

# O'PEN BIC

## CLASS RULES

2006-2007



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# INTRODUCTION

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The objective of the O'pen Bic class is to provide an exciting format of dinghy racing for young people.

The O'pen Bic Class uses a sail boat designed by Bic Sport.

O'pen Bic hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails are measurement/manufacturing controlled.

O'pen Bic hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails **shall** be built by a manufacturer licensed by Bic Sport - in the class rules referred to as licensed manufacturers. Equipment is required to comply with the O'pen BIC One Design Building Specification and in the event that the O'pen BIC becomes a Recognised Class will be subject to an ISAF approved manufacturing control system.

O'pen Bic hulls, hull appendages, rigs and sails may, after having left the manufacturer, only be altered to the extent permitted in Section C of the class rules.

Rules regulating the use of equipment during a race are contained in Section C of these class rules, in ERS Part I and in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

These rules will be adopted by the O'pen BIC Class Association (OBICA) until the time that the OBICA becomes a Recognised ISAF Class. When this happens, standard ISAF rules will be adopted (see section A.3 and A.4 where ISAF would become the international authority of the class).

This introduction only provides an informal background and the International O'pen Bic Class Rules proper begin on the next page.

# PART I – ADMINISTRATION

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## Section A – General

### A.1 LANGUAGE

- A.1.1 The official language of the class is English and in case of dispute over translation the English text shall prevail.
- A.1.2 The word “shall” is mandatory and the word “may” is permissive.

### A.2 ABBREVIATIONS

- A.2.1 ISAF International Sailing Federation
- MNA ISAF Member National Authority
- OBCA O’pen Bic Class Association
- NCA National Class Association
- ERS Equipment Rules of Sailing
- RRS Racing Rules of Sailing

### A.3 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.3.1 The international authority of the class is the OBCA in all matters concerning these **class rules**.
- A.3.2 No liability or legal responsibility in respect of these rules can be accepted by the OBCA, or its delegated representatives.

### A.4 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLASS

- A.4.1 The OBCA will delegate its administrative functions of the class to MNAs. The MNA may delegate part or all of its functions, as stated in these **class rules**, to a NCA.
- A.4.2 In countries where there is no MNA, or the MNA does not wish to administrate the class, its administrative functions as stated in these **class rules** shall be carried out by the OBCA which may delegate the administration to a NCA.

### A.5 RULES

- A.5.1 These **class rules** shall be read in conjunction with the ERS.
- A.5.2 Except where used in headings, when a term is printed in “**bold**” the definition in the ERS applies and when a term is printed in “*italics*” the definition in the RRS applies.

### A.6 CLASS RULES VARIATIONS

- A.6.1 At Class Events – see RRS 88.1.d) – ISAF Regulation 26.5(f) applies. However, the ultimate approval authority will be the OBCA until the OBCA becomes ISAF Recognised. At all other events RRS 86 applies.

## **A.7 CLASS RULES AMENDMENTS**

- A.7.1 Amendments to these **class rules** are subject to the approval of the OBCA in accordance with ISAF Regulations.

## **A.8 CLASS RULES INTERPRETATION**

- A.8.1 Interpretation of **class rules** shall be made in accordance with the ISAF Regulations.

## **A.9 SAIL NUMBERS**

- A.9.1 Sail numbers shall be issued by the NCA, or the OBCA where there is no NCA.
- A.9.2 Sail numbers shall be issued in consecutive order starting at “1”, and may be preceded by the national letters at international events in accordance with RRS appendix G.1.1.

## **A.10 HULL CERTIFICATION**

- A.10.1 Hull certificates are not issued.

## Section B – Boat Eligibility

For a **boat** to be eligible for *racing*, it shall comply with the rules in this section.

### B.1 EVENT INSPECTION

#### B.1.1 General

- (a) For the purpose of RRS 78, **crews** are considered to be owners.
- (b) The role of Inspectors at an event is to verify that equipment has been produced by a Licensed Manufacturer and has not been subsequently altered, using whatever inspection means they deem appropriate, including comparison with a standard or a sample of other equipment presented for inspection. Should this comparison reveal deviation greater than the Inspector considers being within manufacturing tolerances, this should be reported to technical representatives of ISAF, OBCA and Bic Sport for investigation and a decision on the legality of the equipment. If this investigation takes longer than the time available for inspection, the owner may present alternative equipment for inspection.
- (c) Due to time limitations, Inspectors may not inspect all **crews'** equipment at major National or International events. Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race, Inspectors may select equipment for inspection on the following basis:
  - i. The equipment of the top finishing **crews** only (after a race).
  - ii. The equipment of those **crews** against which a protest has been lodged by other **crews**.
  - iii. A random selection of different **crews'** equipment.

### B.2 EVENT LIMITATION MARKS

- B.2.1 All items of a **crew's** equipment which are subject to control as per the schedule on the Regatta Equipment Control Form and which require **event limitation marks** shall be so marked.
- B.2.2 Some items of equipment may receive two event limitation marks, one in a readily visible position and a second in a position

### B.3 REGISTRATION

- B.3.1 In accordance with the requirements of the OBCA Event Inspection Regulations for International Regattas or the event organising authority, crews shall present their hull, hull appendages, sail and rig as intended to be raced for event inspection.
- B.3.2 No sailor is permitted to race at a National or International Regatta unless he/she is a member of his/her NCA. If there is no NCA then the sailor must be a member of the OBCA.

#### **B.4 CLASS ASSOCIATION MARKINGS**

- B.4.1 A valid Class Association Sticker, if required by the NCA or the OBCA, shall be affixed to the hull in a conspicuous position.
- B.4.2 A valid Class Association Sail Label, if required by the NCA or the OBCA, shall be affixed to the sail in a conspicuous position.

## PART II – REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

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The **crew** and the **boat** shall comply with the rules in Part II when *racing*. In case of conflict Section C shall prevail.

The rules in Part II are **closed class rules**. **Certification control** and **equipment inspection** shall be carried out in accordance with the ERS except where varied in this Part.

### Section C – Conditions for Racing

#### C.1 GENERAL

##### C.1.1 RULES

- (a) RRS 50.4 shall not apply.
- (b) The ERS Part I – Use of Equipment shall apply.
- (c) ERS Part 1 A.2 does not apply.

#### C.2 CREW

##### C.2.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) The **crew** shall consist of one person.

##### C.2.2 WEIGHTS

- (a) The total weight of the **crew** dressed in underwear shall be no more than 90 kg.

##### C.2.3 DIVISIONS

###### (a) Age / Gender Divisions

- i. U12 Division: Boy or girl under the age of 12 years old.
- ii. Open Division: Boy or girl with no restriction on age.
- iii. A **crew** shall not be older than the maximum age limit, in the relevant age division, by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition.

#### C.3 PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

**Personal equipment** does not have to be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

##### C.3.1 MANDATORY

- (a) Each crew member shall wear **personal buoyancy** to the minimum standard EN 393: 1995 (CE 50 Newtons), or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD 1, or equivalent.
- (b) Clothing and equipment worn or carried by the **crew** shall not weigh more than 4 kg when weighed in accordance with RRS Appendix H.

C.3.2 OPTIONAL

- (a) Each **crew** member may carry a container for holding food and beverages in accordance with RRS Appendix B.2.1 (b).

**C.4 ADVERTISING**

C.4.1 LIMITATIONS

Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with Category C of the ISAF Advertising Code.

**C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT**

Portable equipment does not have to be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

C.5.1 OPTIONAL

- (i) Towing rope of minimum length 5 m long and a recommended thickness of 5mm may be carried by the crew. The use of the tow rope may be specified as compulsory in an event's Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

**C.6 HULL**

C.6.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one **hull** shall be used during an event, except when lost or damaged beyond repair. Such replacements may be made only with the approval of the Jury.

C.6.2 FITTINGS

(a) USE

- (1) Drainage plugs shall be kept in place at all times.
- (2) The length of the toe strap may be adjusted provided that it performs the same function.

### C.6.3 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) The **hull** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these **class rules**.
- (b) Repairs may be carried out provided such repairs are made in such a way that the essential shape, characteristics or function of the original are not affected. The serial number shall remain legible.
- (c) Repairs to the underside of the hull shall be carried out in a contrasting colour.
- (d) The underside of the hull may be rubbed down and polished.
- (e) The daggerboard cassette may be shimmed.
- (f) Additional grip pads may be added to the deck (maximum thickness 2,5 mm, black colour).

## C.7 HULL APPENDAGES

### C.7.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one **daggerboard** and one **rudder** blade shall be used during an event, except when a **hull appendage** has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Such replacements may be made only with the approval of the Jury.

### C.7.2 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) The **hull appendages** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these class rules.
- (b) Repairs may be carried out provided such repairs are made in such a way that the essential shape, characteristics or function of the original are not affected.
- (c) Repairs to the **daggerboard or rudder** blade shall be carried out in a contrasting colour.
- (d) The **hull appendages** may be rubbed down and polished.

### C.7.3 FITTINGS

- (a) USE
  - (1) The **daggerboard** shock cord shall be fitted.
  - (2) The **rudder** leash or an alternative security system shall be fitted.
  - (3) Additional clips, leashes or ties to secure safety of hull appendages are permitted.

## C.8 RIG

### C.8.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one set of **spars** and **rigging** shall be used during an event, except when an item has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Such replacements may be made only with the approval of the Jury.

## C.8.2 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) The **spars** and **rigging** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these class rules.
- (b) Repairs may be carried out provided such repairs are made in such a way that the essential shape, characteristics or function of the original are not affected.

## C.8.3 FITTINGS

### (a) USE

- (1) The boom **spar** may be set at any height according to the adjustment of the vario top at the head of the sail.
- (2) The use of the boom safety attachment is optional. If used, it shall be mounted as prescribed by the user manual of the O'pen Bic, with any tension applied to the Cunningham also tensioning the boom safety attachment.

## C.9 SAILS

### C.9.1 LIMITATIONS

- (a) Only one **sail** shall be used during an event except when a **sail** has been lost or damaged beyond repair. Such replacements may be made only with the approval of the Jury.

### C.9.2 MODIFICATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- (a) The **sail** shall not be altered in any way except as permitted by these class rules.
- (b) Repairs shall be carried out provided such repairs are made in such a way that the essential shape, characteristics or function of the original are not affected.
- (c) For repairs of rips in the monofilm material, a clear adhesive patch will be used to repair the sail where the rip is less than 10 cm long. For damage covering a greater area, the whole panel may be replaced in accordance with Rule C.9.2 (b).
- (c) Battens may be trimmed by up to 5mm to improve their rotation in light airs.

### C.9.3 SAIL

#### (a) IDENTIFICATION

- (1) The national letters and sail numbers shall comply with the RRS except where prescribed otherwise in these **class rules**.
- (2) The numbers shall be placed within the 2<sup>nd</sup> sail panel from the bottom of the sail, and the letters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> panel from the bottom of the sail, in accordance with RRS appendix G1.3.

#### (b) DIVISION IDENTIFICATION

At events where the organising authority specifies the use of identification of division, this will be made clear in the Notice of Race for that particular event.

(c) **USE**

- (1) The **sail** may be positioned at any height on the mast by adjusting the length of the vario top webbing at the head of the sail.

## **Section D – Hull**

### **D.1 MANUFACTURERS**

- (a) The **hull** and fittings shall be produced by a licensed manufacturer.  
(b) The **hull** shall be produced only by using moulds in the possession of Bic Sport.

### **D.2 IDENTIFICATION**

- (a) The **hull** shall carry the unique serial number issued by the licensed manufacturer in a legible condition.

### **D.3 MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION AND DIMENSIONS**

- (a) The **hull** shall comply with the O'pen BIC One Design Building Specification.  
(b) **HULL WEIGHT**  
(1) The bare **hull** weight shall not weigh less than 42,5 kg (+/- 2,5%).  
(2) Any corrector weights shall be securely fixed in a visible position that ensures compliance with C.7.2 (a).  
(3) The **hull** may be weighed wet after a minimum of 10 minutes draining with bung removed.

### **D.4 FITTINGS**

- (a) Front towing handle.  
(b) Mast cup top bracket, including Cunningham attachment point.  
(c) Front hull protection piece.  
(d) Daggerboard cassette complete.  
(e) Mainsheet attachment eyelet.  
(f) Set of deck pads.  
(g) Central footstrap.  
(h) Rudder attachment points.  
(i) Rear towing eyelets.

## **Section E – Hull Appendages**

### **E.1 MANUFACTURERS**

- (a) The **hull appendages** and fittings shall be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

## **E.2 IDENTIFICATION**

- (a) The **hull appendages** (daggerboard and rudderblade only) shall carry the unique serial number issued by the licensed manufacturer in a legible condition.

## **E.3 MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION AND DIMENSIONS**

- (a) The **hull appendages** shall comply with the O'pen BIC One Design Building Specification.

## **E.4 PARTS**

- (a) Daggerboard
- (b) Daggerboard shock cord
- (c) Rudder blade
- (d) Rudder blade head including tiller, tiller extension, rudder blade raising and lowering cords.

# **Section F – Rig**

## **F.1 MANUFACTURERS**

- (a) **Masts, booms** and fittings shall be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

## **F.2 IDENTIFICATION**

- (a) The **mast** shall carry the unique serial number issued by the licensed manufacturer in a legible condition.
- (b) For those masts produced in the year 2006, no serial number is necessary. However, the mast will still carry the O'pen Bic logo.

## **F.3 MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION AND DIMENSIONS**

- (a) Masts, booms and fittings shall comply with the O'pen BIC One Design Building Specification.

## **F.4 PARTS**

- (a) Mast bottom and mast top.
- (b) Boom including clew cleat, clew attachment hook, clew rope, main sheet attachment webbing, boom security webbing and pulley, front fork.

# **Section G – Sails**

## **G.1 MANUFACTURERS**

- (a) The **sail** shall be produced by a licensed manufacturer.

## **G.2 IDENTIFICATION**

- (a) The **sail** shall carry the class insignia applied by the manufacturer.

### **G.3 MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION AND DIMENSIONS**

- (a) The **sail** shall comply with the O'pen Bic One Design Building Specification.
- (b) The O'pen BIC One Design Building Specification includes two **sail** designs: a former sail delivered until end July 2007 and the current sail. Both sails shall be accepted in O'pen BIC Class competition.

### **G.4 FITTINGS**

- (a) Vario Top.
- (b) Battens.
- (c) Batten end adjuster.
- (d) Downhaul Tack Pulley.

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