, special social event, and Awards party. Entry Fee will increase to Rs.7000 on November 1, 2023. Registration will close at noon on December 20, 2023.

## **CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of Charter Boats are available from 24Seven Sailing on a first come/first serve basis. Please email Jigar Shah at [jigar@24sevensailing.com](mailto:jigar@24sevensailing.com) as soon as possible if you think you may need a charter boat and we'll get you on the preliminary list. All boats come complete and ready to sail and have fun, with the One Design 4.5m sail. Charter reservations will have final confirmation only when charter fee is paid and the sailor is registered for the event. Here are the reservation options:

- Charter complete O'pen Skiff (Event Date) - Rs.15000.
- Purchase brand new O'pen Skiff, delivered for the event. You take ownership of the boat on delivery.

The booking deadline is likely 31 October, 2023, but we will likely run out well before then. Additional fleet discounts are available. Contact [jigar@24sevensailing.com](mailto:jigar@24sevensailing.com)

## **MEASUREMENTS AND CHECKS**

Boats and components must be in conformity with the O'pen Skiff Class Rules. However, the O'pen Skiff (or "O'pen BIC") produced 4.5m One Design (mono film), 4.5m Dacron, 3.8m, or 3.5m sails are all welcome. The Race Committee may check boats and crews before, during, and after the races.

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the event at <https://www.openskiffindia.org>.

## **RACING FORMAT**

The number of races for all the Divisions will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. Three valid races are required to constitute the championship. 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.

## **SCORING SYSTEM**

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

There will be a discard race for every 4 races completed, i.e. one discard for 4 races, two discards for 8, 3 discards for 12, etc.

## **JURY/REFEREES**

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

## **ADVERTISING**

Advertising is permitted as per O'pen Skiff Class Rules.

## **PRIZING**

Prizes will be awarded to Top 3 in the following categories:

- U10 Division (Competitors born after January 1st, 2014)
- U12 Division
- U15 Division
- Open

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Limited accommodation is available at Bombay Sailing Association properties (for registered competitors only) and will be available at First Come, First Serve basis. Please fill this form to book your slot.

<https://forms.gle/rVh5UQTA8Ujo7KdUA>

## **LIABILITIES**

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start and continue in any race or event. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the regatta is at their exclusive risk in every respect.

World Sailing RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race, will apply. The Organising Authority, Bombay Sailing Association, their officers, members, servants and agents, O'pen Skiff Class, and the Race Management team and organisation accept no responsibility with respect to loss of life, personal injury, or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of participation or intended participation in the regatta, or arising in connection with the regatta.

## **CONTACTS**

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