

THE INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SKIFF



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It's now 10 years that the O'pen BIC has been blowing a wind of change through the world of dinghy sailing for kids. Designed specifically for kids, the O'pen BIC is a true glide machine for real excitement on the water. The O'pen BIC, with its modern and powerful rig, is a fast boat, quick to respond, self-bailing, and is fitted by the best marine hardware manufacturers.

The O'pen BIC is THE link between the Optimist generation and the new generation of sailing dinghies.

Launched in 2006, the O'pen BIC has already convinced more than 7000 young sailors around the world. They love the fun they can get out of it, its capacity to react fast and its prowess. A World Sailing international class is also very active for those who enjoy competitive racing. Racing enthusiasts benefit from an energetic international World Sailing Class and from the motivation of many national federations who have selected the O'pen BIC for their clubs. This enthusiasm and appeal for the boat can be witnessed from the success of the last World Cups on lake Garda in Italy and in Travemünde in Germany and from the many regattas that are organized every season around the world. In certain instances, some regattas at national level were able to organize very innovative race formats. The UN Regatta in the United States of America and in Australia are the best example: they put together a cocktail of ingenious freestyle sessions as well as more standard-type regattas, all in a very festive atmosphere... The young racers really enjoyed!



Technical data

- Length : 2.75m
- Width : 1.14m
- Weight : 45kgs (hull only)
- Hull technology : Thermoformed polyethylene
- Ideal sailor weight : 30 to 65kgs
- Max. user weight : 90kgs
- Daggerboard : Composite Epoxy
- Rudder Blade : Composite Epoxy



For Fun, Recreation, Perfection & Racing



The hull of the O'pen BIC was designed with fun sailing as the priority. It is a modern boat where the hull is as open as possible, thereby leaving the helmsman completely free to move around and trim the boat to any wind and water conditions. When hiking, the large sides allow the sailor to set-up comfortably with his/her feet in the straps without placing any unnecessary stress on the body. The totally open and sloping cockpit means that there is absolutely no water in the boat either during sailing or just after a capsize. A relatively hard chine design was chosen for the bottom shape of the hull. Used by numerous modern boat architects, this design offers an excellent compromise between performance and stability. When reaching or broad-reaching, the boat accelerates quickly to planing speed. When close-reaching, the boat sets on its chine and has excellent performance up wind. The hull includes integrated carry handles for easy launching into the water and easy transport.





The O'pen BIC Breaks Away from "Classic Sailing"

International Class

The aim of the International O'pen BIC Class is to provide an exciting format of international and national dinghy sailing for young sailors. The steady annual growth of the Events' Calendar is proof that the Class's formula of providing exciting race formats on an attractive boat is a great success. At present there are over 10 countries that have regular event calendars of national competitions, and the international World O'pen Cup is the pinnacle each year. The O'pen Cup event style is very original, with some highly innovative courses and race rules derived from funboarding, where races are short and quick, the course changes regularly and can include crosswind legs and freestyle moves or an adventure race, and protests are judged immediately out on the water so no racing time or effort is wasted! These improvements are in line with World Sailing's Introductory Rules of Sailing, and are quite a break from the last 40 years of «classic» sailing. O'pen Cups are a cocktail of fun and pure regatta racing, great for motivating our young sailors and keeping them hooked for life! More information on the Class rules and on the various regattas worldwide can be found on the Class website.



High quality rigs

The rig includes a fully-battened, 4.5m² mono-film sail with mast pocket, similar to that of a windsurf sail. Rigged on an epoxy mast, the sail has been designed with an open leech to give sailors maximum control and performance in windy conditions. The Cunningham tackle (6 threads + cleat) associated with the boom vang / boom safety attachment, allows sailors to trim efficiently the tension of the sail. The 3.8 m² dacron sail has been designed for clubs and can be rigged on the same mast and boom as the 4.5 m² monofilm rig.

O'pen BIC Monofilm 4.5m² Rig

Sail: 4.5m²; K film polyester - 4 battens/adjustable tension
Mast: 3.90m / 2 parts / 2 kg - fiberglass epoxy - IMCS 16
Boom: 2.00m - aluminium



Monofilm Sail 4.5 m²



Dacron Sail 3.8 m²

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