



2022 FICKER CUP

World Match Racing Tour

Grade 2 Event

April 14-16, 2022
Registration and Practice April 13

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Long Beach Yacht Club. www.lbyc.org

2 VENUE

The venue will be Long Beach, California USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade 2 and a World Match Racing Tour World Tour event. This grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from April 13 at 0900
- (b) Registration April 13 from 0900 to 1100
- (c) Crew weighing April 13 from 0900 to 1100 or April 14 0900 to 1000
- (d) Practice April 13 from 1100 to 1700
- (e) First briefing on April 14 at 1000
- (f) First meeting with umpires immediately following First Briefing
- (g) No Opening Ceremony
- (h) Racing days from April 14-16
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1130 or as announced at daily briefing
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1800
- (k) No Daily Press Conference
- (l) Prize giving immediately after racing on the final day

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Photo shoot with each team in team uniforms after weigh-in
- (d) Prize giving for the top three skippers and crews

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Eight (8) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing or via email to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.6 A non-refundable entry bond in the amount of \$300 US shall accompany the acceptance of invitation to be valid. All payments shall be made in US funds by credit card.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The skipper shall be entered upon completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card.

6.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$850, including the \$300 entry bond in NOR 5.6.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by WS (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$3500 USD shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 15 days after the event.

7 RULES

7.1 Rules

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 An IJ will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in Catalina 37 type boats.

8.2 9 boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 6 or 7 excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 525 kg/1157.625 lbs, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on seeding/draw/results in previous competition/World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Double Round Robin

Stage 2 – Semi Finals

Stage 3 – Finals and Petite Finals

10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. Leeward gates may be used.
11.2 The intended course area will be the Congressional Cup Stadium Course in Long Beach Harbor.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
12.2 The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Boats and Sails. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
12.3 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

The principal prize for first place will be the winner's name engraved on the Ficker Cup perpetual trophy. The first and second place finishers will receive invitations to the 2022 Congressional Cup. If either invitation is declined, the OA may invite a lower ranked finisher at its discretion. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:
(a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
(b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
(c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.
14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA-supplied media equipment.
14.3 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
15.2 Any interference by a coach boat or Support Person with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each team is required to display the provided regatta flag from the backstay at all times.

17 DISCLAIMER

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, PC, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained because of participation in this event. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form.

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