



**O'pen Skiff U.S.
SKIFFFEST
Wayzata Sailing, June 12 & 13, 2026
Wayzata, MN USA**

NOTICE OF RACE

WARNING: Extreme levels of fun may be experienced during this event. Superlatives will be used frequently. 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 SKIFFFEST "Un-Regatta" will be held at Wayzata Sailing, June 12 & 13 2026. The Organizing Authority for this regatta is Wayzata Sailing in association with the O'pen Skiff Class USA.

Important Event Introduction: The purpose of this regatta 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 appropriate inherently buoyant USCG type III or V PFDs are required to be worn while sailing.

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/jXoiDArPOI>
- 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 June 10th @ Noon.
- 4.4 Registration fees are: \$125



- 4.5 The entry fee includes:
 Regatta entry, O'pen Skiff class membership & baseball cap, regatta t-shirt, competitor lunches [Friday & Saturday], dinner and shore games [Friday], & root beer floats [Saturday post racing/awards].
- 4.6 Current class members should request an entry discount code before registering from jen.guimaraes@taheoutdoors.com
- 4.7 Friends and Family tickets are available for Friday evening dinner during registration.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Time	Event
Thursday, June 11th	0900	Building/Facility Open
	1300 -1600	Check in at Wayzata Sailing
	1300 -1600	Charter Boats Available
	1300 -1600	Sailing available with WS team
Friday, June 12th	0800 – 0900	Check in at Wayzata Yacht Club
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Possible Start
	Following Racing	Dinner & Group Activities
Saturday, June 13th	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1000	First Possible Start
	1500	Awards & Root Beer Floats

- 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 1900 of the preceding day. No warning signal will be given after 1400 on Saturday.

6. CHARTER / PROVIDED BOATS

6.1 Wayzata Sailing Provided Equipment

20 boats will be made available from Wayzata Sailing on a first come/first serve basis, at no cost, for WS program participants.

6.2 O'pen Skiff USA Charters

A limited number of boats may be available from O'pen Skiff USA on a first come/first serve basis. All boats come complete and ready to sail 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 only] - PRICE TBA March 15th - limited availability**

1. Apply online (register under the "charter application" category).
2. Email jen.guimaraes@taheoutdoors.com to confirm.
3. Consider purchasing a boat to lock in your charter.

🕒 **[Purchase] - \$3400 - Contact: jen.guimaraes@taheoutdoors.com.**

Purchase a new and discounted O'pen Skiff, delivered to the event, without shipping or additional charter fees. You take ownership of the boat on delivery.

7. Measurement and Checks

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The Race Committee may inspect boats and crews before, during, and after races for compliance.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9. RACING FORMAT

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.

10. SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 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.*)

11. JURY/REFEREES

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

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - 12.1.1 Top 3 overall.
 - 12.1.2 Top Woman in the U12, U15, and Open age groups.
 - 12.1.3 Top sailor in the U12, U15, and Open age groups.
 - 12.1.4 The "Un-Regatta" Freestyle competition.
 - 12.1.5 Other fun awards as chosen by Jen and Dax.
 - 12.1.6 Sustainability "Lake Steward" Award for competitor sustainability practices.

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.

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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