



2023 CONGRESSIONAL CUP
Long Beach Yacht Club - OA
World Match Racing Tour
Grade WC Event
Long Beach CA USA

April 18-22, 2023
Registration & Practice April 17

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
NoR: Notice of Race
OA: Organizing Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instruction
RC: Race Committee
TD: Technical Delegate
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C. World Sailing Appendix UF for Umpired Fleet Racing will be in effect for the Fleet Race.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 Any prescriptions of the national authority that apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.6 The event is a World Sailing (WS) Grade WC and a World Match Race Tour World Championship (WC) event. This grading is subject to review by WS. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.7 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91.B and RRS Appendix N. The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available after 1800 on April 16, 2023 on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#)
- 3.2 As a courtesy, documents and notices may also be posted on the north-facing window of the Regatta Room.
- 3.3 Signals made ashore will be made from the flag pole on the East deck.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited, including two (2) from the 2023 Ficker Cup. Skippers wishing to receive an invitation may resister their request with the OA via email to: bpiercy2016@gmail.com
- 4.2 Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 4.4 All competitors shall obtain a WS Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/> Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.5 The skipper shall complete registration, pay damage deposit of \$3500 USD and shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing, all between April 17 from 0900 to 1100 or April 18 from 0900 to 1000 unless extended by the OA. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 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 27.2.2(d)).

5 DAMAGE/DAMAGE DEPOSIT

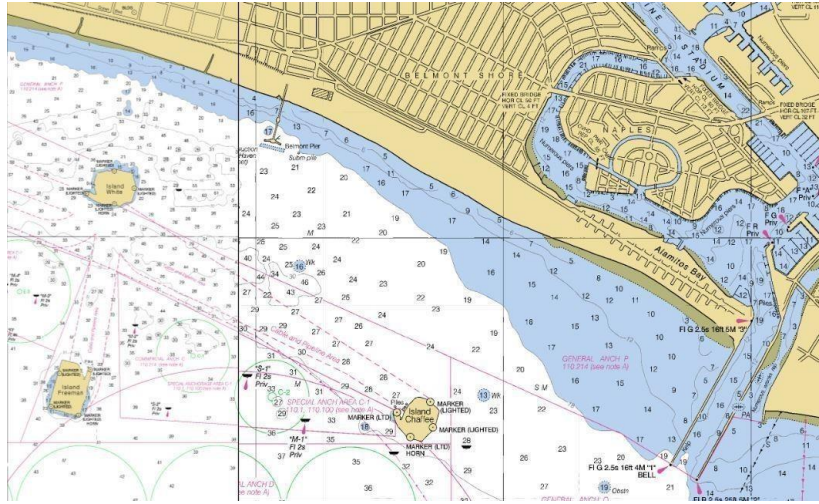
- 5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 USD per incident.
- 5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, but excluding persons placed on board by the OA, shall be 6 or 7. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency. 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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- 6.5 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 525kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 6.7 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide Catalina 37 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be the Congressional Cup Stadium Course in Long Beach Harbor.



7.8

- (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) After the First Stage the following will apply:
 - (1) Skippers will be paired based on ranking in the First Stage with the highest ranked skipper paired with the lowest and the other skippers paired accordingly, unless the stage specifies a different arrangement.
 - (2) In reference to RRS C4.1, the highest ranked skipper from the first stage shall choose their end for the first match and boats shall alternate every odd match.
 - (3) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
 - (4) Further series matches will not be sailed once the first skipper scores the points required for that stage.

7.9 The event will consist of the following stages:

(a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)

- (1) All skippers will sail a double round robin.
- (2) The four highest scoring skippers shall qualify for the next stage.
- (3) The six lowest scoring skippers shall sail in a Fleet Race on the final day of the event.

(b) Second Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals

- (1) The skipper finishing first in Stage One shall select his opponent when requested by the RC to do so. The remaining two skippers shall race each other.
- (2) The first skipper of each series to score at least three points shall proceed to the Final Stage, the losing skippers shall proceed to the Third and Fourth Place Stage.

(c) Third Stage – Knock-Out Third and Fourth Place

- (1) The losing semi-finalists shall race to determine third and fourth place.
- (2) The first skipper to score at least two points shall be awarded third place, the losing skipper awarded fourth place.

(d) Fourth Stage – Knock-Out Final

- (1) The first skipper to score at least three points shall be awarded first place, the losing skipper awarded second place.

7.10 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.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from April 17 at 0900
- (b) Registration April 17 from 0900 to 1100 or April 18 from 0900 to 1000
- (c) Crew weighing April 17 from 0900 to 1100 or April 18 from 0900 to 1000
- (d) Practice April 17 from 1100 to 1700
- (e) First briefing on April 18 at 1000
- (f) First meeting with umpires immediately following First Briefing
- (g) Opening Ceremony on April 17 at 1800
- (h) Racing days from April 18-22
- (i) The intended time of the first attention signal 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 1700
- (k) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race boat reaches the dock each day
- (l) Prize giving as soon as practicable after racing on the final day

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Daily press conferences for skippers sailing that day
- (d) Opening Ceremony for skippers and crews
- (e) Finals day Fleet Race for all non-Semi-Final skippers and crews
- (f) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

11.1 Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

11.3 The OA may provide berths for support person vessels.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

12.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) TV personnel/equipment supplied by the OA shall be 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 whilst racing.

13 DATA PROTECTION

There are no specific data requirements at this event or venue

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

15 PRIZES

15.1 The principal prize for first place will be the winner's name engraved on the Congressional Cup perpetual trophy and a Crimson Blazer. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Total prize money will be \$75,000.

15.2	First Prize:	\$20,000 USD
	Second Prize:	\$15,000 USD
	Third Prize:	\$10,000 USD
	Fourth Prize:	\$9,000 USD
	Fifth Prize:	\$4,500 USD
	Sixth Prize:	\$4,000 USD
	Seventh Prize:	\$3,500 USD
	Eighth Prize:	\$3,000 USD
	Ninth Prize:	\$2,500 USD
	Tenth Prize:	\$2,000 USD
	First Fleet Race:	\$1,500 USD

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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